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Provincial Point of View

October 5 A snowy day in Saskatchewan! Drive safely

MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BE BLESSED ON THANKSGIVING AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE YEAR



Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been a holiday on the second Monday of October since 1957. It is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year. Enjoy this special weekend and take time to celebrate this holiday of peace while reflecting on how fortunate we are to live in Saskatchewan.

Whether you're attending the Saskatoon Musician's Association Gala Showcase 2016, attending Octoberfest, taking in the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day, the U of S hockey game, or just spending time with family and friends, take time to cherish the many things in your life to be thankful for. There is nothing more spectacular than a beautiful fall day in Saskatoon.

This weekend always makes me think of the many delicious fall suppers I attended in Blaine Lake

and many communities across the province. Traditions like fall suppers hold fond memories of neighbours and friends getting together to enjoy fantastic food and fellowship.

Trish, Carter, Paige and I send you our warmest wishes for a plentiful Thanksgiving!

THE FIRST GAME AT THE NEW MOSAIC STADIUM AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!



I was honoured to be in attendance last Saturday, October 1 for a very exciting day. Thousands gathered to witness the first game played at the new Mosaic Stadium in Regina as the Saskatchewan Huskies played the Regina Rams. Congratulations to both teams on their hard fought game.

After years of planning and construction, the first test of the new stadium allowed fans to test out

the new facility while watching some great action on the field. What an incredible facility for our entire province! The state of the art stadium is one of the best in the country. Congratulations to the Province of Saskatchewan, the City of Regina, the Regina Rams, the Saskatchewan Huskies and everyone involved in making the day a magnificent experience for all those in attendance. The excitement of the crowd was contagious at this great new facility.

STATEMENT FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL REGARDING THE PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OCTOBER 3 TO IMPOSE A CARBON TAX

Released October 3, 2016

I cannot believe that while the country's environment ministers were meeting on a so-called collaborative climate change plan, the Prime Minister stood in the House of Commons and announced a carbon tax unilaterally.

This meeting is not worth the CO2 emissions it took for environment ministers to get there.

The level of disrespect shown by the Prime Minister and his government today is stunning. This is a betrayal of the statements made by the Prime Minister in Vancouver this March. And this new tax will damage our economy.

The bottom line is that the Saskatchewan economy – already hurting from a downturn in commodity prices - will be one of the hardest hit by a new federal carbon tax because of our trade-exposed resource industries. The carbon tax will siphon over \$2.5 billion from Saskatchewan's economy when fully implemented and make our province a less competitive place to do business. For example, we have no idea what the U.S. government will do when it comes to carbon pricing. Yet our federal government is ploughing ahead with a carbon tax apparently unconcerned about the potential impact on our energy industry, which competes with North Dakota, Texas and Oklahoma. It's not difficult to foresee an exodus of oil rigs south of the border, and fewer people working in Saskatchewan's already struggling oil and gas sector.

Saskatchewan industries will feel the impact. So, too, will Saskatchewan families. We estimate the carbon tax will cost the average family \$1,250 a year. Our farm families will be among the hardest hit. The carbon tax will impede Saskatchewan's continuing efforts to export high quality food products to global customers.

As I have said many times before, we are having the wrong conversation in Canada. The national

focus on carbon pricing holds the lowest potential for reducing emissions, while potentially doing the greatest harm to the Canadian economy. We produce less than two percent of global GHG emissions. Whatever impact the federal carbon tax will have on Canada's emissions, global GHG emissions will continue to rise because of the developing world's reliance on coal-fired electricity. Canada can make an important contribution in the battle against climate change by developing made-in-Canada solutions in areas like power production, transportation, natural resource development, manufacturing and construction.

In the coming weeks, Saskatchewan will investigate all options to mitigate the impact of one of the largest national tax increases in Canadian history.

