

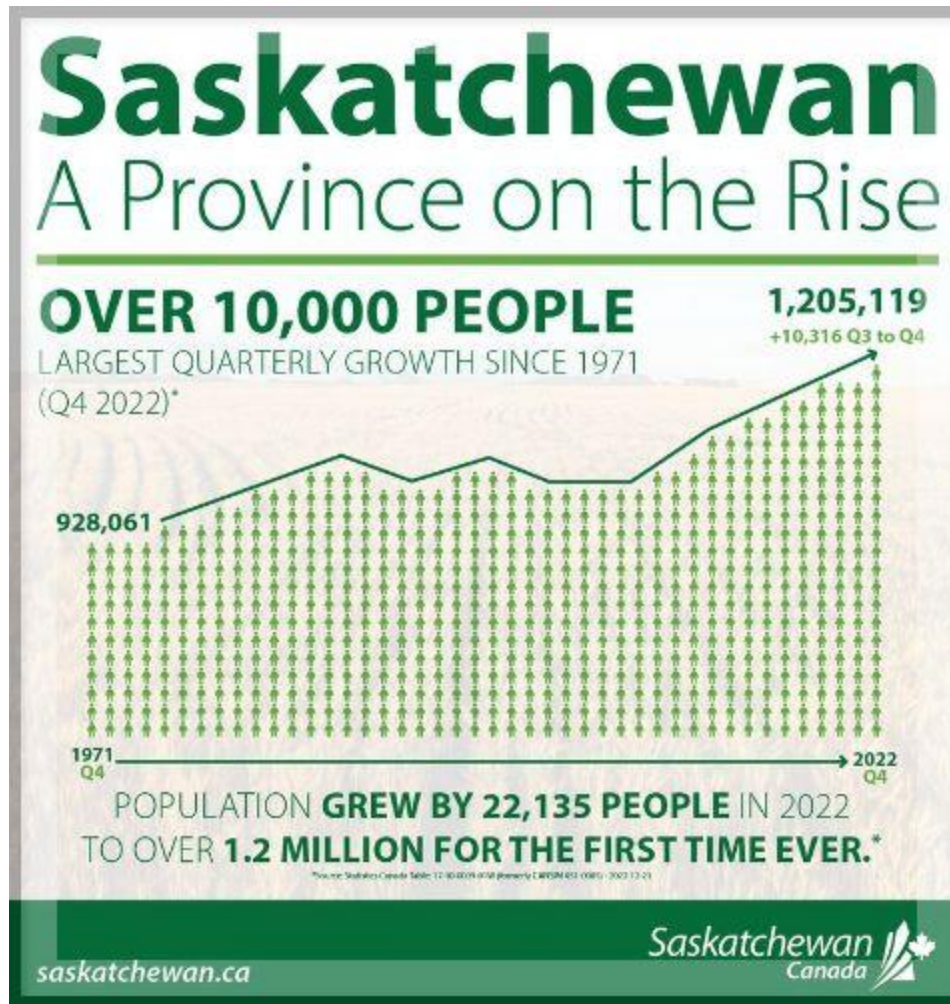
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!

