Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER WEEKEND



As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. This day is a time for us to reflect on the renewal of life and the hope that it brings.

May this Easter season bring you peace, love, and happiness. May it be a time of renewal and new beginnings. Let us come together as a community to spread the message of love and compassion to those around us.

Let us also remember those who are less fortunate than us and make a conscious effort to extend our support and kindness to them. This is the true spirit of Easter – to reach out and make a positive impact on the lives of others.



This Easter, may you be blessed with joy, peace and goodness.



Happy Easter to you and your family.

BUDGET 2023-24: GROWTH THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE



March 22, our government passed its 2023-24 Budget entitled "Growth That Works for Everyone." Growth that works for everyone means everyone in Saskatchewan being able to access the health care they need when and where they need it. Saskatchewan's overall health budget for 2023-24 is a record \$6.9 billion, up 6.7 per cent from last year. This record investment will grow the health care workforce and enhance programs and services patients need in communities across the province.



To grow the health care workforce, the budget includes a \$98.8 million investment in the Health Human Resources Action Plan. This plan was introduced in September of 2022 with a goal of adding 1,000 health care workers to our province's system.



This budget will fulfill our government's commitment to add 250 new full-time positions and enhance additional part-time positions to full-time. To date, nearly 100 of these positions have been filled. We are creating a new Registered Nurse travel pool program to help mitigate temporary human resource pressures in rural and remote areas. In addition, Saskatchewan is creating a Physician Assistant program for the first time.



Our government is expanding health care training programs through this budget to help meet the health human resources needs of our growing province. The budget will support the continuation of a 150 seats expansion and 550 new seats in other high-priority training programs. Training and licensing supports for internationally trained health care professionals will be funded as well.



The provincial budget also ensures incentive programs for health care workers will continue. Health care workers in high-priority positions in rural and remote areas may be eligible for up to \$50,000 with a three-year return-of-service agreement. Physicians in rural and remote areas are eligible for \$200,000 over five years as well. These investments will support the recruitment and retention of these positions.

In addition to adding more health care professionals to the province, our government is investing in the health care services patients need. Mental health and

addictions supports and services are a high-priority area for our government. That is why this year's budget includes a record \$518 million for this area, which equals 7.5 per cent of the total health care budget.



To support those struggling with addiction, funding will support the completion of 150 new addictions treatment spaces. Investments will also go to the Saskatchewan Health Authority's Opioid Stewardship Program and the Saskatoon Tribal Council's mobile services. In addition, the Provincial Drug Task Force will continue its overdose outreach support and the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) will expand to two more locations in Saskatchewan.

Several initiatives will support children and youth, such as an expansion of the counselling program offered by Family Services Saskatchewan. In partnership with the Ministry of Social Services, three new residential homes will support youth struggling with mental health and addictions. The SHA will hire a new navigator in northwest Saskatchewan, a consultant nurse for psychiatry at the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, and a therapist for the Saskatoon Children's Centre for children who witness or experience abuse. We will also invest in the Prenatal Outreach Resource Team (PORT). A new program which will provide grants to community-level peer support groups is funded through this budget as well.

With an investment of \$42.5 million, we will perform an additional 6,000 surgeries this year for a record total of 103,000. This investment will reduce the surgical waitlist to its prepandemic level by March 2024, a year ahead of schedule. Funding will help address waitlists in cardio sciences and neurosciences, medical imaging, and endoscopy.



Seniors' care will be enhanced through a \$39 million investment into long-term care providers and new long-term care beds. We will also hire 75 new continuing care assistants, who provide vital care to seniors living in long-term care facilities. Further investments will be made for home care services and geriatric services.

To ensure facilities are well-equipped to provide enhanced services, our government has made a record \$337.6 million health care infrastructure investment. Work will continue on the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital redevelopment and Weyburn General Hospital replacement projects. Long-term care facility upgrades in Regina, Estevan, Grenfell and La Ronge are also included. Developing plans will begin for the Rosthern Hospital, Battlefords District Care Centre, and St. Anthony's Hospital in Esterhazy to better serve these communities.

