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Provincial Point of View

March 7, 2014

NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATURE - BUDGET DAY, MARCH 19



Monday, March 3 marked the opening day of the Spring sitting of the Saskatchewan Legislature. Our government's top priority is the backlog of grain transportation. During the first week of the Spring sitting, with unanimous support, our government passed a motion supporting emergency legislation from Ottawa to mandate service agreements between railways and grain companies.

You will see in this edition of Provincial Point of View, a news release announcing humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. Many of us in this province, including the 130,000 who trace their heritage back to Ukraine, continue to watch news reports about political upheaval, violent and brutal acts that have claimed the lives of protesters. Many others, envisioning a brighter future, have been injured.

Our government also put forward and passed a motion expressing our support of Ukraine and its people, offering condolences to those who have been hurt and to the families of those killed. We look forward to continuing our work with Ukrainian community organizations and the federal government in order to provide long-term support to the people of Ukraine. Those who wish to make a donation of their own can contact Saskatoon's New Community Credit Union.

Please remember to let me know if you are able to join us at the legislature as The Honourable Ken Krawetz, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance delivers the 2014 - 2015 Budget Address in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at 1:30 p.m., March 19.

I still have a number of invitations available. To reserve your spot, email or call my MLA office as soon as possible. Call 306.651.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. You will receive confirmation once your email is received.

If attending, we ask that you be at the Legislative Building no later than 1:00 p.m., March 19. A tea will follow the Budget Address.

SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz announced that Saskatchewan will provide \$60,000 for humanitarian assistance for the people of Ukraine.

“Ми разом з народом України - We stand together with the people of Ukraine,” Krawetz said. “This humanitarian assistance was brought about through the coordinated efforts with the Ukrainian-Canadian community, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee.”

The decision to donate the funds to the Ukraine Assistance account, managed by charities such as Ukrainian Canadian Social Services of Canada, was made following a special meeting of the Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee (SURAC) in Saskatoon on February 27, 2014. SURAC reported its findings regarding action on Ukraine back to Deputy Premier Krawetz in a letter dated March 3, 2014. Donations are being accepted by the New Community Credit Union in Saskatoon.

“I recognize the hard work that the Ukrainian-Canadian community and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress are doing in helping Ukraine on the path to prosperity, freedom and democracy,” Krawetz said. “We look forward to continuing our work with Ukrainian community organizations and the federal government in order to provide long-term support to the people of Ukraine.”

[Saskatchewan Announces Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Ukraine](#)

QUINN STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



The March 1 Blades Game was a special evening for the family and friends of Quinn Stevenson. Over \$7,000.00 was raised in support of the Quinn Stevenson Athletic and Spirit Scholarship.

Special thanks to the Blades and all those volunteering and attending for their outstanding support.

ANNUAL GREEK GOURMET FEAST BENEFITS RUH FOUNDATION

I had the pleasure of attending the Royal University Hospital Foundation's Greek Gourmet Feast Wednesday, March 5 along with my colleague, the Honourable Rob Norris. The 30th Annual Royal University Hospital Foundation's annual Greek Gourmet Feast was hosted by Manos Restaurant and sponsored by PotashCorp.

This event received the support of many sponsors that helped make this year's event an outstanding success. Proceeds raised will support the Royal University Hospital Foundation's

'Every Heart Matters Campaign'. RUH Foundation's campaign is raising \$1.5 million for the newest equipment and advanced technology for our medical teams.

PREMIER TO PROMOTE PROVINCE'S CARBON CAPTURE LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON

Premier Brad Wall was off to Washington, D.C., March 4 to shine a spotlight on Saskatchewan's leading-edge work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology.

During the March 4-7 mission, the Premier will speak on Saskatchewan's internationally recognized leadership in CCS as a featured panelist at a coal technology symposium of U.S. legislators and energy experts Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Wall will outline the CCS research that has taken place in Saskatchewan over the past 30 years, and showcase SaskPower's Boundary Dam 3, the world's first commercially viable project to capture carbon dioxide from a coal-combustion power plant.

"Coal is not going away as a major energy source, either here in Saskatchewan or in the United States," Wall said. "Boundary Dam 3 is opening in mid-2014. It will be a game changer, showing the world how we can all continue to use our coal resources, while addressing the challenges of greenhouse gas emissions and helping industry leave a greener and smaller environmental impact."

The Premier will meet with a number of Democratic and Republican U.S. Senators, Congressmen and members of the U.S. administration during his time in Washington. In addition to promoting CCS technology, he will advocate for approval of the Keystone XL pipeline and highlight the negative impact of country-of-origin labelling (COOL) legislation recently passed in the United States.

"These meetings are another opportunity to point out that in addition to the obvious economic benefits of the Keystone pipeline, that Canada's public and private sector have been investing more than any other of our competitor energy nations to make energy development more sustainable," Wall said.

