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## From a Provincial Point of View September 30, 2011

### LARGEST QUARTERLY INCREASE IN POPULATION EVER RECORDED IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan's population has hit a new all-time high of 1,057,884 people following the largest quarterly population jump ever recorded since Statistics Canada starting keeping quarterly population estimates.

Between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2011, Saskatchewan grew by 5,444 people. This growth consisted of a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 1,524, net inter-provincial migration of 1,239 and net international migration of 2,681. Saskatchewan saw net in-migration from most other provinces including Ontario (641 people), Alberta (423 people) and Manitoba (147 people).

Premier Brad Wall said the new population numbers show the continued strength of the Saskatchewan's economy.

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### SILVER SPRINGS BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GROW!

I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of Let's Make Wine, a new in-store craft wine-making business in Saskatoon Silver Springs.



Let's Make Wine was started by Norm Fraser as a retail store in Yorkton in 2002.

New legislation was introduced a few years ago and since that time the Yorkton store has been satisfying in-store winemaking customers for the past 2 1/2 years.

Realizing Saskatoon Silver Springs is a growing community and a great place to start a new business, Norm recently opened his second store here.

Located in the Co-op Mall between Erindale and Willow Grove (near the Dairy Queen and beside Critters), Fraser explained, "Let's Make Wine allows customers to make wine in-store using very high quality wine kits. Each kit makes about 30 bottles of great-tasting wine. The staff at Let's Make Wine does the work in the middle of the

Ken with store owner Norm Fraser at the grand opening

process, and customers just come and do the easy and fun stuff at the beginning and end."

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## **MORE NURSES AND DOCTORS WORKING IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Saskatchewan is celebrating the addition of more than 900 nurses now working in the province than in 2007-08. This represents more than 80 nurses than last October when the provincial government met and exceeded its commitment to hire 800 more registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses.

The majority of these nurses have been hired as part of the work under the partnership agreement between the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) and the provincial government, signed in February 2008. Additional positions have been created by health regions.

While the SUN/government partnership agreement has met its goal for nursing recruitment targets, work continues on a number of important areas including:

- finding ways to keep nurses in the workplace longer;
- improving nurse/patient ratios and increasing the use of nurse practitioners;
- establishing a mechanism to make it easier for licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses;
- focusing on prevention and promoting wellness by using nurses in new roles;
- ensuring new graduates are offered full-time permanent employment; and
- expanding professional development and conducting patient exit surveys.

In addition, the government's physician recruitment strategy is showing results with nearly 200 more doctors now calling Saskatchewan home, representing an increase of 11 per cent over the past four years.

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## **GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN INVEST IN RESEARCH TO IMPROVE DIALYSIS TREATMENT**

On behalf of my colleague, the Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan, I participated in an announcement at the University of Saskatchewan. New technology may soon be available to improve the quality of life for patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) by reducing the length and number of hemodialysis sessions.



An improved hemodialysis treatment system was announced today by Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification and myself on behalf of Minister Harrison.

Our province is known as a leader in innovation and research and this new technology demonstrates our ability to be a leader in the medical industry and we anticipate it will make a positive impact on people from across this province and around the world!

Through the Canada-Saskatchewan Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA), the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are investing a combined \$789,000.

Funding will be directed towards the development and commercialization of a product designed, fabricated and manufactured in Saskatchewan, suitable to be marketed to medical institutions throughout Canada and around the world. The new treatment system will be more efficient than current technology, reducing the frequency of hemodialysis treatments and time per session – a great advantage, particularly for residents in rural and remote communities.

The technology promises to improve quality of care and increase life expectancy in ESRD patients, while drastically reducing the costs of hemodialysis locally, nationally and globally.

Both Canada and Saskatchewan are contributing \$25 million each over four years to the Canada-Saskatchewan Western Economic Partnership Agreement to strengthen economic activity and improve quality of life in western Canadian communities.

## **GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON**

I had the opportunity to attend the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week. Guest



Tim Cutt & Ken

speaker was Tim Cutt, President, Diamonds and Specialty Products, BHP Billiton. Timothy's current responsibilities include the ongoing development of the Ekati Diamond Mine, the execution of the Jansen Potash Mine Project and building a world-class business for BHP Billiton.

EHP Billiton Ltd.'s ambition is to build new potash mines in Saskatchewan. The Jansen project, which is east of Lanigan, would be the largest potash mine in the province if developed, producing a maximum of eight million tons per year of the fertilizer staple.

