



From a Provincial Point of View

June 3, 2011

MEET OUR SUMMER STUDENT!



We are delighted to have Kaitlyn Blackmer join our staff for the summer. Kaitlyn was born and raised in Swift Current, Sk. She currently attends the University of Saskatchewan and is studying Public Administration. Kaitlyn is enthusiastic and hard working. She would eventually like to pursue a degree in law.

Kaitlyn finds the Legislative building an exciting place to work and has been learning a great deal about Government Caucus, the role of the Speaker and the legislative assembly. She is very thankful to have the opportunity to learn and work at the Legislative building.

We wish Kaitlyn all the best this summer and in her future studies.

THE SASKATOON FOOD BANK ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, JUNE 4

The Saskatoon Food Bank is holding a City Wide Food Drive on Saturday June 4.

You will have received a paper bag this week in the Star Phoenix with a list of items that the Food Bank is in need of.

I encourage anyone that can help out to volunteer to help collect food in all areas of the city. This would be a great way to show how we are working with the community as a whole to help those in need.

Please consider setting up a team of four or five people to collect food from 11-1 this Saturday.

For more information, or to register a team, call Brendon Gibson at 477-1234 (ext. 129).

SPECIAL MEDIATOR APPOINTED - Job Action to End While Mediator Seeks Settlement

I have received many letters and phone calls regarding the dispute between the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee (Saskatchewan School Boards Association and the Government of Saskatchewan).

I am encouraged that both parties have agreed to work with the mediator in an effort to reach a fair settlement and have agreed to suspend all job action and advertising activity until the mediation process reaches a resolution.

At the request of both parties, Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan has appointed Richard Hornung, Q.C. as special mediator to help end the dispute between the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee (Saskatchewan School Boards Association and the Government of Saskatchewan).

As my colleague Don Morgan said, "We are hopeful that appointing a special mediator will assist the parties in concluding a collective agreement.

The special mediator will examine any issues in dispute and focus on assisting the parties to reach consensus on outstanding differences. Hornung is a well known and accomplished mediator, conciliator and arbitrator with a national practice based in Calgary. He is a former Professor of Law at the University of Alberta, was a senior partner specializing in Civil Litigation, Labour Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution and was Vice Chair (currently in a part time capacity) of the Canada Industrial Relations Board. He has also served as Chair of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board.

If the special mediator is unable to obtain consensus between the parties on outstanding issues prior to June 10, 2011, he will prepare a report for consideration by the Minister and Cabinet, setting out the findings of the mediation and providing recommendations for the resolution of the outstanding issues.



CANADIAN VENTURE CAPITAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

It was a privilege to attend the Canadian Venture Capital Association national conference in Vancouver last week. Also attending was Mr. Grant Kook, President and

CEO of Westcap Management Ltd., Mr. Randy Beattie, President and CEO of PFM Capital Inc., Mr. Doug Frondall, Managing Partner & CEO of Virtus Group LLP as well as Mr. Chris Dekker, the Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Saskatchewan.

Enterprise Saskatchewan is the province's economic development agency. The agency's slogan is "Our Business is Business." When addressing the attendees, I was pleased to tell them business is good in Saskatchewan. It is a great time to live, work and do business in our province.

An average of nine major forecasters are predicting Saskatchewan will have the highest GDP growth of any province in 2011 and 2012.

In the last three years our population growth is at the fastest rate among the western provinces and at levels we haven't seen in decades. Private and public capital investment in Saskatchewan is predicted to hit a record \$17 billion in 2011.

Our major cities are seeing unprecedented growth. The Conference Board of Canada just released an economic forecast for major Canadian cities – and Saskatoon and Regina ranked in the top three.

These are just a few examples that confirm Saskatchewan is a place where there is real growth – real opportunity.

Our province has worked very, very hard to achieve this level of success and we'll work harder to maintain it.

We have been calling this the Saskatchewan Advantage, we will continue to encourage investment, to attract skilled professionals and workers and promote economic prospects to markets at home and across the world.

It was great to have the opportunity, on behalf of Premier Wall and Minister of Enterprise, Jeremy Harrison to extend a welcome to venture capitalists and to tell them about Saskatchewan's economy and about the opportunities.

DESTINATION SASKATCHEWAN

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to read through "Destination Saskatchewan", your guide to Saskatchewan vacations. The guide was an insert in the Star Phoenix and Leader-Post recently and is full of great events and destinations right here in Saskatchewan.

If you don't have the opportunity to get away, make the most of summer in Saskatoon or encourage your family and friends to visit our great city.

There are many must-see attractions including the newly-renovated Wanuskewin Heritage Park, the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, the Mendel Art Gallery, Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Meewasin Valley Centre and many more.

There are also several concerts and many summer festivities happening throughout the summer months. From the Children's Festival in Kiwanis Memorial Park to the Jazz Festival celebration to the Air Show, there is entertainment for every age.

As you plan your summer, I encourage you to look at what our city and province has to offer.

TIM HORTONS CAMP DAY



Ken, Dale Martin, Josie Martin

June 1 was Tim Hortons Camp Day. I was pleased to have the opportunity to join Tim Hortons owner Dale Martin, his wife Natina and Manager Tanya Giles at the Willowgrove location.



Camp Day is the one day each year when Tim Horton Restaurant owners donate 100% of the proceeds from coffee sales made on that day to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. Last year Camp Day raised more than \$9.7 million across Canada.

