

#### **LEGISLATIVE RECAP**

Saskatchewan celebrated Parks Week July 9-15 with many events and themed programs available in provincial parks for visitors to enjoy. Whether through hiking, relaxing at the beach, fishing or water sports, people of all ages enjoyed the outdoors and celebrated the natural beauty of our great province!

Our province recently received great news on the population and labour force. Saskatchewan continues to enjoy the largest population growth since 1914, with an increase of over 33,000 in the past year reaching an all-time high of 1.221 million. In the first quarter of this year alone, over 6,000 people chose to make Saskatchewan home.

A labour force record has been broken, too; over 604,700 people are working in Saskatchewan today, more than ever before. Regina and Saskatoon are seeing record employment levels at 148,300 and 198,800, respectively. The province has added 3,300 new jobs in the past year, and our unemployment level of 4.7 per cent is the third lowest in Canada.

Saskatchewan's growing population and workforce supports a growing economy and allows our government to invest in priority areas, like health care. Our government invested \$98.8 million in the Health Human Resources Action Plan in this year's budget and we are seeing strong

results. Since December 2022, 485 grad nurses from across the province and Canadahave been hired to join the health care system. A group of Registered Nurses (RNs) from the Philippines have arrived and begun training, the first group of over 400 Filipino RNs recruited.

Progress continues toward filling 250 new and enhanced permanent full-time positions in rural and remote areas, with 157 positions now filled. Incentives of up to \$50,000 have been approved for 140 health care professionals and are still available, as well as incentives packages for physicians in rural and remote areas of up to \$200,000.

For students and adults interested in careers in health care, the Saskatchewan Health Authority offers job shadowing opportunities; learn more at <a href="https://www.Saskatchewan.ca/HHR">www.Saskatchewan.ca/HHR</a>.



Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe and fellow provincial and territorial premiers were in Winnipeg July 10-12 for the Council of the Federation summer meeting. The premiers discussed several priorities and issues that impact all Canadians, including health care, infrastructure, and the British Columbia port workers' strike. Premier Scott Moe, "Premiers from across Canada spent the past few days having open and active discussions with a focus on building strong, growing communities and economies.

We are united in our call to engage with the Prime Minister on competitive and strategic infrastructure, including critical supply chains for each province's unique circumstances and needs.

We need to work together to support future growth and prosperity for all Canadians."



The Government of Saskatchewan continues to stand up for the best interests of the people of Saskatchewan. If you have questions, concerns or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

## SPECIALIZED CARDIAC PROCEDURE NOW OFFERED IN SASKATOON



Our government is providing new funding of \$330,000 in 2023-24 to establish the Transcatheter Mitral Valve

Repair program, a first of its kind in the prairie provinces.

This funding will help support the program at the Royal University Hospital Catheterization Lab in Saskatoon and ten transcatheter mitral valve repair procedures will be performed in 2023-24 for priority cases currently on the wait list.

SASKATCHEWAN PARKS HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER EXPLORE AND CONNECT WITH NATURE



Saskatchewan's provincial parks offer camping, glamping, hiking, and fun at the lake. There are also exciting events and programming to fill visitors' days with fun, laughter, and joy in the great outdoors.

"From forests, to grasslands, to sand dunes, the diversity of Saskatchewan's landscapes and parks often surprises visitors," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "With exciting programs and events, Parks Week is a great time to explore and celebrate all the beauty our province has to offer."

Saskatchewan Parks Week is a Great Time to Explore and Connect with Nature | News and Media |
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Take a Moment in Sask Parks July 12 - July 25 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

#### SASKATOON YOUTH COUNSELLING SUPPORT



Our government is providing \$1.7 million in new annual funding to Family Services Saskatchewan

to expand its free, rapid access counselling services to children, youth, and their caregivers across the province.

These services will give young people access to supports for mental health challenges ranging from stress and These services will give young people access to supports for mental health challenges ranging from stress and depression to family conflict, addictions, and domestic violence.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT ADAM JOHNSON



Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Adam Johnson's music career is exploding. Adam had an outstanding performance at Country Thunder -Craven!

