



From a Provincial Point of View

March 4, 2011

“COOL” Family Day Weekend



I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the Family Day weekend. When I say we had a cool weekend, my family would certainly agree! We travelled to Calgary and attended the Heritage Class. It was a great game, but several “hot shots” were required to keep warm. I can’t thank my wife Trish enough for participating in events like this! Our children Carter and Paige also enjoyed the game! The Flames claimed a bone-chilling 4-0 over the Canadiens.

NEW SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR SASKATOON



Saskatoon received fantastic news Wednesday, February 23, 2011 when Education Minister Donna Harpauer announced over \$60 million in additional funding for school renovation and improvement projects across the province. This funding that will help address enrollment and renovation pressures being felt in schools and school-based child care centres across the province. I was very

pleased with Minister Harpauer's announcement as it demonstrates our government's commitment to strengthen the education systems across the province and right here in Saskatoon. "Willowgrove continues to show tremendous growth and this funding will provide Willowgrove families and their children additional education options and help expand our infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing city and province. Saskatoon will receive more than \$11.3 million for school infrastructure upgrades and two new schools. More than \$6.2 million of that funding will move the design and construction ahead for the new Willowgrove Public and Catholic school projects which are located in the Silver Springs constituency and were given Approval-in-Principle in March, 2010. Forest Grove Public School is also receiving \$54,000 to help them move forward on a roof replacement project. The Government of Saskatchewan has committed more than \$401.13 million since November 2007 to move forward 29 major school capital projects and about 570 additional smaller school capital projects across the province. This represents a record high investment in school infrastructure over a three year period.

Positive Announcements in Healthcare - \$133.1 Million in Additional Funding

My colleague, Health Minister Don McMorris has recently announced the following this Capital Funding:

- \$49.3 million – 13 Long-term Care Facilities
- Additional design costs and initial construction costs for the replacement of aged facilities in 13 communities across Saskatchewan. Work has begun in Watrous, and the project in Shellbrook is expected to go to tender soon. Tender dates are expected later in 2011-12 for projects in these communities: Maple Creek, Biggar, Kerrobert, Rosetown, Meadow Lake, Prince Albert, Kelvington, Tisdale, Kipling, Radville and Redvers.
- \$42.7 million – Facility Capital Repairs and Equipment
- \$24 million - Equipment: Upgrading equipment for diagnostic imaging, medical/surgical procedures, patient comfort and safety, laboratory work and rehabilitation.
- \$18.7 million - Block Funding: Life safety/emergency systems and infrastructure deficiencies. Health regions address pressing maintenance, repairs and safety equipment needs of their facilities.
- \$8 million – Electronic Health Record
- eHealth Saskatchewan development of a "one patient/one record" health information system.
- \$7.1 million – Parkridge Centre
- Significant repairs and equipment upgrades to Saskatoon special care home.
- \$5.0 million – Moose Jaw Union Hospital Regeneration
- Detailed planning.
- \$500,000 – Melfort CT Services
- Work to enable operation of a computed tomography scanner for diagnostic and treatment procedures.
- Physician-related Funding
- \$10.5 million – Physician Recruitment and Retention
- To support activities to attract new doctors and keep existing doctors in Saskatchewan.
- \$10 million – Physician Reimbursement
- Support for an increased number of physician services....

Congratulations Amber Holland Curling Team

The Amber Holland team out of the Kronau Curling Club won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in a game that kept fans and family on the edge of their seats. Holland and her team-mates, third Kim Schneider, second Tammy Schneider and lead Heather Kalenchuk will now head to the World Women's Championship in Esbjerg, Denmark, March 19-27. Congratulations Ms. Holland on receiving the Sandra Schmirler MVP Award.

The Holland foursome put on a display of gutsy curling that led to a tie in the last end. Holland tucked her last rock on the button - behind cover. Jones' double-raise take-out rolled a bit too far, leaving Saskatchewan with the winning point. The Holland team win is the first Tournament of Heart's title since the late Sandra Schmirler and her team won in 1997.

Additional Curling Highlights

Saskatchewan now has three curling teams representing Canada on the world stage. The Trish Paulsen foursome of Saskatoon will carry Canada's flag at the World Junior Women's Championships and the Braeden Moskowky team of Regina will be representing Canada at the World Junior Men's Championships. Both competitions will be held in Perth, Scotland, March 5-13, 2011. Saskatchewan is well represented on the world stage. Regina's Pat Simmons will represent Saskatchewan at the Brier which will be held in London, Ontario from March 5-13.

