



Provincial Point of View May 24, 2013

LET'S PACK THE HOUSE FOR THE MASTERCARD MEMORIAL CUP SEMIFINAL AND FINAL



Let's **PACK THE HOUSE** for the 2013 MasterCard Memorial Cup Semi-Final and Final!

A limited number of \$20 seats are available in the upper bowl. Click the link <http://goo.gl/ksJJB> for this ticket offer.

SEMI-FINAL on Friday May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Come see Paul Brandt sing the national anthems!

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL on Sunday May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

See the Memorial Cup Trophy presented for the 95th time!

IMPROVED GOVERNANCE FOR SASKATCHEWAN FORESTS

Forestry professionals who want to practice in Saskatchewan's public forests must now demonstrate their qualifications and competence through registration with their professional association, similar to other professions like engineers and agrologists.

On May 15, amendments to The Forestry Professions Act were proclaimed, legally establishing the right to practice for Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Professional Forest Technologists. Now, anyone practicing professional forestry on forested Crown lands must be registered with the Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals (ASFP) or work under the supervision of a registered member.

The ASFP works to establish and maintain high standards of ethics and excellence for its members in the professional practice of forestry. The association is governed by a council of elected members and one public representative.

As Minister of Environment I commented, "We expect other professionals, whether they give us health advice or design bridges, to be competent and accountable for their actions. Now, we have a similar assurance about the professionals who hold the health of our forests in their hands. This legislation means that the public can be even more confident that Saskatchewan's Crown forests are well-managed by professionals who are recognized across Canada."

[Improved Governance for Saskatchewan Forests](#)

CHILD CARE SPACE EXPANSION

This year's provincial budget provided funding for 500 new child care spaces as part of our government's platform commitment to increase licensed child care spaces by 2000 in our second term. To date, our government has increased licensed child care spaces by 48 per cent (4435 spaces) and there are now 13,740 licensed child care spaces operating or in development in Saskatchewan.

Education Minister, Russ Marchuk announced the increase on May 17, "It is my pleasure during Early Childhood Education Month to announce the locations of government's increases this year of 500 new child care spaces. As a result, more families across the province will have access to child care that will in turn help them take advantage of the opportunities as a result of our growing economy. Thanks to the work of early childhood educators in licensed child care homes and centres, children benefit from play-based experiences that are essential for development and that contribute to later success in all areas of life."

Saskatoon will see 50 new child care spaces through the Saskatoon Public School's Caroline

Robins School.

[Child Care Space Expansion](#)

SASKATCHEWAN HAS LARGEST PERCENTAGE DROP IN EI CLAIMS IN THE COUNTRY

The number of people collecting employment insurance benefits in the province dropped by 9.8 per cent year-over-year in March, for the fourth consecutive monthly decrease. A Statistics Canada report released today also showed initial and renewal claims were down, falling 8.5 per cent over the same time last year and ranking Saskatchewan first among the provinces.

“Saskatchewan is getting used to seeing records when it comes to our employment insurance levels and unemployment rate, and we have our strong economy to thank for that,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “Economic activity in this province is allowing businesses to grow and expand, creating jobs and providing opportunities for all people to obtain gainful employment.”

[Saskatchewan Has Largest Percentage Drop in EI Claims in the Country](#)

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE



Do you know someone who has enriched the lives of others and helped build a better society? These individuals can be found in all walks of life and from many different backgrounds, but they all share a common goal: creating a promising future for Saskatchewan people.

I encourage you to nominate someone for the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and honour his or her commitment to the spirit of the province.

Nomination forms can be found by going online to www.ops.gov.sk.ca or calling 1-877-427-5505. The nomination deadline is July 5.

DID YOU KNOW?

- April job numbers showed that Saskatchewan had the lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Canada at 4.0 per cent - nationally the unemployment rate was 7.2 per cent.
- Saskatoon's employment rate was up by 11,800 for 18 months of year-over-year increases.
- Saskatoon's unemployment rate was 3.7 per cent, holding steady as the second lowest among major metropolitan areas.

JUST THE LINKS

- May 21, 2013 - [SINP Nomination Cap Increased](#)
- May 23, 2013 - [More than 300 Families to be Honoured This May With an ISC Century Family Farm Award](#)
- May 23, 2013 - [Weekly Provincial Highway Construction Update](#)
- May 24, 2013 - [U.K.-Saskatchewan Relationship Enters New, Exciting Chapter](#)
- May 24, 2013 - [RSM Bio-Blitz Survey Likely to Discover New Species in Saskatchewan](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ward 10 Coffee Meeting Hosted by Zach Jeffries

Date: May 25

When: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: University Heights Safeway Starbucks

NatureCity Festival

Date: May 25 to May 31

When: Various times

Where: Various locations

For a full schedule visit www.wildaboutsaskatoon.org

Saskatchewan Marathon

Date: May 26

When: Marathon and Half Marathon 7:00 am, 10K 8:00 am, Marafun 11:00 am

Where: TBA

PotashCorp Children's Festival of Saskatchewan

Date: June 2 to June 5

When: June 2: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; June 3 to June 5: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Kiwanis Memorial Park

WaterFront Craft Art Festival in Partnership with Affinity Credit Union

Date: June 8

When: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: River Landing

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

Robert Frost

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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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