Premier Scott Moe, "Thanks to the General Administration of Customs of China for meeting with us today. We spoke about access to Chinese markets for Saskatchewan agri-food products, such as lentils, oats, chickpeas, and faba beans.

Good meetings with China's Ministry of Environment and Ecology and Ministry of Natural Resources.

We discussed the safe, reliable, prosperous uranium and potash industries in Saskatchewan, as well as how we can reduce global emissions and promote a strong economy with CCS technology. @ Beijing, China."
News Release: Premier Scott Moe left September 15 for a trade mission to China that will showcase the province’s strong, sustainable food, fuel and fertilizer sectors and will explore further trade opportunities between Saskatchewan and China.

The week-long mission involves meetings, events and speaking appearances with government officials and business leaders from the potash, agriculture, resource and carbon capture and storage sectors.

This will be Moe's first trade mission to an Asian market, and he will be joined by a Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) delegation of more than 20 representatives from Saskatchewan’s agriculture, agri-value, manufacturing and ag-biotech sectors, including industry associations.

“China's most important trade and import needs align very closely with Saskatchewan's most significant export sectors - namely food, fuel and fertilizer,” Moe said. “Strengthening our province’s relationship with markets like China helps keep our economy strong, diverse and growing. I am committed to getting Saskatchewan’s high-quality goods and resources out into the global market, strengthening and building trade partnerships around the world, and building a better, brighter future for our global community as a result.”

The mission aims to improve market access for Saskatchewan exports to China; to highlight Saskatchewan’s attractive investment climate; and to promote Saskatchewan’s global leadership in carbon capture utilization and storage.

To find out more about the highlights of the mission, click here.

“With goods from Saskatchewan being exported to more than 150 countries, access to large and growing markets like China are the lifeblood of our economy,” Moe said. “Our government understands the value of supporting Saskatchewan businesses in one of the fastest-growing markets in Asia and places a high priority on continuing to develop and diversify these market connections.”

**GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION - CHIEF MISTAWASIS BRIDGE**  
**OCTOBER 2**
Two special events are being planned on Tuesday, October 2 to commemorate the completion of the City of Saskatoon's largest ever infrastructure project. In just days, the Bridging to Tomorrow project, which includes the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, McOrmond Drive and Central Avenue extensions, and the new Traffic Bridge will be completed on time and on budget.

“The City is grateful for the strong partnerships we have with the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, and Graham Commuter Partners on this project,” says Dan Willems, Acting General Manager of Corporate Performance. “All of this new infrastructure will shorten commute times, offer more transportation options for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, and help grow the economy, all of which improve our quality of life.”

Events will focus on the theme of community and bridging together citizens in celebration. At the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, a morning celebration will include a grand entry with local Indigenous leaders, residential school survivors, and City and government officials. Citizens will be invited to walk around and explore the bridge for the entire morning.

Beginning at noon, a more informal event will be held on the deck of the new Traffic Bridge. The event will start with a bridge walk that will include citizens, local community leaders, school children, and walking, cycling and running groups. It will begin on both ends of the bridge and meet in the middle in a celebration of community. Citizens are invited to bring their own lunch to the new Traffic Bridge or purchase their lunch from food truck vendors that will be set up on the deck. The Traffic Bridge Party will include local cultural entertainment and history and information about the Bridging to Tomorrow project will be on display.

Chief Mistawasis Bridge, McOrmond Drive and Central Avenue extensions will open to vehicular traffic later in the day. The Traffic Bridge will open to vehicular traffic on October 3.

For more information on the Bridging to Tomorrow project, visit saskatoon.ca/bridging.
Health officials are reminding parents to make sure children’s vaccinations are up-to-date.

Free childhood immunizations are available for infants and school-age children in Saskatchewan to protect them against highly contagious and potentially serious diseases like measles, mumps, whooping cough and chicken pox.

