

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View June 26, 2014

PICNIC IN THE PARK 2014



More great pictures taken at the 2014 Picnic in the Park.

It was a beautiful sunny day and I appreciated having the opportunity to host over 1000 people attending.

Thank you again to a great team of volunteers, sponsors, and entertainers who all played a significant role in the outstanding success of a fun filled day in the park!



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



This week marks the end of another school year. I hope everyone teachers and students enjoy a fabulous summer and a well deserved break. We have so many wonderful activities in Saskatoon throughout the summer months. I encourage you to check out whats happenning and participate in camps and activities available.

To the 2014 graduates, congratulations! You are graduating in a province where you have opportunities and your future is bright. I am so pleased that graduation is no longer a sign of students leaving Saskatchewan to pursue their dreams. We are seeing more people than ever before making Saskatchewan their home. I wish you all the best as you pursue your careers.

SASKATCHEWAN WAGES HIT ALL-TIME HIGH

Saskatchewan's strong economy continues to drive wage growth. According to Statistics Canada, average weekly earnings including overtime, were \$975.87 in April 2014, the highest on record (seasonally adjusted) and the third highest among the provinces.

"We reached a milestone in April – hitting an all-time high for wages," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "One of the more important benefits of having a strong economy is the increase in wages for working people."

[Saskatchewan Wages Hit All-Time High](#)

MORE HOMES AVAILABLE FOR SASKATOON FAMILIES THROUGH HEADSTART ON A HOME

A total of 96 homes are being created to support homeownership for moderate-income households in Saskatoon. The Government of Saskatchewan provided approximately \$7.8 million in financing assistance to the developer, NorthRidge Developments Ltd., for the Serenity Pointe III project and \$8.8 million to construct Serenity Pointe IV through the HeadStart on a Home program.

“As we move forward with the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth and provincial housing strategy, HeadStart on a Home is designed to foster partnerships and stimulate the development of entry-level homeownership supply,” Education Minister Don Morgan said on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer. “Our goal is to make Saskatchewan the best place to live, work and raise a family, and HeadStart on a Home is another way to help people wishing to transition from the rental market.”

“A growing economy needs workers,” Westcap Mgt. Ltd. President and CEO Grant Kook said. “To attract people to Saskatchewan, we need to build solid communities for them to live and raise their families in, and help them put a roof over their heads. HeadStart on a Home is addressing the increasing need for entry-level homes in Saskatchewan, and has 1,218 homes either completed or currently under construction. Partnerships are essential to the success of programs like HeadStart on a Home, so we continue to work closely with our Credit Union partners, including on these 45-unit and 51-unit projects in collaboration with the City of Saskatoon.”

[More Homes Available for Saskatoon Families Through Headstart on a Home](#)

FREE ADMISSION TO THE FORESTRY FARM PARK & ZOO ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27



Kinsmen Day at the Zoo will be held Friday, June 27. Free admission to the Zoo will be provided from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Parking, rental strollers, and fishing fees will still apply.

In lieu of admission, visitors are encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item to benefit the Saskatoon Food Bank. Representatives of the Saskatoon Food Bank will be on site all day to receive donations and answer questions.

Fun, kid-friendly entertainment is planned between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., including activities provided by the Saskatoon Zoo Society for children to learn about the animals at the Zoo. During your visit look for new zoo animals, including two feature animals in the PotashCorp Ark exhibit, a red panda, and cougars!

For more information on the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo, please visit www.saskatoon.ca.

TRAFFIC LAW CHANGES TAKE EFFECT THIS WEEK

Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) is reminding motorists that new traffic laws take effect in the province on June 27, just in time for the Canada Day long weekend.

“Collisions typically increase during the summer months, especially around long weekends,” Minister responsible for SGI Don McMorris said. “Drive safely and abide by the new traffic laws to keep yourself, your family and all other road users safe.”

Highlights of the new traffic laws include:

- Tougher consequences for impaired driving, including longer licence suspensions, immediate roadside vehicle seizures ranging from three to 60 days, and mandatory ignition interlock in certain cases;

- Vehicle seizures for distracted driving offences, for seven days on a second or subsequent offence for cellphone use while driving and seven days on a third or subsequent offence for all other forms of distracted driving;
- Mandatory booster seats for children under seven years of age; and
- New penalties for excessive speeding, including seven-day vehicle seizures and demerit points under the Safe Driver Recognition program.

The new laws will be supported by the two new Dedicated Traffic Safety Enforcement Units that government announced earlier this month.

[Traffic Law Changes Take Effect This Week](#)

CELEBRATE CANADA DAY IN SASKATOON!



I look forward to attending the celebration of Canada's birthday on July 1. This spectacular annual event is hosted by The Optimist club of Saskatoon, and chaired by constituent Brad Sylvester.

There are activities for people of all ages so don't miss this opportunity to celebrate. It will be a fantastic way to spend Canada's birthday. I encourage everyone to go to Diefenbaker Park and participate in the many activities followed by the spectacular display of fireworks.

For more information, visit www.optimistcanadadaysaskatoon.com.

REGINA AND SASKATOON RECEIVE \$9.4 MILLION TO CONTINUE TARGETED POLICE INITIATIVES

Corrections and Policing, through the Ministry of Justice, contributed \$4.6 million to the City of Regina and \$4.8 million to the City of Saskatoon to continue funding for 39 police officers in Regina and 42 in Saskatoon. These officers conduct comprehensive investigations and work on a number of community-based policing initiatives to help reduce crime and victimization.

“This funding allows Regina and Saskatoon to focus on crime suppression and prevention through targeted enforcement and proactive activities,” Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. “This ensures that Saskatchewan remains the best place to live, work and raise a family.”

