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## Provincial Point of View

October 24, 2014

### OH CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE



It was a devastating day for all Canadians yesterday, October 22, as we watched the tragic events unfold in our Nation's Capital.

Our thoughts and prayers are with friends and family of the fallen soldier, 24 year old Corporal Nathan Cirillo and all those affected by the attack in Ottawa. I join fellow Canadians as we thank soldiers who have fought for our freedom. To all those that serve in our Canadian Armed Forces, the men and women who serve in the RCMP, Emergency and Security Services, thank you for all you do each and every day to protect our great country.

Flags at the Saskatchewan Legislature were at half mast and an increased police presence was evident for the speech from the Throne. A moment of silence was observed prior to the opening of the legislature. Premier Wall made a special statement of behalf of government and Saskatchewan followed by Opposition Leader Cam Broten making a statement due to events in Ottawa.

Today in the legislature, colleague Yogi Huyghebaert read a condolence motion to the families of Corporal Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent. Our hearts go out to the families of these brave and dedicated Canadian men. Their loved ones have united our entire country and

we will stand together, prouder and stronger in the face of terror.

## **THRONE SPEECH FOCUSES ON KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG**



Premier Brad Wall said his government will focus on keeping Saskatchewan strong during the 2014-15 legislative session which opened today with the Speech from the Throne.

“Saskatchewan is strong,” Wall said. “In just the past few months, Saskatchewan hit an all-time high for population and job creation and an all-time low for unemployment. This is very good news, especially with the amount of uncertainty today in the global economy.

“While there are certainly some challenges ahead with the falling oil prices, this session will focus on keeping Saskatchewan strong.”

Wall said the provincial government will carefully manage the province’s finances while continuing to make important investments.

“We know there is more work to be done, which is why we continue to fix highways, build new schools and hospitals and invest in programs that make life more affordable for all Saskatchewan people,” Wall said. “For instance, we are continuing to increase the Seniors Income Plan benefit, which will have tripled by the end of this term. We have introduced other programs to make life more affordable for students, for families and for people with disabilities and we have cut taxes to make life more affordable for everyone in Saskatchewan.”

**Specific measures outlined in the Throne Speech include:**

- **An options paper and public consultation process on private liquor retailing in Saskatchewan;**
- **A new growth tax incentive for manufacturers who create new jobs, including new head office jobs, in Saskatchewan;**
- **Continued promotion of Saskatchewan to international markets;**
- **Continued reduction of interprovincial trade barriers;**
- **Increases in the number of Adult Basic Education seats and apprenticeship training seats;**
- **Reintroduction of the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative to assist municipal infrastructure development and expansion of the program to First Nations;**
- **Legislation to better protect patients' privacy and medical records;**
- **Legislation to help reduce wait times for organ transplants;**
- **Legislation to increase the scope of services that can be provided by pharmacists;**
- **Upgrades to internet access and speed at regional colleges throughout the province;**
- **Improvements to high speed internet and cell phone service in hundreds of Saskatchewan communities;**
- **Legislative changes to help police officers and the justice system better protect victims of domestic violence;**
- **Expansion of the HUB crime reduction model;**
- **A comprehensive review of child welfare legislation that will lead to improvements in laws that protect children;**
- **Development of a Poverty Reduction Strategy that builds on the government's significant efforts to reduce poverty;**
- **Increased penalties for those who commit hunting violations; and**
- **A special licence plate for the loved ones of Canadian Armed Forces personnel who died in service.**

**“Though a discussion on the potential of direct pay MRIs in Saskatchewan is not in the Throne Speech, I would expect there to be some further debate in the Legislature on that issue,” Wall said. “We should remain open to discussing, examining and innovating in our health care system in a drive to improve patient outcomes.**

**“I look forward to a good debate on this and many other issues as our government continues**

working to keep Saskatchewan strong.”

[Throne Speech Focuses on Keeping Saskatchewan Strong](#)

## **CELEBRATING EDUCATION WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN**



Education Minister Don Morgan was in Moose Jaw to kick off Education Week by celebrating local successes in the Prairie South School Division (PSSD).

Education Week runs October 19 to 25 and the theme, "Supporting and Celebrating Success", will once again give communities, teachers, students, parents and caregivers the opportunity to recognize the great work taking place in Saskatchewan schools.

“I’d like to thank teachers and staff across the province for the work they do to help our students succeed,” Morgan said. “Each and every school in our province has incredible stories to tell, and I’d like to encourage everyone to take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on these successes.”

[Celebrating Education Week in Saskatchewan](#)

## **AUGUST WHOLESALE TRADE UP**

August wholesale trade numbers took a jump, up 10.8 per cent on a year-over-year basis, the second highest percentage increase among the provinces on a seasonally adjusted basis according to Statistics Canada. Nationally, wholesale trade was up 6.0 per cent.

“Wholesale trade has a big impact in Saskatchewan,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “The increase in today’s figures was mainly due to an increase in the machine, equipment and supply area, which services major sectors like mining, manufacturing and agriculture.”

