

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



Provincial Point of View
November 15, 2016
The Santa Claus Day Parade is
this Sunday in Saskatoon!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY IN SASKATOON - THE
LARGEST INDOOR CEREMONY IN CANADA



I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of Saskatoon Willowgrove at the Remembrance Day Service in Saskatoon. Thousands joined at SaskTel Centre to remember those who sacrificed their

lives for the freedom we in enjoy in Canada. Remembrance Day provides us with an opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and respect to those that have served and continue to serve.

Premier Brad Wall, "Our remembrance will never be adequate for the price paid. But we offer it to honour those who sacrificed then and still today with sincere hearts. We will remember them."

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK AND ENCOURAGES YOUTH TO SPEAK UP



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed November 13–19, 2016, as Bullying Awareness Week in Saskatchewan. Since 2003, Bullying Awareness Week has been held annually across Canada as a way to encourage youth to speak out against bullying in their schools and communities. This year's theme is "Stand Up! (to bullying)."

"There is simply no place for bullying in our schools or our communities," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan said. "I encourage all young people who experience or witness bullying to talk to a trusted adult, report it anonymously through the province's student online bullying reporting tool or call Kids Help Phone or Saskatchewan Health Line 811. It's up to each of us to do our part to prevent bullying, so please speak up."

Please read the recommendations in the Action Plan [here](#).

IT WAS AN HONOUR TODAY TO WELCOME AND CELEBRATE THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC CONTINGENT AT THE LEGISLATURE



Today the Government of Saskatchewan and Sask Sport celebrated athletes, coaches and officials with Saskatchewan connections who participated in the 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic games during a ceremony at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Rio 2016 hosted twelve Saskatchewan athletes and twelve coaches, guides and officials. In Rio, Saskatchewan was also honoured to be represented by Carter Morrison, one of only five Canadians selected by the Ronald McDonald House Charities to act as tree-bearer during the Parade of Nations. From Carlyle, then 11 year-old Carter walked alongside Canada's flag-bearer carrying a tree sapling which represented the environmentally-conscious theme of the opening ceremonies.

“Congratulations and thank you to Saskatchewan’s 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. “As role models and ambassadors for our province, you have showcased not only your love and commitment to sport, but what can be accomplished through hard work and dedication. You, along with our tree-bearer Carter Morrison, have made us proud.” Among the athletes with ties to Saskatchewan, two brought home medals. Brianne Theisen-Eaton (Humboldt) competed in the women’s heptathlon, winning a bronze medal, and Logan Campbell (Saskatoon), a member of the sailing keelboat three-person (sonar) team, also won bronze.

Read more about this special group of accomplished individuals [here](#).

SANTA CLAUS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 20 AT 1 PM!



Participating in the annual Saskatoon Santa Claus Day Parade marks the beginning of the Christmas Season in Saskatoon with Santa Claus coming to town! I hope to see you on the parade route. It is always so much fun to see excitement on the children's faces as they eagerly wait to see Santa Claus! I look forward to seeing you Sunday, November 20. Click [here](#) to see the parade route.

**THROUGH THE GEO-MEMORIAL PROGRAM APPROXIMATELY
3,900 LAKES, ISLANDS OR BAYS IN SASKATCHEWAN ARE
NAMED IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY**



As Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, I am pleased to share information and provide the link to this meaningful program.

GeoMemorial is a commemorative naming program to honor the sacrifice of Saskatchewan citizens who have given their lives in service to our province and our country by naming natural geographic features in their memory; a lasting way to honour their sacrifice.

In 1947, the federal government established a program to honour Canadian servicemen killed in action during WW II by officially naming geographic locations and features in their memory. Currently, more than 6,000 WW II casualties from Saskatchewan have lakes, islands or bays located throughout the country (based on where they enlisted) named after them; more than 3,900 of those are in Saskatchewan. When the program was transferred to the provinces in 1960, Saskatchewan geographic features were only named for WW II casualties who were born or raised in the province. Once the initial WW II program was completed, the *GeoMemorial* commemorative naming program was extended to include casualties from the Merchant Navy and the Korean War. In 2006, the program was expanded again to include:

- Armed Forces Personnel - including Army, Air Force and Navy regular and reserve members and Peacekeepers while on active duty on United Nations sanctioned missions;**
- Police Officers and Emergency Responders - including, but not limited to, all federal, provincial and municipal enforcement officers, members of the Professional Firefighters Association and Emergency Medical Technicians while on active duty; and**

- Saskatchewan People of Prominence - including residents who have made important contributions to the province.

Through the GeoMemorial program, Saskatchewan honors individuals who have lost their lives while on active duty serving their country or protecting the public. It also honors individuals who have otherwise made a significant contribution to Saskatchewan's history and development.