Wall said it is imperative that American legislators understand these issues have far-reaching

implications for today and into the future and that the most effective way to reduce their potential impact is through consultation and co-operation.

[Premier to Promote Province's Carbon Capture Leadership in Washington](#)

TELEMIRACLE 38 A SUCCESS



Telemiracle 38 raised over \$5.2 million! Once again, Saskatchewan people showed their warm spirit, talent and support of those in need. What an incredible accomplishment. It's what we do in this great province!

Congratulations to the Kinsmen Telemiracle Foundation for all they do to improve the quality of life and the independence of hundreds of people every year. Saskatchewan residents are able to access special needs equipment and medical assistance that wouldn't otherwise be attainable.

Saskatchewan, "You Are The Miracle".

SASKATOON'S POPULATION TOPS 250,000 MARK

Based on information released by Statistics Canada in late February, the City of Saskatoon's Planning and Development Division has calculated that Saskatoon's population has topped 250,000 people.

By using Statistics Canada's 248,293 population figures for the City of Saskatoon on July 1, 2013, and applying their suggested 3 percent annual growth rate, City Planners estimate that the city's population has reached approximately 253,000 people as of March 1, 2014.

“This is an exciting milestone for Saskatoon. Based on the information from Statistics Canada, we have increased by a rate of 40.4 per thousand, which hasn’t been achieved by any other census metropolitan in more than 15 years,” Planning and Development Director Alan Wallace says.

[Saskatoon's Population Tops 250,000 Mark](#)

COMPLIMENTARY BLADES TICKETS AVAILABLE



I have some complimentary tickets available for the Blades game today, March 7 as well as tomorrow, March 8 and also March 15.

If you are interested in attending one of the last three home games, please contact my Constituency office by calling 306.651.7100 to make arrangements to pick up your voucher.

The vouchers can be redeemed at the CUC Box Office for a game ticket. Get together with your family or friends to take advantage of this great offer to cheer the Blades on!

PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN SOCHI



Sochi 2014 will mark the largest Paralympic Winter Games in history. Approximately 700 athletes from countries around the world will compete. Sonja Gaudet will carry Canada's flag at the opening ceremonies.

"A great athlete is now known as a great athlete." - *Paul Rosen, 2006 Paralympic gold medalist.*

It's wonderful to live in a country where we can witness Paralympic athletes getting the same admiration and respect as Olympians.

Best wishes to the athletes as they compete in 64 medal events over the course of ten days.

DID YOU KNOW...

... Spring fever is real! Commonly occurring when a sudden warm spell follows a long cold period.

... An equal number of hours of daylight and darkness occurs just before the First Day of Spring.

... For the third straight year, Saskatchewan set a record for agriculture exports with total sales of \$11.7B in 2013.

JUST THE LINKS

February 28, 2014 - [Core National Highway System in Saskatchewan to be Improved](#)
February 28, 2014 - [Student First Online Engagement Tool Launched](#)
March 3, 2014 - [Government of Saskatchewan Proclaims Engineering and Geoscience Week](#)
March 3, 2014 - [Province Proclaims Agriculture Literacy Week in Saskatchewan](#)
March 3, 2014 - [Saskatchewan Sets Another Record for Agriculture Exports](#)
March 4, 2014 - [March is Fraud Prevention Month - Saskatchewan People Encouraged to Get Informed](#)
March 4, 2014 - [Minister McMillan to Promote Saskatchewan at World Heavy Oil Congress in New Orleans](#)
March 5, 2014 - [Province Encourages Financial Institutions to be Flexible with Producers](#)
March 5, 2014 - [Provincial Secretary Declares Rendez-Vous de la Francophonie in Saskatchewan](#)
March 6, 2014 - [Innovation Saskatchewan Board Approves Funding for Enhanced Oil Recovery](#)
March 6, 2014 - [Province Celebrates the Contributions of Rural Women](#)

COMING EVENTS

Saskatoon Sports and Leisure Show

Date: March 6 - 9

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 6 pm - 10 pm; 12 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 5 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

International Women's Day

Date: March 8

Where: Around the World

When: All Day

Information: www.internationalwomensday.com

U14 - U18 Youth Premier Division Soccer Championship

Date: March 7 - 9

Where: SaskTel Sports Centre

When: All Day

Saskatoon Transit 2014 Route Adjustments Open House

Date: March 12

Where: Alice Turner Library

When: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Holmwood Neighbourhood Concept Plan Open House

Date: March 13

Where: McClure United Church - Multi-Purpose Room

When: 5 pm - 8 pm

PotashCorp University Cup

Date: March 20 - 23

Where: Credit Union Centre

When: Daily

Homestyles 2014

Date: March 20 - 23

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 5 pm - 9 pm; 12 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 9 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

Gardenscape

Date: March 28 - 30

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 11 am - 9 pm; 9 am - 8 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“Courage is what it takes
to stand up and speak;
courage is also what it takes
to sit down and listen.”**

~ Winston Churchill

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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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