



Provincial Point of View February 8, 2013

SUMA 2013 CONVENTION



Saskatoon was a hub of activity this week with hundreds of people attending the 108th Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Convention. Our government appreciates the working relationship we have with SUMA members. The Premier and the entire Cabinet were delighted to have the opportunity to interact with those attending. SUMA plays a significant role in the growth of Saskatchewan.

I had the privilege to introduce the keynote speaker, Ms. Darci Lang, on Monday morning at the opening ceremonies. Darci shared her message "Focus on the 90% - Where do you focus your magnifying glass?" Darci was a dynamic speaker and her passion filled the room. It was indeed an honour to be present for her presentation. I encourage you to visit her website at

www.darcilang.com.

Saskatchewan municipalities will continue to receive record levels of support from our government. \$264 million will be allocated in municipal revenue sharing funding in the upcoming budget. That's an 11% increase from last year and continues our commitment to providing Saskatchewan's cities, towns, villages and RMs with a long-term stable source of provincial funding. During our time in government, revenue sharing to municipalities has doubled.

Revenue sharing provides municipalities with unconditional funding they can then use to provide the programs and services a growing province needs.

Our province was well represented by outstanding leaders of our towns and cities from across the province. It was evident that these caring leaders work hard to represent their communities, making our province the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CREDIT UNION CENTRE



Tomorrow will mark the 25th Anniversary of Saskatchewan Place, now known as Credit Union Centre. On February 9, 1988, the Saskatoon Blades took on the Brandon Wheat Kings to a sold out crowd. I remember the game well as my brother played for the Brandon Wheat Kings! This February 9, our Saskatoon Blades will take on the Lethbridge Hurricanes.

To celebrate this momentous anniversary, Credit Union Centre has teamed up with the Blades to add some extra fun to the event, including: a 50/50 pot starting at \$25,000, shared with the Ronald McDonald House, Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatoon Blades Education Fund; \$250,000 Shoot Out; \$2.50 (+ fees) ticket prices for those 12 and under; \$2.50 hot dog and pop combo; 25th Anniversary pucks available for sale; pre-game ceremony; autographed Wendel Clark Saskatoon Blades jersey raffle; and everyone will receive a commemorative souvenir.

In honour of the event, the Saskatoon Blades will also be wearing the 1988 team jerseys, which you can enter to win.

I encourage everyone to head down to Credit Union Centre tomorrow, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary and cheer on the Blades. Let's see if we can sell out the arena just like they did on opening night!

NUMBER OF JOBS IN SASKATCHEWAN SOARS

Saskatchewan added nearly 25,000 jobs in January compared to the same period last year, a 4.7 per cent increase and the highest growth rate among the provinces, according to Statistics Canada.

Saskatchewan's unemployment rate fell to 4.0 per cent, to the lowest rate in Canada, the lowest level since November 2008, and well below the national average of 7.0 per cent.

"Saskatchewan is leading the nation in job creation, creating hope and opportunity for thousands of people," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "And with forecasters predicting strong economic growth for 2013 and beyond, Saskatchewan will continue to offer rewarding careers for the province's citizens and job seekers from across the country and around the world."

[Number of Jobs In Saskatchewan Soars](#)

MOVING FORWARD WITH GOALS FROM THE PLAN FOR GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan's economy remains one of the strongest in the country, if not the world. Major economic forecasters are predicting we will be number two in Canada in terms of economic growth this year. At 1,086,054, we are well on our way to achieving one of the key goals of the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth: a population of 1.2 million by 2020. A strong economy has allowed our government to invest in programs and services that are improving the quality of life for all Saskatchewan people.

With our next budget just around the corner, our government is committed to keeping another one of the goals of the Growth Plan: balanced budgets. The 2013-14 budget will be balanced, but there are several factors we are taking into consideration as we work toward that goal.

Another way we are taking action to keep the goals outlined in the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth is by moving forward in partnership with the U of S and PCS to provide \$50 million in funding by 2020 to address the increasing global demand for safe, reliable food. In addition to announcing the appointment of the CEO last month, this week we announced the appointment of three new directors to the founding board of the GIFS. With its abundance of natural resources, Saskatchewan is well-suited to play a significant role as a secure source of food to meet the needs of a hungry world.

