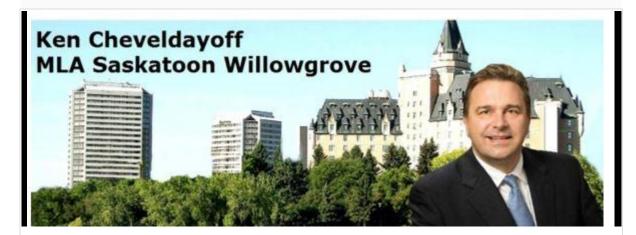
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



#### BLAKE WHEELER HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE 2019 CHAMPION CHILD AMBASSADOR



Blake will be representing sick and injured children at events this year, including opening of the new Children's Hospital this fall. Looking forward to seeing you there!"

Watch Blake's touching video here.



Premier Scott Moe, "This week, the <u>Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation</u> radiothon kicks off and there's a new Champion Child ambassador for 2019: Blake Wheeler!"

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Radiothon will be held January 30 - February 1. Now is the time. <u>#Saskatchewan</u>'s Jim Pattison Children's Hospital opens this year, and kids across the province need your help. Together, we can make it happen, and give our babies, children, moms-to-be and families a centre of world-class pediatric and maternal care. DONATE TODAY: <u>https://bit.ly/2R8ZtdP</u>

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INDOOR GAMES HELD IN SASKATOON



I was delighted to extend a welcome on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan to participants, families and track and field fans at the official opening ceremonies of the Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games held this past weekend in Saskatoon.

The Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games is Canada's only International Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet. The event is held in Saskatoon annually each January or February, with this year being the 54<sup>th</sup> annual event. The competition site is the Saskatoon Fieldhouse, a 200 metre flat track with seating for 3500 spectators.

Along with the 3000 plus elementary school students and Special Olympic athletes who compete in the meet, the organizers bring in 35-40 of the top international track and field athletes who reside in North America, to compete in the invitational section of the meet.

This event provides Saskatchewan youth with positive role models by having elementary school students compete in the same meet as the international stars. It also provides students the opportunity to meet and talk with the international athletes, about the value of setting goals and overcoming hurdles in life. The international athletes arrive in Saskatoon early in order to visit inner-city schools around Saskatchewan.

The catchphrase for the meet is: "Come for the Start, Stay for the Finish!"

By celebrating the achievements of outstanding athletes, the Knights of Columbus have created a lasting legacy over the 54 years of the Indoor Games. This event also provides Saskatchewan students with the opportunity to meet and talk with world-class athletes about the value of setting goals and overcoming hurdles in life.

Volunteers are instrumental and the pillar of successful events such as these indoor games. Thank you to all volunteers for their selfless work and dedication. Congratulations to the organizers, athletes, spectators and everyone involved in this memorable event!

#### SASKATCHEWAN ENACTS REGULATIONS WITH GOAL TO REDUCE METHANE EMISSIONS BY 4.5 MILLION TONNES ANNUALLY



# **Methane Action Plan:**

"An alternative, robust plan to implement GHG emission reductions that help to achieve our climate change goals, while providing industry with the flexibility to implement those reductions in an **effective, economically viable way.**" Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Energy & Resources

The Government of Saskatchewan has released regulations with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from venting and flaring in the province's upstream oil and gas sector by 4.5 million tonnes per year by 2025.

The regulations—part of the province's Methane Action Plan (MAP)—signal a comprehensive, resultsbased approach that will require industry to annually reduce GHG emissions to meet the 2025 objective. Included in the regulatory measures are annual penalties for non-compliance.

In April 2018, the federal government announced blanket methane regulations for the oil and gas sector,

which are scheduled to come into force in 2020.

"Our regulatory package commits us to an alternative, robust plan to implement GHG emission reductions that help to achieve our climate change goals, while providing industry with the flexibility to implement those reductions in an effective, economically viable way," Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. "This made-in-Saskatchewan approach will meet, and in many instances exceed, federal expectations."

Read more here.

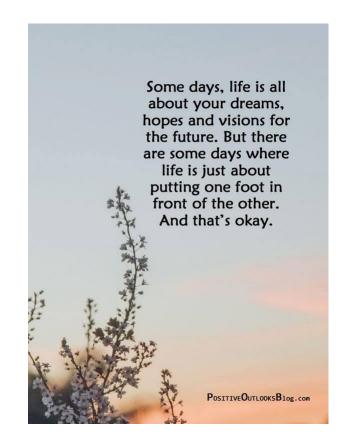
#### **BELL LET'S TALK JANUARY 30TH**



January 30th, 2019 in Canada is Bell Let's Talk Day. This is a day dedicated to get conversations going around mental health issues. Join the conversation and help surpass a billion total messages of support for mental health and \$100 million in total Bell funding. Click <u>here</u> to learn how you can get involved and to read about their initiatives, ways to help and more.

Stigma can often prevent those struggling with a mental illness from seeking the help they need.

Educate yourself Be kind Listen and ask Talk about it.