Rock on! We are proud of all you.

Nominations Open for Premier's Award

Saskatchewan residents have until April 29, 2011 to nominate provincial employees for the 2011 Premier's Award for Excellence in the Public Service. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the government and citizens of the province. It gives you the opportunity to say thank you, while celebrating the work that they do for all of us. The award recognizes those public servants who have made exceptional contributions to the people of Saskatchewan. Individuals or teams from government ministries, some Treasury Board Crown corporations, boards, commissions and agencies are eligible for nomination by the public service, stakeholder organizations, clients and the public. Selections are made by an independent committee. Up to six awards will be announced during National Public Service Week in June, with the presentation event occurring in the fall.

U OF S Will See New Centre for Nuclear Medicine and Materials

Premier Brad Wall and my colleague, Rob Norris, Minister responsible for Innovation announced \$30 million in funding over seven years to establish a new research Centre at the University of Saskatchewan that will re-establish the province as an international leader in nuclear science and nuclear medicine. This is another important step in re-capturing that international leadership position in nuclear medicine and expanding it to include research in materials science and small reactor design. The province's \$30 million investment in nuclear research builds on January's announcement of \$12 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments to build a new linear accelerator and support research into the production of medical isotopes at the Canadian Light Source.

The new Centre will make Saskatchewan the focal point for nuclear research and development in Western Canada. It will spark research partnerships with industry, universities and other research institutions. Work will include development of advanced materials for construction, aerospace and small reactor designs, and medical imaging for diagnosis of cancer and heart disease. I look forward to more exciting announcements here at the University of Saskatchewan in the days and weeks to come that will build on today's investment in nuclear research.

Congratulations to Christy Clark

Congratulations and warm welcome to Christy Clark who was elected as the new leader of the British Columbia Liberal Party and Premier Designate of British Columbia. She is entering into her new job at an exciting and crucial time.

Gavin Semple Award Winner at Raj Manek 15th Annual Memorial Banquet



Gavin accepting award

Gavin Semple was the recipient of the Raj Manek Above and Beyond Award held at TCU Place last week. The award recognizes an individual who has exceeded the expectations of the nominator in the area of business development. Gavin is Deputy Chair of Enterprise Saskatchewan and I am honoured to have the opportunity to work with him. Gavin is very worthy of this prestigious award.

Congratulations!

Thought of the Day

Laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live. Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life.

Just The Headlines – www.gov.sk.ca/news

Mar. 2, 2011 - WALL LAUNCHES NEW CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE AND MATERIALS SCIENCE AT U OF S

Mar. 2, 2011 - SASKATCHEWAN COMPANIES SELECTED FOR INTERPROVINCIAL MEAT TRADE PILOT PROJECTS

Mar. 1, 2011 - DEADLINE PASSES WITH NO FEDERAL FUNDING

Mar. 1, 2011 - CHANGES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM DELIVERY

Feb. 24, 2011 - MORE THAN \$76 MILLION DOLLARS FOR POST-SECONDARY CAPITAL PROJECTS

Feb. 23, 2011 - NEW CAPITAL FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR 120 SCHOOL PROJECTS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Feb. 22, 2011 - REGINA AND SASKATOON POISED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Feb. 22, 2011 - NEW HOME FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OPENS IN SASKATOON

Feb. 22, 2011 - PROVINCE ANNOUNCES \$133 MILLION FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR HEALTH CARE

Feb. 18, 2011 - \$5.4 MILLION ADVANCES PROGRESS ON WAITLIST

Feb. 18, 2011 - \$34 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Did you know ? ? ?

- 55 per cent of businesses in Saskatchewan say the overall state of business is good (39 per cent nationally); 40 per cent say it is satisfactory (46 per cent nationally).
- 28 per cent of Saskatchewan businesses plan to increase full-time employment in the next 3-4 months (16 per cent nationally) and only eight per cent plan to decrease (10 per cent nationally).
- The shortage of skilled labour (47 per cent) is identified as the main business constraint.
- Major cost concerns causing difficulties for small business include: fuel/energy costs (61 per cent), tax/regulatory costs (57 per cent), and wage costs (54 per cent).

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