From a Provincial Point of View

**Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA
Saskatoon Willowgrove**



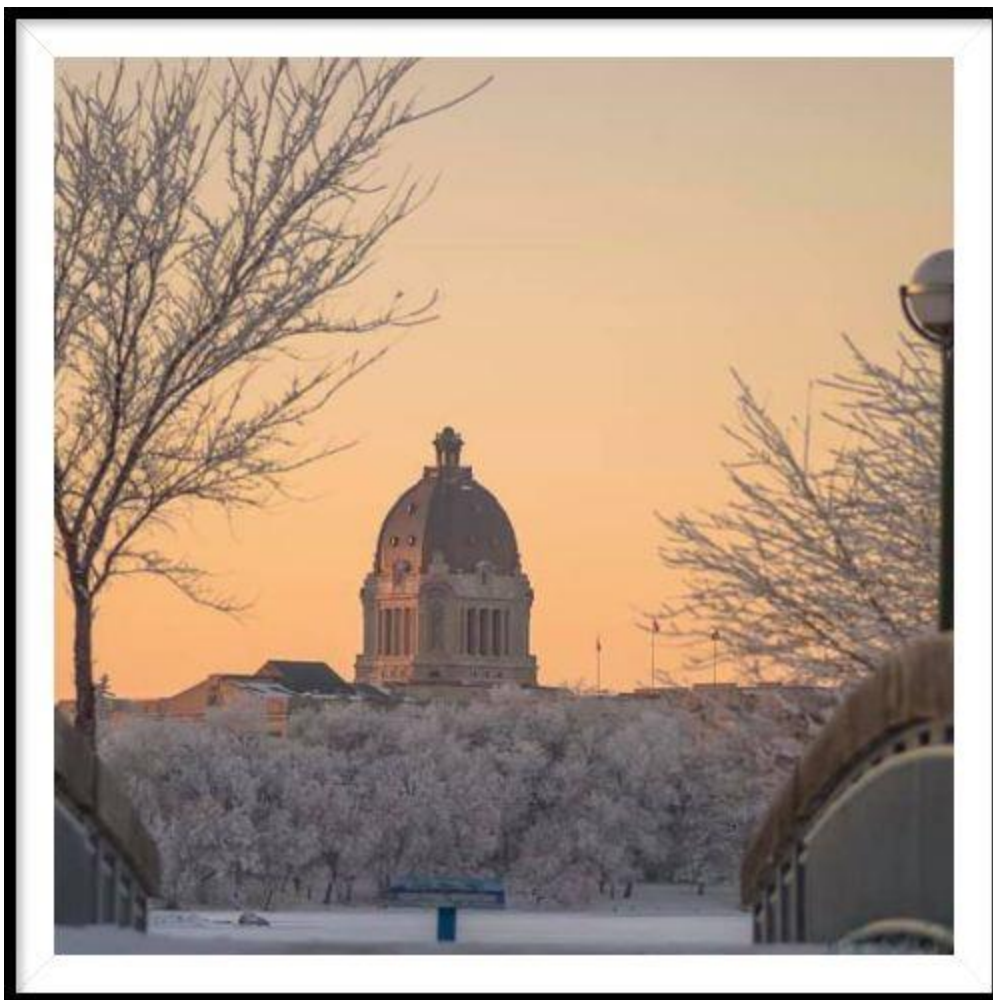
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Between July 1, and September 30, 2022, Saskatchewan saw more than 10,000 newcomers calling the province home – the largest quarterly increase since records began in 1970!

For information on how to access newcomer supports, please contact SaskJobs Career Services at 1-833-613-0485.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Saskatchewan's future as a North American mining and critical earth processing hub is bright. In our 2030 Growth Plan, we stated that our province would create the first North American rare earth elements (REE) processing facility. REEs are a key component used to manufacture permanent magnets used in electric vehicles, wind turbines and electronics.

To make this goal a reality, our government announced it would invest \$31 million in the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) REE processing facility. The first phase of the project, a monazite processing unit, was unveiled in September 2022 and is operation-ready for 2023. The second phase includes a separation unit. We invested an additional \$20 million in 2022 to add a third phase to the facility, a metal smelting unit. This unit will produce rare earth metals, a key ingredient used to manufacture permanent magnets. Both the separation unit and metal smelting unit will be operational in 2024 and will be producing rare earth elements products for sale in international markets, including individual rare earth oxides and didymium metals.

SRC's facility will be the first of its kind in North America and is already beginning to establish a vertically integrated REE supply chain in Saskatchewan, forming an industry model for future commercial REE

resource expansion in the province. This facility also positions Saskatchewan as a key player in the clean technology industry. With the ability to process REEs in Saskatchewan, we can reduce our reliance on foreign markets as we transition to clean energy right here at home.

This industry expansion is already taking place as Vital Metals constructs its own separate rare earth extraction facility in Saskatoon. Vital Metals will take REE ore that is mined at its Nechalacho mine in the Northwest Territories, process it at their facility here in Saskatoon.

