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Provincial Point of View

November 22, 2013

CELEBRATION IN RIDER NATION!



When we heard the announcement Regina would be the host city for the 2013 Grey Cup, it was the entire province's dream that the Riders would play in the big game. We witnessed the sea of green in Calgary last weekend as our team pulled off a fantastic win against the Calgary Stampeders. That dream is now a reality and the Saskatchewan Roughriders will be playing on Mosaic field November 24 in the 101st Grey Cup in front of 45,000 enthusiastic fans!

In true Saskatchewan spirit, visitors from across the country will experience "Rider Nation" in its finest form. I don't think there is any better place to celebrate the Grey Cup championship game than in our great province. The festivities will prove to be an overwhelming success, not only in Regina but right here in Saskatoon.

Not everyone will be able to attend the game in Regina but there is still opportunity to celebrate

and participate in the Grey Cup festivities. That is why early on, Riderville North planned to include Saskatoon venues as part of the “Celebration in Rider Nation”!

Saskatoon’s own, The Sheepdogs will be playing on the Saturday night at TCU Place. There are also other activities around the city. For information see 101greycupfestival.ca. I encourage you to participate and come together to make Grey Cup 101 the best ever.

The excitement right across the province is contagious and really is a provincial celebration. It is just fantastic to see everyone join in this incredible experience.

If you are travelling down to Regina to be a part of the celebration, please remember that winter is here and the highways will be busy. For information on the highway conditions go to www.highways.gov.sk.ca for the latest road conditions.

Please welcome all the guests to our city and province and help Saskatchewan host another world class event with pride!

GO RIDERS!!!

PREMIER BRAD WALL DECLARES ‘GREEN DAY’ FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22



Premier Brad Wall declared today is officially “Green Day” in Saskatchewan. Show your Rider Pride and wear green!

To have the Riders playing in Saskatchewan is exciting everywhere and the legislature was no exception. If you’re in Regina, be sure to drive by the Legislative Building. The dome is green this week in honour of the Saskatchewan Roughriders and their participation in the Grey Cup. It was a great week as politicians on both sides of the house proudly displayed their Rider Pride.

SURGICAL INITIATIVE HEADS INTO FINAL STRETCH



As the March 2014 end date for the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative nears, surgical teams are making a final push to provide sooner, safer, smarter surgical care for patients.

The latest provincial wait times numbers show that, as of September 30, 2013, 80 per cent of patients received their surgery within three months and 92 per cent received it within six months.

“Our province’s health care providers have made incredible progress toward our goal of offering surgery within three months,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “This initiative is making a real difference in the lives of patients waiting for surgery.”

[Surgical Initiative Heads Into Final Stretch](#)

CONGRATULATIONS CARTER!



It was an exciting day in our house yesterday. Our son Carter turned 16 and can now officially drive!

Congratulations Carter, we're proud of you!

Trish is thrilled she will get some relief from driving Carter to his activities and I am not so thrilled that he will be asking for the car every weekend!

CELEBRATING AN INCREASINGLY MULTICULTURAL SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Multicultural Week is celebrated every year in November to recognize the diversity of Saskatchewan's growing population, encourage respect for the vast multicultural heritage in Saskatchewan, foster a climate of harmonious relations among people with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and encourage the continuation of a multicultural society in Saskatchewan. This week also commemorates Saskatchewan being the first province to introduce multicultural legislation in 1974.

“As Saskatchewan’s population continues to grow, immigration from across Canada and from more than 175 countries around the globe is making us an increasingly multicultural province,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. “This increasing diversity contributes to maintaining a strong economy, helping strengthen our communities and ultimately enhancing our quality of life.”

[Celebrating An Increasingly Multicultural Saskatchewan](#)

SANTA CLAUS PARADE



The weather didn't dampen the enthusiastic spirit of everyone attending the annual Saskatoon Santa Claus Day Parade last Sunday.

Special thanks to the organizers, participants and the families that lined the streets to welcome Santa to Saskatoon.

The parade is a special event each year that marks the beginning of the festive season. It is always a pleasure to participate!

RECOGNIZING ANTI-BULLYING WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) has proclaimed November 18-22, as Anti-Bullying Week across the country. This week's theme, The Future is Ours: Safe, Fun and Connected, calls on young people from across the nation to take the lead on creating a future without bullying – using new technologies to promote positive communication rather than being held back by cyberbullying.

“Bullying and cyberbullying affect the health and well-being of many children and youth across our province and our country,” Education Minister Don Morgan said. “The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to working youth, teachers, school division administrators and community organizations to build safe environments for children at school, in their communities and online.”

For more information on Anti-Bullying Week, please see www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.

[Recognizing Anti-Bullying Week In Saskatchewan](#)

BHP BILLITON ENCHANTED FOREST OPEN THIS WEEKEND



The Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour in support of the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation will once again “light up” the holidays this year. For 15 years, this light show has been making spirits bright.

The Enchanted Forest is a spectacular Saskatchewan tradition and we are fortunate to have this incredible attraction right here in our constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs.

