



## Provincial Point of View June 28, 2013

### SCHOOLS OUT FOR THE SUMMER



I wish all teachers, support staff and students a happy, fun and safe summer!

A big thank you to the wonderful teachers and staff who have worked so hard throughout the year to enhance our children's education.

Enjoy the sun!

### PICNIC IN THE PARK



The wet weather did not dampen the spirits of those who were able to come out and enjoy our Annual Picnic in the Park last Thursday. We were fortunate to relocate the picnic to Sutherland Hall so the festivities could go on as planned. I was so pleased to see so many people attend to enjoy a great night with those in our community.

A big thank you to the outstanding musical performers, Connor Gulka, Topher Mills, Catherine Lewans, and Prasen Das as well the talented people that kept the children entertained with balloons, face painting and caricatures. Everyone enjoyed the excellent entertainment.

I appreciate the many organizers and volunteers that worked so hard to make the picnic a huge success! To the cooks (who got very wet), the volunteers that managed the food tables, popcorn machine, cotton candy, cleaners ..... my heartfelt thanks.

I look forward to next year's picnic at the Forestry Farm and have already put an order in for sunshine!

**HAPPY CANADA DAY!**



Celebrations of Canada's 146th birthday will once again be underway at Diefenbaker Park on July 1. The event hosted by The Optimist Club of Saskatoon, and chaired by constituent Brad Sylvester, is always a fantastic way to spend our nation's birthday!

The event also features stock car displays from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and children's activities from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. The beer garden will be open from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

#### Event Schedule

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Buffet Breakfast and Food & Flea Market Vendors
9:30 am - 10:00 am	North Saskatchewan Pipe and Drum Band
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Official Ceremonies
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Saskatchewan Intercultural Stage

#### **PotashCorp/SMG Stage**

2:10 pm - 3:00 pm	Brad Johner & The Johner Boys
3:10 pm - 4:00 pm	Topher Mils
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Donny Parenteau
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Stephen Maguire

#### **Rawlco Radio Stage**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Apollo Cruz
8:15 pm - 9:15 pm	Harreson James Band
9:30 pm - 10:40 pm	Stuck in the 80's
10:40 (approx) pm	Fireworks Spectacular

I hope you are able to make it out to this free event! If you would like more information on The Optimist Club of Saskatoon's Canada Day please visit [www.optimistcanadadaysaskatoon.com](http://www.optimistcanadadaysaskatoon.com)

### SASKATCHEWAN KEEPS GROWING: POPULATION UP BY 4,000 IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2013

Saskatchewan's population grew by 4,073 in the first quarter of 2013 to reach a new all-time high of 1,093,880. Saskatchewan's rate of growth continues to be the second-fastest among all the provinces, behind only Alberta.

Economy Minister Bill Boyd said many people are continuing to move to Saskatchewan because of its many career opportunities and great quality of life.

"It's a great time to be in Saskatchewan and more and more people are recognizing this," Boyd said. "Our government is working hard to ensure that this growth continues and that we are meeting both the challenges and opportunities of a growing province."

[Saskatchewan Keeps Growing: Population Up By 4,000 in First Quarter of 2013](#)

### CANADA REMEMBERS OUR HEROES



On July 6 and 7, we gather to show our appreciation and support of the Canadian Military members - past, present, and future at Canada Remembers Our Heroes. The event will be held at the Auto Clearing Motor Speedway with gates open between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.

The opening ceremonies will begin at approximately 1:30 pm each day and will be followed by some amazing aerial demonstrations, including the world famous and homegrown Snowbirds CF-18 Hornet Demo Team.

Adults, students, and seniors tickets are \$10 and children 5 and under are free. Veterans and their spouses and Canadian Forces Members also get in free,

I have a limited number of tickets set aside for anyone who would like them at no cost to you. If you are interested in tickets, please contact my Constituency Assistant, Megan, at 306-651-7100 or [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net).

### **SASKATCHEWAN LEADS THE COUNTRY IN WAGE INCREASES**

Wages in Saskatchewan are growing faster than anywhere else in the country. According to the Statistics Canada Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours that was released June 27, average weekly earnings in the province increased by 4.4 per cent in April 2013 compared to the same period one year ago.