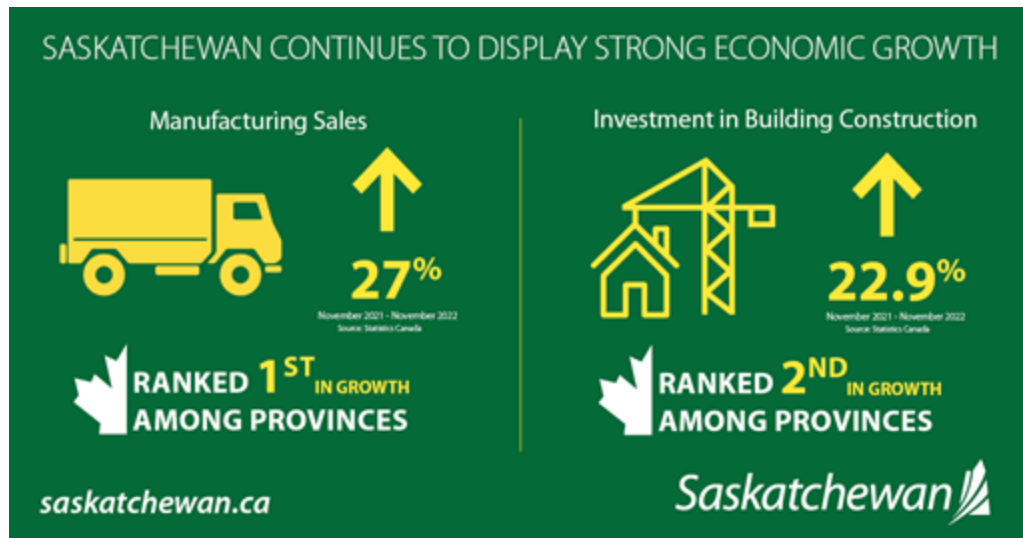
Our province is a great place for investments from both the government and private sector investors in the mining industry. Saskatchewan was selected as the best jurisdiction for mining investment attractiveness in Canada and second globally, according to the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies. The survey ranks jurisdictions on factors such as stability, regulations, tax regimes, infrastructure and geological attractiveness. Along with this investment attractiveness for mining companies, Saskatchewan boasts world-class research facilities and strong supplier networks.

The province can support developments like the SRC and Vital Metals facilities with a strong and growing workforce. Annual labour force figures show Saskatchewan had 576,000 people working in 2022, an increase of 18,600 from 2021. This is the second-largest percentage increase since records began in 1976. The province is well on its way to creating 100,000 new jobs by the end of 2030, another Growth Plan goal.

In support of this emerging industry, Premier Moe is working to promote Saskatchewan's important role in producing REEs and connecting with critical trading partners. In December last year he met with key stakeholders in Washington, D.C. to promote Saskatchewan as an essential mineral trading partner. We continue to work to identify opportunities to strengthen the critical mineral sector and explore ways to address global energy concerns.

With significant projects like these well underway, growth in the mining and technology industries will continue in the coming years, making Saskatchewan a leader in the REE field.

STRONG GROWTH IN SASKTCHEWAN'S MANUFACTURING SALES AND INVESTMENT IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION



Statistics Canada has released the November 2022 manufacturing sales and investment in building construction data, showing Saskatchewan's economy remains strong.

The value of manufacturing sales in Saskatchewan increased by 27 per cent compared to November 2021, ranking first among provinces, while investment in building construction placed second among provinces during that same time, with a 22.9 per cent increase.



"Month after month Saskatchewan shows continued growth in several different key economic indicators, with record investment in our province," Trade and Export Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

"Saskatchewan's economy is one of the most competitive in the nation, and today's data provides further proof that our province remains the best place to work, live and do business in Canada."

[Strong Growth in Saskatchewan's Manufacturing Sales and Investment in Building Construction | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH, TAKE THE TIME TO CARE FOR YOURSELF



People don't FAKE a mental illness. They fake being OKAY. If you're struggling with your mental health, take the time to care for yourself. The world can wait.

Resources are available to support you:

- ◆ [Wellness Together Canada](https://wellnesstogether.ca) – designed to be used on demand, giving you the option to choose what you need when you need it. Need immediate support? Visit wellnesstogether.ca and click the pink 'I Need Help Now' button to call or text a licensed professional at any time.
- ◆ HealthLine 811 – provides 24/7 confidential mental health and addictions advice, education and support to residents of Saskatchewan.
- ◆ [Online Therapy USER](https://www.onlinetherapyuser.com) – offers free online programs to help with thoughts, behaviours, and physical symptoms of depression and anxiety.
- ◆ Mobile Crisis Centres – located across Saskatchewan and operate 24/7. Or call the 24/7 hour general line: 306-933-6200 in Saskatoon. Or visit Regina's website - <https://mobilecrisis.ca/>
- ◆ Farm Stress Line - 1-800-667-4442.
- ◆ More: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../men.../mental-health-support>

Check in with those you love and care about today and reach out for support if needed. Looking after your mental health is just as important as taking care of your physical health.

PROVINCE SEEKS LEAVE TO INTERVENE AGAINST NEW VANCOUVER PORT FEES



Saskatchewan, along with Manitoba, is appearing virtually before the Federal Court today to seek leave to intervene in a judicial review of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's new gateway infrastructure fees.

