



## Provincial Point of View January 11, 2013

### SASKATOON BUILDING PERMITS FOR 2012 BREAK RECORD

The City of Saskatoon is breaking growth records as we see building permits valued at more than \$1 billion, breaking the record set in 2011 of \$937 million. A record total of permits were issued in 2012 numbering at 5,196 surpassing 2011's 4,651. Approximately 80% of permits issued and 60% of construction values were for residential projects.

Saskatchewan continues to see astounding growth. The building permit numbers in Saskatoon are an indication of the strong economy that continues to attract more people to our city and province making this a great place to live, work and raise a family.

### SASK EXPORTS CONTINUE TO SET RECORD

Numbers released by Statistics Canada today show the province's merchandise exports were up 7.7 per cent for the first eleven months of 2012, compared to the same period in 2011. This landed Saskatchewan in second place among the provinces and sets a new year-to-date record.

"Strong export numbers are an indicator of our province's economic strength," Minister responsible for Trade Tim McMillan said. "November's statistics are encouraging and show that our province is on track to have a record year in terms of export gains."

[Sask Exports Continue to Set Record](#)

### RECORD SPONSORSHIP FUNDING FOR SASKATOON PRAIRIELAND PARK

January 7, during the first day of the Crop Production Show, Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart announced a sponsorship of \$125,000 over five years for Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation.

**This funding of \$25,000 per year is a record amount and nearly 10 times the amount provided to Prairieland Park in sponsorships in 2007.**

**This funding will support agriculture events such as the Crop Production Show, Junior Ag Showcase, Ag Experience, Youth Leadership, Western Canadian Dairy Expo and the Saskatoon Fall Fair.**

**"The events hosted by Saskatoon Prairieland Park are integral to bringing the agriculture industry together, showcasing new innovations and providing opportunities for our youth to learn more about agriculture," Stewart said. "These shows play an important role in raising the profile of our agriculture industry and ensuring Saskatchewan remains a global agriculture leader in the future."**

[Record Sponsorship Funding for Saskatoon Prairieland Park](#)

### **PROVINCE ANNOUNCES MORE SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME**

**The Government of Saskatchewan is continuing to enhance its victim services with the addition of two new Victim/Witness Services offices located in Meadow Lake and the Battlefords. The announcement was made Thursday, January 10, by Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant in Meadow Lake.**

**"We are very pleased to be able to offer greater access for children and other vulnerable witnesses who have to testify in court," Wyant said. "A critical part of the healing process is to provide timely and accessible supports for those who need it most."**

[Province Announces More Support for Victims of Crime](#)

### **2012 KETTLE CAMPAIGN A GREAT SUCCESS**



Congratulations to the Saskatoon Salvation Army and everyone who contributed to the 2012 Kettle Campaign! This year the Kettle Campaign raised \$275,000 in Saskatoon and \$987,492 collectively throughout the province.

### **GOVERNMENT INVESTS \$6.5 MILLION INTO CROP RESEARCH**

Thursday, January 10, Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart announced \$6.5 million in funding for 38 crop-related research projects.

"The crop research being done in Saskatchewan helps keep Canadian agriculture growing and contributing to a strong economy," said Ritz. "These projects will help improve methods of crop disease control and weather tolerance that will make Saskatchewan farmers more productive and profitable."

"Saskatchewan has a reputation as a leader in crop production and research and these new projects will help to ensure this continues to be the case," Stewart said. "These projects will help to achieve goals set out in our Growth Plan and help our farmers meet the growing world demand

for safe, reliable agriculture products."

[Government Invests \\$6.5 Million into Crop Research](#)

### **JIMMY'S LAW COMES INTO EFFECT**

New regulations for late-night retailers came into effect Tuesday, January 9. Named "Jimmy's Law", after Jimmy Wiebe, who was killed while working a late night shift at a gas station in Yorkton, the new regulations provide protection for workers at retail stores who provide service between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am. Under the regulations, retail stores include businesses such as gas stations, but not hotels, food, or alcohol services.

### **OLYMPIC SOCCER CAPTAIN CHRISTINE SINCLAIR TO VISIT SASKATOON**



Xtratime Sports Soccer Locker will be hosting the captain of Canada's Olympic bronze medal-winning soccer team on January 20. Christine Sinclair will be joined in Saskatoon by local hero, Kaylyn Kyle, as the store celebrates its grand re-opening.

With support from Saskatoon Youth Soccer, the two Olympians will also be on hand for Saskatoon Youth Soccer's annual SISCO Girls Premier Tournament taking place January 18-20. The two will also play in a special friendly exhibition game with the U18 girls national champs, the Eastside Vortex, on Sunday, January 20, beginning at 11:45 am at the SaskTel Sports Centre.

A public autograph session will take place on January 20 at 2:00 pm at Xtratime Sports Soccer Locker, on 2nd Ave N. Cameras will be welcome at both the soccer game as well as at the autograph session.

### **SWITCH PAMPER NIGHT DONATIONS NEEDED**

SWITCH (Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health) is a student managed interdisciplinary wellness project that provides after-hours health care at West Side Community Clinic in Saskatoon. Students from nine disciplines volunteer along-side professional health providers, mentors, First Nations Elders and First Nations community leaders to help those who drop in with any health issues and support.

Once a year, SWITCH puts on a spa night for the women of Saskatoon. The organization arranges for hair styling, massages, nail treatments, and childcare. It is a great night for women to come together to support one another.

SWITCH is looking for donations to help make this night a great success. Beauty products, hair products, bras, children's activity books and crayons are needed to help make the spa night a success. If you would like to donate any of these items you can drop them off at the SWITCH office at 1528 22nd Street West, Monday between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Wednesday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

SWITCH is also always looking for people to donate everyday items, for a list of those please call 956-2518.

### **SASKATOON CONCORDES**



**Congratulations to the Saskatoon Concordes team for representing Saskatchewan and Canada at the Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament in Las Vegas this past October.**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- **In response to the Provincial Auditor report of October 2012, school divisions will have to provide a minimum of 950 hours of instruction time to students - prior to this there was no prescribed time of instruction.**
- **School divisions will have the flexibility to modify the length of their school day as long as the day does not contain less than five hours of instructional time, non-instructional time, or a combination of both.**
- **Boards of Education usually consult with their staff, their local teachers' association, the school community council, and at times community members in planning their upcoming school year.**

### **JUST THE LINKS**

- **January 11, 2013 - [Global Institute for Food Security Welcomes International Leader](#)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Xtratime Sports Soccer Locker Grand Re-Opening with Christine Sinclair and Kaylyn Kyle**

**Date:** January 20

**When:** 2:00 pm autograph session

**Where:** 477 2nd Ave. North

### **Hope for Malawi: Bringing Hope to Life Book Launch**

**Date:** January 23

**When:** 7:00 pm

**Where:** McNally Robinson, Travel Alcove

### **Wounded Warriors Presents "The Heart of Country" Fundraiser Concert**

**Date:** February 15

**When:** 8:00 pm

**Where:** Broadway Theater

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

### **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/>

## **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein

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## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

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