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Provincial Point of View

September 11, 2014

TWENTY STRAIGHT MONTHS OF LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN CANADA



Saskatchewan's unemployment rate has been the lowest in Canada for 20 consecutive months. According to new labour force data released today for August 2014, the unemployment rate was 4.2 per cent (seasonally adjusted). Nationally, the unemployment rate was 7.0 per cent in August.

Saskatchewan's labour force reached 604,100; a historical high in the province. The increase in the unemployment rate can be attributed to strong labour force growth, which saw 6,100 new workers (seasonally adjusted) added to the province's labour force in August.

Full-time employment also increased by 11,600 over August 2013, reaching 489,400; another historical high in the province.

"Having the lowest unemployment rate in the country for 20 consecutive months is exciting," Minister responsible for Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Jeremy Harrison said. "Our labour market is also growing meaning there are more full-time jobs demonstrating continued strong economic opportunities in Saskatchewan."

Since August 2013, 7,500 new jobs have been created, for a growth rate of 1.3 per cent, the second highest among all provinces.

"We continue to see steady progress and positive results, a reflection of the hard work of the men, women and businesses in Saskatchewan," Harrison said.

Other highlights:

- Employment reached 572,400, an all-time high for the month of August (33 months of consecutive increases).
- The unemployment rate for youth (seasonally adjusted) was 8.9 per cent, the lowest among all provinces and well below the national average of 13.4 per cent.
- Regina's unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) remains the lowest of all major Canadian cities at 3.1 per cent and Saskatoon's rate was the second lowest at 4.4 per cent.
- Strong year-over-year employment growth in the goods-producing sector was due to strong gains in agriculture (up 4,700), construction (up 4,400), and forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas (up 1,600).

[Twenty Straight Months of Lowest Unemployment Rate in Canada](#)

WUHCA ANNUAL FUN DAY IN THE PARK



I am looking forward to attending the Annual Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Fun Day in the Park on Saturday, September 13 in Willowgrove Square.

The Fun Day runs from 11 am to 4 pm and will be a great day for families to visit, enjoy the BBQ and the many activities that are planned.

I encourage you to check out the website at wuhca.ca for additional information. I hope to see you at Willowgrove Square on Saturday!

SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM \$1.9 MILLION IN CHARITABLE GAMING GRANTS

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) is providing approximately \$1.9 million to more than 900 organizations across the province as part of SLGA's charitable gaming grant program.

“The financial boost provided through the charitable gaming grant program will ensure many worthwhile community projects and programs remain vibrant,” Minister responsible for SLGA Don McMorris said. “Our government is pleased to provide these grants to groups and organizations that support and assist sports, recreation, culture, education and other important services in communities throughout Saskatchewan.”

[Saskatchewan Communities Benefit from \\$1.9 Million in Charitable Gaming Grants](#)

OPENING OF THE SASKATOON MINOR FOOTBALL FIELD



Saturday, September 6, I was thrilled to attend the exciting grand opening of the new turf at the newly named "Saskatoon Minor Football Field", previously known as the Gordie Howe Bowl.

The Friends of the Bowl have worked hard and have been successful campaigning to bring the 50 year old sports facility new life. Last weekend's unveiling of the new playing surface turf was just incredible.

The Saskatoon Hilltops and the Regina Thunder took the field for the first time on the new turf. This fantastic facility will provide years of entertainment.

Congratulations to the committee and everyone who generously contributed to this new state of the art field.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ACTION STARTS THIS WEEK!



The Welcome Week game between Centennial Collegiate and St. Joseph High School will take place tomorrow, Friday, September 12 at 3 pm at the newly turfed Saskatoon Minor Football Field.

I look forward to attending and watching our young football players kick off the new season!

GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS LITERACY DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN

In celebration of International Literacy Day, Education Minister Don Morgan has proclaimed September 8, 2014, as Literacy Day in Saskatchewan.

“I’m pleased that Saskatchewan will once again join in celebrating the International Day of Literacy and that we’re highlighting the important role that literacy plays in the quality of life in our province,” Morgan said. “Strong literacy skills foster life-long learning, set the basis for skill development and encourage civic engagement which will help us reach the targets in the Plan for Growth.”

