



## From a Provincial Point of View

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### HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO RCMP CONSTABLE DEREK PINEO'S FAMILY

I join Premier Brad Wall, the Honourable Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections and Policing, my colleagues in the Legislature and the people of Saskatchewan to express my deepest condolences to the family of RCMP Constable Derek Pineo who died while on duty.

We take great pride in the fact that Saskatchewan is considered the home of the RCMP and its members are an important part of the fabric of our communities. As a result, a tragedy such as this is felt by every one of us.

The people of Saskatchewan recognize and appreciate the dedicated members of the RCMP and other police services who work hard to make our province a safer place to live.

### EXPANDING MOOSE POPULATION

As Minister of Environment, I am working with officials to look for ways to look at options to control moose population numbers. Despite the challenges of understanding complete moose numbers and distribution, I have asked ministry staff to provide options on how we can be more aggressive in reducing moose numbers. Where moose numbers appear to be increasing, and where moose encounters and conflicts are increasing, the annual hunter harvest will continue to increase.

The Ministry of Environment recognizes that moose have been gradually expanding their range southward within the province over the past 30 years. The moose population has now increased where people are seeing them consistently in southern farmland areas. We estimate 50,000 moose in the province. Approximately 10 per cent of the population is located in the southern farmland.

Many people enjoy the benefits of wildlife and are pleased to see moose return to southern Saskatchewan, we need to strike a balance when we set licence numbers. The number of licences issued has increased. This season 4,840 licences were issued across the province with 2,650 in the south. That is an increase of 455 licences given out in that region of the province.

The Ministry staff will be working with SGI officials to examine the wildlife collisions in the province.

### INTEGRATED WATER SASKATCHEWAN

The Government of Saskatchewan is a step closer to the implementation of a comprehensive water management plan that will integrate activities that are necessary to the management and protection of water in this province.

A second phase of public consultations will be completed this summer and it is anticipated that the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan will be announced this fall.

"Saskatchewan is a province of 100,000 lakes and rivers and the stewardship of this invaluable natural resource is paramount during this time of unprecedented population and economic growth," Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Ken Cheveldayoff said. "A strategic, 25-year vision will ensure that our province's abundant water supply is secure now and in the years to come."

The 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan consultation document has been posted online at [www.swa.ca](http://www.swa.ca). All members of the public are invited to provide their input until August 31. After this second round of feedback is considered, the strategic, multi-year plan will be implemented by a new water agency - Integrated Water Saskatchewan (IWS).

[Government Takes Next Step in the Development of 25 Year Water Strategy](#)

## **PROVINCE'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK CHANGES**

Moody's Investors Services has changed the outlook on Saskatchewan's credit rating to Aa1 (positive) from Aa1 (stable).

"The change in the outlook for Saskatchewan's Aa1 rating reflects the ongoing improvement in the province's financial position that is expected to continue," the agency said.

The news was welcomed by Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Ken Krawetz who said that the change confirms the province's improving fiscal and financial position.

"Saskatchewan continues to move in the right direction," Krawetz said. "While the volatile world economy provides challenges, Saskatchewan continues to outperform other provinces and countries that are running deficits and adding billions of dollars of debt. Last year the province paid down government debt by \$327.6 million.

[Province Receives Outlook Change](#)

## **SOCIAL HOUSING CHANGES TO HELP MORE PEOPLE IN NEED**

Saskatchewan citizens facing the greatest housing need will soon have better access to social housing thanks to program changes announced today in Saskatoon.

"It is our responsibility to make sure that Saskatchewan people with the greatest housing need, such as those fleeing domestic violence, or those struggling with homelessness, low-income, or a permanent disability, have better access to the Social Housing Program," Social Services Minister June Draude said. "These changes will help make room in our social housing for those truly in need by encouraging people with adequate resources to move into the private market."