The 2023 SCMA Emerging Artist of the Year, Adam Johnson, burst onto the scene in 2021 when his debut single became the 2nd most downloaded song on Country radio the day of its release and reached #1 on the Canadian Indie Country Countdown. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Country Singer has since earned top 100 status on Canadian Country Radio with two songs. Adam received over 1000 radio spins during the past year, and his song "Back Again" ranked 3rd among Saskatchewan Country artists in radio play. Adam also received multiple SCMA award

nominations in 2023, including Male Artist Of The Year, Album Of The Year and Emerging Artist Of The Year. Last spring, he received recognition from Country Thunder and the Regina Leader-Post for his song Craven, interviewing with the Legendary Storme Warren. For is latest single, Drinking With The Boys, Adam has teamed up with CCMA award-winning producer Bart Mckay. Inspired by artists like Luke Combs and Toby Keith, it is primed to be the drinking song of the summer.

## MORE PEOPLE WORKING IN SASKATCHEWAN THAN EVER BEFORE



Province adds 3,300 jobs over last year, unemployment rate at 4.7 per cent

More people are working in the province than ever before with 604,700 people working today in Saskatchewan. Regina and Saskatoon are also seeing record levels of employment at 148,300 and 198,800, respectively.

Newly released labour force figures from Statistics Canada for June also show strong labour force growth in Saskatchewan with 3,300 new jobs when compared to June 2022, and 1,800 new jobs when compared to May 2023.

"Saskatchewan has seen more than two years of consistent job growth and has asserted itself as a province of growth and opportunity, adding nearly 8,000 new jobs since the start of 2023 alone," Minister of Immigration and Career Training Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government is looking to the future as the province sees exceptional labour participation rates and continued private

capital investments, both of which are propelling Saskatchewan's continued growth."

More People Working in Saskatchewan Than Ever Before | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

## RECORD BREAKING EMPLOYMENT IN SASKATOON AND MORE PEOPLE WORKING IN SASKATCHEWAN THAN EVER BEFORE



New StatsCan labour force numbers show Saskatoon has broken its all-time employment record! Saskatchewan has seen growth across several key indicators over recent months including record global exports, nation leading GDP, and the largest population growth in more than a century.

Our strong and growing economy is creating more jobs and more opportunities for people in every corner of the province, making Saskatchewan a great place to live, work and raise a family.



More people are working in Saskatchewan than ever before!

Newly released labour force figures show an all-time high 604,700 people working in our province. In addition, Saskatchewan continues to have the third lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 4.7%, well below the national average of 5.4%.

**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 4 - JULY 10, 2023** 



Crops continued to progress this week with the warm temperatures across the province. Canola is beginning to pod and wheat is beginning to flower in many areas. Dry conditions are impacting parts of the province and many producers are hoping for rain immediately.

Very little rain was received this week. The most rain was in the Dinsmore area, with 14 mm. A large decrease in soil moisture accompanied the warm weather this past week. Crop land topsoil moisture is currently 21 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 24 per cent very short. Hay and pastureland topsoil moisture is currently 17 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 28 per cent very short.

Crop Report for the Period of July 4 to July 10 2023 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

## BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW SCULPTURE, MAKE A WISH



At the intersection of 2nd Avenue North and 23rd Street East stands Kyle Thornley's steel sculpture, Make a Wish. This captivating artwork embodies resilience, growth, and optimism, symbolized by a mature dandelion stalk and its delicate seeds.

Vibrant and colorful fingers cradle this representation of hope, reminding passersby of the enduring power of the human spirit.

Photo taken by <a href="https://www.instagram.com/themobilkids">https://www.instagram.com/themobilkids</a>
<a href="https://www.instagram.com/themobilkids">Installation by <a href="https://metalmindforge.com/">https://metalmindforge.com/</a>

## ANOTHER \$13 MILLION FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN RURAL SASKATCHEWAN



Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program

More than 31 municipalities and communities are set to receive \$13 million through the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) program to address 34 projects.

