



From a Provincial Point of View

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SASKATCHEWAN PLAN FOR GROWTH

It was another exciting day in Saskatchewan as Premier Brad Wall delivered the “**State of the Province Address**” at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The Premier shared his thoughts on continuing the momentum of our province beyond 2012.

Premier Wall released the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. The Premier is setting a goal of 1.2M people living in Saskatchewan by 2020, outlining our government’s roadmap for getting there and emphasizing that improved quality of life in Saskatchewan is the purpose of growth. The six core activities the government can undertake to foster continued growth are:

- Investing in infrastructure;
- Developing a skilled workforce;
- Ensuring competitiveness;
- Increasing export trade;
- Advancing the province’s natural resource strengths through innovation; and
- Maintaining sound fiscal management.

For further information on the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth, please visit www.saskplanforgrowth.com.

Additional highlights include:

- The government will invest at least \$2.5B in infrastructure over the next three budgets in addition to an immediate commitment of \$150M to establish the new SaskBuilds Fund.
- Provincial debt will be reduced by another \$400M by 2017.
- The new Saskatchewan Heritage Initiative will provide guidance on how to best utilize Saskatchewan’s non-renewable resource revenue once the province’s debt has been retired.
- The corporate business tax rate will be lowered from 12 to 10% by 2015.

For a complete look at the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth click [here](#).

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE THRONE SPEECH – OCTOBER 25

The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, will formally open the Second Session of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the Assembly Chamber at two o’clock p.m.

I have a very limited number of tickets available. If you would like to attend this event in Regina, please call my office at 306-651-7100 to request your ticket. Guests should be at the Legislature by 1:00 pm in order to be seated in time for the proceedings.

CANADIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE



I had the chance to join my provincial, territorial, and federal counterparts this past week at a meeting of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. The Council's goal is to meet at least once a year to discuss national environmental priorities. During these meetings we strive to achieve positive environmental results, focusing on issues that are in the national scope as well as how national priorities affect our province's environment.

We are looking toward the future to create policies and regulations to ensure that a healthy and sustainable environment can be enjoyed for generations to come.

NEW WATER SECURITY AGENCY

What a fantastic day at Meewasin Valley today as I announced the creation of the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency and the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan, fulfilling a commitment made during the 2011 election. All of government's core water management responsibilities and expertise will come together within the new Water Security Agency to ensure a comprehensive and integrated approach to water management, addressing the opportunities as well as the challenges of growth. To find out more about the 25 Year Water Security Plan and the Water Security Agency, visit www.wsask.ca



RRR – TOO GOOD TO WASTE

As Minister of Environment I proclaimed October 15-21 as Waste Reduction Week. This is the 12th year that the week has been organized across Canada with the purpose of educating people about the impact of waste on our environment, promoting the three R's of waste management - reduce, reuse and recycle - and celebrating our achievements.

"Saskatchewan has made excellent efforts to go green, with industry-led recycling programs for used tires, oil, paint and electronics keeping more than 38 million kilograms of material from our landfills in 2011, but we can always do more," Cheveldayoff said. "This week empowers us all to conserve our resources, reduce the amount of waste entering our landfills and sustain our natural environment. With the growth that Saskatchewan communities are experiencing, it is important for us to manage and reduce waste safely, ensuring the excellent quality of life citizens have come to expect."

[Reduce, Reuse, Recycle During Waste Reduction Week in Saskatchewan](#)

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK LAUNCH AT SILVERSPRING SCHOOL

It was fantastic to attend the Waste Reduction Week Launch at Silverspring School in our constituency. On Monday October 15, the school held an assembly to help Saskatchewan kick off Waste Reduction Week. Approximately 540 students gathered in the school gymnasium to help show the province they are passionate about waste reduction. The grade three classes presented a song entitled "Don't Throw Me Away" which could have been used as the theme song for the week! Silverspring School's Green Team presented an information presentation showing how and where we should be recycling. The Green Team is responsible for recycling in the school along with the grade five classes who collect paper recycling every Monday. The grade seven classes learned about waste reduction as part of their science classes and they were able to make an extremely long drink container snake which was the length of the gym showing how many drink containers could be recycled.



The leadership of the students and staff of Silverspring School is amazing. They are all working hard to make their future and the future of the next generation healthy and sustainable.

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Education Minister Russ Marchuk has proclaimed October 15 to 21 as Education Week. This year's theme, Learning Success Today...Leading Success Tomorrow demonstrates that when we as leaders, parents, guardians, teachers and students collaborate on education, we support students to reach their highest potential.

"Education plays an important role in the growth and success of Saskatchewan and its students, our future leaders," Marchuk said. "The theme is a good reminder that success can look different for each student, but it is important that everyone strive for improvement and a positive future."

[Celebrating Education Week in Saskatchewan](#)

KEEPING PROMISES – STREAMLINING OUR HEALTH SERVICES

The province is using innovative technology as part of lean process improvements to enhance patient access to hospital services in Regina and Saskatoon.

