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## Provincial Point of View

**July 5**  
**Wishing everyone a**  
**safe and enjoyable summer!**

### **GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ON KEEPING PROMISES AND** **KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG**



Premier Brad Wall said the first sitting of the new Legislative Assembly focused on the government keeping its election promises and on keeping Saskatchewan strong. The 26 day sitting wrapped up today.

“Our government made just a few promises during the recent election campaign and we have already kept most of those promises, like increased investment in fixing Saskatchewan highways, a new First Home Plan that allows young people to use up to \$10,000 of their Graduate Retention Program credits toward the down payment on a new home, and moving forward with the privatization of 40 liquor stores,” Wall said.

“But our main campaign commitment was to keep Saskatchewan strong through the economic challenges caused by low resource prices. We did that by presenting a budget that kept taxes low, made record investments in infrastructure and controlled government spending.

“Saskatchewan’s population continues to grow and our diversified economy still has the second-lowest unemployment rate in the country. The economic challenges are still there and there is a lot more work to be done, but Saskatchewan is strong and we are well-positioned to meet those challenges.”

During the spring sitting, the government introduced 37 bills including legislation to:

- Remove Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) from *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act* to allow the government to convert 40 government-owned liquor stores to private stores and create an additional 12 new private liquor stores;
- Give Saskatchewan residents the option to privately pay for a CT scan while requiring that another CT scan be provided to a patient on the public list for every one paid for privately;
- Strengthen *The Adoption Act*;
- Extend compassionate care leave from eight weeks to 28 weeks for employees who wish to take time away from work to care for a loved one;
- Improve auto injury coverage;
- Provide better protection of personal health information and increased accountability for those responsible for protecting those records; and
- Strengthen the protection of personal information by government agencies.

Most of the bills will be passed during the fall sitting which begins on October 19.

Wall noted this was the first sitting for 17 new MLAs – 14 government members and three opposition members – who were elected on April 4.

“I think all of the new MLAs on both sides did a good job in their first legislative session,” Wall said. “I know they all understand that it is both a tremendous honour and a huge responsibility to be chosen to represent your constituents in this Assembly and they are all working hard to live up to that responsibility.”

**THANK YOU TO THE OPTIMIST CLUB FOR ORGANIZING  
ANOTHER FANTASTIC CANADA DAY CELEBRATION!**



I had the honour of bringing greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan at the Canada Day celebration held at Diefenbaker Park in our beautiful city of Saskatoon. It was great to join dignitaries, members of the Optimist Club and thousands of people at this annual event that has grown to be one of the biggest celebrations in Western Canada.

This volunteer event under the leadership of Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Brad Sylvester was once again an outstanding event. The organization of this special July 1st celebration is possible because of the dedication of Brad and the work of the Optimist club members and sponsors. Please read the article about Brad in this newsletter.

July 1 is a great opportunity to take some time to think about the freedom we enjoy as we celebrate a country rich in history and culture. Thousands of people of all ages celebrated our country's 149th birthday. Once again this year, Canada's birthday was celebrated by our city's diverse culture. Many participated in the reaffirmation of their citizenship.

Special thanks to everyone involved in making Canada Day in Saskatoon such a success. Happy 148th birthday Canada!

## **CELEBRATING CANADA DAY IN SASKATOON!**



I had the pleasure of joining Mayor Don Atchison, colleagues Don Morgan, Eric Olauson and Gord Wyant, MP Kevin Waugh, along with the beautiful children you see in the photo at the Canada Day celebration of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with members, neighbours and their families. The Honourable Gord Wyant brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan.

**GREAT ARTICLE IN THE STAR PHOENIX ABOUT  
SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT BRAD  
SYLVESTER!**



Photo - Michelle Berg, Saskatoon Star Phoenix

**A strong country starts with a strong community and strong community leaders like Brad Sylvester. Every year the Canada Day Celebrations planned by Brad and the Optimist Club are a fantastic success and enjoyed by thousands.**

**Brad is so deserving of the recognition in the article in the Star Phoenix. I encourage you to click on the link [here](#) to read about our Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent ... the man behind the nation's day! Congratulations Brad on another incredible Canada Day Celebration.**

## **SASKATCHEWAN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY WILL KEEP PACKAGES MOVING IN THE PROVINCE**

**The Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) is ready to assist with mail and shipping requirements with the potential for a Canada Post service disruption as early as July 2.**

**The STC has developed a plan to ensure staffing and capacity are available so that individuals, businesses and government will be able to continue moving documents and packages within the province.**

**“STC will be there for Saskatchewan people and businesses in the event of a postal**



strike,” STC President and CEO Shawn Grice said. “Our economy relies on the movement of goods between communities and STC is ready to meet that need.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

## **BECOME AN ANGLER - SASKATCHEWAN'S FREE FISHING WEEKEND IS JULY 9-10**



If you have always wanted to try fishing as a new outdoor activity, your opportunity is right around the corner.

Saskatchewan’s annual summer free fishing weekend is July 9 and 10, when residents and visitors can fish in Saskatchewan waters without an angling licence.

“Sport fishing is a popular outdoor activity enjoyed throughout our province,” Environment Minister Herb Cox said. “Free fishing weekend is an excellent opportunity for families, friends, residents and visitors of all ages to experience

summer fishing in Saskatchewan's beautiful environment."

For more information, click [here](#).

## **MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE OCTOBER 1**

On October 1, 2016, Saskatchewan's minimum wage will increase from \$10.50 to \$10.72 per hour. This will be the eighth increase to the minimum wage since 2007.

This increase will directly impact more than 23,000 minimum wage earners in Saskatchewan. More than half of minimum wage earners are under 25 years of age.

"Indexing the minimum wage means people don't fall behind," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "This increase is just one way our Government helps low wage earners."