#### SASKATCHEWAN GETS AN "A" FOR REDUCING RED TAPE AND LAUNCHES WEB PAGE TO FURTHER HELP CUT RED TAPE



Saskatchewan's efforts to reduce red tape and modernize regulations in the province received the highest 'A' grade ranking by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) in their 2019 national Red Tape Report Card. The new grade was announced today at an event where the Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed January 21 to 25 as Red Tape Awareness Week, the 10th anniversary of this event.

Also announced at today's event was the launch of a new 'Help Cut Red Tape' web page, available to all Saskatchewan residents and businesses who want to report red tape concerns they have encountered. This information will make it easier to report red tape to government, while providing valuable perspective from the public on how the province may offer services more effectively.

"Red tape costs businesses, residents and the government \$300 million and thousands of hours in lost time every year, and for the past decade, Red Tape Awareness Week has helped draw needed attention to this issue," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The launch of the new web page, and other efforts to modernize regulations and reduce red tape, are reasons why Saskatchewan has received the CFIB's highest 'A' grade this year and strengthens our resolve to continue to support the residents and businesses we serve."

Read the entire news release here.



# **Red Tape Report Card:**



#### **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES FUNDING** FOR STAFF HOUSING IN LA LOCHE

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Premier Scott Moe announced that the Government of Saskatchewan will partner with La Loche-based Methy Construction and Maintenance on a \$3 million project to develop new staff housing in the community. These 12 units will be available to health and educational professionals to live and work in La Loche.

"Our government recognizes the need for more teachers and health staff in La Loche and these additional housing units will enable more professionals in those fields to help people in the community," Moe said. "This investment supports the construction of 12 new housing units to ensure La Loche can recruit and keep important staff in their community for years to come."

"The village appreciates the provincial commitment toward the 12 unit staff housing project in the community's effort in recruiting and retaining health professionals and teaching staff," La Loche Mayor Robert St. Pierre said. "The construction of 12 units will ensure employment of our local labour force and demonstrates the province's continued support and partnerships in addressing our housing needs."

Read the entire news release here.

#### **CROKICURL ON BROADWAY NOW - FEBRUARY 24**



With such an overwhelming response to Crokicurl last year, they're doing it again! This free activity combines Crokinole and Curling for a fun, free outdoor event with no special equipment required! There will also be lots of outdoor activities behind Ecole Victoria School Jan 24th to 26th in conjunction with Winterruption including Sleigh Rides, storytellers, food trucks and more!

I encourage all YXE residents to check it out and play a game of this new winter activity. Crokicurl is the brainchild of Public City Architecture, and combines two iconic Canadian pastimes: crokinole and curling, to become an exciting new outdoor sport for all ages. It is played by two teams made up of 1 to 4 players who will slide junior curling rocks or frozen milk jugs towards the centre of the ice. The object of the game is to accumulate the most points through shooting the rock into the centre button and positioning the rocks on the playing surface so they remain within the highest scoring circle at the end of the round. Click <u>here</u> for additional information.

#### STRONG MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE TRADE SALES IN NOVEMBER



According to reports released by Statistics Canada today, Saskatchewan had strong manufacturing and wholesale trade sales in November 2018, both year-over-year and month-to-month.

Saskatchewan's manufacturing sector sales were up 10.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted) from last November, the highest percentage rise among the provinces and well ahead of the 2.7 per cent posted nationally. Compared to October, manufacturing sales were up 3.3 per cent, the second best increase when compared with other provinces, and above the 1.4 per cent decline for the national rate. Manufacturing sales totalled \$1.5 billion in November 2018.

Wholesale trade growth also ranked the highest in Canada in November, rising 4.5 per cent (seasonally adjusted) from the previous month, ahead of the -1.0 per cent decline recorded nationally. Year-over-year wholesale trade increased by 10.3 per cent, the second highest percentage increase among the provinces.

Wholesale trade totalled \$2.4 billion in November 2018. "Nation leading growth in manufacturing sales and wholesale trade are indicators that Saskatchewan's economy is remaining resilient in the face of headwinds," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Coupled with recent strong job numbers, we are optimistic that in 2019 our economy will continue to grow and create opportunity for Saskatchewan people."

#### DID YOU KNOW?

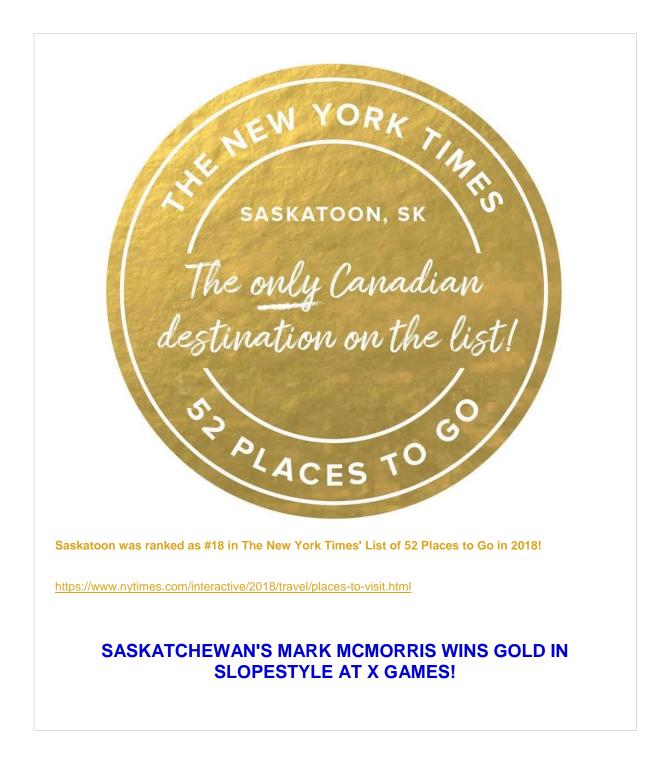




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#### Congratulations Mark McMorris!!!

