



## From a Provincial Point of View

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### **AN EXCITING DAY IN SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS - WILLOWGROVE SCHOOLS SOD TURNING!**

On September 11, I was honoured to join Education Minister Russ Marchuk along with dignitaries, Diane Boyko Chair of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board, Ray Morrison Chair of the Saskatoon Public School Board, Mayor Atchison, along with students and parents to celebrate the sod turning of the brand new \$39.8 million joint-use education facility with over 1000 spaces for students and early-learners. These spaces range from pre-kindergarten to grade 8 to accommodate for our growing community. The project will also include a joint-use childcare center with 50 new spaces available.



"We believe that investing in education is paramount to the success of Saskatchewan," Marchuk said. "This unique joint project and joint-use facility will serve students in this Saskatoon community for years to come."

As MLA for the community, it has been wonderful to work with all of those involved in this unique partnership and I couldn't be more pleased that our government answered the needs of our growing community through the \$24.9 million contribution to this project. The partnership shows the commitment of the people in our city and province to work together to ensure the needs of our children are met.

I am looking forward to September 2014 to see the doors of the schools and child care facility open!



## **CCMAs IN SASKATOON A HUGE SUCCESS**

Saskatoon and Saskatchewan showed their outstanding hospitality and spirit once again as hosts of the Canadian Country Music Week and Awards Show. What a fantastic weekend for country music fans. The event was a wonderful way to showcase the talent of the music industry and to give our local country music musicians an opportunity to shine.

Congratulations to the organizers and volunteers of this incredible event. Once again, Saskatoon shone on the National Stage.

## **HARPER GOVERNMENT MOVES FORWARD ON TOUGH RULES FOR COAL-FIRED ELECTRICITY SECTOR**

On September 5, I had the pleasure joining the Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Environment Minister as he announced final regulations for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from coal-fired electricity generation.

"Canada already boasts one of the cleanest electricity systems in the world, with three quarters of our electricity supply emitting no greenhouse gases," said Minister Kent. "These regulations will further strengthen our position as a world leader in clean electricity production, while continuing to grow our economy and create jobs."

Reducing emissions from coal-fired electricity which is responsible for 11 percent of Canada's total GHG emissions is an important step toward meeting Canada's 2020 target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 17 percent below 2005 levels.



The Government of Saskatchewan welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with Environment Canada to meet the national emission targets under a Canada / Saskatchewan Equivalency Agreement. Such an agreement will ensure the flexibility required to develop our world leading carbon capture and storage technology, and to support our growth agenda in other natural resource sectors.

## **LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY RINK AFFORDABILITY GRANT**

As many of you know, sport was and is still a big part of my life. I was very excited to attend the announcement of the Community Rink Affordability Grant in Balgonie on September 10. I joined my colleague Hon. Kevin Doherty, Minister of Parks, Culture, and Sport in his announcement that from now until November 30, communities, non-profits, schools and rink boards can register their rinks for the \$2,500 per ice surface grant which can be used to help fund operating costs and minor capital upgrades.

"The government understands that rinks are the centre of activity in many communities during the winter months," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "This grant will help ensure that our province's rinks continue to be well-operated and well-maintained. It is one of the ways our government is ensuring Saskatchewan people benefit from the opportunities generated by our growing province." [Government Keeps Promise, Launches Community Rink Affordability Grant.](#)

## **GOVERNMENT THANKS SASKATCHEWAN PARALYMPIANS FOR REPRESENTING PROVINCE WELL**

Six Saskatchewan athletes displayed perseverance and determination when competing at the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games in London from August 29 until September 9.

"Athletes, coaches and officials, thank you for being terrific role models," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "Your commitment to sport inspires the people of our province to stay healthy and active. You are great ambassadors for our province and our country. You help show the rest of the world that there are advantages to growing up in Saskatchewan."

The six athletes who competed are Arnold Boldt (cycling, Saskatoon), Logan Campbell (sailing, Saskatoon), Earle Connor (athletics, Rosthern), Alexandre Dupont (athletics, Bradwell), Keira Frie (athletics, Saskatoon) and Robert Hudson (archery, Leoville).

[Government Thanks Saskatchewan Paralympians for Representing Province Well](#)

## **MORE THAN 20,000 NEW JOBS IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Employment in Saskatchewan rose by 20,100 between August 2011 and August 2012 according to new figures released today by Statistics Canada. That's an increase of 3.8 per cent - the highest percentage increase in employment among the provinces and almost four times the national rate of 1.0 per cent.

