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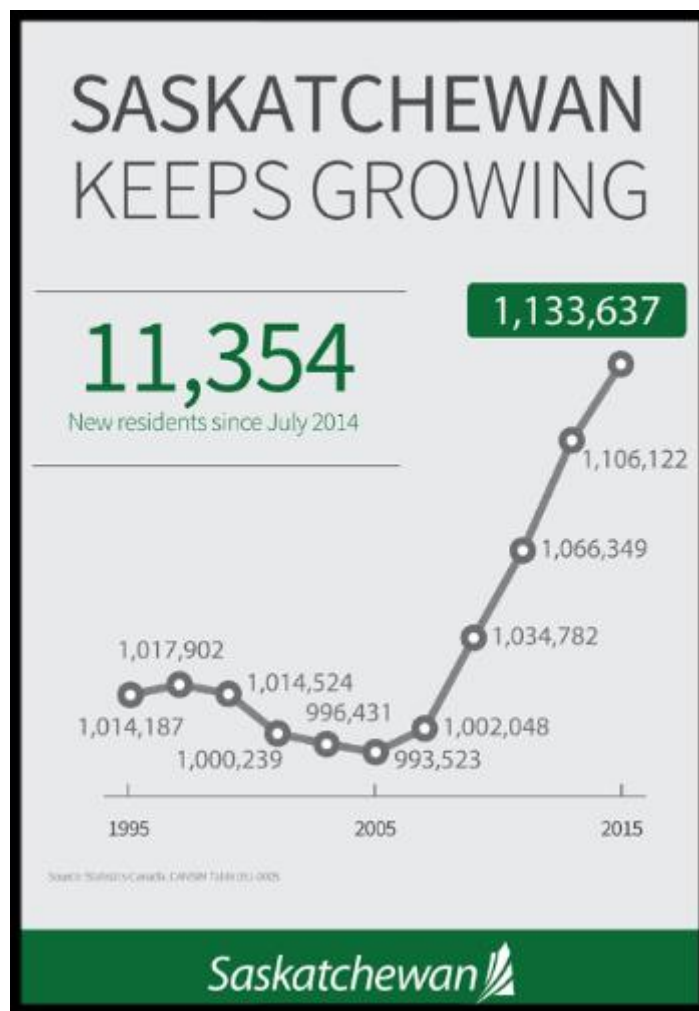


## Provincial Point of View

**October 1, 2015**

**Saskatchewan's population continues to grow!**

### SASKATCHEWAN GROWS BY 3,100 PEOPLE IN SECOND QUARTER OF 2015



Saskatchewan's population continues to grow at a steady pace in spite of lower oil prices.

There were 1,133,637 people living in Saskatchewan on July 1, an increase of 3,100 since April 1. The new population number is slightly lower than the number initially reported last quarter, but that's because Statistics Canada recently revised all of its population estimates back to 2011. Even with the revised numbers, Saskatchewan's population has grown in every quarter for the past nine years.

Saskatchewan's rate of population growth was the third-strongest among the provinces over the past year and fourth-strongest in the past quarter. Premier Brad Wall said the continued steady growth shows the strength and resilience of Saskatchewan's economy.

"Even with the challenges facing the oil industry this year, people continue to see Saskatchewan as a great place to work and live," Wall said. "This is a big change from a few years ago when a slower resource sector would invariably lead to a declining population."

Saskatchewan's population gain in the second quarter of 2015 was made up of a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 1,641 and net international migration of 2,903 offset by net interprovincial outmigration of 1,444.

## **FALL SITTING OF THE LEGISLATURE TO BEGIN OCTOBER 13**



Premier Brad Wall announced a 25 day fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly will begin on October 13. This is expected to be the last sitting of the Assembly before the provincial election scheduled for April 4, 2016.

Wall said because this is the last sitting before the election, it will be a continuation of the current 2014-15 session of the Legislature. That means there will not be a Throne Speech, giving MLAs more time to debate new legislation introduced by the government.

"The normal process is to introduce bills in the fall sitting and pass them in the spring sitting," Wall said. "However, there will be no spring sitting until after the election. There are a few pieces of legislation we want to pass before the election, so we are deviating from the normal calendar just a bit to provide more time to debate those bills.

Read the entire news release [here](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN'S MINIMUM WAGE INCREASED TO \$10.50**

Effective October 1, 2015, Saskatchewan minimum wage earners will earn \$10.50 per hour. Since 2007, Saskatchewan's minimum wage has increased by 32 per cent, with eight increases from \$7.95 to \$10.50 over the past eight years.

"We would like to remind employers and employees of the minimum wage increase that takes effect tomorrow," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "This increase reflects the growing economy and will benefit our province's minimum wage earners."

Read the entire news release by clicking [here](#)

## **SASKATOON WINS BID TO HOST THE TELUS CUP WEST REGIONALS**



I had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan today as details of the 2016 Telus Cup West Regionals were announced.

To have the opportunity to see this caliber of hockey right here in Saskatoon is absolutely tremendous! I applaud the work of Tim Gitzel and Bob Hamm, along with the organizing committee and the Saskatoon Contacts who have all played a significant role in putting together the successful bid to host the Telus Cup West Regionals in Saskatoon.

The second announcement today unveiled \$52,000 in legacy projects for local minor hockey. Funding for the legacy projects will come from ticket sales and sponsorship. Tournament passes cost \$40 per person and provide access to all seven games, including the championship final. Admission for children age five-and-under is free.