[Government Proclaims Literacy Day in Saskatchewan](#)

PARKINSON SUPERWALK



It was a beautiful day last Sunday, September 7 for the Parkinson SuperWalk. The walk kicked off at the Meewasin Trails.

I had the pleasure of joining Mayor Don Atchison, MLA Rob Norris, Executive Director of the Parkinson Society of Saskatchewan Travis Low and 350 participants along with over 60 volunteers that came out to participate in this spectacular event that raised money for an excellent cause.

Over \$90,000 was raised in Saskatchewan, making this years SuperWalk was a phenomenal success!

SuperWalk is the largest National fundraising event for Parkinson's in Canada and takes place in over 95 communities across the country with over 14,000 participants.

There are over 4000 people living with Parkinson's in Saskatchewan. However, when taking care-partners, family members, friends and colleagues into consideration, the impact is much greater.

The Parkinson Society is grateful for the support of the Saskatchewan people and will continue to grow the event in future years.

Congratulations to Travis Low and his team for another successful fundraiser!

BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES THROUGH KIDSFIRST

The Government of Saskatchewan is working to build stronger families and communities through its continued support for KidsFirst programs across the province. For 2014-15, nine KidsFirst programs will receive \$14.61 million jointly from the Ministries of Education and Health.

“KidsFirst provides essential services to vulnerable families across the province,” Education Minister Don Morgan said. “We recognize and appreciate the incredibly important work they do in our community to encourage strong parenting skills and help children get a good start in life.”

“Our province is committed to supporting the health and well-being of Saskatchewan families so that they can raise healthy children,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “Children are our most precious resource and this program gives families and children the tools they need to succeed.”

[Building Stronger Families Through KidsFirst](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN WELCOMES A NEW CHAIR



I had the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of the Honourable Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education on Friday, September 5 at the University of Saskatchewan. It was a pleasure to welcome Dr. Sean Maw to his new position as the Jerry G Huff Chair in Innovative Teaching at the College of Engineering.

Dr. Maw brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the University of Saskatchewan. He has an impressive list of achievements that will be valuable in this new position. Dr. Maw will help to promote effective education practices, expand students design experience and lead development of multi-disciplinary design projects.

The government of Saskatchewan's Plan for Growth is to have 60,000 more people working in the province by 2020. With the addition of highly skilled workers supporting post-secondary schools, this goal is certainly attainable.

Congratulations Dr. Maw!

FLAG RAISED FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER



Tuesday, September 9 was International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day. Minister Dustin Duncan along with other dignitaries raised a flag at the Legislature to promote awareness.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is the leading known cause of preventable developmental disability.

TERRY FOX RUN - SEPTEMBER 14



Sunday, September 14, the 34th Annual Terry Fox Run will take place across the province. In Saskatoon the run begins at noon at the Vimy Memorial Bandstand in Kiwanis Park.

There is no cost to enter and there is no minimum donation required to take part in the race.

Terry Fox has been a national inspiration of hope and his memory lives on through the Terry Fox Run. For more information on how to become involved, visit www.terryfox.org.

DID YOU KNOW...

... Saskatoon residents can show their hospitality to His Royal Highness Prince Edward Earl of Wessex on Friday, September 19 at 9:45 am near the Saskatoon Farmers' Market, along Avenue A South near River Landing.

... the Government of Saskatchewan's Plan for Growth is to have 60,000 more people working in the province by 2020.

... the Saskatchewan Literacy Network is celebrating it's 25th Anniversary.

... Government House hosted its first outdoor movie night Sunday, September 7 in the Edwardian Gardens. The movie was Mary Poppins.

JUST THE LINKS

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COMING EVENTS

The Mom Show

Date: September 11

When: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Holy Family Cathedral

WUCHA Fun Day in the Park

Date: September 13

When: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Willowgrove Square

Silverspring Community Association - Fun Day in the Park

Date: September 14

When: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Park TBA

"Just In Case" Presentation

Date: September 17

When: 7:00 pm

Where: The Broadway Theatre

Silverspring Community Association Meeting

Date: September 23

When: 8:00 pm

Where: Silverspring School

Culture Days Saskatchewan

Date: September 26 - 28

When: Daily

Where: [View Here](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide
what kind of difference
you want to make.”**

~ Jane Goodall

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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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