



From a Provincial Point of View

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SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, September 16, as Minister of Environment, it was indeed an honour to attend a memorial service held at the Provincial Wildfire Centre in Prince Albert. I joined many people from the Ministry and families of those who have lost their lives on the job. In 1999, a cairn was built at the Provincial Wildfire Centre and is a constant reminder of those lives lost.



The moving service was held to honour and pay tribute to those who have passed away while in service in the ministry and to acknowledge their contribution and sacrifice made to the people of Saskatchewan.

The men and women we honoured Sunday came from all walks of life, but shared one common focus – the management and protection of Saskatchewan's natural resources and environments. All of these people have played an important role in preserving that legacy for future generations.

"The body of the person loved is no longer alive, but the memories will live on forever. That part of your whole being that loves him or her is embraced when you allow the privilege of remembering." Alan Wolfelt.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT AND MARATHON

On September 18, I was pleased to attend the Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan's announcement of their campaign to raise \$10 million for a facility expansion. I'm sure many of you participated in the CJWW 600 and Magic 98.3 radio marathon on September 19 and 20.

I encourage you to support the campaign organizers at the Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan in their efforts to raise funds to support this worthy cause.

The Ronald McDonald House provides families with sick children a sense of community and support. The aim of the expansion is to be able to have room for all of the families who come knocking on their door.

The Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon is a provincial asset; many of the residents come from far north or far south in the province, which is why it is so important for the whole province to support this worthy cause.

They are looking to have the expansion completed by February 2014. The expansion will include an increase in rooms from 13 to 31, enlarging the play room for kids, adding a fitness room, and revamping and enlarging the kitchen.

I encourage you to visit the Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan website at: <http://rmh.sk.ca/> to see what a wonderful facility we have in Saskatoon to support families at their most stressful and anxious times. You can also make a donation online for the campaign to help out the Ronald McDonald House.

CAMPUT ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE HELD IN SASKATOON



I was pleased to represent Premier Brad Wall and Government of Saskatchewan at the CAMPUT Fall Conference and Annual meeting in Saskatoon on September 17 as keynote speaker. The Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel hosted the conference and did an outstanding job showcasing our great province to attendees from across Canada.

CAMPUT is known as Canada's Energy and Utility Regulators and is a self-supporting, non-profit organization of federal, provincial, and territorial boards and commissions responsible for the regulation of the electric, water, gas, and pipeline utilities in Canada. While the regulatory environment differs in the various jurisdictions across Canada, conferences like the one recently held in Saskatoon, provide great opportunities to compare and learn from each other.

It was a pleasure to share the story of "the Saskatchewan Advantage".

Congratulations to organizers Kathy Weber and their team for making this conference such a success.

REDUCING WAIT TIMES FOR SURGERIES

Saskatoon Health Region patients can receive their surgeries sooner thanks to the new 18-bed Rawlco Radio Surgical Unit at St. Paul's Hospital. The new \$6.5 million unit, which will contribute to the plan for the Health Region to perform 500 more surgeries this year, began receiving patients in August and celebrated with a grand opening ceremony today.

The Saskatchewan government, through the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative, contributed \$4.7 million for the inpatient surgery unit and the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation contributed \$1.8 million, including \$1 million from Gordon and Doug Rawlinson and Rawlco Radio.

"This partnership puts patients first by supporting better access to surgical services," Merriman said.

"These extra surgical inpatient beds get us closer to our goal of offering all surgeries within three months."

[New 18-Bed Unit Increases Surgical Capacity at St. Paul's Hospital](#)

SASKATCHEWAN MANUFACTURING SALES ON THE RISE

July manufacturing sales figures were released by Statistics Canada today and show Saskatchewan had an increase of 15.4 per cent when compared with July of 2011, the second highest percentage among the provinces and more than seven times the 2.3 per cent recorded nationally.

"Saskatchewan has a manufacturing sector that is thriving," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "We have innovative products and more importantly innovative businesses that have what it takes to compete in today's world markets."

[July Manufacturing Numbers Seven Times Higher Than National Average](#)

LABOUR FORCE UPDATE

August set a new all-time high in the continuing strong economic performance of our province. There were 549,100 people working in Saskatchewan, an increase of 20,100 from August 2011.

The province's labour force reached an all-time high of 579,400 for an increase of 20,600. Full-time employment reached an all-time high of 468,400 for an increase of 14,100.

The positive numbers reflect the province's continuing economic momentum. With record weekly earnings for workers and high optimism by businesses to expand their operations, future job prospects in Saskatchewan are strong.