In August 2012, there were 549,100 people employed in the province - an all-time high for employment in Saskatchewan, beating the previous record set this past June.



"Strong job numbers show the solid performance of our economy and reflect the job opportunities available in Saskatchewan today," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "Today's record numbers are exceptional and reinforce the confidence that investors, businesses and working people have in our economy."

"Most importantly, this means there are plenty of career opportunities for Saskatchewan people and those who want to move to Saskatchewan."

[More than 20,000 New Jobs in Saskatchewan](#)

## **2012 RUN FOR THE CURE SASKATOON**

CIBC continues to work hard to raise funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Breast cancer has touched the lives of many around me including my own family. I encourage you to register and participate in the 2012 CIBC Run for the Cure. This year's Saskatoon run will take place Sunday, September 30 beginning at 8:00am and the run begins at 10:00am after the opening ceremonies.

You can register online at <http://www.runfortheCure.com>. The team t-shirt deadline is September 14. All of the donation and registration forms are also available online. If you are unable to participate in the run, donations can also be made online as an individual or you can donate on behalf of a team.

Please consider participating or donating to this worthy cause.

## **I LOVE SASKATCHEWAN SUMMERS**

One of the greatest things about living in Saskatchewan is that we have clearly defined seasons. Saskatchewan Tourism held a contest over the summer for children to make videos about why they love a Saskatchewan Summer. We all remember the lazy days at the lake, the late sunsets, and the marshmallows over the campfire.

Jaxon is a 13 year old from Saskatoon who loves summer in Saskatchewan. He created a video for this contest and needs your votes to win! Click on the link <http://sasktourism.com/sask-video-contest-2012/view-and-vote#view/6559/747544> to vote for Jaxon!

## **FUN DAY IN THE PARK THIS WEEKEND!**

The Willowgrove University Heights Community Association's Fun Day in the Park will take place this Saturday, September 15 from 11:00am to 4:00pm at Willowgrove Square. This group of volunteers always makes this a great family day with many activities. Make sure to get out and enjoy the day filled with activities such as face painting, Astro Jumps, henna tattoos, balloon art, music, door prizes, and food, coffee, ice cream and popcorn (cash only). Make sure you take your lawn chairs so you can sit down and enjoy the music and entertainment.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- To encourage construction of new multi-unit rental housing projects, there is a corporate income tax rebate equal to 10 per cent of the rental income generated from newly constructed multi-unit rental projects, for a period of up to ten years. When combined with other housing initiatives, it's expected to encourage the construction of an additional 10,000 new rental units in the province over the life of the program.
- The Growth and Financial Security Fund is forecast to have a balance of \$756.4 million at the end of 2012-13.
- There is expanded Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) eligibility – clients will expand from 3,000 to 10,000 adults and benefits will increase by \$200 per month (couples up to \$230 per month) in July 2012 and by \$350 per month (couples up to \$400 per month) in the fourth year.

## **JUST THE HEADLINES**

September 5, 2012 – [SRC's Genserve Laboratories™ Received International Accreditation](#)  
September 6, 2012 – [Premier Wall Embarks on Trade Mission to Asia](#)  
September 7, 2012 – [Government Supports Province's Strong Music Industry](#)  
September 10, 2012 – [Saskatchewan Recognizes FASD Awareness Day](#)  
September 11, 2012 – [Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Celebrate New Affordable Housing in Saskatoon](#)  
September 11, 2012 – [Support From the Province Enables Lighthouse to Shine a Beacon of Hope in Saskatoon](#)  
September 11, 2012 – [Submissions Received on Labour Consultations Available Online](#)

## **SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON**

### **The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup**

Date: September 22

Where: Innovation Place start

When: 10:00am

### **Word on the Street Saskatoon**

Date: September 23

Where: Civic Square, by City Hall

When: 11:00am to 5:00pm

**Premier Festival – Saskatchewan's Fine Wines, Spirits & Specialty Food Festival**

Date: September 27 to September 29

Where: TCU Place

When: 6:30pm to 10:00pm

**NHL Pre-Season: Boston Bruins vs Winnipeg Jets**

Date: September 29

Where: Credit Union Centre

When: 7:00pm

**CIBC Run for the Cure**

Date: September 30

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 8:00am registration

**If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact me at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

*Maybe it's not always about trying to fix something broken. Maybe it's about starting over and creating something better.*

**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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