

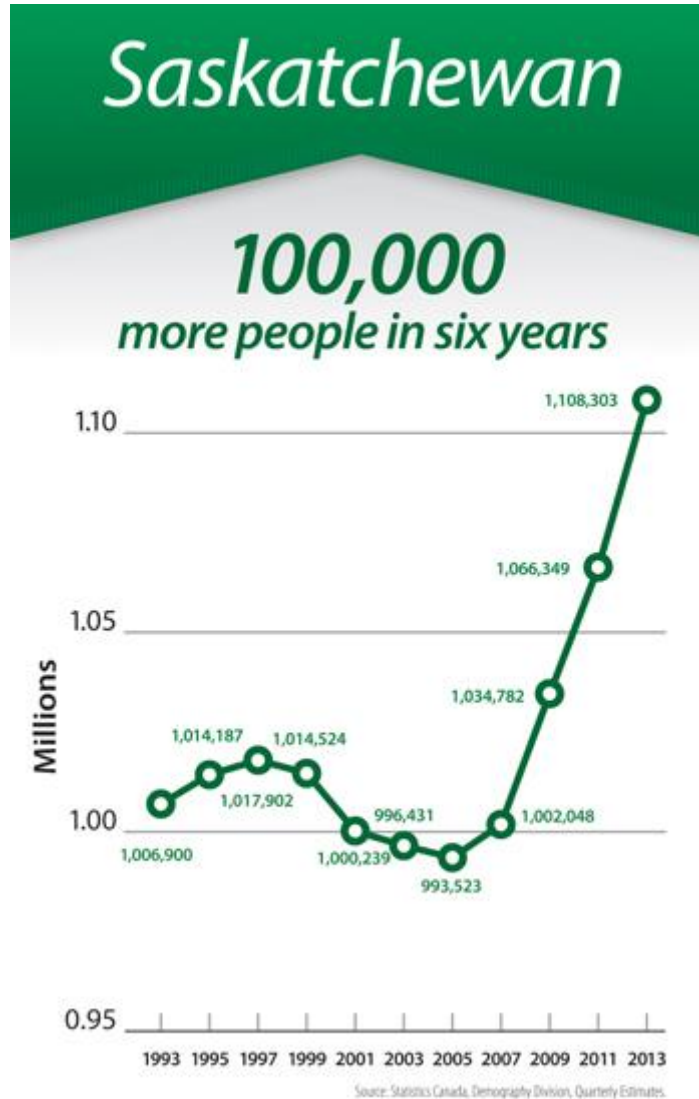
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the province!



Provincial Point of View

September 27, 2013

1.1 MILLION: SASKATCHEWAN GROWS BY 100,000 PEOPLE IN JUST SIX YEARS



Saskatchewan's population has surpassed the 1.1 million mark for the first time ever after growing by more than 100,000 people since 2007.

New population figures released September 26 by Statistics Canada show Saskatchewan's population was 1,108,303 as of July 1, 2013. That's an increase of 106,255 since July 1, 2007.

Saskatchewan's population grew by 20,757 in the past year and 6,895 in the past quarter – the largest increase in any quarter since Statistics Canada began keeping quarterly estimates.

Premier Brad Wall said the rapid growth shows the strength of Saskatchewan's economy and even surpassed the government's goal of 100,000 more people in 10 years.

Saskatchewan has not seen this kind of population growth since the province's early days. Saskatchewan's population grew rapidly during the province's first 25 years – from 236,000 when the province was formed in 1905 to just over 900,000 in 1930.

After that, Saskatchewan's population did more fluctuating than growing. It then took until 1983 for Saskatchewan's population to reach the one million mark for the first time. It dropped back below one million in 2001 before finally hitting one million again in 2007.

Last fall, the government set a new goal: 1.2 million people by 2020.

NHL HOCKEY NIGHT IN SASKATOON TONIGHT



Tonight, Friday, September 27, is our last chance to see some incredible NHL hockey action in Saskatoon.

The Winnipeg Jets and the Boston Bruins will play at the Credit Union Centre at 7 pm. Please come out to the game and cheer on your favourite team and support NHL hockey.

I am very excited to see my brother Kevin Cheveldayoff, General Manager of the Winnipeg Jets here this weekend. Kevin is happy to have the opportunity to come back home to Saskatchewan and assures me anyone attending the game is in for some great hockey!

There are still some seats available! Contact Ticketmaster at: <http://www.ticketmaster.ca/>

I hope to see you there!

SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES NATIONAL FOREST WEEK AND TREE DAY

As Minister of Environment, I recognize this year's National Forest Week, from September 22-28. This week is a time to celebrate the many ways that forests make a difference in our lives and to our livelihood.

This year's theme The Greenest Workforce, highlights the important role of forestry professionals in maintaining the woodlands that contribute to the province's environmental, economic and human health. Wednesday, September 25, is designated as National Tree Day.

In Saskatchewan, we are blessed with vast forests that sustain communities, shelter animals and birds, and provide us with places for recreation and relaxation. Our government is committed to protecting this priceless legacy, now and for future generations.

The Ministry of Environment is responsible for a variety of programs to ensure the province's forests remain healthy and sustainable, including forest renewal projects, insect and disease control, wildfire management, inventory, harvest licensing, compliance and policy development. In 2013, the ministry planted more than 2.5 million seedlings in Saskatchewan's Crown forests.

