



Provincial Point of View November 16, 2012

SANTA CLAUSE PARADE THIS WEEKEND

I am looking forward to the Christmas Season and the Santa Clause parade is a great way to get in the spirit of the holiday season.

The parade takes place Saturday, November 18 beginning at 1:00 pm in the downtown area. I hope to see you and your family there!

CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL ANNOUNCEMENT



On Friday, November 9, Conexus Credit Union announced a provincial matching fund program to help raise funds for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. A commitment of \$500,000 will be matched by Conexus Credit Union through pledges and fundraisers that will take place between now and December 31, 2014 through the support of their communities, members, and volunteers.

Eric Dillon, CEO of Conexus Credit Union was at the announcement and expressed Conexus Credit Union's excitement in launching the Conexus Matching Funds Project - Building the Children's Hospital.

Grant Kook, Capital Campaign Co-Chair and Chairman of the Board of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, Brynn Boback-Lane, President and CEO of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, and Jim Rhode, Chair of the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority, all mirrored their excitement of the Fund Project. With all employees and communities working together to raise money for the new Children's Hospital Conexus their leadership and commitment to the project are shown.

The funds will go to equipment and patient care services within a hospital environment that provides dedicated health care for children, mothers, and families.

It is fantastic to see such community support for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. The Foundation is the sole Foundation responsible for fundraising for the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan. This new provincial hospital will serve children and mothers from across the province, offering leading-edge health care equipment and technology, research programs and innovation - this is a provincial children's hospital with focus on family-centred care.

If you would like to learn more about what the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan does or if you would like to make a donation, please visit www.childrenshospitalsask.ca.

RECOGNITION OF A GROWING ECONOMY

In a recent report done by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the strength of Saskatchewan's economy emanated. According to the company, the first 10 months of 2012 were very good in terms of new home construction. Construction was started on more than 6,300 new housing units between January 1 and October 31, up from about 4,700 over the same period of 2011.

This is yet another example of how the benefits of growth improves the lives for all Saskatchewan people.

IMAC-CO2 ANNOUCEMENT



Thursday, November 15, it was a pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan as IPAC-CO2 announced the world's first Bi-National Standard for Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide. This announcement confirms Saskatchewan as a world leader in international standards and environmental protection. The Bi-National Standard creates a consistent process for the geological storage of carbon dioxide. This supports the province's growth plan as carbon capture and storage technology allows us to meet our greenhouse gas emission targets while continuing to use coal to generate electricity and minimize costs to the consumer. IPAC-CO2, as well as the Canadian Standards Association, have put countless hours into the development of this plan and should be commended for their hard work!

NEW RENTAL LEGISLATION MEANS CHANGES FOR SENIORS, LANDLORDS, AND FIXED-TERM TENANCIES

The Government of Saskatchewan is enhancing the rights of seniors and providing additional protection for tenants.

Amendments to *The Residential Tenancies Regulations, 2007*, will among other things, provide seniors residing in independent living facilities with the right to use the Office of Residential Tenancies to resolve disputes. This comes into effect on April 1, 2013.

"Seniors' independent living facilities are exempt from the current law and we could see no reason for that," Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. "This change puts them on equal footing with other rental properties."

[New Rental Legislation Means Changes for Seniors, Landlords, and Fixed-Term Tenancies](#)

HONOURING OUR OLYMPIC HEROES

On Thursday, the Government of Saskatchewan and Sask Sport honoured Saskatchewan Olympians, Paralympians, coaches and officials that represented Canada during the London 2012 Summer Games in a ceremony at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

"The London 2012 Summer Games only lasted a few short weeks but we know that it takes years of dedication, hard work and team support to achieve such a goal," Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz said. "Hard work and determination are the epitome of the spirit of the people of Saskatchewan. Thank you for your dedication, you continue to be an inspiration for us all."

Congratulations to all of those honoured, you have made the province and our country proud.

[Government Celebrates Saskatchewan Olympic and Paralympic Athletes from London 2012 Summer Games](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONS THE SASKATOON HILLTOPS!

Congratulations to our Saskatoon Hilltops who brought home their 16th National Championship!

The Hilltops defeated the Langley Rams with a score of 23-21 in the Canadian Junior Football

League Canadian Bowl Championship.

This national championship breaks the record of the most national championships won by a team in the League.

You have made Saskatoon proud!

A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



If you happen to know this guy that is beginning his “Golden Years” on November 19, call and wish him a happy birthday!

BEST MANUFACTURING GAINS IN CANADA

Saskatchewan's manufacturing shipments set a new record for the month of September, according to figures released today by Statistics Canada.

Saskatchewan had the highest percentage increase in the nation on a year-over-year basis, up by 7.7 per cent. Nationally, figures were up only 1.8 per cent.

"The manufacturing sector is very important to our province's economic growth," Economy

Minister Bill Boyd said. "Saskatchewan has a thriving manufacturing sector which creates quality products to supply consumers across the globe."

[Best Manufacturing Gains in Canada](#)

DREAM FULFILLED FOR FOUNDERS OF HOPE FOR MALAWI



A container full of school supplies and related products was recently shipped to the Domasi region of Malawi, Africa. It was a dream fulfilled for Elaine and Peter Zakreski, the founders of Hope for Malawi Foundation Inc.

After the Zakreskis witnessed schools, teachers, and children lacking bare essentials within inadequate community resource centres in the region, the couple was determined to bring positive change to the community.