SASKATCHEWAN'S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AGENCY ANNOUNCED

Today, the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Kevin Doherty announced that legislation will be introduced this spring to establish Creative Saskatchewan - a new agency that will assist in bringing Saskatchewan's creative talent to market. A \$1 million transition fund will support Saskatchewan projects until the new Creative Saskatchewan agency is launched later in 2013. Developed through on-going creative industry consultation, Creative Saskatchewan will work collaboratively with sector organizations and will assist creative entrepreneurs with all aspects of bringing their products to market and, in the case of the film sector, also support production. For information on the new Creative Saskatchewan program, visit www.artsboard.sk.ca/grants/citf.

SASKATCHEWANDERER COMPETITION KICKS OFF THIRD YEAR



On February 4, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty announced the Saskatchewanwanderer marketing project will continue for a third year. Hiring for the 'best summer job ever' starts next week.

"The Saskatchewanwanderer project has been popular and we are proud to continue it," Doherty said. "The social media aspect engages Saskatchewan residents and truly celebrates our province which is our ministry's mandate. We might issue a challenge or two to this year's Wanderer to shake things up, but you'll have to follow him or her to see what that entails."

The Saskatchewanwanderer is a summer student position designed to market and raise awareness of Saskatchewan. The job requires the student to travel around the province and blog about their adventures through writing, photos and video.

Students who are interested can apply at www.saskatchewanwanderer.ca. Submissions will be accepted from February 13 to March 1 at noon.

[Saskatchewanwanderer Competition Kicks Off Third Year](#)

SASKATCHEWAN HOME TO FASTEST GROWING, YOUNGEST CITIES IN CANADA

Saskatoon and Regina were the fastest growing and youngest cities among census metropolitan areas (CMAs) between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012, according to a report released February 6, by

Statistics Canada.

Saskatoon secured top spot for growth for the third year in a row, jumping by a rate of 40.4 persons per thousand of population. This was the strongest annual growth rate of any CMA in 15 years. Saskatoon was also the youngest city among CMAs, with a median age of 34.9 years.

"It is no secret that this province is experiencing unprecedented population growth, and the strength of our Saskatchewan people can be thanked for that," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said.

"Both Saskatoon and Regina abound with job opportunities and business confidence, making these cities ideal locations to live, work and invest."

[Saskatchewan Home to Fastest Growing, Youngest Cities in Canada](#)

GOVERNMENT WORKPLACE RECOGNIZED AS A TOP EMPLOYER IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Government of Saskatchewan has been selected by a national selection panel as one of *Saskatchewan's Top Employers* in 2013.

"I'm pleased and proud that the Government of Saskatchewan workplace has been recognized for providing employees with an excellent environment in which to build their careers," Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission Nancy Heppner said. "Working for our province is a rewarding experience, and we are committed to ensuring our employees feel welcome, respected and engaged."

[Government Workplace Recognized as a Top Employer in Saskatchewan](#)

PREMIER APPOINTS LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIES

Premier Brad Wall today appointed a number of new Legislative Secretaries with responsibilities for specific important policy areas.

"By making these appointments, we are aligning the depth of talent and experience in our caucus with the priorities and challenges facing our government," Wall said. "I know that each of these MLAs will provide a valuable service to their Minister, to the government and most importantly, to the people of Saskatchewan."

I am very pleased to have Mr. Bradshaw join our team in the Ministry of Environment. We look

forward to working with him.

[Premier Appoints Legislative Secretaries](#)

2013 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SASKATCHEWAN INDOOR GAMES

Congratulation to all of the students who participated in the 2013 Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games. It was great to see all of our constituency schools place in the Relay Events on February 1!

STEP UP TO STRIKE OUT BULLYING

Bullying has become almost epidemic in today's schools. When bullying occurs, both parties suffer. To help put an end to bullying, Big Brothers Big Sisters Canada has released a survey to see how people believe bullying effects our children, called "Step Up to Strike Out Bullying."

The survey grouped together Manitoba and Saskatchewan and from the two provinces 63% of people said they were bullied as a child or teenager. Of this, 80% said they were teased in a manner to humiliate, 67% experienced verbal abuse or taunting, 31% were shoved, slapped, hit, or beaten, and 2% experienced online ridicule and humiliation.

Of the survey respondents, 23% said they believed they would have benefited from a Big Brother/Big Sister Mentor. The mentors help those being bullied cope with their situation by growing their self-confidence and caring for others. They also work to stop bullying at the source, with the bully. Mentors work with those bullying by helping to reduce other negative behaviours that often go hand-in-hand with bullying, such as: lack of interest in school, truancy, low self-esteem, and drug and alcohol abuse.