The RIRG program has been a successful partnership program with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) for many years," Highways Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "These investments in rural economies promote growth and prioritizes the safety and quality of roads and bridges in rural Saskatchewan."

Another \$13 Million for Highway Improvements in Rural Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE RCMP MUSICAL RIDE HELD IN
SASKATOON THIS PAST WEEKEND



The Musical Ride is made a stop in Saskatoon as its world-famous show across the country delighted the crowds. This summer spectacle featured the RCMP Musical Ride. A troop of police officers and their horses delighted audiences with a truly spectacular showcase of equestrian skill through formations and cavalry drills set to upbeat music.

Connecting with the communities they serve is the why behind the Musical Ride. The Musical Ride supports front-line police operations by building positive relationships, supporting recruiting efforts and promoting the RCMP in communities in Canada and around the world.

Those attending experienced a uniquely Canadian experience.

TRAIN FOR A HEALTH CARE CAREER IN SASKATCHEWAN

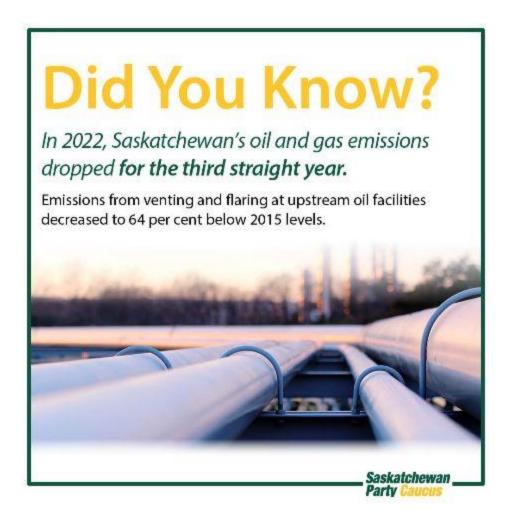


Start training for your health care career!

Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions offer a variety of programs in health specialties including Registered Nursing, Primary Care Paramedic, Pharmacy Technician, and so many more!

Kickstart your health care career close to home: www.saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



Saskatchewan is home to some of the highest-quality and sustainably produced food, fuel and fertilizer anywhere on earth!

Let's give a big shout out to the industries across our province who are building a more sustainable Saskatchewan, Canada, and world.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOUR



The Scholarship of Honour recognizes Canadian Forces members from Saskatchewan. The scholarship provides \$5,000 to members, as well as family members (spouse and children) of a fallen or disabled member.

Find out more on eligibility and how to apply <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskatchewan-scholarship...">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskatchewan-scholarship...</a>

#### \$1 MILLION TO YWCA SASKATOON



Our government is providing \$1 Million to the YWCA in Saskatoon for second stage housing so women and their children will have access to safe, affordable, long-term support to break the cycle of violence and help them rebuild their lives.

This funding is part of our government's overall commitment of \$27.5 million to combat the serious, complex issue of interpersonal violence.

We will continue to work closely with YWCA Saskatoon, one of the largest women's shelters in Saskatchewan, which has played an important role in protecting women and children from the impacts of domestic violence and interpersonal abuse.

#### **REMINDER - APPLY NOW FOR 2023-24 STUDENT AID**



Reminder: Submit your 2023-24 student aid application early for programs starting on or after August 1, 2023.

Learn more about supports for full-time and part-time students, Indigenous students, students with disabilities and how to apply online: <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../education.../student-loans">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../education.../student-loans</a>



Are you considering a student loan but unsure if you're a full-time or part-time student? Full-time = 60% of a full course.

Part-time = 20% to 59% of a full course load.

Students with disabilities can study at a reduced course load and choose to be considered full-time.

A full course load may have a different number of classes depending on your program or institution. You can contact your institution to find out your course load percentage before you apply!