"As a province that depends heavily on exports, Saskatchewan wants to ensure that the full impact of new port fees on key sectors of our economy is taken into consideration," Justice Minister and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "These fees could significantly increase costs for Saskatchewan goods moving through the Port of Vancouver and diminish Canada's overall global competitiveness."

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority announced it was implementing new fees in the fall of 2022, which came into effect on January 1, 2023. The fees range from eight to 40 cents per tonne for bulk, non-containerized cargo, including potash and grain, depending on the terminal through which the export is being processed. In response to this increase, a number of companies, including Viterro Canada Inc., are seeking a judicial review of the decision.

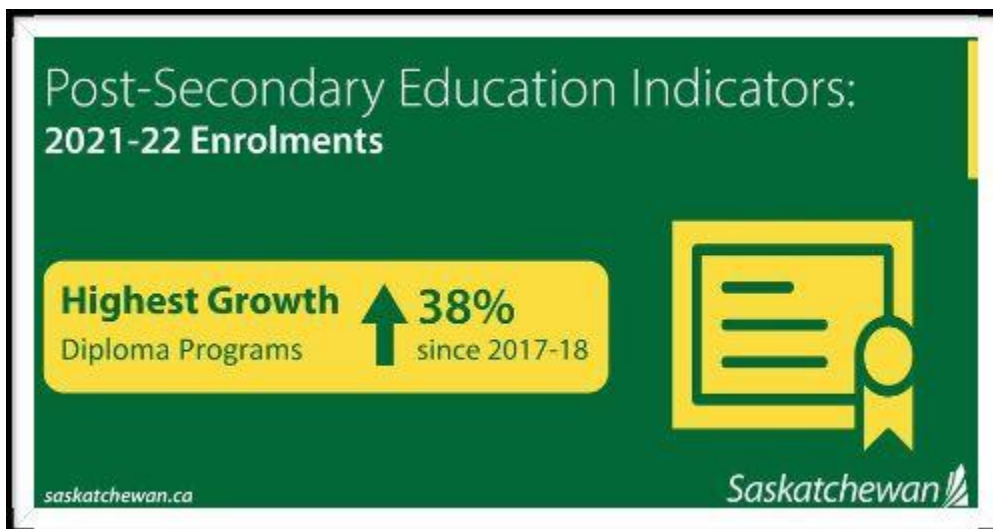
Saskatchewan will provide a public interest perspective on the interpretation of what constitutes a fair and reasonable fee, based on a provision under the *Canada Marine Act*, which requires that the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Board have representation from the prairie provinces, and the large amount of Saskatchewan exports processed through the Port of Vancouver.

"As a landlocked province, Saskatchewan relies on a fair and competitive transportation network to get our goods across Canada and around the world," Highways Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Our producers can compete with any in the world, as long as they are treated equitably."

The Port of Vancouver is critical for Saskatchewan exports. In 2020, approximately 44 per cent of all Saskatchewan exports went through it, which represents a total value of \$12.2 billion. This includes over \$8 billion in agriculture and agri-food products and \$2.9 billion in potash and potassium-based fertilizers. Approximately 22 per cent of the collective metric tonnage of goods that went through the Port of Vancouver in 2020 were made up of Saskatchewan exports.

"Port of Vancouver is trying to impose new gateway infrastructure fees that in our view places an unfair and unnecessary burden on bulk terminal operators like grain," Parrish & Heimbecker CEO John Heimbecker said. "Given that a significant portion of those costs will inevitably be borne by prairie grain farmers, it's only right that the Government of Saskatchewan would intervene to protect their interests and we're thankful to the Premier and his ministers for doing just that with today's announcement."

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INDICATORS



Did you know that diploma programs are the fastest growing segment of Saskatchewan's post-secondary sector? The number of students enrolled in diploma programs across the province has grown by 38% since 2017-18. Diploma programs require fewer courses than a Bachelor's Degree and can be completed sooner.

Read the full Post-Secondary Education Indicators Report on enrolments at saskatchewan.ca, and

check out the statistics on Saskatchewan's Dashboard

here: <https://dashboard.saskatchewan.ca/education-learning>

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN AND SASK PORK INVEST \$1 MILLION IN SWINE DISEASE PREPAREDNESS



January 18, Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced \$700,000 in funding to support swine disease mitigation efforts. Sask Pork will also be providing \$300,000 toward a swine market disruption plan, which will help industry respond to potential market closures due to an animal health emergency event such as African swine fever.

"Mitigation of, preparedness for, and response to animal diseases are all critical factors in supporting the Saskatchewan swine industry," Marit said. "This funding will support a healthy hog sector and protect hog producers and abattoirs during potential market disruptions."