Saskatchewan's growth rate was the highest increase among the provinces and well above the national increase of 2.2 per cent. It set an all-time high in the province for average weekly earnings in the month of April. Saskatchewan also led the way after inflation (1.0 per cent for the past year) was factored in, with a real wage increase of 3.4 per cent – the highest in the nation.

“Our economy continues to do very well in Saskatchewan and this report from Statistics Canada confirms that,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “We also had record job numbers in May, as well as the lowest unemployment rate in the country.”

[Saskatchewan Leads Country in Wage Increases](#)

### **SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TRACK AND FIELD PROVINCIALS**

On June 7 and 8, the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association held the Provincial Track and Field Championships in Moose Jaw. The weekend was a fantastic show of talent performed at every level and in every event.

Our two constituency high schools, St. Joseph High School and Centennial Collegiate, were represented by outstanding athletes.

Congratulations to St. Joseph High School's Funlola Obayan for placing 3rd in the 100 Meter Dash - Midget Girls and to Centennial's Rachel Rosin who placed 3rd in the 100 Meter Dash -

Junior Girls and 2nd in the 200 Meter Dash - Junior Girls and Jessie Klassen who placed 3rd in Pole Vault - Senior Boys.

### **STRONG ECONOMY AND GROWING POPULATION KEEPS SASKATCHEWAN ON SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING**

Saskatchewan's resilient economy and surging population helped the Government of Saskatchewan achieve strong financial results in 2012-13, as the province continues to grow and move forward.

Saskatchewan finished with surpluses in both the General Revenue Fund (GRF) and Summary Financial Statements. The GRF pre-transfer surplus of \$16 million and the Summary surplus of \$37 million are highlights of Volume 1 of the Public Accounts, released June 28.

"Our province is among the leaders in virtually every economic indicator in the country from job creation and our nation's lowest unemployment rate, to our growing population, to manufacturing sales growth and record exports," Finance Minister Ken Krawetz said. "The fact we balanced the books in 2012-13 in both the GRF and on a Summary basis, despite lower-than-projected resource revenue and higher expenses due to flooding, reflects the growth and resilience of Saskatchewan's economy."

[Strong Economy and Growing Population Keeps Saskatchewan on Sound Financial Footing](#)

### **RAISE A GLASS FOR NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN CUPAR**





**On June 21, as Minister Responsible for SaskWater, I joined Regina-Qu'Appelle MP Andrew Scheer, Last Mountain-Touchwood MLA and Cupar area resident Glen Hart, and Cupar Mayor Len Kallichuk to celebrate the opening of a new water treatment plant in the Town of Cupar.**

**The new reverse-osmosis water treatment plant includes a demineralization system and provides the community with higher quality drinking water that exceeds provincial drinking water quality standards. The project also saw upgrades and improvements to the raw water system, site grading, road improvements, and a lagoon expansion.**

**I commented, “We’re very pleased to be providing service to the Town of Cupar. The new treatment plant is current with the best technologies available today and serves as a model for projects going forward. Cupar’s water now meets and surpasses provincial standards for drinking water quality.”**

[Raise a Glass for New Water Treatment Plant in Cupar](#)

**[PET/CT SCANNER NOW OPERATING IN SASKATCHEWAN](#)**

I was pleased to attend the official opening of Saskatchewan's first PET/CT scanner on June 20, at Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital.

"The investment we have made in this state-of-the-art medical imaging service will pay off in better health for our people, increased convenience and less stress from out-of-province travel, and better access to accurate diagnoses," Rural and Remote Health Minister Randy Weekes said. "We owe it to our patients to provide the highest quality care and the most effective treatments."

PET/CT (positron emission tomography-computed tomography) scans are used mainly to determine the treatment required for cancer patients and monitor its effectiveness. Saskatoon Health Region expects to provide service to 1,200 patients from across the province this fiscal year and 1,900 patients annually after that.

[PET/CT Scanner Now Operating in Saskatchewan](#)

### **GOVERNMENT BOOSTS BENEFITS FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS**

Enhancements to the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) and the Personal Care Home Benefit (PCHB) will improve the quality of life for low income seniors in Saskatchewan. Benefit increases for both programs will go into effect on July 1, 2013.

