



From a Provincial Point of View January 14, 2011

More Good News in Saskatchewan necessary



As the people of Saskatchewan settle into 2011, we continue to hear more good news about our province's economy. Our government recently learned that record high employment for the month of December meant that Saskatchewan closed 2010 with the second lowest unemployment rate in Canada. December also marked our province's 11th straight month of year-over-year employment growth and, importantly, we saw continued employment growth for First Nations and Métis people. Plus, our seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.5 per cent is well below the national average of 7.5 per cent. It's no surprise that more job seekers than ever are exploring career opportunities on SaskJobs.ca. The site

hosted a record 8.9 million visits in 2010 while posting more than 111,000 jobs from employers across the province. Looking forward, with eight independent economic forecasters calling for Saskatchewan to lead the country in economic growth, there are many reasons to be optimistic.

Beginning in May, some patients will receive selected diagnostic services more quickly and wait lists for those services will be reduced. The Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region has awarded a 32-month contract for the provision of computed tomography (CT) services to Radiology Associates of Regina. Services provided will include head, neck, abdominal, chest, pelvic and spinal CT scans. This initiative will address the very immediate need to improve access to this key diagnostic imaging service in southern Saskatchewan. Timely diagnosis is essential to our efforts of putting patients first and providing sooner, safer and smarter surgical care.

Negative attack ads are a fact of life in politics, but you, the taxpayer, shouldn't be paying for them. Our government has asked the NDP to support a change to the rules governing MLA expense allowances to prevent your money from being used for negative attack ads. Many other provinces already have rules in place that do not allow using taxpayer's money to fund negative political ads.

Arbor Creek School Site Plan

I was pleased to attend the Public Information Meeting this week to talk about the designated school sites in Arbor Creek. It was a great opportunity to hear the thoughts and opinions of many constituents and city officials.

The City of Saskatoon, Dundee Developments and the Erindale-Arbor Creek Community Association have done an outstanding job making sure that the 43 new lots reflect the character and charm of the existing neighborhood. Although this certainly isn't my first choice for this property, I think they have made the best of the situation. I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone who lobbied the previous

Provincial Government from 2004 – 2007 to try to get elementary schools built in Arbor Creek. The Government at that time made their decision. I can assure you that your Saskatchewan Party Government takes a very different approach as evidenced by the two schools in Willowgrove.



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Open PDF to see Arbor Creek School Site Concept Plan

Brayden Schenn Returns to Saskatoon



I am very excited to hear that one of Saskatoon's great young hockey stars, Brayden Schenn has returned to his hometown. After much speculation, the Saskatoon Blades have acquired the 19-year old scoring star from the Brandon Wheat Kings. Schenn will be a huge asset to the Blades as they prepare for another post season.

Congratulations to Schenn family who are residents in Willowgrove as they welcome Brayden home! I heard Brayden praise the Saskatoon Red Wings organization and the Saskatoon Minor Hockey in the media. Well deserved credit.

I hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to go out and support Jack Brodsky, Lorne Molleken and the entire Saskatoon Blades organization by taking in a game. You will see some of the best Major Junior Hockey in the country!

Attention Post Secondary Students!

It is time to start thinking about summer jobs for post-secondary students! I encourage students you know to apply online at <http://www.careers.gov.sk.ca/studentjobs> as soon as possible.

Don't Miss the "State of the City" Address by His Worship Don Atchison

Mayor Atchison was first elected to City Council as a Councillor of Ward 10 in 1994 and served as Councillor until 2003. In 2003, Councillor Atchison was elected Mayor of the City of Saskatoon. He was re-elected as Mayor in 2006 and again on October 28, 2009. During his fifteen years on Council, Mayor Atchison has been a member of almost every Board and Committee established by City Council. Mayor Atchison is committed to a responsible, accountable city government that will work in partnership with the community. Accessibility and approachability are very important to the Mayor as demonstrated by his attendance at an extensive number of meetings and public events, his response to numerous telephone enquiries, and his establishment of public ward meetings in each of the city's ten wards. Mayor Atchison believes that by working together we can achieve goals that benefit the whole community - as Saskatoon belongs to everyone.

The Chamber on Business Luncheon will take place at TCU Place on Tuesday, January 18th. [Click here for more details and to register for the upcoming event.](#)

Saskatoon Sports Tourism Excited to Introduce Saskatchewan to Yukigassen!



On January 28-29, 2011 Saskatoon will host North America's first organized snowball fighting tournament. Originating in Japan in 1988, Yukigassen (Japanese for "Snow Battle") has experienced a boom in popularity around the World and now it comes to Canada.

Featuring two opposing teams of seven (two members of the opposite sex per team), the goal of the game is to eliminate the competition by blasting them with snowballs (80,000 snowballs to be exact) or by capturing the flag on the other team's court. The event will take place at Delta Bessborough Gardens and will feature a festival-like atmosphere to coincide with the PotashCorp WinterShines

Festival. Event organizers at Saskatoon Sports Tourism are hoping for 47 teams of seven to nine players in one corporate/public division. Registration cost \$300 per team and can be done through Yukigassen Saskatoon website at www.yukigassensaskatoon.com or for more information contact Saskatoon Sports Tourism at 931.7583.

Labour Force Friday

Saskatchewan has entered 2011 with the second lowest unemployment rate in Canada. Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.5 per cent is well below the national average of 7.6 per cent, according to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS) released on January 7th.

There were 522,800 people employed in Saskatchewan in December 2010 – a record for that month and an increase of 4,200 compared to December 2009. Full-time employment jumped 7,800 over the same period.

Saskatchewan workers continue to benefit from an economy that fosters continued employment and earnings growth. In particular, Saskatchewan's private sector saw strong job growth over the past 12 months, with 11,000 new jobs created throughout the province.

December marked Saskatchewan's 11th straight month of overall employment growth, the eighth straight month of employment growth for off-reserve First Nations and Métis people and the fifth straight month of employment growth for off-reserve First Nations and Métis youth.

Farewell to Pat Atkinson

A political era is coming to an end. Congratulations to my legislative colleague, MLA Pat Atkinson on 25 years of Public Service! The constituents of Saskatoon Nutana and residents of this city have been well served by Pat's enthusiastic career in the Saskatchewan Legislature. I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Thought of the Day

Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. – Vince Lombardi

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Did You Know???

- Saskatchewan had the 2nd lowest unemployment rate in the country at 5.5% well below the national average of 7.6%.
- Saskatchewan is now the fastest growing province in Canada. Our population grew by 16,500 in the past year to an all-time high of over 1,045,000.
- First Nations and Métis employment is up by 1,900, for 8 consecutive months of increases, and First Nations and Métis youth employment is up by 2,000 for 5 consecutive months of increases.

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