[Saskatchewan Celebrates National Forest Week and Tree Day](#)

SARCAN GIVES AWAY TREE SAPLINGS TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY



As you saw in last week's Provincial Point of View, I recognized and congratulated SARCAN for recycling its 6 billionth container!

To celebrate this success along with SARCAN's 25th anniversary, I had the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and Government of Saskatchewan right here in Saskatoon Silver Springs at the Ecole Forest Grove School.

Events are extra special when we can involve children. The enthusiasm of the students made the celebration an incredible success. SARCAN celebrated two amazing milestones: 25 years as an organization and six billion recycled containers. 25 years and six billion containers later, the leadership SARCAN has shown in recycling, environmental protection and providing employment opportunities for adults with disabilities has been, and continues to be absolutely remarkable. The work SARCAN does each and every day truly contributes to a better quality of life for everyone in this province.

It's also National Forest Week and I was pleased to see that the organizers of the event made that connection with seedlings for everyone, in partnership with Ten Tree Apparel.

Like those seedlings, Saskatchewan is growing. More and more people are calling our province home, and doing more business here. Over the last 25 years, SARCAN has recycled more than six billion containers.

This is such an appropriate time to recognize the environmental contributions of SARCAN and all its staff. They work so hard to keep our province clean, and green and certainly are a great example of “The Greenest Workforce”!

Next time you go into SARCAN, please take a few minutes to thank the workers for all they do to make Saskatchewan a better place for all of us.

Please see the News Release issued by SARCAN - www.sarcsarcan.ca

SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

St. Joseph High School is taking on Bethlehem Catholic High School September 27 at 7:30 pm at Griffiths Stadium. On October 4, Centennial Collegiate is facing Tommy Douglas Collegiate at 5:15 pm at Gordie Howe.

I encourage you to get out and enjoy these fine young athletes in our community.

PROVINCE SUPPORTS RENOVATIONS OF HOUSING PROJECT IN SASKATOON

Through the combined efforts of the Government of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon and Stewart Property Holdings, a vacant rooming house located at 525-20th Street will re-emerge as an affordable home for 12 Saskatoon individuals and families.

The \$1.5 million project is being undertaken by developer Stewart Property Holdings. The Government of Saskatchewan, through Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, is contributing \$490,000 to the initiative from the provincial Summit Action Fund. The remaining funding of \$1,060,000 will be provided through private lender financing, with an additional \$2,500 contributed by the City of Saskatoon for the rehabilitation of the building facade.

This project is aligned with a number of strategic priorities that were outlined in the Government of Saskatchewan’s Provincial Housing Strategy. These priorities include the need to increase

housing supply, to improve housing affordability and to support individuals and families in greatest need of housing. Since November 2007, 1,029 affordable rental units have been completed in Saskatoon. An additional 52 rental units are currently under construction in Saskatoon including 525-20th Street West.

The building, which was constructed in the early 1900's and has been vacant since 2009, will have two residential floors converted to 12 one- and two-bedroom suites. Commercial space will be available on the main floor. The historic building is within walking distance to downtown and accessible to amenities including a food store, medical clinic and community centre.

[Province Supports Renovation of Housing Project in Saskatoon](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S FIRST COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY CENTRE OPENS IN MAIDSTONE



Minister responsible for Rural and Remote Health Randy Weekes and Prairie North Regional Health Authority Chair Bonnie O'Grady officially opened the CEC at the Maidstone Health Complex September 24.

Saskatchewan is introducing CECs to address the challenges of providing health care in rural communities. This model of health care delivery improves access to stable, reliable primary health care, reduces emergency room visits, and increases patient and provider satisfaction.

For more information on CECs and primary health care in Saskatchewan, visit the Ministry of Health website at www.health.gov.sk.ca/primary-health-care

JUST THE LINKS

- September 23, 2013 - [Saskatchewan Hosts Tri-National Agriculture Accord](#)
- September 24, 2013 - [Province to Host Agriculture Trade Summit](#)
- September 25, 2013 - [Wall Discusses Asia Mission with Saskatchewan Filipino Leaders](#)
- September 26, 2013 - [Crop Report for the Period of September 17 to 23, 2013](#)

COMING EVENTS

Body, Soul and Spirit Expo

Date: September 27 - 29

Where: Prairieland Park

Les Miserable (Presented by the Fireside Singers)

Date: September 27 - 28

Where: TCU Place

Harvest Supper - Forestry Farm House

Date: September 29

When: 5 pm and 7 pm

Where: Superintendent's Residence at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

World Rivers Day Festival

Date: September 29

When: 1-3 pm

Where: Friendship Park

Huskie Men's Football

Date: October 4

When: 7 pm

Where: Griffiths Stadium

FREE Family Caregiver Education Workshop

Date: October 8

When: 6:45 - 9:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon Field House
Call Marina @ 306.931.4663 to register.

Brad Trost, MP - Fall Open House

Date: October 5

When: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 505-B Nelson Road (behind Dollarama)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -
they must be felt with the heart"**

Helen Keller

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 an event you would like mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails and phone calls in any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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