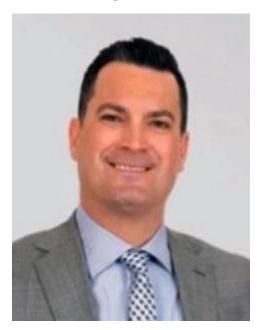
In addition, this budget will provide funding for the Regina Urgent Care Centre (UCC) and the Saskatoon UCC in partnership with the Ahtahkoop Cree Nation. Once open, these facilities will be a more suitable option for treatment of ailments, injuries and mental health illnesses that are urgent but not life-threatening. This will alleviate pressure in emergency departments and improve access to care for patients.



This year's provincial budget provides the funding needed to strengthen and grow our health care system in communities across the province. With more health care workers, enhanced programs and services, and infrastructure investments, our health care system will continue to serv:

<u>Budget 2023-24: Growth That Works For Everyone | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>





Our Saskatchewan Party Caucus is mourning the loss of our friend and colleague Derek Meyers, MLA for Regina Walsh Acres. Derek passed away at the age of 45 after a battle with cancer.

Through all the challenges he faced, Derek remained one of the most upbeat and positive people you could ever meet.

Since his election in 2020, Derek has been a strong voice for his constituency and the city of Regina, a tireless advocate on behalf of everyone facing mental health challenges and a vital part of our government caucus. Derek had an incredibly bright vision for Saskatchewan, and as our government moves forward with plans laid out in this year's Budget, we will carry his memory with us.

We were blessed to have known Derek. We have lost a bright, talented, personable MLA and a young father far too soon.

On behalf of our government and our province, I want to express my deepest sympathies to Derek's many friends, his partner Laurie, and his children Dayn, Sebastian and Eisley.

Read Derek's obituary here: <u>Derek Meyers | Obituary | Regina Leader-Post (remembering.ca)</u>

POSSIBILITIES RECOVERY CENTER FUNDRAISER



It was a pleasure to join Board Chair Eric Olauson and other members of <u>Possibilities Recovery Center</u> at their 4th Annual Brighter Future Fundraiser this past weekend, All proceeds raised keep our youth mental health programs free of charge.

Marv Friesen, MLA for Saskatoon Riversdale brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Possibilities Recovery Center does an incredible job supporting our community and those recovering from mental health and substance use disorders.



Learn more at https://possibilitiesrecovery.ca/

READY, SET, CAMP - SASK PARKS RESERVATIONS LAUNCHED

APRIL 3



Attentional all campers! The wait is almost over. Sask Parks wants to remind the public that 2023 campsite reservations will open April 3 for seasonal campsites and April 4-12 for nightly reservations.

"With only a few days left before reservations open, it's the perfect time for campers to set-up their accounts online and check out all there is to offer in our parks this season," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Campers can complete their trip planning with ease by exploring exciting events and programming by location, and favourite their preferred sites."

Click on this link for the complete reservation schedule for 2023: Ready Set Camp Sask Parks
Reservations Launch April 3 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Hello April

May this month ahead bring you blessings of endless joy, an abundance of love, happiness, good health, & prosperity.

UNKNOWN

GOVERNMENT WELCOMES FIFTH FLIGHT OF UKRAINIANS
DISPLACED BY WAR



A fifth humanitarian flight of displaced Ukrainians will land at the Regina International Airport today as part of the Government of Saskatchewan's efforts to support those impacted by the unnecessary war in Ukraine.

"Nearly 4,000 Ukrainians have chosen to call Saskatchewan home and we will welcome as many more as wish to come," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government will always support Ukraine's right to defend its sovereignty against unjust foreign aggression."