Any person may nominate an individual for a commemorative geographic place name under the GeoMemorial program. Before submitting a nomination, please refer to the [Commemorative Naming Guidelines](#) (prepared by the [Geographic Names Board of Canada](#) and adopted by the Province of Saskatchewan) as well as the [GeoMemorial Commemorative Naming Guidelines](#) (Saskatchewan Geographic Names Program), and complete Part 1 or Part 2 of the Geographic Place Name Nomination Form ([WORD](#) or [PDF](#) versions).

Click [here](#) to the link for this program

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT TO ATTEND UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE



Environment Minister Scott Moe will represent the Government of Saskatchewan at the 22nd session of the Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP22) in Marrakesh, Morocco. Moe will attend from November 14-18 and take part in sessions on agriculture carbon offsets and carbon capture and storage, advancing the themes of climate mitigation, adaptation and technology.

“The conference will allow us to promote how Saskatchewan’s approach can deliver real global results in addressing climate change,” Moe said. “We will share success stories showing how environmental stewardship can be achieved while protecting economic prosperity, such as our commitment to zero tillage, which has transformed our agricultural lands into tremendous soil sinks, absorbing millions of tonnes of carbon every year. Our commitment to carbon capture and storage technology and our aggressive move toward renewable electrical generation technologies are two other key planks in our strategy.”

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

ENCHANTED FOREST OPENS NOVEMBER 19!



This year is the 18th sparkling season of the Holiday Light Tour right here in Saskatoon Willowgrove! The Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour is held at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park from 5:30 - 10 pm every evening from November 19 - January 7. Whether you're entertaining out of town guests or just want a spectacular family outing, I encourage you to take in this great light show. Click [here](#) for additional details.

Did you know:

- In 1998 the [Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation](#) and the [Saskatoon Zoo Foundation](#) developed a lasting business relationship to create and operate a unique drive-through Christmas light show through an urban forest, as a fundraising event for both to share.
- The first step was to electrify the Forestry Farm Park and build the first set of displays at an initial investment of \$750,000. The first season was a huge success and the rest is history. A decision was made to reinvest in a new display every year to keep the show fresh and to attract visitors year after year.
- Now in its 18th season the Forest annually attracts over 70,000 visitors and generates over \$200,000 for the two charities to share.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES DAN PERRINS WILL LEAD GOVERNANCE REVIEW

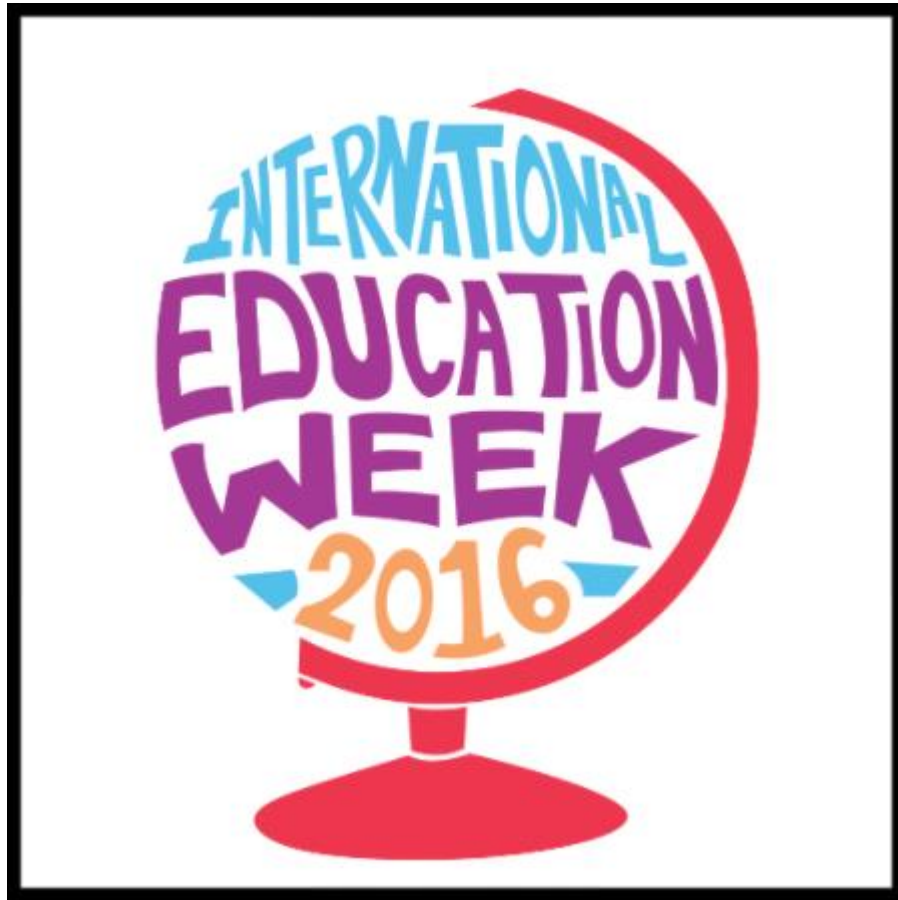
Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan announced today the appointment of Dan Perrins to lead the work on a Kindergarten to Grade 12 educational governance review that will begin immediately.