If you would like to participate in the Big Brother/ Big Sister Canada program to help change the life of a child or teen for the better, please visit their website at www.bbssaskatoon.org to learn more about the organization and fill out a volunteer form.

Let's work together to put an end to bullying in our communities and start a brighter, happier future for our children.

BUST A MOVE FOR BREAST HEALTH SASKATOON



Bust a Move for Breast Health Saskatoon officially kicked off February 5. The event started in 2010 in Halifax and has since expanded to seven cities across Canada.

Bust a Move for Breast Health is a community fundraiser celebrating positive achievements for breast health. Participants sign up as singles or a team, commit to raising \$1,000 and celebrate their accomplishments on event day with six exercise sessions. While event day is a challenge, it is truly a celebration of the community coming together for a life-saving cause.

Our Saskatoon Bust a Move for Breast Health will be held on April 12, 2014 at the Saskatoon Field House. To register, donate, or volunteer you can visit [BaM Saskatoon](#). I encourage you to participate in this excellent event over the next year and work toward better breast health for all of the women in your life.

[ICE CYCLE 2013](#)



Ice Cycle 2013 will be taking place this Sunday, February 10 at 12:00 pm. The annual event's aim is to celebrate safe year-round bicycling, through education and a special bike parade.

Beginning at noon, Saskatoon Cycles will be providing a winter cycling workshop. From 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm there will be judging for best individual costume, group costume, and best cargo bike or trailer. After the judging, the "Coldest Bicycle Parade on Earth" will begin followed by live music and door prizes inside the Saskatoon Farmers' Market.

This event is a great way to educate yourself on winter cycling and I encourage you to go and see what it is all about! For more information on the event visit www.saskatooncycles.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Saskatoon is home to 30% of Canada's Ag Bio-Tech industry
- The first genetically modified commercial canola variety and first genetically engineered animal vaccine were developed in the Saskatoon cluster

- Well over 2,000 researchers from over 20 different countries have used the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron
- The Synchrotron has been used to study the elements found in dinosaur bones. It has also been used to help determine the manner of death of 18th century Royal Navy sailors, whose remains were uncovered in Antigua

JUST THE LINKS

- February 4, 2013 - [Reports on Losses Tabled](#)
- February 5, 2013 - [Global Institute for Food Security Announces Founding Board and Senior Management Appointment](#)
- February 7, 2013 - [First Land Sale of 2013 Yields \\$11.9 Million in Revenue](#)
- February 8, 2013 - [Highest Merchandise Exports in Saskatchewan History](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

PotashCorp WinterShines

Date: January 26 to February 10

When: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm weekdays, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Saturdays, and 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sundays

Where: Various Saskatoon Locations

<http://potashcorpwintershines.ca/>

Saskatoon Wellness Expo 2013

Date: February 8 to February 10

When: Friday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Where: Prairieland Park

General Admission \$10, Seniors and Students \$8, Kids 14 and under Free when accompanied by and adult

WUHCA Soccer and Softball Registration

Date: February 12 and February 28

When: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Centennial Collegiate

2013 Speedo Western Canadian Swimming Championship

Date: February 14 to February 17

Where: Shaw Centre

Time: Visit [Swimming Canada](#) for event schedule

Wounded Warriors Presents "The Heart of Country" Fundraiser Concert

Date: February 15

When: 8:00 pm

Where: Broadway Theater

<http://www.picatic.com/theheartofcountry>

Cameco Family Day Skating Party

Date: February 18

When: All Day

Where: Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink at PotashCorp Plaza

Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Open House for Ages 5 to 10

Date: February 24

When: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Where: SaskTel Sports Centre

Must register online. For registration click [here](#)

Saskatoon Blues Festival

Date: February 25 to March 3

When: Various times

Where: Various Venues

For a full schedule of events please visit www.saskatoonbluessociety.ca

Saskatoon Sports and Leisure Show

Date: February 28 to March 3

When: February 28th - 6:00pm - 10:00pm, March 1st - 12:00pm - 9:00pm, March 2nd - 10:00am - 9:00pm, March 3rd - 10:00am - 5:00pm

Where: Prairieland park

EACCA Spring Registration

Date: March 4

When: 7:00 pm

Where: Dr. John G. Egnatoff School

Registration for Kindersport, Soccer, Softball, and Tennis

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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

"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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