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Provincial Point of View July 26, 2013

RECORD RETAIL SALES LEAD THE NATION

Saskatchewan's retail sales totaled \$1.6 billion in May 2013, the highest ever for the month of May and an increase of 5.0 per cent (seasonally adjusted) from the previous month.

This is the highest percentage increase in Canada, according to a Statistics Canada report released July 23.

“Saskatchewan’s growing economy, rising consumer confidence and positive job market have contributed to record-level retail sales,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “It’s clear why we’re seeing this increase. Job numbers are up, wages are up, and there’s more money for shoppers to spend which is good news for the province’s retailers.”

[Record Retail Sales Lead the Nation](#)

GOLFER GRAHAM DELAET SIGNS ON AS SASKATCHEWAN AMBASSADOR



While Graham DeLaet focused on his game at the 2013 RBC Canadian Open this week, he wants PGA fans to “think Saskatchewan” as they watch the biggest golf event in Canada at the Glen Abbey Golf Club outside of Toronto.

DeLaet has signed on as an ambassador for his home province in a project launched July 23, by the Saskatchewan Ambassador Alliance – a group of private-sector companies that have come together to promote Saskatchewan outside its borders as a good place to live, work and do business. As the Alliance’s first ambassador, he will sport the thinksask.ca logo on his golf shirt to promote the province on the greens and TV screens, helping to drive visitors to the provincial government’s promotional website of that name.

“Saskatchewan is experiencing unprecedented growth but we cannot be complacent,” Premier Brad Wall said at a news conference at Glen Abbey. “We should be pursuing innovative new ways to promote our province. I want to thank the Saskatchewan companies for piloting the Ambassador initiative with Graham. He has been getting a lot of TV time lately as a one of the world's top ranked golfers and now he with his branding will have some wondering: What is thinksask.ca?”

[Golfer Graham DeLaet Signs on as Saskatchewan Ambassador](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TO CONSULT ON THE SASKATCHEWAN
EMPLOYMENT ACT REGULATIONS**

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to seek feedback on *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

From July 23 to September 27, the government will begin consultation on *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* regulations. The Act consolidates 12 pieces of labour legislation into one updated and comprehensive Act that protects workers, promotes growth and increases accountability.

“Now that *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* has been passed, there is a need to modernize the related regulations,” Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Don Morgan said. “We want to continue our consultation process with the people of Saskatchewan by getting input on the regulations.”

[Saskatchewan Government to Consult on the Saskatchewan Employment Act Regulations](#)

SASKATOON TRANSIT TURNS 100!



On Wednesday, July 24, Saskatoon Transit celebrated a milestone. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Saskatoon Transit.

Saskatoon Transit began with a dozen street cars on January 1, 1913 with over 5000 people riding transit that day - 5 cents for adults and 3 cents for children! Now Saskatoon Transit has grown to

have more than 150 buses in their fleet on the streets of Saskatoon.

To celebrate, Saskatoon Transit held a BBQ downtown and everyone rode the bus for free Wednesday.

Congratulations to everyone at Saskatoon Transit for reaching this momentous milestone!

SASKATCHEWAN WAGE INCREASE ALMOST DOUBLE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Average weekly earnings in Saskatchewan increased 4.8 per cent in May 2013 compared to May 2012. The increase was almost twice the national average of 2.5 per cent and the second highest among the provinces.

Average weekly earnings in the province were \$941.53 in May, well ahead of the \$914.68 posted nationally.

“One of the most significant measures of economic progress remains the amount of money people take home on payday,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “Earnings in Saskatchewan are rising – that’s because there’s more opportunities for better-paying employment.”

[Saskatchewan Wage Increase Almost Double National Average](#)

NORTH SASK U-16 FOOTBALL TEAM



Congratulations to the North Sask U-16 Football Team for placing fourth at the Red River Cup in Winnipeg!

Our constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs was well represented on this team. Of the 40 man roster, 11 of the players reside in our constituency: #2 Spencer Armstrong (DB), #10 Dawson Dunlop (DB), #16 Ryan Kleiter (WR), #34 Bailey Taylor (RB), #45 Josh Penner (LB), #47 Logan Bitz (DB), #57 Jessie Grieman (DL), #60 Chace Klassen (OL), #63 Josh Kehler (OL), and #64 Brett Moroz (OL). Two coaches, Harvey Kelher and Tyler Baier, the General Manager Jeff Taylor, and Equipment Manager Bonnie Bitz also live in our constituency.

What an incredible experience for the team to have competed against the best U-16 football players in Western Canada at the new Investors Group Field - home of the Blue Bombers!

During the tournament, #60 Chace Klassen was named one of the five North Sask players to be named to the tournament all-star team! Keep up the good work and I am sure we will see many of this North Sask team in our Green and White in the coming years.

[BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE CRIME GOES SOCIAL](#)

Creating positive community engagement will reduce crime in Saskatchewan communities. Leaders throughout the province can now access tools and best practices to build community safety and wellness on the new Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime (BPRC) website: www.saskbprc.com.

The website was developed by the Government of Saskatchewan's nine human services ministries, the RCMP and the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police (SACP).

"We are looking forward to this new phase in our ability to interact with our active BPRC members across Saskatchewan and beyond," Minister responsible for Corrections and Policing Christine Tell said. "I thank all of our partners for their ongoing contributions to this new community of practice environment, and I encourage communities to join this innovative network to help reduce crime and victimization in their own backyard."

[Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime Goes Social](#)

FMG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL



The FMG Dragon Boat Festival takes place today and tomorrow in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The Festival features 45 corporate and community teams.