"Our government has committed in our Plan for Growth to ensuring that everyone is able to benefit from our growing province and economy," Social Services Minister June Draude said. "That's why we've enhanced the benefits available through SIP to help low income seniors with their costs of living."

[Government Boosts Benefits for Low Income Seniors](#)

### **SASKATCHEWAN RECOGNIZED FOR REDUCED ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY WAITS**

The Government of Saskatchewan has received the Canadian Orthopaedic Association Award of Merit for leading the country in wait time reductions for orthopedic surgery on bone, muscle and joint conditions.

Health Minister Dustin Duncan accepted the award June 20 at the annual conference for orthopedic surgeons in Winnipeg.

"It is gratifying that all the innovation and hard work being done in this province to provide



surgery for patients sooner is being recognized,” Duncan said. “The number of patients waiting more than six months for orthopedic surgery has fallen from 2,700 down to 775 in the past three years. The teams of health professionals whose innovation and collaboration made this possible deserve our thanks.”

[Saskatchewan Recognized for Reduced Orthopedic Surgery Waits](#)

## **SASKATOON SPORT PACK**

Saskatoon is home to some truly remarkable sports teams, from the Saskatoon Blades and Hilltops to the Huskies Athletics programs. Saskatoon Sports Tourism is partnering with these organizations to present the Saskatoon Sports Pack.

Each sports pack includes one adult and one youth ticket to a regular season game for each of the following Saskatoon sports events: Saskatoon Blades, Saskatoon Hilltops, Huskies Athletics Basketball and Volleyball, Saskatoon Yellowjackets Baseball, Auto Clearing Motor Speedway, PBR Bull Riding Canadian Finals, PGA Tour Canada - Dakota Dunes Open, and NHL - Calgary VS Ottawa.

The package worth \$450 can be purchased for \$150 (plus taxes). A limited amount of the Sports Packages are available so get yours today! To purchase the sports pack you can call Tourism Saskatoon Sports Tourism at 306-931-7583.

## **DID YOU KNOW THESE CANADIAN FACTS?**

- The July 1 holiday was established by statute in 1879, under the name Dominion Day.
- On October 27, 1982, July 1 which was known as Dominion Day became Canada Day
- Canada’s national anthem “O Canada” is the only multilingual anthem in the world. It was originally written in French and translated to English in 1906.
- In 1965, the national flag of Canada was adopted to replace the Union Flag which represented Great Britain.

## **JUST THE LINKS**

- June 18, 2013 - Review of Prairie Game Bird

- June 19, 2013 - Electrical Upgrades to Saskatchewan Parks Continue
- June 20, 2013 - Rider Nation Urged to Watch for Work Zones
- June 21, 2013 - University of Saskatchewan to Launch Mining Options for Engineering Students
- June 21, 2013 - Official Opening of a New Affordable Housing Project in Saskatoon
- June 24, 2013 - Government Invests in Innovative Approach to Seniors' Independence
- June 24, 2013 - Government Approves SGI Rate Program
- June 26, 2013 - Expert Advisory Council Supports Government Crime Reduction Strategies
- June 27, 2013 - Provincial Accelerates Highway 2 Pumping
- June 27, 2013 - Work Zone Photo Radar Supplier Selected

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Optimist Canada Day**

**Date:** July 1

**When:** 8:00 am, with fireworks at dusk.

**Where:** Diefenbaker Park

#### **Dakota Dunes Open**

**Date:** July 1 to July 7

**When:** Various times

**Where:** Dakota Dunes Golf Links

[www.dakotadunesopen.com](http://www.dakotadunesopen.com)

#### **Canada Remembers Our Heroes**

**Date:** July 6 to July 7

**When:** 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Where:** Auto Clearing Motor Speedway

#### **2013 U21 Men's International Softball Championship**

**When:** July 9 to July 14

**When: Various Times**

**Where: Bob Van Impe Stadium, Gordie Howe Park & Glen Reeve Fields**

**Pion-Era**

**When: July 13 to July 14**

**When: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon Western Development Museum**

**Taste of Saskatchewan**

**When: July 16 to July 21**

**When: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm**

**Where: Kiwanis Memorial Park**

**Cameco Family Day at the Zoo**

**Date: July 21**

**When: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo**

**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**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away,"

Henry David Thoreau

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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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