"Saskatchewan's Social Housing Program hasn't significantly changed since the 1950s," Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Board Chair Keith Hanson said. "These changes are necessary when you consider how much Saskatchewan's housing market has evolved over the past several years and factor in our record-level population growth."

[Social Housing Changes to Help More People in Need](#)

## **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SASKATCHEWAN SUMMER GAMES**

The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to support the Saskatchewan Summer Games. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Games. This year's games will take place in the City of Meadow Lake from July 29 to August 4.

"The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Saskatchewan Games reveals how highly our province values sport and recreation," Parks, Culture, and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to have helped the City of Meadow Lake upgrade its sporting facilities in preparation for the Summer Games. The upgrades will serve the City of Meadow Lake for years to come. These venues are important places where people can play, compete, and socialize."

I look forward to attending the summer games in Meadow Lake. I know the community along with the summer games committee has worked hard to organize hosting this great event. My daughter Paige is excited to have the opportunity to participate in the summer games.

For more information on the 40<sup>th</sup> Saskatchewan Summer Games in Meadow Lake visit:

<http://www.saskgames.ca/summer/2012>

[40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Saskatchewan Summer Games Kicks Off](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN ATHLETES COMPETE FOR GOLD**

The Government of Saskatchewan congratulates the Saskatchewan athletes who will compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. Seven athletes from our province qualified to compete.

These athletes are Kaylyn Kyle (soccer, Saskatoon), Cory Niefer (shooting-Air Rifle, Saskatoon), Kelly Parker (soccer, Saskatoon), Krista Phillips (basketball, Saskatoon), Reuben Ross (diving, Pilot Butte), Brianne Theisen (heptathlon, Humboldt) and Rachelle Viinberg (rowing, Regina).

"I can't wait to watch our Saskatchewan athletes compete in the upcoming Summer Olympic Games," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "These competitors are role models and ambassadors. They help build pride in our province and share Saskatchewan's story with the world."

Government and its partner, Sask Sport Inc., are proud to support Saskatchewan's Olympic athletes including four who qualified for the Saskatchewan Program for Athletic Excellence.

Best of luck to all of our competitors!

[Government Wishes Saskatchewan Athletes Well at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games](#)

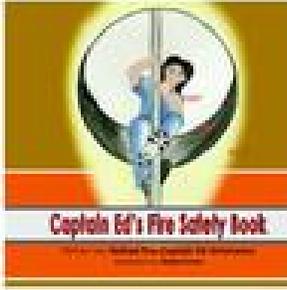
## **MARK SEPTEMBER 23 ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

On September 23 2012, the Canadian Forces will be honoured preceding the Roughrider Football game at Mosaic Stadium. The Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC), Saskatchewan's military units, and the Saskatchewan Roughriders are all working hard to make this event a great success. It will prove to be an exciting day for the citizens of Saskatchewan, and an opportunity to show the men and women of the Canadian Forces how much they are appreciated and valued.

I encourage you to join us in celebration of the sacrifices made on our behalf by the Canadian Forces and most especially the Reservists from our area who left homes and families to protect our freedom overseas, and to welcome those who have returned to safety.

## **CAPTAIN ED'S FIRE SAFETY BOOK**

We have previously featured Captain Ed's Fire Safety Book; however the book has recently been featured in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix and on the CBC Saskatchewan evening news, so we wanted to showcase the book once again.



Ed Onishenko gave 35 years of service to keep Saskatoon and area safe with the Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services. During those 35 years, Ed saw many instances of preventable fires and saw a need for a children's book, teaching children about fire safety. Captain Ed's Fire Safety Book has seen extremely positive feedback. "People are calling it awesome because it teaches kids and their families the right things to do regarding fires. Parents don't always know, and they're so busy with life, it's easy to overlook the basics," said Onishenko.

The book is fully illustrated by local artist Deidra Evans. The book and cover design are by Carey Rigby-Wilcox, with publishing by Hear My Heart Inc.