“It’s important to have your children vaccinated on time and on schedule to ensure full protection, especially in schools or other settings where they are most exposed,” Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. “Recent measles outbreaks in Europe and other countries are also a reminder that infectious diseases can spread quickly, through travel and coming into contact with unimmunized or under-immunized individuals.”

Routine vaccinations are free of charge and easily available in Saskatchewan at public health clinics (for pre-school children) and through school-based programs (for school age students).

Click here to read more about free routine vaccinations.
The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) saw a record high year for its economic impact assessment results in 2017-18.

During this time, SRC provided a more than 37 times return for every dollar invested by the Government of Saskatchewan. That represents more than $772 million in direct economic benefits to the province’s economy and $42 million in jobs created or maintained. Overall, SRC’s economic and job impacts equaled $814 million. These numbers are a new high for SRC since it first started assessing its impacts on the province in 2003.

“SRC continues to lead the way for research and technology organizations in Canada,” Minister Responsible for SRC Jeremy Harrison said. “By working on new and exciting projects, SRC ensures it is well positioned for the future, meeting its mission and creating positive impacts for Saskatchewan all at the same time.”

Click here to read the entire news release.

CONSTITUENT & AUTHOR SALLY MEADOWS TO LAUNCH "THE UNDERDOG DUCKLING"
Congratulations to Saskatoon Willowgrove Constituent Sally Meadows. Sally’s book *The Underdog Duckling* will be launched at McNally Robinson Wednesday, September 19th at 7 pm.

Join Sally Meadows to celebrate the launch of *The Underdog Duckling*. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun with nature-inspired, hands-on activities.

PHOTO SPEED ENFORCEMENT TO BE PERMANENT AFTER SUCCESSES REDUCING COLLISIONS AND INJURIES

With two years of data proving drivers reduce their speed on photo speed enforced roads, and that the number and severity of collisions and injuries on those roads go down as a result, the Government of Saskatchewan has decided the photo speed enforcement (PSE) program will continue on a permanent basis.

The results of the PSE pilot show that the number of speeding drivers has gone down in both high-speed locations and school zones, resulting in fewer collisions and injuries.

“Our government is committed to making Saskatchewan roads safer, and photo speed enforcement is an important tool in achieving that,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “Excessive speed is one of the leading causes of death and injury on Saskatchewan roads.”

Click here to read the entire news release.

TROULE RESOLVING A VEHICLE MANUFACTURING DEFECT OR WARRANTY ISSUE?
The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) wants consumers to know about a national arbitration program, the Canadian Motor Vehicle Arbitration Plan (CAMVAP).

CAMVAP helps resolve disputes between consumers and vehicle manufacturers about defects in a vehicle’s assembly or materials and warranty issues.

Do You Qualify?

- Vehicles that qualify must be from the current or four previous model years with fewer than 160,000 kilometres and weigh no more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) Gross Vehicle Weight.
- Work with the manufacturer - CAMVAP requires vehicle owners to work with the dealer or manufacturer to attempt to resolve the issue before accessing their program.
The Government of Saskatchewan has designated the Shiloh Baptist Church and Cemetery as the province’s 53rd Provincial Heritage Property. The site, located approximately 30 kilometres northwest of the Town of Maidstone, was a settling community for African Americans escaping segregation in Oklahoma.

“In the early 20th century, African American families seeking freedom from discrimination made this small farming community in Saskatchewan their home,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Our government recognizes the importance of this site and the significant impact it has had in shaping the identity and culture of our province.”

The families built structures, such as the Shiloh Baptist Church, using logs from poplar trees cut from the banks of the nearby North Saskatchewan River. Completed in 1912, the church provided a place of worship and communal space for the settlers. Continue reading this news release here.

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN DAY
The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 14, 2018 as Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Day.

“Education is the key to employment opportunities and entrepreneurship,” Advanced Education Minister and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “The scholarships and grants provided by CFUW benefit the recipients, and encourage women and girls in their post-secondary pursuits.”

