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Provincial Point of View October 18, 2013

CHEVELDAYOFF TO PRESENT AT INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE

As Minister responsible for the Water Security Agency, I am honoured to have the opportunity to present the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan at the WATEC 2013 exhibition and conference in Tel Aviv, Israel on October 23.

It's a privilege for our government to showcase Saskatchewan's 25 year Water Security Plan on an international stage. Water security is integral to the growth of our province and well being of our citizens and while some of the issues we face are unique, many of the concerns around water security are shared across the world. This conference is a great opportunity to share Saskatchewan's story and also see what sustainable water infrastructure and technology solutions other areas of the world are using.

Israeli Ambassador to Canada Miriam Ziv extended the invitation to me to attend the WATEC conference and interact with world experts on water and share Saskatchewan's approach to water management following her visit to Saskatchewan last year. After hearing about the creation of the 25 year Water Security Plan and the Water Security agency, she felt Saskatchewan could contribute in a positive way to the conference.

The WATEC 2013 conference runs from October 22-24, and focuses on how new technologies in water management can help countries around the world with water management issues. This includes panel discussions and presentations on irrigation technology, regional water co-operation and ways to approach financing water technology.

As part of the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan, we committed to looking for innovative solutions to better use technology and this conference will help us see what the rest of the world is working on and enable us to bring ideas back to Saskatchewan.

The Water Security Agency was created to lead implementation of the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan. It will improve water management capacity and service to individuals, businesses and communities across Saskatchewan. This new agency brings together, for the first time, all of the major responsibilities related to water quality and quantity.

[Cheveldayoff to Present at International Water Conference](#)

**FALL SITTING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BEGIN
NEXT WEEK - YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE THRONE SPEECH – OCTOBER**

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As your Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, I am looking forward to returning to the provincial legislature for the Fall Sitting. In terms of priorities, I have heard from the many constituents I have visited with over the summer that you're pleased with the direction the province is taking but also that there is more work to be done as it relates to highways and seniors care. Through consultation, our government has also heard that we need to maintain economic strength and the growth of our province in order to invest in the services that you need and deserve. Keeping with Saskatchewan's Plan for Growth, your input has helped us to chart our government's course for the upcoming legislative session and beyond. Together, we can use the benefits of growth to improve the quality of life for everyone in our province.

The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, will formally open the Third Session of the 27th Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the Assembly Chamber at two o'clock p.m., October 23.

I have a very limited number of tickets available. If you would like to attend this event in Regina, please call my office at 306-651-7100 to request your ticket. Guests should be at the Legislature by 1:00 pm in order to be seated in time for the proceedings.

EDUCATION WEEK - OCTOBER 20 - 26

Next week is Education Week 2013 in Saskatchewan. Minister of Education, the Honourable Don Morgan proclaimed October 20 - October 26 as Education Week 2013. This theme for Education

Week is "Supporting and Celebrating Success". The week provides an opportunity to celebrate student success and recognize the dedication and commitment of education professionals across the province. The theme highlights the good work that leaders, teachers, parents, and caregivers have contributed to supporting our students in their effort to become successful.

With our growth in population we are seeing increased diversity within the classroom today, so the journey to success may look different for each student. It is important that we provide support to help each student reach their highest potential and celebrate each individual's success along the way.

A high-quality education system is the heart and vision for Saskatchewan, and it is important to recognize the potential of our youth, as they are the leaders of tomorrow. We do this by working together, and focusing on what's most important – our students.

I join with my colleagues and invite each of you to celebrate the achievements of our students and recognize the strength of our education professionals during Education Week.

GO WILD FOR WILDLIFE



Next week, Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Wildlife Rehabilitation SOS is sponsoring an exciting event at Prairieland Park Hall A. "Kids Gone Wild for Wildlife" is a fundraiser that combines education and fun centered around wildlife. Funds raised from the event will go toward keeping Saskatchewan's wildlife healthy, free and wild.

Please mark your calendars for next Saturday and enjoy a great family activity. There will be live animals to see and learn about, a wildlife animal costume contest, prizes, a raffle, silent auction, bouncy castles, balloons and so much more. Admission is \$20 per family or \$5 per person. All proceeds go to Wildlife Rehabilitation SOS to help save wildlife.

What a fantastic way to entertain the children and help raise funds for an organization that does so much to help the wildlife in Saskatchewan.

FRIDAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Today, Friday, October 18 are the last regular high school football games before the finals begin.

The Centennial Chargers are playing the Walter Murray Marauders at Gordie Howe Bowl at 3 p.m. and the St. Joseph Guardians are playing the Prince Albert Carlton Crusaders at 5:15 pm.

Please get out and cheer on our Senior Football Teams!

LOWS IN MOTION



Don't forget to get your tickets for the Lows in Motion. This "shaker of a good time" will be held November 2 at Prairieland Park.