The funding will support the creation of a cull line at the sow processing facility Donald's Fine Foods is constructing in Moose Jaw. This would allow for humane slaughter of domestic hogs if a serious swine disease outbreak ever temporarily stopped trade.

"The pork industry has been working diligently on both prevention, such as biosecurity improvements, and preparedness, so infrastructure is in place to respond if African swine fever were to enter the country," Sask Pork Board Chair Toby Tschetter said. "We appreciate the collaboration with the provincial government and industry that made today's announcement possible."

[Government of Saskatchewan and Sask Pork Invest \\$1 Million in Swine Disease Preparedness | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

POST-GRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



Post-Graduate and Graduate Student Scholarships

- Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship
- Queen Elizabeth II Centennial Aboriginal Scholarship

\$20,000 available for each scholarship.

Application deadline: February 28, 2023

Saskatchewan

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Are you pursuing post-graduate or graduate studies at the [University of Regina](#) or [University of Saskatchewan](#)? Depending on your field of study, you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$20,000!

The application deadline for the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship and Queen Elizabeth II Aboriginal Centennial Scholarship is February 28.

Learn more about eligibility requirements and find the application forms here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../scholarships.../scholarships>

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES IN SASKATOON THIS WINTER!



Check out our newest blog for 10 fun things we want to do to make the most out of winter in Saskatoon!

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../saskatoon-winter.../>

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[Hill Odlá](#) [Wintershines](#) [Winterruption SK](#) [Saskatoon Blades Hockey Club](#) [Huskie Athletics](#) [Back2Nature](#)

[Wellness and Adventures](#)

SASKATCHEWAN IS ON TRACK!



Saskatchewan's labour force is strong, resilient and ready for the future!

576,800 people were employed in 2022, marking the second largest increase since records began in 1976.

As the province looks to the future, our government will ensure a stable economy for both job seekers and job creators as we continue to reach our growth plan goals.

SASK PARKS 2023 CAMPSITE RESERVATION DATES ANNOUNCED



Reservations for Saskatchewan Provincial Parks 2023 camping season are set to begin April 3 for seasonal campsites and April 4 to 12 for nightly, Camp-Easy and group campsites.

"Many campers are already looking forward to setting up their home-away-from-home in provincial parks this summer," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "With reservation dates set, campers can now begin planning their trips and preparing for launch day."

2023 Sask Parks Camping Season Reservations

Dates Set

Seasonal Campsites:	April 3rd
Nightly, Camp-Easy and group campsites:	April 4-12th



**Saskatchewan
Party Caucus**

Schedule

The complete reservation schedule for 2023 is as follows:

Seasonal campsites:

- April 3: all parks participating in the seasonal camping program.

Nightly, Camp-Easy and group campsites:

- April 4: Candle Lake, Good Spirit Lake, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan Landing
- April 5: Break
- April 6: Douglas, Echo Valley, Makwa Lake, Narrow Hills, Pike Lake
- April 10: Danielson, Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Rowan's Ravine, The Battlefords
- April 11: Buffalo Pound, Bronson Forest, Duck Mountain, Moose Mountain
- April 12: Blackstrap, Crooked Lake, Cypress Hills, Lac La Ronge.

Reservations will begin at 7 a.m. each day.

Read more about Park Fees and what is new this year: [Sask Parks 2023 Campsite Reservation Dates Announced | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

#1 IN CANADA!



Saskatchewan's economy continues to show signs of strength!

Recent StatsCan numbers highlight that wholesale trade increased by 26.7% between November 2021-2022, ranking #1 in the nation.

BE AWARE OF CARBON MONOXIDE



Carbon monoxide (CO) can be very dangerous. You can't see it, smell it or taste it. How your body reacts to CO depends on exposure levels. When CO is inhaled, blood doesn't get the oxygen it needs. This will lead to symptoms that could include a minor to severe headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, vision/hearing impairment, fainting, drowsiness, unconsciousness or even death.

If you suspect CO exposure (or your CO detector alarm alerts to a problem), stay calm and get everyone (including pets) outside as soon as possible. Call 911 or your local fire department, fuel supplier, a licensed heating contractor or your gas company for an inspection. Do not go back in until given the all-clear.

The best ways to prevent CO exposure in your home is to:

- * regularly inspect vents/chimneys for foreign material or damage
- * perform regular maintenance of your furnace/boiler
- * never run a vehicle/generator/BBQ inside a camper/home/attached garage
- * install a CO alarm and test it regularly
- * avoid smoking indoors.