Since its founding in 1919, CFUW is an organization that works to improve the status of women and girls by promoting human rights, quality public education, justice and peace. There are CFUW clubs in every Canadian province with nearly 10,000 graduate, student and associate members. CFUW has more than 170 members in six clubs across Saskatchewan. Click here to read the entire news release.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON TRESPASS LEGISLATION

The Government of Saskatchewan is reviewing trespass legislation to determine if changes are needed to better address the balance between rural landowners and the public.


These different rules may contribute to confusion on what legally constitutes trespassing.

As part of the review, the Ministry of Justice is asking Saskatchewan citizens for their input.

In particular:

- Should all access by members of the public to rural property require the express advance permission of the rural land owner regardless of the activity?
- If so, how should permission be sought and granted?

The questionnaire can be found at https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/review-of-trespass-related-legislation.

Please provide responses to the questionnaire by October 1, 2018 to:
INVESTMENT OF $2 MILLION FOR SOUTHEAST PROVINCIAL PARKS

In 2018-19, the Government of Saskatchewan is investing more than $2 million for facility and infrastructure improvements in provincial parks in the southeast region.

“Our provincial parks are special places for many Saskatchewan families,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Park facility and infrastructure updates are a priority, so that we can meet the changing needs of our park visitors and ensure everyone has enjoyable trips to the parks for years to come.”

Read about the upgrades scheduled for completion prior to the 2019 camping season [here](#).
New passing lanes north of Moose Jaw will result in more opportunities to pass for motorists travelling to Buffalo Pound Provincial Park next season.

About 3,700 vehicles travel daily on Highway 2 between Moose Jaw and the Highway 202 junction, which is an increase of about 600 cars per day since 2008. One set of passing lanes will be built about seven kilometers north of the city to just south of the junction. The passing lanes project is being tendered with plans for construction in 2019.

In recent years, construction has been completed on passing lanes on Highway 10 and Highway 7 with work currently underway on Highway 6 south of Regina.

“Passing lanes improve safety and are more cost effective than twinning,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr said. “We want to help folks driving north of Moose Jaw to travel safe, while at the same time improving traffic flow.”

Read the entire news release here.
SaskTel Centre Management: SaskTel Centre announced that the venue will become fully smoke-free with the removal of all current designated smoking areas. The new policy takes effect Saturday, September 22 and will be in place for all events, including Saskatoon Blades and Saskatchewan Rush games, and all concerts and family shows. The first event to be impacted by the prohibition on smoking will be Saskatoon Blades home opener on Saturday, September 22.

SaskTel Centre is committed to providing our guests and our employees the safest and most secure environment and we are consistently reviewing our policies and processes to that end. In alignment with the current SaskTel Centre no re-entry policy, guests will no longer be permitted to exit the venue to smoke, once the doors of the building are open to the public. Both smoking and vaping will be strictly prohibited in all areas, including all public outdoor spaces. There will be no designated smoking areas.

In keeping with our commitment to safety and security and as a result of a comprehensive review of best practices in the arena industry, SaskTel Centre now joins the growing majority of professional venues that no longer allow smoking in any capacity.
The 17th annual Dutch Growers Pumpkin Maze officially opens on September 21st, and will run until October 30th, 2018!

Join in on the fun and have your children explore a maze created entirely from straw bales! The Maze is open to the public and free of charge! There will be kids colouring activities as well as a scavenger hunt hidden throughout the maze! Photobooth will be set up for you to take some fun fall photos!

Call them at 306-249-1222 to pre-book for your School or Group Outing! Be sure to keep a close eye on their Facebook page here for all event updates!

SNIP MARKS TWO DECADES OF GROWING SASKATCHEWAN

New Canadians Welcomed At Citizenship Ceremony

Today, 31 new Canadians took the Oath of Citizenship in front of family and friends at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, completing their journey to become Canadian citizens.
The citizenship ceremony was hosted by the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training, and helps mark the 20th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP).