The Zakreskis would like to thank the generosity of many students, donors, and friends who were able to fill a 40-foot container with school supplies and related items. The container, donated by SaskTel, is now on its way to Malawi, was filled by over 1,000 students from 14 different schools in Saskatoon. Seen in the photo above are Zack Turney and Brennan Beck Students at St. Philip

School, Mrs Sherry McLean, Principal St. Philips School, along with founders Peter and Elaine Zakreski.

"We know these supplies will provide an opportunity for children to play, learn, and interact within a modern creative learning environment," said Elaine.

Hope for Malawi Foundation Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation registered in the province. Its purpose is to provide humanitarian aid to villagers in Malawi, Africa. If you would like more information or would like to know where and how to donate [visit www.hopeformalawi.com](http://www.hopeformalawi.com).

CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Saskatchewan was built on multiculturalism. Because of this the Government of Saskatchewan and the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) have partnered once again to proclaim November 18-25 as Multicultural Week in Saskatchewan.

Multicultural Week in Saskatchewan is celebrated every year in November to recognize the diversity of Saskatchewan's growing population, encourage respect for the vast multicultural heritage in Saskatchewan, foster a climate of harmonious relations among people with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and encourage the continuation of a multicultural society in Saskatchewan. This week also commemorates Saskatchewan being the first province to introduce multicultural legislation in 1974.

"By preserving, strengthening and promoting all cultures and ethnic communities, we can shape our future and build an even stronger Saskatchewan," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "I encourage Saskatchewan residents to join us in celebrating multiculturalism as we recognize the many benefits that our diverse and growing population bring today and into the future."

[Saskatchewan Celebrates Multicultural Week](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE



On Tuesday, I had the honour of attending a luncheon for the Premier's Award for Excellence in Public Service Employees. Six awards were given, recognizing public service employees in three categories: Innovation, Quality Service, and Leadership. I was extremely pleased and proud that the Results-Based Regulation Code Secretariat Team of the Ministry of Environment was awarded for their dedication and hard work towards building an Environmental Code for Saskatchewan. The Environmental Code will provide clear guidance to those who want to do business in our growing province, and puts Saskatchewan at the forefront of environmental innovation. Congratulations to all of the recipients of this award!

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN HEALTHY LIFESTYLES DAY

The provincial government is providing \$15,000 in support of the annual Drug Awareness and Healthy Lifestyles Day.

More than 1,900 Grade 7 students from across Saskatoon assembled at Prairieland Park November 14-15 to hear presentations about healthy lifestyles. The two-day event was sponsored by Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) and was hosted by the Saskatoon Health Region's Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Saskatoon Police Service, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services and MD

Ambulance.

"SGI and SLGA are proud to provide financial support for this event," Minister responsible for SGI and SLGA Donna Harpauer said. "This event provides an opportunity to help young people understand that underage drinking is harmful and getting into a vehicle with an impaired driver is dangerous and often comes with tragic consequences."

[Government Supports Healthy Lifestyles Day for Youth](#)

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT HOUSING IN SASKATCHEWAN?

- **September 2012 housing starts in Saskatchewan urban centres were up by 56.4% compared to 2011**
- **Multiple units were up 34.4%**
- **Single Family dwellings increased by 88.4%**
- **Housing starts in Regina were up by 58.7%**
- **Housing starts in Saskatoon were up by 88.7%**
- **In the first nine months of 2012, housing starts increased by 36.6%**
- **Across Canada the national average of housing starts increased by 15%**

JUST THE LINKS

- **November 13, 2012 - [Federal and Provincial Governments Reinvest in Social and Affordable Rental Housing in Saskatchewan](#)**
- **November 13, 2012 - [Government of Saskatchewan Proclaims International Education Week](#)**
- **November 13, 2012 - [Province Improved Public Access to Asbestos Information](#)**
- **November 13, 2012 - [Government Introduces Summary Offence Ticketing as an Additional Tool to Improve Workplace Safety](#)**
- **November 14, 2012 - [National Meeting to Focus on Seniors' Issues](#)**
- **November 14, 2012 - [1,200 Kilometers of Highway Improvements Complete or Underway in the 2012 Construction Season](#)**
- **November 15, 2012 - [Minister Boyd Attends Immigration Ministers' Forum](#)**

- **November 15, 2012** - [Funding to Help Patrons to Assume Pasture Operations](#)
- **November 16, 2012** - [New Affordable Modular Housing Units Installed in Saskatoon](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Enchanted Forest

Date: November 16 to January 6

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm

When: 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm nightly

Ticket Prices: \$6/per person, \$25/per car, ages 3 and under are free

Santa Clause Parade

Date: November 18

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

When: 1:00 pm

Jingle Bell Walk and Run for Arthritis

Date: November 18

Where: Radisson Hotel

When: 8:00 am to 11:00am

Visit <http://arthritis.akaraisin.com/SaskatoonJBWR> **for more information**

Festival of Trees

Date: November 25 to December 1

Where: Western Development Museum Saskatoon

When: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Ticket Prices: Adults \$9.00, Seniors \$8.00, Students \$6.25, Children (6-12) \$2.50, Family (parents or guardians & dependent children under 18 years) \$20.00

Sundog

Date: November 30 to December 2

Where: Credit Union Centre

When: Nov 30: 5:00pm-10:00pm, Dec 1: 10:00am-10:00pm, Dec 2: 11:00am-5:00pm

Ticket Prices: Adults \$8.00, 12 and under free. 2 day pass \$12.00

Christmas Reception, Hosted by Don Morgan MLA

Date: December 11

Where: Hilton Garden Inn

When: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$50, please call Karina at 659-1223 for more information or to reserve your tickets.

Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Christmas Party

Date: December 21

Where: 138 Kaplan Green, Saskatoon SK

When: 7:00 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."
Douglas Adams

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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.

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