OPEN HOUSE WITH BRONZE MEDAL WINNER KAYLYN KYLE

A special event was held at the SaskTel Sports Centre on September 18 as they unveiled the new indoor field turf and celebrated our homegrown heroes, Kaylyn Kyle and Kelly Parker, Bronze medal winners of the National Women's Soccer team at the summer Olympics in London.



It was a privilege to have the opportunity to thank the girls for not only winning the Bronze medal, but for their sportsmanship and all they do to be outstanding role models for athletes across our province.

It was fitting to host this event in the SaskTel Sports Centre. This multi-sport facility continues to be a model for other facilities to follow throughout the province. We are very fortunate to have this incredible facility in our constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs.

It was great to recognize the work of Saskatoon Sports Tourism for their on- going efforts in bringing major sports events to our City and for their role in advocating for new and improved facilities. I know they work closely with event's organizers to ensure that we host sports events better than anyone else in Canada if not the world.

Facilities such as the SaskTel Sports Centre are instrumental in helping athletes like Kaylyn and Kelly achieve their goals and I'm sure we will see many athletes from Saskatoon compete in future Olympics!

BLADES DAY IN SASKATOON

In celebration of the Saskatoon Blades hosting the 2013 MasterCard Memorial Cup in May 2013, the Saskatoon City Council has proclaimed Saturday, September 22 as Saskatoon Blades Day! I look forward to attending the media announcement today at Civic Square in front of City Hall.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN KICK OFF BBQ



It was a pleasure to join my colleagues Paul Merriman and Rob Norris, along with many Government of Saskatchewan employees to participate in kicking off another ambitious campaign for the Saskatoon United Way today at the Sturdy Stone Building.

The organizers of this event have set a fundraising goal for Saskatoon provincial government employees of \$260,000 this year. The Barbecue will help to raise the profile of the provincial public service as strong supporters of our community and the organizations that help to make Saskatoon a better place for everyone.

It is always great to have the opportunity to assist with this barbeque and the fantastic work the employees do for United Way.

ROCK 102 CONTEST

Rock 102 is running a contest until September 24 called, "Living with Shack, Watson, and Whitney". Contestants have to carry around a cardboard cutout of the radio trio taking pictures of the contestants doing things around the city. Contestants have a list of activities and each is worth a certain number of points. I have been listed in the "local celebrity" category and am apparently worth 2000 points!



I am shown with contestant Aimee MacLennan, carrying her cutout. She was able to make it to the Willowgrove Schools Project Sod Turning where I had my photo taken.

Sounds like a fun contest. Good luck to all the participants!

DID YOU KNOW? – IN HONOUR OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

- There are 34 different kinds of marble in the Legislative Building.
- From 1911 to 1948, there was a provincial lab in the Legislative Building that had a rooftop animal colony.
- The Legislative Library was the first library in the province.
- The first session in the Legislative Building was held in the Library.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- September 14, 2012 – [A Personal Statement from Premier Wall on the Passing of Peter Lougheed](#)
- September 14, 2012 – [Canadian Federation of University Women Day Proclaimed in Saskatchewan](#)
- September 15, 2012 – [Public Memorial Service Planned for Battle of Britain's 72nd Anniversary](#)
- September 17, 2012 – [STC Travels Saskatchewan for Hometown Tour](#)
- September 18, 2012 – [New Health Care Model to Benefit Rural Saskatchewan](#)
- September 19, 2012 – [Government of Saskatchewan Partners With RCMP to Enhance Orange Zone Safety](#)
- September 19, 2012 – [Annual Influenza Immunization Clinics Starting Soon Across the Province](#)
- September 19, 2012 – [Premier Returns from Trade Mission to Asia](#)
- September 20, 2012 – [Garden of Hope Supports Saskatoon Community](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

Date: September 22

Where: Innovation Place start

When: 10:00 am

Word on the Street Saskatoon

Date: September 23

Where: Civic Square, by City Hall

When: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

Date: September 27 to September 29

Where: TCU Place

When: 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Free Admission Day at Wanuskewin Heritage Park

Date: September 29

Where: Wanuskewin Heritage Park

When: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Celebrating Saskatchewan at Saskatoon Western Development Museum

Date: September 29

Where: Western Development Museum, Saskatoon

When: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Family Story Time

Date: September 29

Where: Saskatoon Public Library, Main Branch

When: 10:30 am to 11:15 am

CIBC Run for the Cure

Date: September 30

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 8:00 am registration

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

When it's all over, it's not who you were, it's whether you made a difference.
Bob Dole

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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