The event tonight begins at 6:00 pm with the 250m sprint. The Opening Ceremonies will take

place at 7:15 pm, featuring a Heart and Stroke Survivor, the "Living Sky Taiko" Japanese Drumming Group, and the "Waking the Dragon with the Dotting of the Eye" Opening Ceremony.

Saturday's events begin with breakfast from the Coachman at 7:00 am to 10:00 am. Racing gets underway at 8:00 am with the final heat at 2:00 pm. Entertainment and vendors are open throughout the day as well. Closing Ceremonies begin at 4:30 pm and include a Heart and Stroke speaker, contest results, and the trophy presentations.

I hope you are able to make it down to Rotary Park to show your support for this great event. Take your family out to cheer on the Dragon Boat teams.

A special thank you to the organizers and volunteers.

GRANT ALLOCATION HELP PRESERVE SASKATCHEWAN HERITAGE

The Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation continues to preserve our province's heritage and history by working with individuals and communities. On July 24, the foundation announced its first grant adjudication for the 2013-14 fiscal year, allocating a total of \$170,000 to 17 heritage conservation projects.

“Projects supported through the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation benefit our province and our quality of life by promoting our past, educating future generations, and creating a sense of pride in our province’s rich history,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. “By working together to preserve our cultural heritage, we also create tourism opportunities and help grow our province.”

[Grant Allocations Help Preserve Saskatchewan Heritage](#)

SASKATOON HOLLANDIA GREMIO U-12 SOCCER TEAM UP FOR 2013 BMO TEAM OF THE WEEK!



The Saskatoon Hollandia Gremio U-12 soccer team has been named the first of fifteen finalists across the country for the 2013 BMO Team of the Week contest. The U-12 team is the first team from Saskatchewan to be named as a finalist in the two years that the BMO Team of the Week contest has been held.

Hollandia Gremio was selected not only for their skills and achievements on the field, but as well for their community involvement and charitable contributions in their attempt to raise Breast Cancer Awareness. Last year, the group raised \$1,750 which was donated to cancer research and have already donated \$500 this year toward the same cause.

If the team wins, they will receive \$125,000 to put towards the SaskTel Sports Centre, \$5,000 to donate to two charities of their choice, which they have decided will be Kid's Sport and Breast Cancer Research, and a trip to go to a pro soccer game.

By being named the grand prize winner of the 2013 BMO Team of the Week, the recognition would help Saskatoon and Saskatchewan take a big step forward in becoming more competitive with other province and cities throughout the nation. I hope that this group can be the first of many girls and boys that start finding success on the national scale.

I encourage you to visit www.bmosoccer.com. Once there, click on "register" to becoming a registered voter. Each registered voter may vote once per day between August 9 to 15.

Good luck U-12 Hollandia Gremio!

POTASHCORP FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL



Another highlight of our Saskatoon summer is the PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival. From August 1 through 10, the Broadway District will be a hub of activity. This fantastic summer event features free entertainment on Broadway Avenue with a variety of street buskers including musicians, dancers, and magicians. The International Market, 11th Street Craft Tents, and Food Vendors also provide a unique twist on the summer event.

The PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival also features a number of unique indoor theatre performances by artists from across the globe. A full list of shows can be found on the Festival website at www.25thstreettheatre.org.

I hope you are able to enjoy the festivities at Broadway District and enjoy the unique talents that

the PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival brings to Saskatoon.

FORESTRY FARM 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT THE MARR RESIDENCE



On Sunday, July 28, The Marr Residence will be hosting their celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Forestry Farm.

There will be an interesting exhibit with the history of the Forestry Farm, established in 1913 and now designated as a national heritage site. While learning about the Forestry Farm's history, you can also take in a tour of the Marr Residence. This is Saskatoon's oldest building on its original site. The house was built in 1884 by Sandy Marr and served as a field hospital in 1885 during the Riel Rebellion.

I encourage you to attend this event at The Marr Residence, 326 - 11th Street East, to enjoy two of Saskatoon's amazing historical landmarks.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Saskatchewan, at 651,900km², has almost half of Canada's total cultivated farmland.
- The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture invests over \$27.7 million per year in research and development activities enhancing the diversification and profitability of agriculture in the province.

JUST THE LINKS

- July 25, 2013 - [Upgrades Unveiled At Two Saskatchewan Provincial Parks](#)
- July 25, 2013 - [New Culverts Keep Traffic and Water Flowing Safely](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

River Lights Festival and Watercross Nationals

Date: July 26 to July 28

When: July 26 and 27: 12:00 pm – 11:00 pm; July 28: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon River Landing

Free Kick Off the Ex Pancake Breakfast

Date: July 27

When: 9:00 am

Where: University Heights Safeway

The PotashCorp Fringe Theater Festival

Date: August 1 to August 10

When: Outdoor Street Fair - 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Weekdays and 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm on Weekends

Where: Outdoor Broadway District - Indoor theater takes place at various locations

www.potashcorpfringe.ca

Saskatoon Exhibition Parade

Date: August 3

When: 10:00 am

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

Saskatoon Exhibition

Date: August 6 to August 11

When: August 6: 3:00 pm - 12:00 am; August 7 to August 11: 12:00 pm - 12:00 am

Where: Prairieland Park

Saskatoon Folk Fest

Date: August 15 to 17

When: August 15 & 16: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am; August 17: 3:00 pm - 12:00 am

Where: Various locations around the city

2nd Annual Golf "Fore" Autism Tournament

Date: August 15

When: All Day

Where: Moonlake Golf & Country Club

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Some man have thousands of reason why they cannot do what they want to, when all they need is one reason why they can."

Mary Frances Berry

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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.

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