[Regina and Saskatoon Receive \\$9.4 Million to Continue Targeted Police Initiatives](#)

SASKATOON INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL SIMULATION GRAND OPENING

I was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan at the grand opening of the new Saskatoon Institute for Medical Simulation (SIMS) today.

It was an exciting announcement for health care delivery in the province of Saskatchewan. This local company is the first and only private medical education provider in Canada to offer in-house and on-site training, enhanced by simulation building on Saskatchewan's legacy of healthcare innovation. SIMS aims to improve quality and access to training opportunities for Saskatchewan health care providers by offering the enhancement and benefits of medical simulation to a wide range of services. From customized scenarios to internationally recognized courses, SIMS provides in-house and in-situ continuing medical education designed to meet individual and organizational needs.

Our government believes in putting the patient first and our goal is to provide sooner, safer and smarter healthcare to the people of Saskatchewan. The Saskatoon Institute for Medical Simulation is a welcome addition to our community and province. Today's gathering was a great example of how health care professionals in our province are investing in new technologies and training opportunities. The training that will be done will benefit participating health care professions, emergency responders and patients.

SASKATCHEWAN SIGNS NEW GAS TAX AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Government of Saskatchewan has signed a renewed Gas Tax Agreement with the Government of Canada, which will provide \$56.3 million to municipalities for infrastructure projects in 2014-15.

“The renewed Gas Tax Fund provides a source of revenue for Saskatchewan municipalities to address their priority infrastructure projects, such as building roads and improving water and sewage treatment,” Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said.

“These projects help build vibrant communities and improve the quality of life for all Saskatchewan people. I want to thank the Government of Canada for providing a source of long-term, stable funding to Saskatchewan municipalities during this time of growth in our province.”

[Saskatchewan Signs New Gas Tax Agreement with Federal Government](#)

MIRACLE MATCH BETWEEN CN RAIL AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



CN Rail and the Children's Hospital Foundation announced the “Miracle Match” in Saskatoon today. CN will be matching donations given to the Children's Hospital Foundation over the next while to a maximum of \$300,000.

This is an amazing announcement and a wonderful contribution on behalf of CN Rail. Thank you so very much for helping make the Children's Hospital a dream come true for Saskatchewan!

GOVERNMENT PARTNERS WITH SASKTEL “I AM STRONGER” TO EXPAND OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO REPORT BULLYING

Education Minister Don Morgan joined the Minister responsible for SaskTel Kevin Doherty along with students, educators, school division personnel and community members in Saskatoon to launch the anonymous anti-bullying online reporting tool. The government will invest \$250,000 in Saskatchewan's online reporting tool, modelled after the ERASE tool in British Columbia, to enable children and youth to report bullying incidents online.

"The Government of Saskatchewan continues to work with its partners to support the safety of children and youth at school, in their communities and online," Morgan said. "Today children and youth across the province will be able to take a stand and report incidents of bullying anonymously, through computers or mobile devices."

The Ministry of Education has partnered with SaskTel's "I Am Stronger" which provides a single location for students, families, and educators to access anti-bullying supports and resources.

[Government Partners with SaskTel "I Am Stronger" to Expand Options for Children and Youth to Report Bullying](#)

SILVERSPRING SCHOOL VISIT

On June 19 the grade 8 class from Silverspring School visited the Legislative Building in Regina. I hope they had a great day and enjoyed their tour.

Unfortunately, I was unable to meet the class in Regina as it was our annual Picnic in the Park. A special thank you to Laura Ross, MLA for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley for helping me out and taking the time to meet with the students.

DID YOU KNOW...

... Tourism contributes over \$2 billion to Saskatchewan's economy each year.

... This year, more than 500 new child care spaces are being allocated in eleven Saskatchewan communities.

... Since 2011, a total of 134 family physicians have completed the SIPPA program and are now practicing across the province.

... The STC Summer Seat Sale gives Saskatchewan youth an opportunity to ride one-way for just \$20 plus tax.

... The Institute for Canadian Citizenship's Cultural Access Pass program offers new Canadian citizens and their children free access to more than 1,200 Canadian cultural places and spaces in their first year of citizenship.

... The Government of Saskatchewan has invested \$256 million, since 2011, to develop more than 4,500 units and repair more than 24,300 homes around the province.

... New traffic laws in Saskatchewan take effect June 27. You can review the changes online at sgi.sk.ca.

JUST THE LINKS

June 26, 2014 - [Record Crop Year and Strong Investment Returns Contribute to Large Surplus in 2013-14](#)

June 26, 2014 - [Crop Report for the Period June 17 to 23, 2014](#)

June 25, 2014 - [Help Protect Our Waters: Stop Aquatic Invasive Species](#)

June 25, 2014 - [Government Approves SaskEnergy's Commodity Rate Application; Accept Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel Recommendations](#)

June 25, 2014 - [2014-15 Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship Recipients Announced](#)

June 24, 2014 - [Saskatchewan Reports Hantavirus Death](#)

June 24, 2014 - [Government of Saskatchewan Expands Summer Literacy Camp Program](#)

COMING EVENTS

SaskTel Jazz Festival

Date: June 20 - 29

Where: Various Locations in Saskatoon

When: [View Here](#)

Coffee with City Council Zach Jeffries

Date: June 28

Where: Starbucks in Safeway on McOrmond

When: 10 am - 12 pm

Optimist Canada Day Celebration

Date: July 1

Where: Diefenbaker Park

When: 8 am - 11 pm [View Events](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**"I am seeking. I am striving.
I am in it with all my heart."**

~ Vincent van Gogh

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KEEP IN TOUCH

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 Silver Springs. 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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