WAYNE DYBVIG RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE



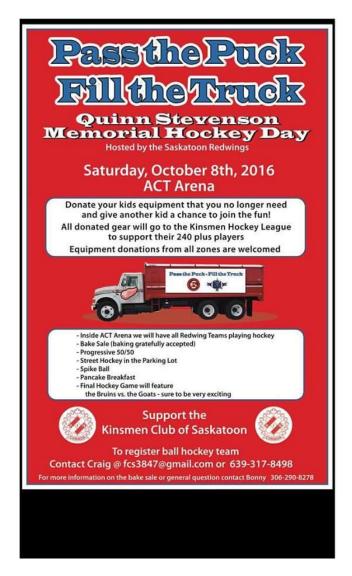
We are very fortunate in Saskatchewan to have a professional public service. I currently have the opportunity to oversee the Public Service Commission. Many public servants spend their entire career working for the people of Saskatchewan.

I'm delighted to highlight one such individual. Wayne Dybvig has served over forty years in the water sector. Most of his career was spent in Saskatchewan with some time working for the Government of Alberta and a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) project in China. Wayne has been a member of numerous inter-jurisdictional water management boards including the Prairie Provinces Water Board, Mackenzie Basin Board, International Souris River Board and the International Red River Board. Wayne has held executive positions with Sask

Water, was a Past President of the Watershed Authority and recently retired as President of the newly established Water Security Agency. He is a professional engineer and holds a M.Sc. in Hydrology.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Wayne when I was Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Security Agency. Wayne's vast knowledge of each and every area of our province was outstanding, as was his commitment to excellence. A highlight of my time as Minister was the release of the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency 25 Year Plan which Wayne worked tirelessly on. Thank you Wayne for your expertise and leadership, and all you have done to make our province a better place. Enjoy your well deserved retirement!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR OCTOBER 8TH!



I'm looking forward to attending the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day at the ACT Arena October 8th. I encourage you to participate by entering a team or donating your kids or adult hockey equipment you no longer need. All donations will go to the Kinsmen Hockey League to support their 240 plus players.

You can also register your street hockey teams and get ready to have lots of fun

Organizers think they will have the biggest turn out yet of mom's street hockey teams. They can take teams of all ages.

Other activities include a bake sale (baking welcome), progressive 50/50, spike ball and hockey games all day long. Outdoor Concession will be run by the Optimist Twirling Connection - please support them.

All zones are welcome to contribute hockey equipment!

Red Wing zone will drop off equipment at ACT. Other zones at fire halls from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Kinsmen members will pick up from fire halls at 4:00 pm.

SUTHERLAND CULTURE DAYS



Pictured above, I attended events held in Sutherland

Culture Days raises awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities. With the support of volunteer groups, hundreds enjoyed the many activities held throughout Saskatoon last week. Culture Days is a collaborative initiative that everyone can play a role in. Whether you are passionate about arts and culture or curious to discover new cultural experiences, there was an activity you could participate in and contribute to Culture Days!

FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER KEN KRAWETZ HONOURED



Congratulations to former Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz who received the Shevchenko medal for service to Ukrainian Canadians. Some of the most special moments in the legislature were when Ken passionately promoted the contributions and talked about challenges of Ukrainian Canadians to Saskatchewan. The medal is the highest form of recognition granted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ken Krawetz is indeed a deserving recipient.

Pictured above is Ken and Gail Krawetz with the Honourable Greg Ottenbreit and Leone Ottenbreit touring the Holodomor Bus during the Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Convention.

Please click here to read the article in the September 30 Leader Post.

SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW, HITTING AN ALL-TIME HIGH



Saskatchewan's population hit one more milestone last week, reaching an all-time high according to figures issued by Statistics Canada today.

Saskatchewan's population grew by 5,314 people in the second quarter of 2016, bringing the total population to 1,150,632 as of July 1st. This is the largest quarterly increase since the second quarter of 2013, and the third largest percentage increase among the provinces over the past quarter.

"There are many opportunities in our province and it's great we continue to attract more people that will call Saskatchewan home," Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The relative strength and diversity of our economy continues to show people this is a great place to live and to invest."

For over 10 years, Saskatchewan's economy has grown every quarter, making it one of the best decades for population increases in this province's history.

"Saskatchewan continues to prove that this is a land of opportunity, and in spite of challenges in the resource sector of our economy, we continue to experience record population growth," Harrison said.