For additional information, click [here](#).

## **SASKATCHEWAN'S MARK McMORRIS NOMINATED FOR AN ESPY AWARD FOR BEST MALE ACTION SPORTS ATHLETE**



Congratulations to Mark McMorris who has been nominated for an ESPY award for best male action sports athlete. Please click on the link [here](#) to vote for Mark! Mark is the son of the Honourable Don McMorris.

## **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN SAVES STUDENTS MONEY ON TEXTBOOKS**

The Government of Saskatchewan has committed \$250,000 to the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan (U of S) and Saskatchewan Polytechnic to support development of open educational resources for students. These post-secondary institutions are currently developing nine made-in-Saskatchewan open textbooks or course packs.

“This is a great, common-sense approach that makes post-secondary education more affordable for students up front,” Advanced Education Minister Scott Moe said. “This opportunity is just one more example of innovative thinking that directly benefits students.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

## **BOSTON PIZZA DAY FOR CAMP EASTER SEAL JULY 13TH!**



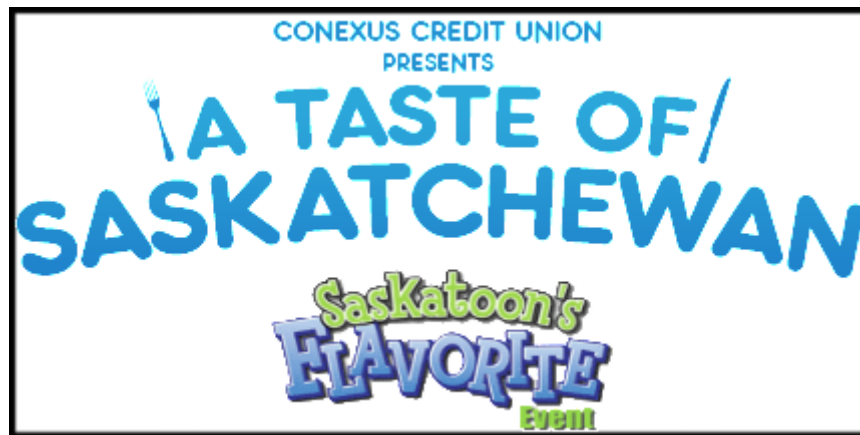
I'm looking forward to supporting the "Boston Pizza Day for Camp Easter Seal" Wednesday, July 13th. I'll be volunteering and visiting with customers as we assist with selling Camp Cards. What a great opportunity to work together to make a huge difference for Saskatchewan families.

Boston Pizza Restaurants, BP's Lounges and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council are holding the *4th Annual Boston Pizza Day for Camp Easter Seal*. Boston Pizza and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council are once again partnering to send Saskatchewan kids living with disabilities to Camp Easter Seal.



Boston Pizza will donate \$4 from any small, \$6 from any medium, and \$8 from any large pizza sold on July 13th to Camp Easter Seal!

From June 13 to July 13, Boston Pizza guests can also write a Camp Card message to someone special by purchasing a Camp Card for a \$2 donation. Stores will post the Camp Cards throughout the restaurant to literally fill the walls with support for Saskatchewan kids living with disabilities to attend summer camp. Contributions collected from the Camp Cards will also be donated to Camp Easter Seal, through the Boston Pizza Foundation, which raises funds for a variety of local, regional and national charities across Canada, including the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, Kids Help Phone and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



A Taste of Saskatchewan' presented by Conexus Credit Union in Kiwanis Park is located between the Delta Bessborough Hotel and the Bandshell. Saskatoon's festival of fabulous food will feature over 30 of Saskatoon's finest restaurants serving their house favorite dishes in beautiful Kiwanis Park from July 12th to 17th, 2016. The menu is outstanding, from succulent entrées to delicious desserts to specialty items -- enjoy old favorites or try something new -- A Taste of Saskatchewan is indeed Saskatoon's Flavorite Event!

The event will also feature over 55 of Saskatchewan's premier bands and performers during the 6 day festival. The free entertainment features a wide variety of music, giving everyone a Taste of Saskatchewan's musical talents. See our coming events for the link to additional information.

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**[GOVERNMENT REMOVES BARRIERS ON HOMEBASED FOOD BUSINESS](#)**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival**

**When: June 24 - July 3**

**Where: Venues throughout Saskatoon**

**For additional information, click [here](#)**

### **2nd Avenue Sidewalk Sale**

**When: July 7 - 9**

**Where: 2nd Avenue from 20th to 23rd Streets, and 21st Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues**

**Click [here](#) for additional information**

### **Hands On Golf Tournament**

**When: July 11**

**Where: Willows Golf & Country Club**

**For additional information**

**email: [info@handsonoutreach.ca](mailto:info@handsonoutreach.ca)**

### **Boston Pizza Day for Camp Easter Seal**

**Where: At any Boston Pizza of your choice**

**When: Wednesday, July 13**

**A great day to raise funds for Camp Easter Seal!!**

### **A Taste of Saskatchewan**

**When: July 12 - July 17**

**Where: Kiwanis Park**

To view the menu and the performance schedule, click [here](#)

**Saskatoon Exhibition**

**When: August 9 - 14**

**Where: Saskatoon Exhibition Grounds**

Click [here](#) for information

**2016 Popcorn & Entrepreneurship Series**

**When: August 31, 5 pm**

**Where: Remai Arts Centre, 100 Spadina Cres. East**

Registration deadline is August 22, click [here](#) for information

**2016 Abex Awards**

**When: October 22**

**Where: TCU Place**

For information, click [www.saskchamber.com](http://www.saskchamber.com).

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**Happiness**

starts  
with **you.**

Not with your  
relationships,  
not with your job,  
not with your money,  
but with **you.**



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**I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you. If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.**

***"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.***

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