It was wonderful to see the support for this worthwhile cause. Buying a coffee on Camp Day is always a great way to help send kids to camp and every coffee purchase helped give thousands of children an opportunity that will inspire them for years to come. Each year, Tim Hortons Restaurants partner with local youth organizations to select economically disadvantaged kids to attend one of the six Foundation Camps.



CELEBRATE TOURISM AWARENESS WEEK

Tourism Saskatoon is launching a prize-per-day contest in celebration of Saskatchewan's Tourism Awareness Week June 5 – 11. Starting June 5, the public can enter a new contest each day on Tourism Saskatoon's mobile site (<http://m.tourismsaskatoon.com>).

Tourism is important to Saskatoon's economy and this is an opportune time to draw attention to our city's impressive tourism offerings, and celebrate the experiences and memories they create for our visitors.

The prize for each day of the contest and the winner's name will be announced the following morning on Tourism Saskatoon's Twitter and Facebook accounts. The trivia question participants are required to answer will give a good indication of what the prize will be.

According to estimated figures by Tourism Saskatchewan, travel and tourism in Saskatoon alone generated an approximate \$529.6 million in travel receipts in 2010. In August 2009, there were approximately 13,115 people employed in tourism-related jobs in Saskatoon.

Total traveller expenditures in the province of Saskatchewan were \$1.634 billion in 2009, employing more than 62,000 people in the tourism sector. It is estimated that seven out of 10 workers got their first job in Saskatchewan's tourism industry.

Tourism Week in Canada is June 6 – 12. This is the national celebration of Canada's tourism sector, and is organized by several public and private tourism stakeholders.

TOURISM SASKATOON OPENS SEASONAL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Tourism Saskatoon recently announced the opening of the seasonal Visitor Information Centre located at Avenue C North and 47th Street West. They will be open daily from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm until September 6, 2011.

The main Visitor Information Centre located downtown at 202 Fourth Avenue North will operate with extended hours: 8:15 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on weekends and holidays.

Tourism Saskatoon will provide information to visitors about festivals, events, attractions, accommodation, shopping, dining, and other activities.

POTASHCORP CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF SASKATCHEWAN

This year's event opens at noon on Sunday, June 5 and runs through to 3:30 pm on Wednesday, June 8 at Kiwanis Park South, Spadina Crescent at 20th Street.

The 2011 festival brings exciting entertainment! Featuring performances from Australia, Mexico, West Africa, the USA and Canada, and highlighting themes of literacy, environmental stewardship, cultural diversity and becoming your best!

Saturday Night Celebration Gala (June 4), will feature a performance by award-winning Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience all the way from Louisiana!

Puppetry is the cornerstone performance medium in 2011. Dance, theatre, storytelling, circus arts, music and activities galore will also be featured.

For more information about artists and free in-school workshops, or to find out more about our Community Outreach Program, please call Executive Director Shauna Bradford-Wilson at 664-3378 or email directorchildfest@sasktel.net.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF FRAUD IN PROVINCE

McCannell Financial Group Ltd. and Better Business Bureau of Saskatchewan are sponsoring the 2011 Summer Classic Golf Tournament to *promote the awareness and prevention of Fraud in our province*. The funds raised will be dedicated to education through the BBB functions in our communities.

Our seniors and other members of our province are susceptible to fraudulent operations. Only 1 in 10 cases are reported and fewer of these are resolved. The RCMP has also stated that criminals scam between 10 and 30 billion dollars a year from Canadians. Fraud related scams are destabilizing our national economy and strengthening organized crime groups. This is why March was declared *Fraud Awareness Month*.

The golf event will be held at the private, newly designed Saskatoon Golf & Country Club on *Thursday, June 23, 2011*. For those interested in only attending a great supper at the course, meal tickets are also available.

Spots are filling up fast so they encourage you to register as soon as possible. All registrations must be received no later than *Monday, June 13th 2011*.

Should you wish to register for the tournament, please do not hesitate to contact McCannell Financial Group Ltd. at 382-7777.

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER CAUTION

The public is advised to exercise caution as the South Saskatchewan River flowing through Saskatoon will continue to rise even higher over the next four days to 1470 cubic metres per second by Sunday, June 5. River banks will be more unstable and many areas have steep drop-offs into a swift current.

Canoeing is not recommended on the river in water flowing faster than 600 cubic metres per second. The danger is higher along the shoreline when canoeists may get caught and held under debris.

River flows can be found at the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority www.swa.ca

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” Aristotle

JUST THE HEADLINES – www.gov.sk.ca/news

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June 1, 2011 - [PROMOTING HEALTHY WEIGHTS - A STEP TOWARD BUILDING A HEALTHIER SASKATCHEWAN](#)

June 1, 2011 - [GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HELP THREE FAMILIES ACHIEVE HOMEOWNERSHIP](#)

May 30, 2011 - [MINING WEEK CELEBRATES INDUSTRY'S INVESTMENT IN SASKATCHEWAN](#)

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DID YOU KNOW ???

- 58% of businesses in Saskatchewan say the overall state of business is good (37% nationally); 36% say it is satisfactory (47% nationally).
- 28% of Saskatchewan businesses plan to increase full-time employment in the next 3-4 months (18% nationally) and only four per cent plan to decrease (12 % nationally).
- The shortage of skilled labour (45%) is identified as the main business constraint.
- The first building built on the University of Saskatchewan campus is the College Building and is now designated as a national historic site.

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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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