SASKATOON GETS A PINK FIRE TRUCK!



Saskatoon's first pink fire truck will be patrolling city streets to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. Firefighters have long seen their colleagues, mothers, wives and daughters fight breast cancer and want to make a difference.

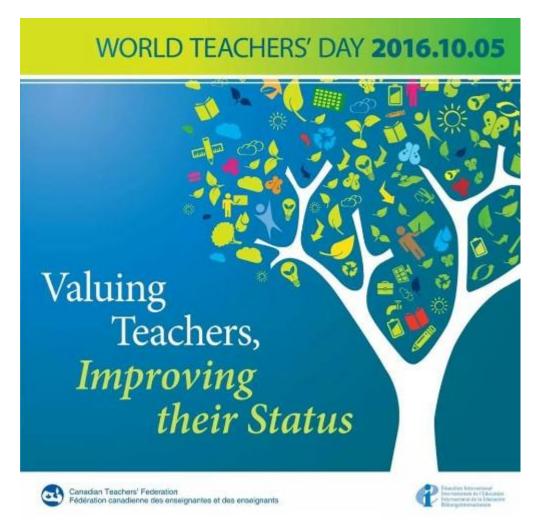
Fire Engine 12 is painted a traditional red but it will be wrapped in pink for the month of October. Saskatoon residents will be able to sign the pink fire truck in exchange for a \$10 donation to breast cancer research. Please make sure the truck is not involved in an emergency before approaching.

Engine 12 will continue to be an integral part of the Saskatoon Fire Department's fleet during October. If possible, the pink truck will be at following events:

- Woman's World Show at Prairieland Park on October 1.
- Ladies Optimist Gala at TCU Place on October 15.
- C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research at the Circle Centre Mall on October 21.
- Breast Health Comedy Night at the Parktown Hotel on October 21st

The pink truck is the result of a three-way partnership between the Saskatoon Fire Department, IAFF Local 80 and Cowan Imaging Group who donated the costs associated with installing the wrap.

All proceeds will be donated to the C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research to fund research being done right here in Saskatoon.



The mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates, the great teacher inspires. Happy Teacher's Day!

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL FALL ACADEMIC AWARDS



It is fitting I am sending this article out today on World Teachers' Day! It was a pleasure to attend the St. Joseph High School Annual Fall Academic Awards for 2015-2016 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family Monday, October 4. Trish and I are fortunate that our daughter Paige has been inspired to strive for excellence in her studies and out-of-school activities. Clearly, she is surrounded by talented and inspiring educators who work hard to ensure their students are well-equipped to meet the demands of an ever-changing world.

Students who were in Grades 9-11 during the 2015-2016 academic year were presented with certificates to signify their place on the Honor Roll (80+ average) and Honor Roll with Distinction (90+ average). Those who achieved the top overall average in their respective grades were awarded scholarships. Paige's efforts earned her the Honor Roll with Great Distinction. Once again, thank you to the teachers, coaches and support staff for all you do to enrich our children's lives during their school years.

#DRIVESOBER SASKATCHEWAN: SGI AND POLICE FOCUS ON IMPAIRED DRIVING

SGIQuickFacts Impaired driving



- 53 people killed and 562 injured in impaired driving crashes in SK in 2015*
- 44% of fatalities in 2015 in SK involved alcohol or drug use*
- Zero drug and alcohol tolerance for drivers under 19 and all new drivers
- .04-.08 BAC results in licence suspension on 1st offence; licence suspension + vehicle seizure on 2nd offence; mandatory ignition interlock on 3rd offence
- Drug-impaired drivers face same consequences as alcohol-impaired drivers

*2015 numbers are preliminary

"With the recent tragedies in the province, SGI and Saskatchewan law enforcement are putting additional focus on impaired driving," Minister responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. "Too many people are needlessly killed or injured due to impaired driving and it has to stop. Don't risk your life or the lives of others. Always plan a safe ride home."