Learn more and apply for Saskatchewan Student

Aid: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../education.../student-loans

# SASK DLC - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT SPACE, INTERIOR DESIGN OR BUSINESS?



Astronomy 20 will teach you about the universe and allow you to navigate the night sky.

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In Astronomy 20, you'll explore deep questions about the universe from a scientific perspective such as, what is the origin of life, how do stars form and die and what is the fate of the universe? Students will have the opportunity to navigate across the night sky to locate constellations, planets and other celestial objects.

Registration is open now for Fall 2023. Check out www.saskdlc.ca for more details.



Interior Design and Decorating 30 will teach students elements and principles of design.

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Unlock your creative potential and journey into the world of interior design and decorating. Whether you dream of becoming a professional interior designer, want to learn how to decorate and design your home, or simply explore your passion for aesthetics, this elective high school course will teach you how to use principles of design to solve design challenges.

Activities and assignments are also based on student's own design preferences. Check out <a href="https://www.saskdlc.ca">www.saskdlc.ca</a> For more information!



# Interested in Learning About Business?

Accounting, Entrepreneurship, and Financial Literacy online courses are available for Fall 2023!

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Are you a high school student wanting to learn how to manage your own finances and begin building a fulfilling career? Whether you aspire to start your own business, better understand how money works, or work towards financial independence, there is a class at <a href="SaskDLC">SaskDLC</a> built for you.

Check out www.saskdlc.ca for course descriptions and registration details!

# EXCITING NEWS FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION



Exciting news for <u>#skstudents</u> interested in construction!

Saskatchewan is furthering its commitment to developing a skilled workforce with \$2.5M for preapprenticeship training for students and youth. This targeted support will add more than 200 training seats for construction-related skills training and support students to enter the labour market or pursue an apprenticeship. To learn more about skills training, or to find a training provider near you, visit <a href="https://www.saskapprenticeship.ca">www.saskapprenticeship.ca</a>.

The <u>Government of Saskatchewan</u> has announced \$2.5 million in funding to expand seats and student support for pre-apprenticeship training.

# GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY TECHNOLOGISTS

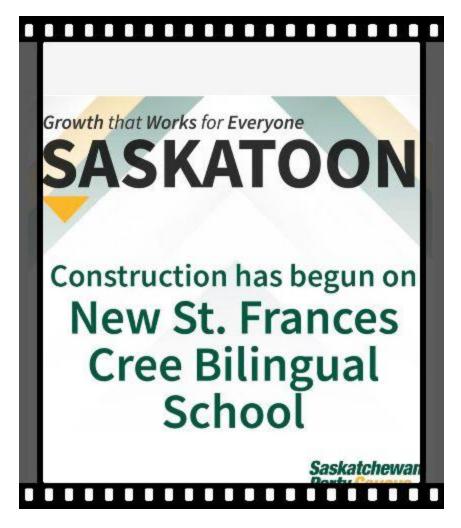


Did you know that Saskatchewan offers up to \$20,000 in student loan debt forgiveness for veterinarians and veterinary technologists?

To qualify for the Saskatchewan Student Loan Forgiveness Program you must be employed as a veterinarian or veterinarian technologist in a designated rural or remote community as of January 1, 2021.

For a full list of eligibility visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3vTTCx5">https://bit.ly/3vTTCx5</a>

**NEW ST. FRANCES CREE BILINGUAL SCHOOL** 



Our government is investing \$45.9 million on a brand-new school to replace and relocate the St. Frances Cree.

Bilingual School with construction currently underway. We are committed to embracing and implementing Indigenous knowledge systems, cultures, and languages within the education system. This new school demonstrates our efforts on the journey of reconciliation and will serve our community for years to come.

10 THINGS KIDS LOVE IN SASKATOON



Are you in search of an affordable weekend getaway destination that will leave your kids thrilled? Look no further than Saskatoon!