“We are pleased to welcome these new citizens to the Canadian and Saskatchewan family, as we also take the time to recognize the role of immigration in creating opportunity and spurring growth in Saskatchewan,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Immigration has helped to enrich our province, bringing in new residents to live, work, raise families and start businesses here.”

About seven out of 10 newcomers immigrate to the province through the SINP program. Between 2007 and 2017, more than 108,300 newcomers arrived in more than 400 communities across the province—77,300 of these were SINP nominees and their family members.

The SINP has contributed to strong outcomes for newcomers and the province, including:

- The highest employment rate for newcomers in Canada. In 2017, the employment rate for new immigrants (less than five years in Canada) aged 25 to 54, was 76 per cent in Saskatchewan, compared to 70 per cent nationally. The province has also consistently retained more than 80 per cent of its newcomers since 2007.
- Population growth, with nearly 1.2 million people now calling Saskatchewan home—the highest in the province’s history.

HUNTERS CAN HELP MONITOR THE SPREAD OF CWD
The Ministry of Environment is asking hunters to help monitor the spread and intensity of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in wild deer, elk, moose, and caribou populations by submitting heads of harvested animals for disease testing, free of charge.

CWD is a fatal, infectious central nervous system disease that can affect deer, elk, caribou, and moose.

First discovered in wild mule deer in 2000, the disease has now been confirmed in 44 of Saskatchewan’s 83 wildlife management zones and three of the four cervid species present in the province (deer, elk, moose). It has not yet been detected in caribou.

Hunters can help reduce the spread of CWD through the proper disposal of deer carcass waste. Avoid transporting a deer carcass from the area where it was taken, especially from areas where CWD has been detected. If a carcass is transported, hunters are asked to dispose of it by double-bagging it and taking it to a landfill.

Although no human case of CWD has ever been identified, hunters should not eat, or distribute for human consumption, the meat or other parts from animals that have not been tested or that are found to be CWD-positive.

Heads can be submitted for testing at a number of designated drop-off locations across the province throughout the hunting season.
For a list of drop-off sites and information on how to submit a sample for testing, hunters can visit the Saskatchewan CWD submission and tracking website at [www.cwdsk.ca](http://www.cwdsk.ca/)

**DON'T BUY A CAR FROM A CURBER**

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) is warning consumers of the risks of buying a vehicle from a curber, a person who sells vehicles for a profit without a licence. “Curbers pose as private-sellers, often buying salvage or vehicles from various sources,” FCAA’s Consumer Protection Division Deputy Director Denny Huyghebaert said. “They may clean the vehicles, make superficial repairs and quickly turn the cars around for resale. Curbers operate illegally and often ignore consumer protection legislation which licensed dealers are bound by. Unlike licensed dealers, curbers are not bonded and typically don’t have locatable addresses or approved forms of contract.”

**Five Ways To Spot A Curber**

1. **Ask for a driver’s licence** - Compare their ID to the vehicle registration form (don’t accept a photocopy). If the seller’s ID doesn’t match the registration, be careful, this is a red flag.

2. **Multiple listings** - Do you see the same phone number and different names with multiple vehicle listings in ads? You may be looking at a curber vehicle.

3. **Meet at a coffee shop or the mall** - Curbers may not want you to know where they live or do business. They often insist on meeting at coffee shops or mall parking lots to show you the vehicle and finalize the sale.

4. **Cash sales only** – Some curbers love cash sales. Cash is hard to track and leaves no paper trail.
5. Sob story - Curbers may use sob stories to prey on a person’s general good nature and kindness. They will use these stories to rush the sale, using guilt and sympathy to keep a person distracted from evaluating the vehicle properly.

Check vehicle history by searching the vehicle identification number (VIN)
(https://www.sgi.sk.ca/vin
Read more here.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY TO SHARE WITH YOUR KIDS
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.
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