Mark your calendars for March 31 -April 3, 2016 and plan to experience the excitement and sportsmanship of great hockey at SaskTel Centre.

To purchase tickets, contact Jonathan Huntington at 306-251-2933 or email [teluscupwest@gmail.com](mailto:teluscupwest@gmail.com).

**[LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS!](#)**



Trish is looking forward to emceeing a fun evening tomorrow, October 2nd. There are just a few tickets left . Come and enjoy a great traditional German Oktoberfest dinner, fantastic entertainment, a Bavarian Oompah Band, beer sampling and a silent auction. The best part of this event is that all proceeds will go toward building all-season sunrooms at Porteous Lodge and Stensrud Lodge.

For tickets call 306.382.2626, ext. 221 or 306.373.5580, ext 221. See coming events for additional details.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**





HELP SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE BY ATTENDING THIS FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE!



Volunteers continue to work hard to reach their fundraising goal for the Holy Family Playground. Last weekend several enthusiastic volunteers had a busy few days working on the playground. The build is in progress and coming along nicely thanks to the great work of the community. Volunteers were grateful to PotashCorp for helping feed everyone this past weekend.

This is just an incredible project that will provide the kids in the community with hours of entertainment and fun once the playground is complete.

The next fundraiser for the playground is the “Boneyard Bash” October 31. This 19 plus event is being held at the Holy Family School gymnasium. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help The Holy Family Playground committee reach their goal for the new playground. To get your tickets to support this excellent fundraiser click [here](#). To get your tickets email [MPOZ0801@gmail.com](mailto:MPOZ0801@gmail.com)

## **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATINAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS**

As the world celebrates International Day of the Older Persons on October 1, the Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to recognize the contributions seniors make to our communities and our province.

“Seniors are incredibly important to our government and our province,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “We want to ensure that seniors living in Saskatchewan have a high quality of life and suitable care choices, whether they choose to stay in the community and age in place, or move to a personal care home or long-term care facility.”

Click [here](#) to read more about the \$10 million in new initiatives to enhance services for seniors



Each year, hundreds of thousands of Canadians participate in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure and help to raise funds for important breast cancer research, education, and advocacy initiatives. Your support throughout the years has helped Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation fund research that is changing the face of breast cancer and helps to create a future without it.

This year in Saskatoon the run will be held at Prairieland Park and promises to be an exciting, powerful, and memorable experience for everybody involved. I encourage you to run or walk Sunday, October 4 for the 2015 CIBC Run for the Cure. Click [here](#) for information about the Saskatoon run.

## **PROVINCE DECLARES SASKATCHEWAN INNOVATION WEEK**

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to proclaim September 27 to October 3 as Saskatchewan Innovation Week.

The week provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of innovation in the province, and an opportunity to promote and celebrate the innovative people, organizations and companies in our communities.

“Innovation is an important part of Saskatchewan’s history, and continues to play a key role in the diversification and competitiveness of our economy,” Innovation Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “In the past eight years, significant investments have been made in public research and innovation, helping attract world-class researchers and research institutions. This week we are proud to recognize these achievements, along with the many people that are advancing innovation in Saskatchewan.”

Click [here](#) to read more about Innovation Week

## **LOWS IN MOTION - SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 7, 2015**



Lows in Motion is not your typical fundraiser; it's a unique and energetic “Shaker” – pun intended. This annual event provides an opportunity for community members to unite in the fight against Parkinson’s disease (PD), with all funds raised going to Parkinson Society Saskatchewan (PSS). The committee prides themselves on delivering an event chock full of entertainment and activities suitable for all ages.

The committee is ready for another great evening so don't miss out on one of the most entertaining nights of 2015! Join Canada's most attended Parkinson's fundraiser and enjoy a night of laughter, dancing and socializing, all for a great cause.

Learn more about early bird pricing for a limited time on tickets. Check out opportunities for sponsorship or volunteering by clicking [here](#)



## **CELEBRATING THE POWER OF INCLUSION**

Social Services Minister Donna Harpauer today proclaimed October as Community Living Month in Saskatchewan. The month recognizes the contributions and accomplishments of people with intellectual disabilities living in our communities, as well as recognizing the work of volunteers and staff at the Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (SACL).

“It is important that every Saskatchewan citizen recognizes Community Living Month as a way to include those with disabilities in our communities,” Harpauer said. “We know that by working together, we can help SACL and other community-based organizations make inclusion a reality for all Saskatchewan people.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Oktoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night - Fundraiser for Jubilee Residences Foundation**

**When:** October 2

**Featuring** Comedian Dez Reed, Bavarian Oompah Band, Silent Auction

**Where:** German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartwright Street

**Tickets -** call 306.382.2626, ext. 221 or 306.373.5580, ext 221

### **Saskatoon Light the Night Walk**

**When:** October 3, 5 pm

**Where:** Kiwanis Memorial Park

Click [here](#) for additional information

### **CIBC Run for the Cure**

**When:** October 4,

**Where:** Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for details and information

### **Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day**

**When:** October 10

**Where: ACT Arena**

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

**Willowgrove School Playground Meeting**

**When: October 15, 7 pm**

**Where: Willowgrove School Library**

**Night With Stars Hangar Dance**

**When: October 16**

**Where: Hangar 21, 2475 Airport Road**

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

**Lows in Motion**

**When: November 7, 6:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth St. W**

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

**JUST THE LINKS**

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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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