Today, November 22, I encourage you can participate in the Saskatchewan Blue Cross Light Walk. For additional information visit www.enchanted-forest.org

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

The Government of Saskatchewan joins more than 100 jurisdictions around the world to celebrate International Education Week (IEW) from November 18-22.

The purpose of International Education Week is to showcase the significant contribution that international education makes to our students, our educational institutions and Canada. This year's theme is "Celebrating Canada's Engagement with the World."

"International education provides a valuable opportunity for Saskatchewan students to connect with other parts of the world," Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris said. "It encourages students to study abroad, and welcomes international students who bring global perspectives into our classrooms and communities."

[Government Of Saskatchewan Celebrates International Education Week](#)

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT - ARTHUR WAKABAYASHI

As a part of the six-week feature on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit winners, this week we honour Arthur Wakabayashi, C.M.

Arthur Wakabayashi's career with the federal and provincial public services spanned more than 35 years. With the Government of Canada, he held the positions of Assistant Deputy Minister of Policy in the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Federal Economic Development Co-ordinator for Saskatchewan. He also served with the Government of Saskatchewan as its Negotiations Representative for the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement and as Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Finance. He also played a significant role in the negotiations which resolved the nearly century-old treaty land shortfalls of 25 First Nations.

Mr. Wakabayashi is community minded as well, he sat on as board member for the Ranch Ehrlo Society, and he has provided financial oversight for the operating and capital costs of a range of assessment, treatment, education support, residential and community services designed to improve the social and emotional functioning of children, youth and families.

Along with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit 2013, Mr. Wakabayashi has also been invested as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2001, the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan in 2005, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Thank you Arthur for all that you have done for the country, the province and the community. You are a shining example to us all that change can be brought by one person if they truly believe in change. Congratulations!

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING SASKATCHEWAN'S HIGHWAYS – PLANNING FOR 2014

As fall turns to winter, one part of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's work draws to an end while another is just ramping up.

"Since 2008, we've invested \$3.7 billion to give the people of Saskatchewan better, safer roads and to move our products to market more efficiently," Minister of Highways and Infrastructure Don McMorris said. "Transportation is key to achieving the objectives of the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth and our vision of a province with a population of 1.2 million people by 2020."

Highlights of this year's construction season include the completion of twinning between Saskatoon and Prince Albert and the opening of the new overpass at Highway 1 and the West Regina Bypass, 310 km of repaving, 154 km of major highway upgrades and 22 bridge and culvert projects. In addition, work will continue on a number of projects in the 2014 construction season, including the West Regina Bypass, the Estevan Truck Route, final paving of the new passing lanes between Balgonie and Fort Qu'Appelle, 156 km of repaving projects, 21 bridge and culvert projects and 217 km of major highway upgrades.

The ministry is also getting a head start on next year's construction with the recent release of the Fall Tender Plan. The tender plan contains 35 bridge and culvert projects, 83 km of major highway upgrades and 68 km of repaving, as well stockpiling and other work with a total estimated value of more than \$120 million. The tender plan is available at www.highways.gov.sk.ca/tender/.

[Building And Maintaining Saskatchewan's Highways - Planning For 2014](#)

SEPTEMBER WHOLESALE TRADE FOUR TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Wholesale trade in Saskatchewan was \$1.9 billion in September 2013 according to Statistics Canada, a jump of 10.8 per cent over last year, the second highest percentage increase in Canada and four times the national increase of 2.6 per cent.

“A vibrant wholesale industry helps Saskatchewan maintain its economic momentum,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “The Global Transportation Hub is a tremendous asset to our wholesale industry as it continues to expand and attract new businesses to our province.”

[September Wholesale Trade Four Times The National Average](#)

DID YOU KNOW..

...The Grey Cup wasn't originally intended to be a football trophy, it was intended to be a hockey trophy.

...The Highway Hotline gets about four million web visits and phone calls each year.

...The Grey Cup has been cancelled three times, 1916, 1917, and 1918 due to World War I.

...There were 1,155,934 visits to SaskJobs.ca in October.

JUST THE LINKS

November 15, 2013 - [New Development Announced For Blackstrap Provincial Park](#)

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COMING EVENTS

Riderville North

Date: November 23

Where: TCU Place

When: 7:30 pm - 1 am

Saskatchewan Blue Cross Light Walk Through The Enchanted Forest

Date: November 22

Where: The Forestry Farm

When: 5:30 pm - 9 pm

BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

Date: November 23 - January 12

Where: Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

When: 5:30 pm - 11 pm Nightly

Artisans' Craft Market

Date: November 22 - 24

Where: TCU Place

When: 2 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 6 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

101st Grey Cup - Saskatchewan Roughriders vs Hamilton Tiger-Cats

Date: November 24

Where: Taylor Field - Or Every Television in Saskatchewan

When: Kick-off at 5 pm

Festival of Trees

Date: November 24 - 30

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 9 am - 9 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“I can be changed by what happens to me.
But I refuse to be reduced by it.”**

~ Maya Angelou

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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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