The demand for additional mines in Saskatchewan is growing and EHP feels there is potential for more mines in our province.

EHP Canada's head office, which relocated to downtown Saskatoon from Vancouver earlier this year, continues to grow and is about 70 per cent staffed. The corporation has invested \$2 billion so far in its Saskatchewan potash exploration and projects.

## **PROVINCE LAUNCHES SASKATCHEWAN INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Today, I attended another positive announcement at the U of S with my colleague, the Honourable Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.

The Provincial Government has committed \$3 million in new funding to create the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship program for post-secondary students, to match funding raised by post-secondary institutions through private sector and community-based partners.

"This scholarship will provide Saskatchewan students with additional opportunities to access the education and training they need to pursue their career goals and participate in the provincial economy," Minister Rob Norris said.

We have designed the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship to be responsive and flexible to meet the needs of students, while placing an emphasis on innovation and excellence," Norris said.

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## **BATTLE OF THE BLADES**



The hit show Battle of the Blades is back and we need your help to donate \$100,000 to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan!

Here's how:

Vote using your Facebook from 5 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Phone 1-877-844-8153 Here is a link with more information about the voting  
<http://www.cbc.ca/battle/vote/faq.html>

Be sure to like Curtis and Elena on Facebook to keep update on their day to day activities!

<http://www.facebook.com/home#!/pages/Elena-Berezhnaya-Curtis-Leschyshyn/106106402830190>

## **FLU CLINICS STARTING OCTOBER 11 ACROSS THE PROVINCE**

The Government of Saskatchewan is encouraging residents to stay healthy this winter by getting a flu shot. Saskatchewan's publicly-funded seasonal influenza immunizations will be available across the province beginning October 11, 2011. As in the previous year, the publicly-funded seasonal influenza vaccine will be available, free of charge, through public health clinics and physicians offices to any resident who wants to receive it.

Vaccination is particularly recommended for persons at higher risk of becoming seriously ill with influenza such as adults 65 and over, persons with a chronic health condition or severe obesity, pregnant women and children from six months to 23 months (under two years of age). Vaccination is also recommended for individuals in close contact with those at high risk of influenza-related complications.

Pharmacies and some health care providers may be selling influenza vaccine directly or providing it as part of workplace health programs. Saskatchewan Ministry of Health will not reimburse individuals or businesses for influenza vaccine purchased privately.

To find the nearest flu clinic, residents can contact their public health office, physician, and regional health authority or call HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002. Information on clinics will be available on the websites of regional health authorities and information on this year's influenza immunization program is available on the Ministry of Health website [www.health.gov.sk.ca](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca).

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## **GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY**



I had the pleasure of representing Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Enterprise as the federal and provincial governments showed their support for Genome Prairie in working with the University of Saskatchewan, Contango Strategies Ltd. and Cameco Corporation on an initiative to develop and commercialize innovative technology that will help minimize environmental impacts and associated reclamation costs in uranium mining and milling industries.

I had the opportunity, along with Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification to announce a combined investment of almost \$1.5 million toward the creation of new software for Microbial Assessment for Value-Added, Environmental, and Natural Resources (MAVEN).

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## **NEW SPECIALIST DIRECTORY EMPOWERS PATIENTS WITH INFORMATION**

Saskatchewan patients and family doctors now have an exciting new tool to help them identify surgical options.

Health Minister Don McMorris joined two Saskatchewan physician leaders to unveil and demonstrate a new generation of the province's innovative Specialist Directory. It can help patients and family doctors easily search for a surgeon based on wait times, procedures performed or the location where the patient wishes to have surgery.

The Specialist Directory is available at [www.health.gov.sk.ca/specialists](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/specialists).

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## **JUNO AWARDS 2013 BACK IN SASKATCHEWAN**

The Junos are running back to Saskatchewan.

Regina will host the 42nd annual Canadian music awards in 2013, organizers have announced.

It will be the Junos' first visit to the Queen City, but not to the province. The 2007 awards were handed out in Saskatoon.

Juno week in Regina will be held from April 15 to 21, 2013. Typically, the celebration includes a music festival, fan fair, hockey game and other activities in addition to the Sunday night awards gala, which will be televised as usual on CTV.

The 2012 Juno Awards and festivities will take place in Ottawa from March 26 to April 1, 2012. Nominees won't be announced until the New Year.