REMEMBER TO DOWNLOAD THE HIGHWAY HOTLINE APP



We have featured this Highway Hotline Mobile App in previous newsletters but just wanted to send a reminder.

Stay safe on [#Saskatchewan](#) highways this time of year.

Stay one step ahead of changing road conditions, download the brand new Highway Hotline app. and take advantage of the new features when planning your route.

Download the app for iPhone: <https://apple.co/3Ts5z9g>

or Android: <https://bit.ly/3NXPqHn>

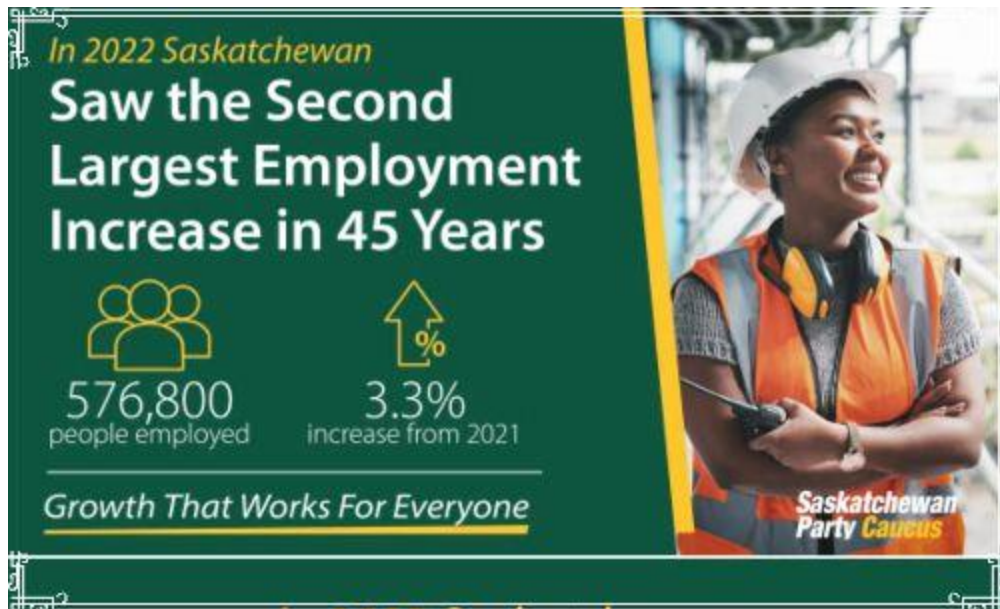
PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A DONOR



Saskatchewan's organ and tissue donor registry can be found at <http://www.givelifesask.ca/>
Residents of Saskatchewan can use the online registry to register their decision to donate their organs and/or tissues so that decision can be shared with organ donation coordinators in the future.

Any person 16 years or older with a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Card number can register their intent to be a donor. Residents can choose to donate all organs and tissues needed for transplant; or select organs and tissues of their choosing.

SASKATCHEWAN SAW THE SECOND LARGEST EMPLOYMENT INCREASE IN 45 YEARS!



In 2022, Saskatchewan had 576,800 people employed, an increase 3.3 per cent from 2021, the second largest percentage increase since records began in 1976. This means the province is on track to reach its goal of 100,000 new jobs by the end of 2030. For more information, visit [Saskatchewan.ca](https://saskatchewan.ca).

HEALTH CAREERS IN SASKATCHEWAN

INCENTIVES UP TO
\$50,000
ARE AVAILABLE!