Saskatoon offers numerous family-friendly options that are sure to impress. Read on to discover 10 places your kids will love!

https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../10-things-kids-love.../

Novelties Wanuskewin Heritage Park Mar's Mini Golf The Cave

# IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE FEATURED IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW



## **CHECK OUT THE PRAIRIE ART ROAD TRIP**



Discover the complete Prairie Art Road Trip lineup featuring 17 talented artists, artisans, and vendors, along with their respective locations across four venues.

Experience a captivating West-Central Saskatchewan day trip on either July 22nd or July 23rd (weather dependent). The event will run from 11 am to 5 pm. All the details, including map and directions can be found at <a href="https://prairieartroadtrip.wordpress.com/">https://prairieartroadtrip.wordpress.com/</a>. Take a look and explore!

**BACK TO BATOCHE** 



Come and be part of the vibrant <u>Back To Batoche</u> festival hosted by the Métis Nation—Saskatchewan! July 20 - 23!

Immerse yourself in four days of enriching Métis cultural activities designed to captivate individuals of all ages.

For more info <a href="https://metisgathering.ca/back-to-batoche/">https://metisgathering.ca/back-to-batoche/</a>

## THE SASKATOON EX COMING SOON!



The widely anticipated <u>#SaskatoonEX</u> Ride List just dropped! Check it out here!

The wait is over -- the 2023 RIDE LIST is here! Which one are YOU definitely going to be trying out?

Ride List https://www.saskatoonex.com/rides/

## ANIMAL ANTIC PROGRAM AT THE SASKATOON ZOO



The Saskatoon Zoo Society Animal Antics preschool program is back on the schedule for the fall!!! Registration opens August 8th so mark your calendars now!

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\$26 Million Paving Project Underway in Southeast Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Governments of Canada And Saskatchewan Provide Additional Support For Producers; Low Yield Appraisal Change Encourages Poor Crops Be Used As Feed | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

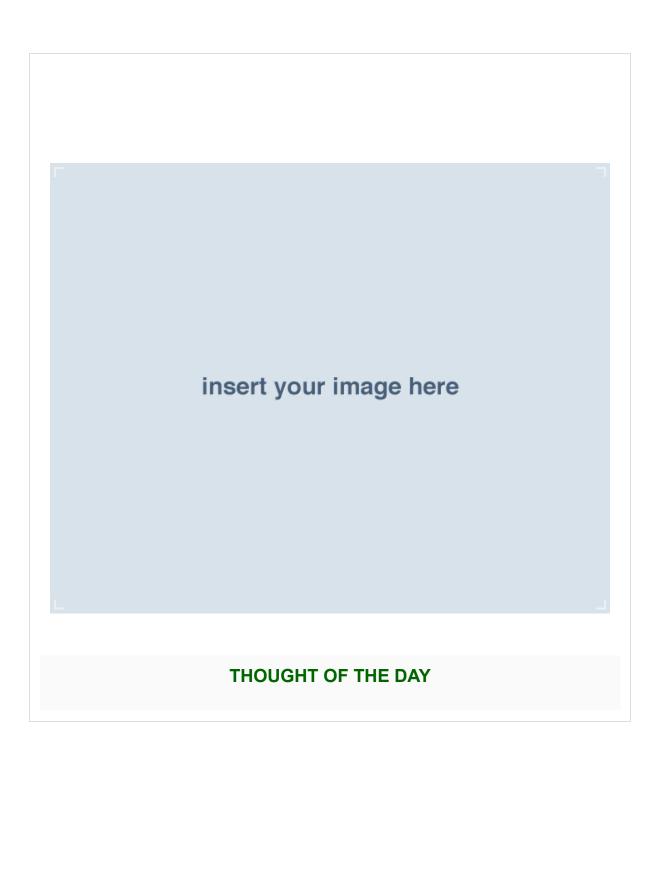
<u>Applications Being Accepted for Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive | News and Media | Government</u> of Saskatche<u>wan</u>

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Be a light for those who live in darkness.

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