## **WHL RIDE FOR THE KIDS RAISED \$150,000!**



Congratulations to supporters, volunteers and participants of the WHL Ride. The dedication and hard work of the Western Hockey League and the five Saskatchewan clubs who made the WHL Ride for the Kids such a fantastic success was evident. The volunteers raised an amazing \$150,000 for the children of Saskatchewan. I encourage everyone to celebrate this great achievement at the Saskatoon Blades game at CUC on September 30.

## **ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$6 MILLION TO ADD SURGERY BEDS**

Province/Foundation Partnership Means More Surgeries for Patients.

Surgical capacity is expanding in Saskatoon to help provide patients with more surgeries, more quickly.

The Saskatchewan government is providing \$4.7 million for a new 18-bed surgical recovery unit at St. Paul's Hospital. The St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is contributing an additional \$1,975,000. The funding will help Saskatoon Health Region provide more surgeries and reduce surgical wait times.

The new unit will support the latest patient care and safety requirements. It will be designed based upon current standards for infection control and safety and will include 18 single-patient rooms with wheelchair accessible washrooms, patient lifts in each room and two negative pressure rooms. The unit will be designed using "lean" principles, meaning reduced steps and movement required by caregivers, and a streamlined planning and construction process resulting in a faster timeline than normal from initiation to completion. Planning sessions with frontline staff, managers, and support services were held in July and August to provide input on potential room and design concepts.

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## **GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE REACHES MORE THAN \$732 MILLION**

The provincial government has kept its promise to pump new capital funding into Saskatchewan's health system Health Minister Don McMorris said.

Since November 2007, the government has invested \$732.2 million in capital projects, including:

- planning and renovation/construction of health facilities
- advance funding for the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan
- replacement of 13 outdated long-term care homes
- purchase of medical, surgical and diagnostic equipment
- building maintenance and repairs
- upgrades to safety and information systems

The Ministry of Health and health regions are also exploring innovative ways to improve the way health care services are provided, and the layout of facilities, using "lean" quality improvement methods. The adoption of such lean principles as simplifying processes, eliminating errors and focusing on the needs of clients helps ensure that the design and operation of health facilities supports the delivery of safe, high quality, accessible care in a cost-effective way.

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## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person’s determination.”

Tommy Lasorda

## JUST THE HEADLINES – [www.gov.sk.ca/news](http://www.gov.sk.ca/news)

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Sep. 26, 2011 - [GOVERNMENT PARTNERS WITH SASKATCHEWAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE FUNDING](#)

## SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

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### **Premier - Saskatchewan's Wine, Spirits and Specialty Food Show**

When: Oct 1, 2011

Where: TCU Place, 35 - 22nd St E, Saskatoon

Details: Sample fine wines and spirits from around the world and taste gourmet Saskatchewan-made foods prepared by our province's leading chefs. The festival supports Autism Services. Click here for more information.

Sep 29, 2011 to Oct 01, 2011.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lows in Motion**

When: Oct 1, 2011

Where: Praireland Park, Hall A

Details: This year's event is proud to host comedian Gerry Dee. For more information visit [www.lowsinmotion.com](http://www.lowsinmotion.com)

### **Living Well with Lupus**

When: October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

Where: Smiley's Buffet & Catering, Banquet Room B 702 Circle Drive E. Saskatoon SK

Details: A symposium designed to address the needs of youth and adults with lupus. Contact information: Irene Driedger at 1-877-566-6123 or [idriedger@sasktel.net](mailto:idriedger@sasktel.net) or Marianne Weber 306-693-6368 or [lupus@lupussk.com](mailto:lupus@lupussk.com)

### **“DRESS for the CAUSE”**

When: Oct 28, 2011

Where: All over Canada

Details: Dress for the Cause is an annual event, held this year on Friday, October 28th, to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Breast Cancer Society of Canada is asking companies, schools, organizations and clubs to participate in this event by recruiting their employees, clientele, teachers, students and members to donate to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada and *Dress for the Cause!*

This year we are asking participants to show their support by wearing our "support bra" t-shirts. While our ultimate goal is to see breast cancer eliminated, our short term goal is to see as many men and women wearing pink bras in support of the cause. So let's get dressed and *let's get fundraising!*  
*Visit: [dressforthecause.ca](http://dressforthecause.ca)*

## **Provincial General Election**

When: Nov 7, 2011

## **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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