Throughout the month, police across the province will be watching for drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Police will also be watching for distracted drivers, as well as other unsafe driving behaviours such as speeding and failing to wear a seatbelt. SGI will also be raising awareness of the dangers of impaired driving through advertising and social media promotion.

Please read the entire news release here.

PAVING BEGINS ON HIGHWAY 7 TWINNING



Paving is underway on the newly twinned section of Highway 7 between Saskatoon and Vanscoy. The first phase of the 25 kilometre project is scheduled to open in time for people travelling to visit family this Thanksgiving weekend.

"People commuting to work at potash mines in addition to growing interprovincial truck traffic will benefit from this project," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "The new lanes will improve safety, increase capacity and enhance traffic flow."

Click here to read about additional highway construction scheduled to begin this week.

PROVINCE DECLARES DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to proclaim the month of October as Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM).

This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the employment barriers that many people with disabilities face. It is also an opportunity to promote strategies and services that aim to eliminate these barriers, ultimately creating more inclusive and diverse workplaces.

"Saskatchewan is committed to creating a culture of opportunity for all, where everyone can achieve their training and employment goals," Minister of the Economy Jeremy Harrison said.

"Our province benefits from a labour force that is diverse and inclusive and we will continue to enhance this labour force so it can continue to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow."

Read the entire news release here.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Fire Prevention Week events are underway. Check the schedule above to see some of the events our Saskatoon Fire Department is hosting. Link to a Fire Safety video to share with your family: https://youtu.be/ssEC0ZbhJ31...and link to the Smoke Alarm brochure: https://www.saskatoon.ca/.../f.../Smoke%20Alarms-Brochure 05.pdf

GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS OCTOBER AS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH

The Government of Saskatchewan has once again proclaimed October as Community Living Month in Saskatchewan. Community Living Month celebrates the staff and volunteers of the Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (SACL) and the invaluable work they do in assisting individuals experiencing intellectual disabilities. SACL's mission is to ensure that these individuals are supported as well as included, and have opportunities and choices in all aspects of life.

"We have worked with SACL on the transition of individuals from Valley View Centre into the community, developing the self-directed funding model, and many other disability services," Social Services Minister Tiny Beaudry-Mellor said. "I am pleased to shine a spotlight on their work and celebrate the positive impacts they make in the lives of individuals experiencing disabilities."

Click <u>here</u> to read the entire news release or for more information about the supports and services that SACL provides, please visit <u>www.sacl.org</u>

COMING EVENTS IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. I appreciate your feedback.

The Saskatoon Musicians' Association presents GALA Showcase 2016

When: October 6
Where: The Basement

For tickets call 306.477.2506 or 306.653.4700



Jubilee Residences Foundations's 2nd Annual Oktoberfest / Dinner and Comedy Night

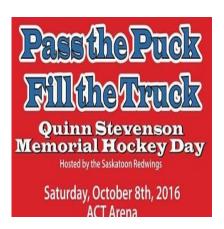
When: October 7
Where: German Cultural Centre
Click here for information



Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day

When: October 8
Where: ACT Arena

For information or to register contact
Craig@fcs3847@gmail.com or 639.317.8498
For information on the bake sale or general questions
contact Bonny at 306.290.8278



2016 Family Business Day Dinner - CAFE Saskatoon

When: October 12, 5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Dinner
Where: Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Cres E
Click here for information



Saskatoon Fire Fighters Ladies Gala

When: October 15 Where: TCU Place

Click here for information and to purchase tickets



2016 Abex Awards

When: October 22

Where: TCU Place

For information, click www.saskchamber.com.



Kids October Festival

When: October 31

Where: Erindale Alliance Church

When: 5 - 8 pm

Free drop in - must have a parent accompanied



Lows in Motion

When: November 5
Where: Prairieland Park
Click here to find out more!



Presented by **ENS**

Choc'La Cure - Celebrating 10 Years!

When: November 4, cocktails 6 pm, supper 7 pm

Where: Dutch Growers Garden Centre

Click here for information and to get your tickets!



CLICK HERE TO READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES ISSUE THIS WEEK!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness"

-- Dalai Lama

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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.

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