With their arrival, passengers will be set up with temporary support and accommodations to assist with their settlement during this transition. The Government of Saskatchewan will be hosting events for the public and all newcomers where they receive hands-on support for a host of programs and services. The passengers from today's flight are invited and encouraged to participate.

Government Welcomes Fifth Flight of Ukrainians Displaced by War | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

\$3.7 BILLION CAPITAL BUDGET IS THE LARGEST IN SASKATCHEWAN HISTORY

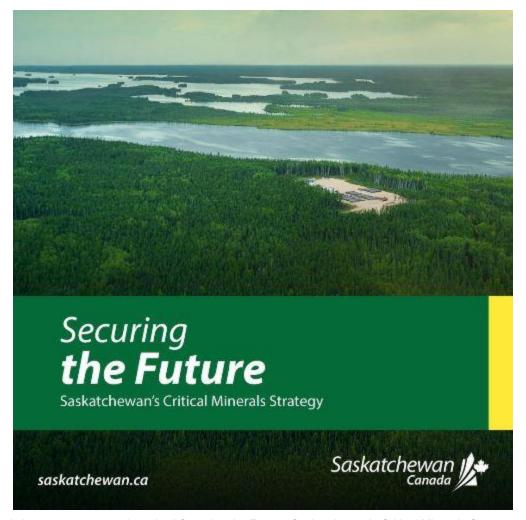


Budget 2023-24 is providing the biggest infrastructure investment in Saskatchewan's history - \$3.7 billion in capital projects to meet the needs of people and communities across the province. This includes nearly \$1.7 billion in capital projects across Executive government, and approximately \$2.1 billion in capital projects by Saskatchewan's commercial Crown corporations.

"A growing province and economy require infrastructure that meets the needs of today and supports future development," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "We are investing a record amount of more than \$3.7 billion this year and are projecting nearly \$15.2 billion more over the next four years, putting us firmly on track to meet our Growth Plan goal of investing \$30 billion in infrastructure by 2030."

\$3.7 Billion Capital Budget is the Largest in Saskatchewan History | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SECURING THE FUTURE



March 27, our government launched Securing the Future: Saskatchewan's Critical Minerals Strategy to drive growth and development in this key sector of our province.

With our existing expertise in mining and processing, our province has the opportunity to become a critical minerals powerhouse and meaningfully contribute to the growing global demand for these resources.

To foster investment in this growing sector, Budget 2023-24 includes an increase from 10% to 30% to the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit to attract more investment into Saskatchewan.

Read the full strategy by visiting: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../27/critical-minerals-event

GRADUATE RETENTION PROGRAM



Graduate Retention Program Growth

Saskatchewan is growing at its fastest rate in more than a century and Budget 2023-24 ensures that growth will continue for the 1.2 million people that call our province home.

The Graduate Retention Program provides recent post-secondary graduates with up to \$20,000 in tax credits to help build their careers and their futures here in Saskatchewan.

More people, more jobs and more opportunities.

That's growth that works for everyone.



EMBASSY CONNECTIONS CANDA VISITS THE LEGISLATURE



It was a pleasure to welcome Jerry Sherman, President of Embassy Connections Canada to Legislature.

Embassy Connections Canada is a registered non-profit Interdenominational Christian organization which serves MPs, Senators and spouses, Canadian Judiciary, Ambassadors and spouses, Provincial Members of Legislatures, Foreign government and economic leaders, and Top corporate leaders in Canada.

Their organization connects our Canadian government and corporate leaders with foreign ambassadors to enhance areas of peace and future cooperation. We also serve as a resource to assist those who wish to gain a better understanding spirituality in their lives.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING SASKATOON ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE OFFICERS



The Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is providing a one-time grant of approximately \$305,000 to the Saskatoon Police Service for two alternative response officer positions.

The funding agreement comes into effect immediately and will be in place until March 31, 2025. Alternative response officers provide an additional uniformed presence in the community and support Saskatoon Police Service investigations and enforcement activities.