Everyone is welcome and the Parkinson's Society of Saskatchewan promises the evening will be filled with entertainment.

Please go online to www.lowsinmotion.com for more information on this fantastic event. There are tickets available, so get yours soon.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY - NOVEMBER 1

I am so pleased to hear about the Saskatoon Community Foundation and their launch of the International Movement of Random Acts Of Kindness Day scheduled for November 1.

They are encouraging all businesses, charities, and individuals throughout Saskatoon to take part. What a great way to brighten someone else's day. Saskatoon is one of 10 cities in Canada taking part in this International phenomenon and their goal is to help make Saskatoon the best community to live.

Please participate! November 1, do something nice for someone else and take joy in randomly helping to make someone's day a little brighter. In turn it will make your day brighter as well.

To learn more or to get ideas for your Random Act of Kindness, visit Saskatoon Community Foundation's Random Acts Of Kindness at www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca.

PREMIER ANNOUNCES 1000 NEW TRAINING SEATS, MANUFACTURING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Wall Releases One-Year Progress Report on the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth

On October 17, Premier Brad Wall announced 1,000 new training seats and the creation of a new Manufacturing Centre of Excellence will be two of the next steps the government is taking as part of the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth.

Wall released a one-year progress report on the Growth Plan – the government’s plan for meeting the challenges of a growing province.

Some of the key Growth Plan goals and progress to date include:

Goal: 1.2 million people living in Saskatchewan by 2020

Progress: Saskatchewan’s population is 1,108,303 as of July 1, 2013 after increasing by more than 100,000 people over the past six years.

Goal: Invest \$2.5 billion in infrastructure over three years

Progress: This year, the government invested \$847.5 million in infrastructure, slightly more than one-third of the targeted three-year commitment. Between the government and Crowns, infrastructure investment is up 110 per cent in the past six years compared to the previous six years.

Goal: 60,000 more people working in Saskatchewan by 2020

Progress: Through the first nine months of 2013, Saskatchewan is averaging employment growth of nearly 20,000, putting the province on pace for the strongest year of employment growth ever recorded. Saskatchewan has also posted the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for the past nine months.

Goal: Increase the cap on provincial immigrant nominees from 4,000 to 6,000 per year

Progress: This year, the federal government increased Saskatchewan’s allocation under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program by 450, from 4,000 to 4,450. This represents 27 per cent of the additional nominees allocated across Canada in 2013.

Goal: Continue to balance the budget every year

Progress: The 2013-14 Saskatchewan budget is balanced on both a General Revenue Fund and Summary Financial Statement basis. Saskatchewan’s tax-supported debt is just six per cent of Gross Domestic Product – the second-lowest level among Canadian provinces, behind only Alberta.

Wall said a shortage of skilled labour is one of the challenges facing Saskatchewan businesses.

Wall also announced that the government will work with Saskatchewan’s manufacturing industry to create a Manufacturing Centre of Excellence in the province.

Wall said further details of both the 1,000 new training seats and the Manufacturing Centre of Excellence will be provided as part of the 2014-15 Budget.

[Premier Announces 1000 New Training Seats, Manufacturing Centre of Excellence](#)

COMING EVENTS

Ward 10 Town Hall Meeting

Date: October 22

Where: Alice Turner Library

When: 7 pm - 9 pm

Pioneer Threshman's Club Flea Market and Craft Sale

Date: October 26

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 9 am - 3 pm

Saskatoon Fall Home Show

Date: October 25 - 27

Where: Prairieland Park Hall D

When: 12 pm - 9 pm, 10 am - 7 pm, 10 am - 5 pm

Christmas Craft Fair

Date: October 18 - 19

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 4 pm - 10 pm & 10 am - 5 pm

Family Caregiver Education Workshop

Date: October 24

Where: The Bently - 1622B Acadia Dr.

When: 6:45 pm - 9 pm

DID YOU KNOW...

- **The Saskatchewan Library Association has sponsored Saskatchewan Library Week since 1976 and this year has provided 20 grants to support special library events across the Province.**
- **The Government of Saskatchewan has committed \$344 million since March 2011 to housing initiatives and these investments are expected to result in more than 12,600 new and rejuvenated housing units in the province.**
- **In a survey of top 100 businesses in the province, co-ops occupy a quarter of the list. In addition, the sector provides jobs to more than 15,000 people and controls billions of dollars in assets.**

JUST THE LINKS

- **October 11, 2013 - [Veterinary Technician Week Proclaimed in Saskatchewan](#)**
- **October 15, 2013 - [Education Minister Don Morgan Kicks Off Saskatchewan Library Week](#)**
- **October 15, 2013 - [CO-OP Week Proclaimed to Highlight Economic Contribution](#)**
- **October 15, 2013 - [Provincial Government Announces \\$10 Million for Parkland Trades and Technology Centre](#)**

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day
with no mistakes in it yet?”**

~ L.M. Montgomery

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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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