On a monthly basis, wholesale trade was up 1.1 per cent July/August, ranking Saskatchewan second in terms of percentage increases among the provinces. Wholesale trade was up only 0.2 per cent on a national basis.

## CAMECO TOUCHDOWN FOR DREAMS



Ken, Trish and Tim Gitzel and Ken with Mark Cohon, CFL Commissioner

It was a beautiful day at the Rider Game on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The day was extra special because of the partnership between the Saskatchewan Roughriders and proud sponsor Cameco, who once again, with the support of Rider Nation featured the 'pink' football game.

Together with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, Cameco and the Riders, five wishes were granted to Saskatchewan women with a life-threatening diagnosis of cancer. The program, which launched in May of 2012, aims to raise more than \$250,000 over three seasons through the annual spring gala in Saskatoon and the pink game held on October 19th at Mosaic Stadium.

Cameco employees and Roughrider wives and family members sold special pink toques and pennants for \$20 outside the stadium on Game Day. Those purchasing the pennant were able to write a message of hope or to commemorate a loved one and then turn it over to Rider players after the game so the pennants can be part of a larger display. Pink merchandise was also available at The Rider Store and an online auction occurred after the game featuring game-worn

pink equipment.

Thank you to Tim Gitzel and the Cameco team, the Riders and the many volunteers for making the Cameco Touchdown for Dreams such a success.

I had the opportunity at the game to thank Mark Cohon, CFL Commissioner for his outstanding work and wish him well in his future endeavors.

## **SASKATOON, REGINA RANK AMONG TOP FOUR ON CFIB'S LIST**

Saskatoon and Regina finished in the top four of the most entrepreneurial major cities in Canada, while Lloydminster ranked first among mid-sized cities, according to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

In its annual ranking of Canada's best cities for starting and growing a business, the CFIB gave top billing to the communities around Calgary and Edmonton, followed closely by Saskatoon and Regina, which came in third and fourth, respectively.

"It's great to see Saskatoon and Regina remain on the top 10 list as among the most entrepreneurial cities in Canada," said Marilyn Braun-Pollon, CFIB's vice president for Prairie and agri-business.

"When it comes to the places where business owners are most upbeat, it's not surprising to see Saskatoon and Regina near the top as well."

[Saskatoon, Regina Rank Among Top Four on CFIB's List](#)

## **C95 RADIO MARATHON FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH**





Trish at the C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research

The C95 Radio Marathon raised a total of \$257,460.00!! Congratulations to the people of Saskatchewan for another amazing event!!

Trish had a fantastic time helping out. The organizers and supporters deserve a huge pat on the back.

## **RUGBY EQUIPMENT FOR COLUMBIA**

One of our constituents, Braydon Goldstein, has been invited to play for a Touring Rugby Club, the Dog River Howlers, in Medellin, Colombia December. This is an amazing invitation and congratulations to Brayden!

The Dog River Howlers are an invitational rugby club founded by Karl Fix in early 2007 for the lovers of "our game". The club is based in Regina. The Howlers are made up of players and

supporters from all parts of Canada, as well as a few from other countries, who believe that "rugby is more than a game, but a way of life". The club tours to interesting parts of the world, plays rugby and enjoys unique cultural experiences, while also giving something back to that country's sport and/or people. The Howlers also raise funds and contribute to worthwhile endeavours which are not related to rugby. The Howlers use "our game" as a vehicle to build bridges between people around the world.

Braydon is helping to raise funds so that they may purchase rugby equipment for some less fortunate clubs in Colombia. If you would like to help out, or would like more information, please visit [Rugby Equipment for Columbia](#).

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

... October 20-26 is Waste Reduction Week in Saskatchewan, joining provinces across the country in recognizing the importance of managing and reducing waste.

... Small businesses make up more than 98 per cent of all businesses in Saskatchewan, which translates to more than 107,000 businesses in all corners of the province.

... Every day in Saskatchewan, school bus drivers are responsible for transporting approximately 70,000 students to and from school.

... Saskatchewan Foster Families Association is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

October 20, 2014 - [Government of Saskatchewan Pleased with WTO Ruling on COOL](#)

October 20, 2014 - [Celebrating Saskatchewan Foster Families](#)

October 20, 2014 - [Government Proclaim Bus Driver Appreciation Day](#)

October 20, 2014 - [Waste Reduction Week is a Reminder to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle](#)

October 20, 2014 - [Celebrating Library Week in Saskatchewan](#)

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Bootown**

Date: October 30



**Where: Western Development Museum**

**When: 5:30 pm - 8:30**

**Lows in Motion Shaker**

**Date: November 1**

**Where: Prairieland Park**

**When: 7 pm - 2 am**

**Ticket Info: [Here](#)**

**Saskatoon Parent and Tot Expo**

**Date: November 1**

**Where: Prairieland Park**

**When: 10 am - 4 pm**

**Artisan's Craft Market**

**Date: November 7 - 8**

**Where: German Cultural Centre**

**When: 6 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 8 pm**

**Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

**Date: November 11**

**Where: SaskTel Centre**

**When: 10 am**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“Be kind. Every person you meet  
is fighting a difficult battle.”**

**~ Plato**

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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 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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