"Government is proud to partner with the Saskatoon Police Service to fund these positions, which will enhance public safety and outreach in Saskatoon," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "Alternative response officers and other community safety officers represent an important evolution in modern policing and provide an excellent opportunity for those who want to make a difference in their community."

<u>Government Funding Saskatoon Alternative Response Officers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>







Budget 2023-24 includes the highest-ever total investment for mental health and addictions in Saskatchewan.

Totaling \$518 million, this investment includes new funding for counselling and treatment services as well as support for Phase 2 of adding 150 addiction treatment spaces.

More mental health funding, more counselling services, and more spaces for addictions treatment.



That's growth that works for everyone.

ACTIVE FAMILIES BENEFIT



The Active Families Benefit helps support Saskatchewan families and gives more children and youth the opportunity to participate in an active and healthy lifestyle.

Providing up to \$150 per child, or \$200 for children with a disability, the Active Families Benefit makes it more affordable to enroll children in sport, recreation, and cultural activities across the province. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit https://bit.ly/3nCzb9F

STUDENT REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SASKATCHEWAN DISTANCE LEARNING



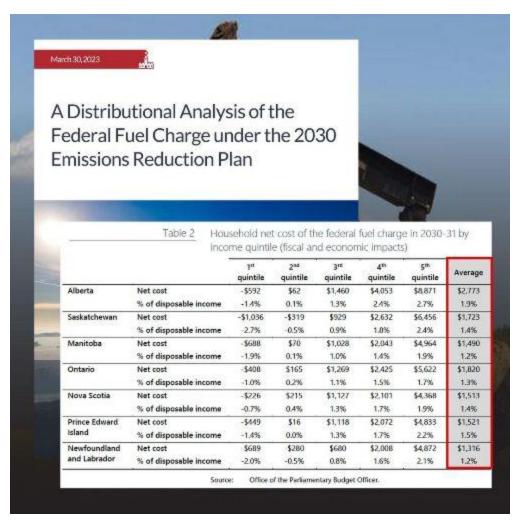
Saskatchewan Kindergarten to Grade 12 students who want to learn online through the new provincial online school can now begin registering at www.saskdlc.ca. Students can choose to attend the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) part-time or full-time depending on what options work best for them, and as with in-person education there is no cost for students under the age of 22.



"Our government continues to firmly believe that the best place for students is in a classroom, but we have heard from parents and students that they want more flexibility and choice when it comes to education," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. "This new and innovative approach to learning in our province will ensure all students have access to high quality education regardless of where they are living in Saskatchewan."

Student Registration Opens Today For Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan

DID YOU KNOW?



With the net cost to Saskatchewan families increasing by \$410 this year, rising to \$1,723 by 2030, the carbon tax is leaving you paying more than you will receive back in incentives.

If the federal government was looking for meaningful ways to reduce emissions, they should look to Saskatchewan and promote our high quality and sustainably produced food, fuel and fertilizer not just here in Canada, but around the world.

ENHANCED PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT



As of April 1, 2023, the provincial government is offering an enhanced Rural Physician Incentive Program to help attract and retain more family physicians to rural and northern communities across

Saskatchewan. For details, visit. Enhanced Physician Incentive Program Now In Effect | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

CHECK OUT THE ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPRING NEWSLETTER



Message From The Board

Spring has sprung and this season's programming has already begun. It will be nice to see the fields and public spaces filled with laughs, activities, and most importantly, people. We can't wait to get out and enjoy the beauty of our community. We are currently planning to bring back social events: Make sure to follow our Facebook and instagram pages for information on upcoming events!

Our Board continues to require new volunteers for the upcoming year in order to maintain and increase impact in the community. We know that you enjoy our programming, and to keep the same options as in the past, please consider volunteering with the EACCA.

We are also happy to welcome residents from the Brighton community as they continue to grow and develop. Brighton residents are welcome to join in EACCA programming or volunteer on our Board.