Perrins is a long-time public servant with nearly 40 years of experience in the health, education and social services sector. Over the past 18 months, Perrins has been meeting regularly with members of the Saskatchewan K-12 education community to recommend a more equitable funding model.

“Dan Perrins is highly regarded within the educational community and his skills and experience make him a perfect fit for this important role,” Morgan said. “I look forward to reviewing the options that he will present around governance in the interest of improving our education system for all Saskatchewan students.”

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

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to celebrate International Education Week from November 14-18, 2016. International Education Week is celebrated in more than 100 countries and is dedicated to strengthening the understanding of international education.

“This week celebrates the importance of international education to institutions, students and our country,” Advanced Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “International education connects Saskatchewan and Canada to other parts of the world and gives students the opportunity to develop new skills and learn new languages, culture and traditions.”

Read the Saskatchewan Post-Secondary International Education Strategy three goals [here](#).

NEW OIL AND GAS TENURE REGULATIONS MODERNIZE FEES AND IMPLEMENT ELECTRONIC TENURE

Energy and Resources Minister Dustin Duncan officially announced new oil and gas tenure regulations in Saskatchewan, effective October 27, 2016, which replace four tenure regulations and implement the Crown Minerals Electronic Registry for oil and gas tenure in Saskatchewan.

“Oil and gas is key to Saskatchewan’s economic growth, and it is imperative that we modernize our services to be competitive,” Duncan said. “The shift to a self-service online oil and gas tenure registry was initiated in November 2015, and with implementation, the full potential of the electronic Integrated Resource Information System, IRIS, will be realized.”

To see the key changes in the new regulations, click [here](#).

CITIZEN ACCESS TO PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION CELEBRATED AS PART OF DIGITAL HEALTH WEEK

DIGITAL HEALTH

Digital health has empowered more than 1,100 Saskatchewan citizens to take greater control over their health by providing access to their personal health information securely online through the Citizen Health Information Portal, known as CHIP.

eHealth Saskatchewan (eHealth) launched the CHIP pilot in February 2016 for a six month trial period. CHIP is a citizen-centric patient portal – uniquely designed for, by and with the help of patients themselves. CHIP displays an individual’s health information such as personal lab results, immunization history, and pharmacy and hospital visit history.

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

SWITCH CHARITY BREAKFAST



The Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health (SWITCH) is hosting their annual charity breakfast. SWITCH is an after-hours student-run interdisciplinary primary health care clinic serving Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods out of the Westside Community Clinic.

This fundraising event is Friday, November 25. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://switchclinic.salsalabs.org/cb16>

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Changes proposed to Income Assistance programs will not be implemented as announced earlier this year, while the province proceeds to review and redesign its programs to better serve those in need.

The 2,700 clients who received letters from Social Services this summer will not have their benefits impacted as a result of these policy changes until such time as their individual circumstances change (for example, they move). The program changes will continue to apply to new program applicants or to existing clients whose circumstances change.

“Our government has listened to the concerns of those who would have been affected by these changes, and we have decided against implementing them for existing clients,” Social Services Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “I know that this period of uncertainty has been difficult for people, and I thank them for their patience.”

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

***CLICK HERE TO READ SEVERAL ADDITIONAL
GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES!***

COMING EVENTS



Our Best To You Art & Craft Sale

When: November 18 - 20

Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park, Hall E

For more information, click [here](#)



26th Annual Santa Claus Day Parade

When: November 20

Where: Saskatoon's Central Business District

Click [here](#) for additional information and to see the parade route



Festival of Trees

When: Nov. 20 - 26

Where: Western Development Museum

Click [here](#) for information



SWITCH 3rd Annual Charity Breakfast

When: Friday, November 25 from 7 - 8:30 am

Where: Park Town Hotel

Click [here](#) for additional information



[BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour](#)

When: November 19 - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click [here](#) for details



This spot is being held for your event! Please let us know if you have an event you would like in our newsletter!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**IF YOU HAVE
THE POWER TO
MAKE SOMEONE
HAPPY, DO IT.
THE WORLD
NEEDS MORE
OF THAT.**

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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 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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