Global News: Canadian <u>Mark McMorris</u> used a dramatic final run down the slopestyle course on Saturday to take the gold medal at the <u>X Games</u>. The Regina native scored 96 points on a monster third run for his 17th X Games medal, one-off American Shaun White's record.

McMorris, a two-time <u>Olympic</u> bronze medallist in slopestyle, was coming off a silver-medal performance in big air Friday night. Read the Global News article <u>here</u>.

#### **KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG**



Premier Scott Moe, "Wholesale trade numbers are out: Saskatchewan is up 10.3% from last year!

That's the second highest growth among all provinces.

This increase shows continued positive outlook for economic growth in SK and reflects optimism in other related sectors, such as retail."

## **NEW SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDER HEAD COACH!**



Congratulations to Saskatchewan Roughrider head coach Craig Dickenson. Craig has 16 years coaching experience in the Canadian Football League and a great record as Special Teams Coordinator. Go Riders!

#### INNOVATION SASKATCHEWAN INTRODUCES THE MADE IN SASKATCHEWAN TECHNOLOGY (MIST) PROGRAM

Innovation Saskatchewan has started accepting applications for the Made in Saskatchewan Technology (MIST) Program. The program is designed to find solutions from Saskatchewan technology-based companies whose products may improve public service delivery in government.

Successful applicants will receive a government contract of up to \$10,000, and have their product validated by and receive feedback from government users. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis, and Innovation Saskatchewan will assess each applying company for eligibility. Interested tech entrepreneurs and small or early-stage technology companies can submit their proposed solutions to Innovation Saskatchewan for consideration now.

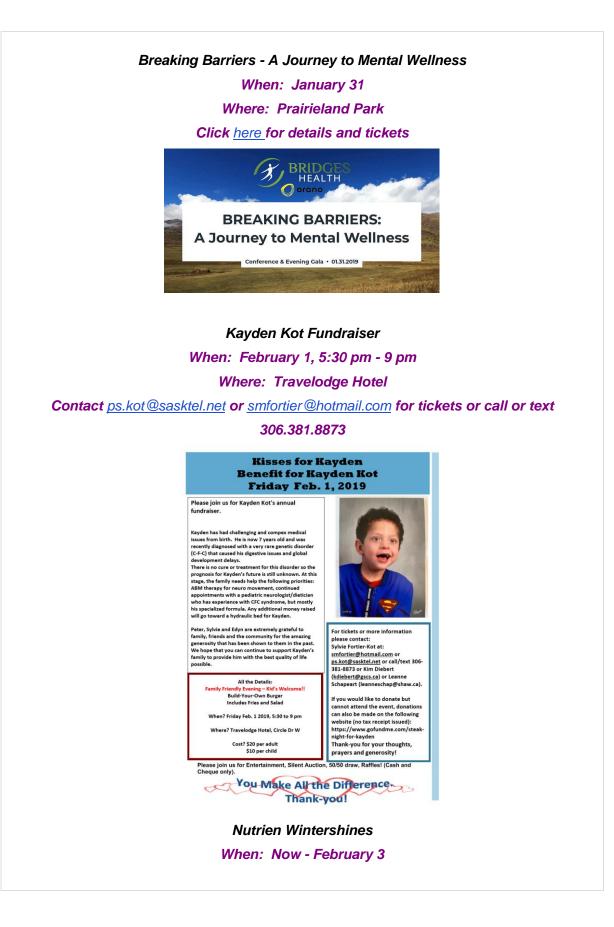
"Saskatchewan is home to a thriving technology sector, and the MIST program is another way government can encourage its growth," Innovation Saskatchewan Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. "The MIST program gives our tech startup companies the opportunity to work with government to improve service delivery for Saskatchewan citizens."

Click here to read the entire news release and learn more about the MIST program.

### <u>COMING EVENTS</u> IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net







When: Monday, February 18th Where: Willowgrove outdoor rink Watch their facebook page <u>here</u> for details

Mark your calendars for FAMILY SKATE DAY



RBC Training Ground Program When: February 23 Where: Henk Ruys Soccer Centre Click <u>here</u> for details



### Quinn Stephenson 6th Annual Golf Tournament When: August 23 Where: Willows Golf and Country Club Watch <u>here</u> for details



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Going to a counselor or therapist when you're feeling sad or overwhelmed should be as normal as going to the doctor when you have the flu. Let's end the stigma around mental health. #endthestigma

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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.

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

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