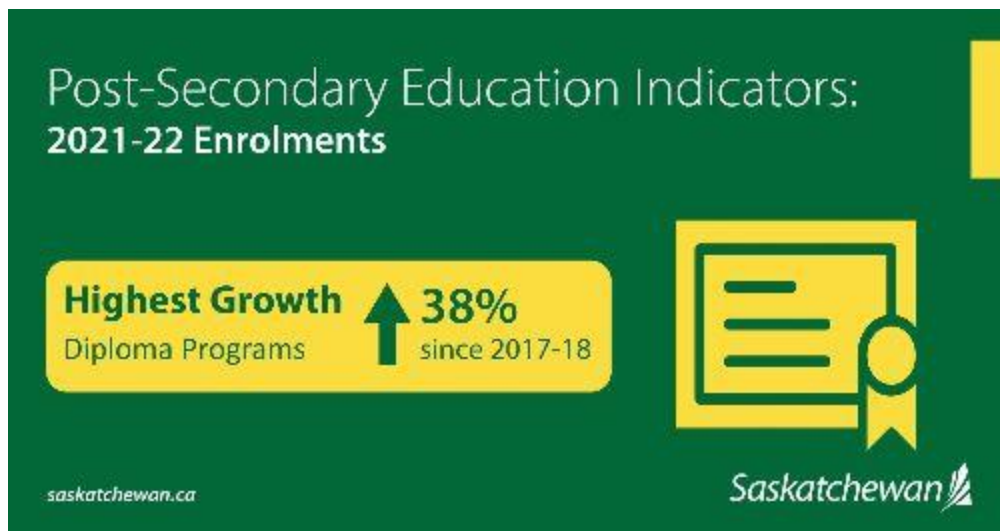
 **Saskatchewan Health Authority**

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has a great job for you! We are hiring qualified nursing graduates – with incentives based on eligibility up to \$50,000!

Get a head start on your career with our SHA team. We have permanent jobs available throughout Saskatchewan. Full-time permanent and flexible options!

<http://ow.ly/6sRu50LSz3C>

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here: <https://dashboard.saskatchewan.ca/education-learning>

SHARING IS CARING



Sharing your [#MySaskHealthRecord](#) account with family members is easy. 📌

1. Log in
2. Click on the ACCOUNT drop down in top right corner
3. Select SHARE RECORD and follow the steps

TRAVEL HEALTH TIPS



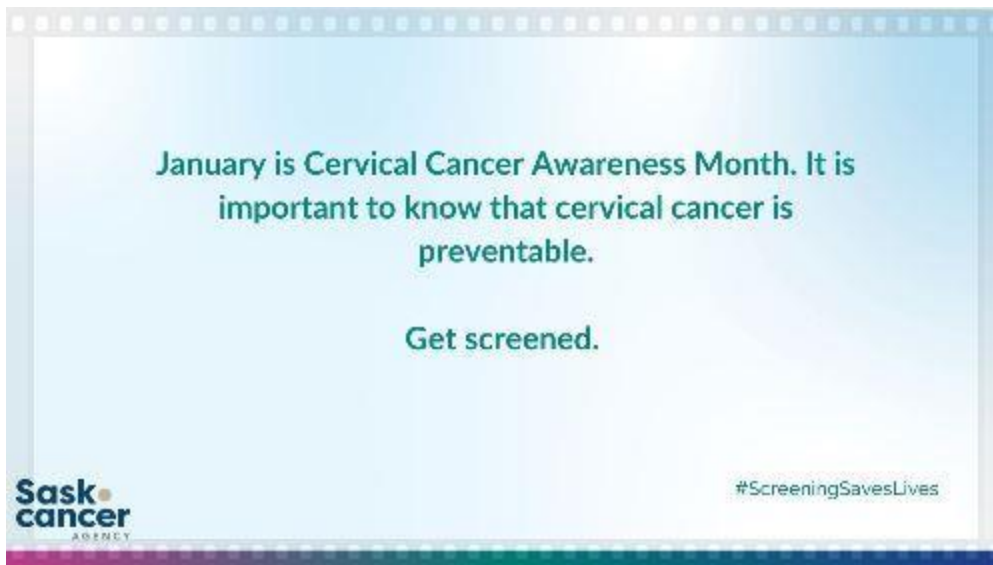
Plan before you go. If you are planning to travel to another country, see public health several months before you leave so you will have time for immunizations that you may need to get ahead of time.

Other basic safety tips to prevent problems while travelling:

- ◆ Developing countries may not have safe tap water. Drink only beverages made with boiled water. Canned or bottled carbonated drinks are usually a safe choice. And don't use ice.
- ◆ Do not eat raw vegetables, raw fruits, or raw or undercooked meat and seafood.
- ◆ In areas where mosquito-borne illnesses are found, use DEET insect repellent. Use mosquito netting while you sleep.
- ◆ Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of injury among travellers. If you drive, be sure to learn the custom and rules.

More: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/.../healthline.../te7636>

JANUARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



You should have a Pap test every two years. Once you have had three consecutive normal results, you can have the test every three years. Women should continue having a Pap test until they turn 69. Some women may need a Pap test every year due to certain risk factors. Speak with your healthcare provider about what is right for you.

Book a Pap with your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, make an appointment at one of the clinics located here <http://ow.ly/tFTN50MpeJn> [Saskatchewan Health Authority](#) [Saskatoon Sexual Health SWITCH - Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health](#)

HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY



Harm Reduction Strategy

Harm reduction helps reduce the risks of overdose deaths, sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections while connecting people to health and addictions services and supports.