New bed-management software being implemented in Saskatchewan's two largest centres will help reduce congestion in hospitals and improve access to inpatient services. The software is expected to help reduce surgical wait times, and encourage better flow through clogged emergency rooms.

The new tool will enable hospitals in Saskatoon and Regina to track inpatient needs in real time, matching patient needs with bed availability and automatically notifying staff when rooms need to be cleaned for a new patient. The procurement process undertaken will allow hospitals in other Saskatchewan communities to implement bed management software as they become ready to install it in the future. This same approach to improve patient care has been successful in other provinces and the United States.

"This software will increase hospitals' capacity to serve patients promptly," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "This is one strategy, along with lean and others that are being taken to address bed flow and availability. Each day, our hospitals will be able to admit more patients for surgeries and other procedures, and relieve some of the pressure in emergency departments that get congested with patients waiting for a room. We anticipate this will be another mechanism to help us achieve our Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative goal of no patient waiting longer than three months for surgery by 2014."

[Information System Chosen to Streamline Flow of Patients during Hospital Visits](#)

STARS OPENS ITS DOORS IN SASKATOON

STARS Air Ambulance opened its doors Monday October 15, in Saskatoon. The temporary location at the John Diefenbaker International Airport will be the second base in the province and will be able to better serve the people of Saskatchewan.

Because the first hour after injury is critical, STARS has unveiled the BK-117, a red helicopter that will be able to travel the province to get to accidents in more remote areas more quickly therefore preventing more fatalities.

PotashCorp has donated \$27 million to the project which will include a permanent location by late 2013 and a bigger helicopter sometime down the road.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



On October 11, the Legislative Building officially celebrated its past. The Governor General of Canada, David Johnson, was able to be in attendance for the anniversary. The ceremonies reminded everyone of the power and importance of democracy in our province. "The Legislative Building is a symbol of democracy representing our collective values and remains the center piece of government a century after it was built," Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Kevin Doherty said. "I hope that people across Saskatchewan will join us in celebrating this significant building and momentous occasion."

The long awaited unveiling of articles to be sealed in the time capsule were also released. The time capsule will be opened in 2112 and will represent life in Saskatchewan today. "The 2012 time capsule represents today's Saskatchewan: a province that is growing, that has a strong economy and that is filled with optimism," Doherty said. "It shows the vision and the spirit of the people as we look forward to the future."

Next time you are in Regina, consider visiting the Legislative Building. It is really an amazing building and will only grow to be more incredible for the next 100 years.

[Saskatchewan Announces 2012 Time Capsule Contents](#)

[Saskatchewan Celebrates 100th Anniversary of the Legislative Building](#)

GORMLEY GATHERING A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to my good friend John Gormley on another successful Gormley Gathering event in support of prostate cancer research. It is so important to remember that getting a prostate exam can save a life. The sooner prostate cancer is detected the more likely we are to see survivors. Thank you John for bringing this into the spotlight and reminding everyone how important of a cause this is.

SASKATOON GOLDFIN SWIM CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

I am excited to be attending the Annual Saskatoon Goldfin Swim Clubs Awards Night and Black Tie Bingo. As many of you know, my family is involved with the swim club and every year this event is lots of fun! This year, along with the bingo there will also be a custom photo booth at the cost of \$2 per person.

Ticket requests must be in by Wednesday, October 17. You can call Debbie at 229-8319 or Leslie at 381-5122 or the Constituency Office at 651-7100 and we will contact the organizers. Tickets are \$35 per

person. The Awards and Bingo will take place at TCU Place Centennial B from 5:30 pm to midnight. Please consider taking part in this event, it will be a great time!

DID YOU KNOW?

- A beaver pelt and moose hide cushion for the mace, and a beaded runner were added to the table in the Legislative Chamber in 2006.
- A Métis sash was added to the Legislative Chamber table in 2010.
- The Legislative Building is open seven days a week.
- The Legislative Building only closes three days a year - Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- The green carpet on the grand stairway is changed to red when the House is in Session.
- The Legislative Building had electricity from the day it was built.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- October 9, 2012 – [Job Postings up on saskjobs.ca](#)
- October 10, 2012 – [Government Eliminates Pari-Mutuel Tax on Horse Racing Wages](#)
- October 11, 2012 – [Government Cuts Communications Spending in Election Year](#)
- October 11, 2012 – [Government of Saskatchewan Invests \\$400,000 in Health Research Partnerships](#)
- October 22, 2012 – [First Eight Months of 2012 Good for Export Market](#)
- October 12, 2012 – [Easy-to-Access Education Funding Information Now Available](#)
- October 15, 2012 – [Government Proclaims School Bus Driver Appreciation Day](#)
- October 15, 2012 – [August New Motor Vehicle Sales Show Large Increase](#)
- October 16, 2012 – [Manufacturing Increases More Than Triple the National Rate](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

Civic Election

Date: October 24

Where: Saskatoon

When: all-day

United Way Leadership Conference

Date: October 26 to October 27

Where: TCU Place

When: 7:00 pm registration on October 26; 8:30 am start time on October 27

If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost."

Dalai Lama

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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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