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VOLUNTEER WITH US

Our EACCA board is an energetic group of community members. We organize www.cs. and activates with the goal of making Erindale & Arbor Trees the BEST place to live in Sessition. If you want to make a difference in your community, consider volunteering with us.

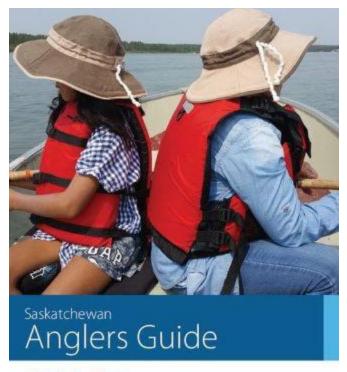
Positions currently open: President Vice President Program Coordinator

Help guide the direction of your community association. Without a full board, it will be difficult for the EACCA to provide a full schedule of programming.



Read the latest here: http://www.erindalearborcreek.org/newsletter

BECOME A REEL EXPERT



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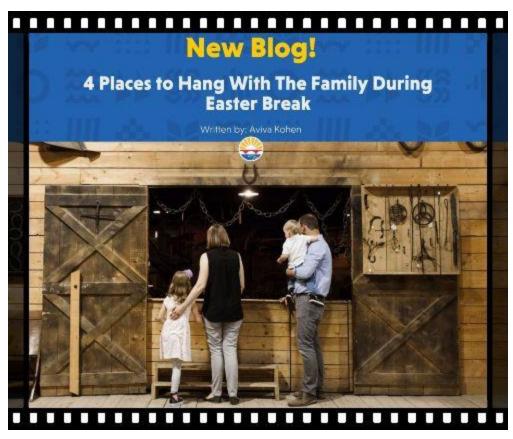
The 2023-24 Saskatchewan Anglers Guide is now available online for fishing enthusiasts.

The guide is conveniently downloadable to your cell phone or tablet, making it possible to quickly reference the province's regulations, practices and catch limits. Physical copies will be available at Ministry of Environment field offices, most provincial park offices and select retail outlets in early May.

"Fishing is a time-honoured tradition in Saskatchewan and a great way to relax and reconnect with family and friends," Environment Minister Dana Skoropad said. "I strongly encourage anglers to review the guide before heading out, so they can fully enjoy casting a line in one of our many beautiful freshwater lakes or rivers this season."

Become a Reel Expert - 2023-24 Saskatchewan Anglers Guide Now Online | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

EASTER BREAK ACTIVITIES



If you're looking for some fun activities to do with your family this upcoming long weekend, we've got you covered! Here are 4 family-friendly things to do in Saskatoon

https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../4-places-hang.../

Western Development Museum Apex Trampoline Park Saskatoon Zoo Society Mar's Minigolf



Easter is a Christian festival and cultural holiday celebrating Jesus Christ's Resurrection on the third day after his crucifixion.

Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Therefore, Easter can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. This year, Easter is celebrated on April 9. The Friday (Good Friday) preceding and the Monday following Easter are public holidays.

Eastern Orthodox churches use a slightly different calculation based on the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar (13 days ahead of the former).

During this celebration, Christians travel to gather with the family. Traditional foods include lamb and Easter pastries like hot cross buns and simnel cakes.

In Canada, turkey or ham is usually served. Traditional customs also include an Egg hunt, a symbol of new life and rebirth. Parents hide the eggs for the children to find on Easter Sunday morning. The eggs

are dyed or decorated; in the western world, they are made from plastic and filled with sweets or made of chocolate. In some traditions, the children put out their empty baskets for the Easter Bunny to fill while they sleep.