Captain Ed's Fire Safety Book sells for \$10 and can be purchased at McNally Robinson Booksellers, Indigo, Coles at Market Mall and Midtown Plaza, directly from Onishenko at 249-1971, or online through <http://hearmyheartbooks.myshopify.com/>

## **LOCAL LACROSSE TEAM HEADING TO NATIONALS**

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Peewee Lacrosse Team for successfully qualifying for the 2012 Nationals! This year's national championships are taking place August 4<sup>th</sup> in Whitby, ON. Noah Gould and Jordan Boyenko, who live in the constituency, are two of the team members participating in the event.

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring this team in their pursuit of the National Title, please contact our office and we will pass on your information to the team Manager.

## **SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE LOOKING FOR TIME CAPSULE SUGGESTIONS**

As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, a new time capsule is being produced. A committee is accepting suggestions from Saskatchewan citizens as to what should be included in the time capsule before it is placed in the cornerstone on October 11, 2012. The deadline for suggestions is September 15, 2012.

For more information call (306) 777-9261 or visit [www.opcc.gov.sk.ca/leg100](http://www.opcc.gov.sk.ca/leg100)

## **SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT – HONOURING CITIZENS**

Do you know someone who has enriched the lives of others and helped build a better society? These individuals deserve to be recognized for their achievements and contributions to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the province and its residence.

For further information on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, please visit the website at [www.ops.gov.sk.ca/Protocol](http://www.ops.gov.sk.ca/Protocol).



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Saskatchewan's population grew by 19,642 people between April 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012 - the most growth in any one-year period since 1930.
- The labour force reached an all-time high of 571,600.
- Full-time employment reached a record high of 448,400 for the month of May, up 9,800 from a year ago.

## **JUST THE HEADLINES**

- July 24, 2012 – [Record Retail Sales in May](#)
- July 24, 2012 – [2012 Council of the Federation of Literacy Award Recipient Announced](#)
- July 25, 2012 – [Province and Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon Begin Construction of New Homes for Two Partner Families](#)
- July 25, 2012 – [New Crisis Support Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#)
- July 26, 2012 – [Weekly Earning Growth Best in Canada](#)
- July 26, 2012 – [Saskatchewan Explores Collaborative Emergency Centres](#)

## **SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON**

### **Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan**

Date: July 4 to August 19, 2012

Where: Shakespeare Tent on the Saskatchewan

When: Various times

### **Toon Town Smokedown BBQ Festival**

Date: July 28 to July 29

Where: Saskatoon Farmers Market

When: For a schedule of events visit <http://saskatoonbbq.com/demos-presentations/schedule-of-events/>

### **PotashCorp Fringe Theater Festival**

Date: August 2 – August 11

Where: Broadway District

When: All-Day Event with different showtimes

Visit [www.25thstreettheater.org](http://www.25thstreettheater.org)

### **Canada Remembers Our Heroes**

Date: August 4 to August 5

Where: Auto Clearing Motor Speedway

When: 12:00pm to 6:00pm

### **Saskatoon Exhibition Parade**

Date: August 7

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

When: 10:00am start

### **Saskatoon Exhibition**

Date: August 7 to August 12

Where: Prairieland Park

When: Aug 7: 3:00pm-12:00am, Aug 8-12: 12:00pm-12:00am

### **Golf “Fore” Autism**

Date: August 9

Where: Moonlake Golf and Country Club

When: 10:30am registration

For more information contact Monica Thiel 230-3774 or visit [www.autismservices.ca](http://www.autismservices.ca)

### **FolkFest**

Date: August 16 to August 18

Where: Various Locations around Saskatoon

When: Aug 16 and 17 - 5:00pm-12:00am, Aug 18 - 3:00pm-12:00am

If you would like your event listed in **Provincial Point of View**, please contact me at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)

### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

“Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Appreciate your friends. Continue to learn. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is.”

- Mary Ann Radmacher

### **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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