Distribution and Return of Inhalation Equipment – The SHA offers safe distribution and return of inhalation equipment. It decreases sharing and discarding of used equipment in the community while encouraging clients to engage with health care providers in a safe space to access health care service.

Connecting people with harm reduction services reduces the negative effects of using drugs and alcohol and creates opportunities to live healthier lives.

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US
TO INCLUDE IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

UPCOMING EVENTS

10th
YOU ARE INVITED!
Get Your Tickets!
swtsevents.com
January 28th, 2023
It's my party and I'll dance if I want to!
Saskatoon City Hospital
FOUNDATION

WILDLIFE FESTIVAL AT PRAIRIELAND PARK



Tickle a tortoise, pet a kangaroo, hang with an iguana! Don't miss The Wildlife Festival at [Prairieland Park](#) on January 27-29, 2023. It's the perfect indoor winter activity for animal-loving families. Please find all the information on their website!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WINTER FUN DAY IN OUR CONSTITUENCY



**Winter
Family Fun
Day**

**February 11, 1-3PM at the rink
([behind Willowgrove/Holy Family Schools](#))**

**Skating, sledding, sleigh rides, and
other fun winter stuff!**

Hot chocolate and coffee provided

Willowgrove university Heights community Association is planning a great winter event for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to the volunteers for planning such a fun day for families.

**SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN
SASKATOON**



Bring the family out to Pink Cadillac's on 8th Street for an evening of burgers and fun, all for a great cause!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for a child. Included in your ticket is a beef/chicken/veggie burger with fries, a drink and dessert. There will be Balloon Funn by Warren, Super Hero's, and we will have a 50/50 draw as well. All proceeds will go back into our programs and benefit children and youth in Saskatoon!

Bring your family and come enjoy an evening out!



SASKATOON
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FEBRUARY BREAK CAMP

4-day camp February 21-24, 2023.
Registration now open!!



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PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

We're here to help
you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

Ken Cheveldayoff
MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove



Please reach out, we look forward to hearing from you.
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I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our 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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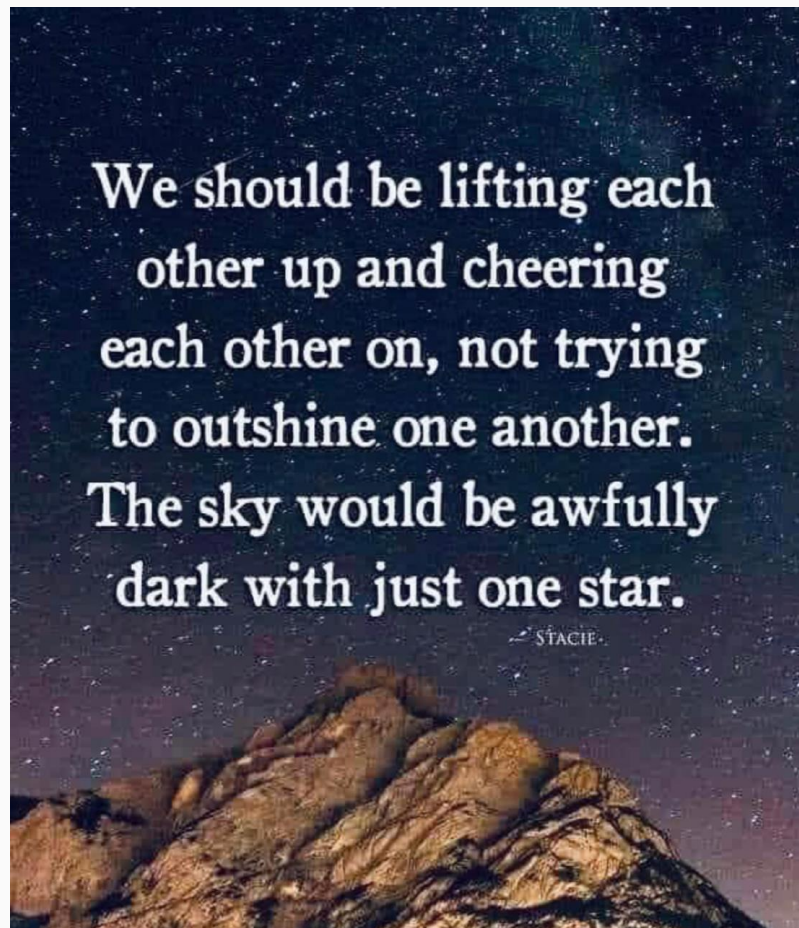
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