Why Does The Date Change Every Year? (forbes.com)

Easter in Canada | The Canadian Encyclopedia

AMPLIFYING POST-SECONDARY STUDENT VOICES IN SASKATCHEWAN



A new Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council will give students opportunities to provide feedback on a broad range of post-secondary topics through direct engagement with the Ministry of Advanced Education. Students will provide advice, insight and feedback on policies, emerging issues and trends in post-secondary education.

"Engaging students in conversations around their post-secondary experience will help us better understand what helps them to succeed," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "This student council will give us a platform to connect with students and gain valuable insights and perspectives."

Amplifying Post-Secondary Student Voices In Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

KEEP IN TOUCH



If you have questions of concerns regarding Budget items or anything else related to government programs, please contact our office at ken.chevelayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

If you have an event you would like featured in this newsletter, please let us know.

SASKATOONING THIS APRIL



Hey everyone! April is almost here and there are so many exciting events happening! Check out our latest blog post where we've highlighted some of the best events taking place in April. https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this.../

Don't miss out on the fun - start planning your April adventure today!

<u>Champetre County/Howling Coyote Saloon The Berry Barn Ukrainian Museum of Canada - National,</u>

<u>Saskatoon Persephone Theatre Saskatoon Blades Hockey Club Saskatchewan Rush TCU</u>

<u>Place Prairieland Park Prairieland Agriculture</u>

INVESTING IN EDUCATION



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - 2023 SEASON SCHEDULE IS HERE!



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Government Signs MOU with Saskatoon Police Service to House Ballistics Lab | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SHA Health Facilities Returning To Routine Infection Prevention Protocols; SK Vax Wallet App Winding Down | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Province Invests in Operational Funding for Second Stage Housing | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

<u>Saskatchewan Introduces Legislation To License Physician Assistants | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Water Security Agency Launches Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program for 2023 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan Grants \$90,000 to Support Ground-Breaking Chronic Wasting Disease
Research | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Saskatchewan Sees Biggest Population Jump in 108 Years | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Saskatchewan Mineral Exploration Tax Credit to Triple Under New Legislation | News and Media |
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<u>Saskatchewan Releases New Critical Minerals Strategy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

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Environment Budget Balances Stewardship and Economic Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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Investing to Support Saskatchewan's Current and Future Labour Force Needs | News and Media |
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Government Support for Saskatchewan Municipalities Grows 12 Per Cent to Record \$503 Million | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Investments In Provincial Parks And The Film Industry Will Benefit Saskatchewan Residents And Boost Economic Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Agriculture Budget Supports Innovative, Sustainable and Competitive Industry | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Government And SMA Announce Changes Designed To Improve Patient Access And Alleviate Pressure

On Emergency Rooms | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

More Health Care Workers, Expanded Services And A Health Care System That Works For Everyone |
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Highways \$776 Million Budget Makes Priority Investments That Support Economic Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Funding Now Available For Airport Improvements Through CAP | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

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https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2023/march/30/lotteries-and-gaming-saskatchewan-legislation-introduced

<u>Protecting Saskatchewan Communities, Improving Justice Services, Second-Stage Housing to Protect</u>

Women Leaving Dangerous Situations | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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Higher Benefits, Enhanced Client Supports and Increased Funding for Partners in Social Services Budget

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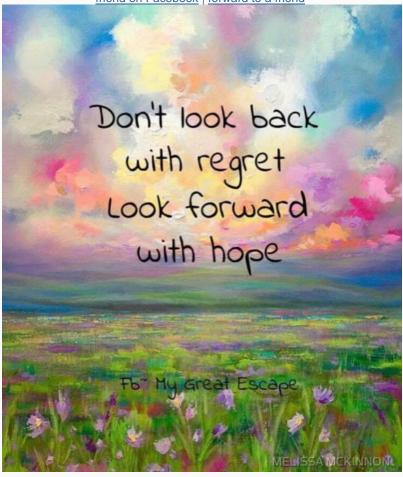
Record Investment in First Nation and Métis Communities in Saskatchewan | News and Media |
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Elm Pruning Ban Begins April 1 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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