

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



**FROM A PROVINCIAL  
POINT OF VIEW.**

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**SASKATOON  
WILLOWGROVE**

**KING OF DONAIR CELEBRATES THEIR FIRST YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY IN SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE**



It was a pleasure to stop by “King of Donair” to wish them well on their first anniversary at their location in the University Heights shopping area. Another great addition to our business community in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove!

## **12 MILLION OF WORK APPROVED IN FIRST TRANCHE OF WELL ABANDONMENT PROGRAM**



The Government of Saskatchewan has approved its first parcel of work packages to be completed through the Accelerated Site Closure Program (ASCP).

A total of 22 packages will engage up to 50 service companies and spread out the work for abandonment activities across the Lloydminster, Kindersley, Swift Current and Estevan areas. The work includes around 300 well abandonments, 300 flowline abandonments, 75 facility decommissions and 700 other activities related to site reclamation.

The value of this first tranche of work packages is \$12 million and encompasses six different operators.

“We took the necessary time to develop a strategic program, which has been well-received by the oil and gas sector, and are delivering it in a timely, efficient way,” Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “This first parcel of work projects incorporates every oil region in the province. Most importantly, it gets the Saskatchewan service sector back to work.”

Read the entire news release: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/16/accelerated-site-closure-program>

## **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

# COVID-19: Avoid The 3 Cs



**Closed Spaces**  
with poor  
ventilation.



**Crowded Places**  
with large numbers of  
people gathered.



**Close Contact**  
with people outside  
your household.

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Physical distancing is proven to be one of most effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Find out more about physical distancing and safe ways to create extended household groups by visiting [www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/social-distancing](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/social-distancing).

## \$5.88 MILLION FOR SASKATOON POLICING INITIATIVES



The Ministry of Corrections and Policing is providing \$4.98 million through the Municipal Police Grants program for 43 existing Saskatoon Police Service positions in 2020-2021. This is an increase of \$70,000 from last year.

“Public safety is a priority for our government,” Saskatoon University MLA Eric Olauson said on behalf of Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell. “We are proud to support the Saskatoon Police Service and the work it does to ensure community safety.”

The funding for Saskatoon supports the renewal of the Police and Crisis Team (PACT), which comprises police officers and mental health workers who provide an integrated and coordinated response to persons experiencing a mental health crisis in the community. Funding also supports the Integrated Crime Reduction Team which gathers intelligence on street gangs and gang

associates, and the Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) program, which is dedicated to the investigation of child exploitation offenses.

Saskatchewan Government Insurance is also providing \$900,000 for five positions as part of the Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan initiative. This brings the total amount of the Saskatoon Police Service Funding Agreement to \$5.88 million for 48 police positions in 2020-2021.

“This support from the province helps the Saskatoon Police Service work towards community safety in Saskatoon,” Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark said. “Community well-being is complex work, and we increasingly need to be reaching out and building partnerships between governments and agencies to find success in this area.”

“Efforts of both prevention and enforcement around gang-activity, exploitation and violence are critical to public safety in Saskatoon,” Saskatoon Police Chief Troy Cooper said. “The continued support provided by the Province of Saskatchewan assists our officers as they address these issues.”

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing provides funds to police services across Saskatchewan through the Municipal Police Grants program to support 129 municipal police positions and targeted policing initiatives.

## **USASK RECEIVES 3.14M FROM SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE TURF AT GRIFFITHS STADIUM IN NUTRIEN PARK**



Eric Olauson, MLA Saskatoon University represented the Government of Saskatchewan last week at a special announcement at Griffiths Stadium. Eric Olauson, "The University of Saskatchewan is an integral part of our community. I'm honoured to be able to advocate for them in the Government of Saskatchewan and help to bring great projects like this to fruition. Best of all, it will benefit the student-athletes like Taneil Gay from U of S Huskie Women's Soccer and Adam Machart from U of S Huskies Football. . Congratulations and Go Huskies Go!"

"The current surface has seen about 13 years of use, so we are extremely grateful for the support from the provincial government to upgrade our most heavily-used outdoor athletics facility," said USask President Peter Stoicheff.

In addition to replacing the turf, the project will include:

- a field expansion to accommodate regulation-sized football and soccer events;
- improving shock absorption to lessen the chance of injury;
- an update to lighting that will reduce power consumption.



“This investment will generate lasting benefits for Saskatoon’s local sports community, the city of Saskatoon, the University of Saskatchewan and our province,” said Advanced Education Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor. “By expanding the field, upgrading the lighting and creating a safer playing surface for athletes and community users, we are helping transform Griffiths Stadium into a world-class university sports facility.”

Griffiths Stadium in Nutrien Park is central to the USask student experience and is highly utilized by Saskatoon residents for their community sports and outdoor activities. Once completed, the stadium will be well positioned to host events such as U Sports championships.

“At USask, our connection to the broader community is always a priority, and this upgraded state-of-the-art field will benefit the city,” said Stoicheff. “It also represents a big step toward making Huskie Athletics the top athletics program in Canada.”

“Griffiths Stadium is where myself and my teammates, along with so many other student-athletes, met for the first time, so it holds a special place in many of our hearts,” said Huskie women’s soccer player Taniel Gay. “For the Huskie women’s soccer team specifically, we always look forward to our one game a season where we play under the lights at Griffiths Stadium because the atmosphere is amazing. Having the stadium revamped will make those experiences even better.”

Work on the project is set to begin in July and continue into October.

## **VENDASTA ANNOUNCES AN ADDITIONAL 100 JOBS IN SASKATOON**



Lisa Lambert, MLA Saskatoon Churchill - Wildwood brought greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan at Vendasta's media event to kick off their significant hiring blitz, adding 100 jobs to the Saskatchewan economy. The positions will primarily be for professional customer service in sales and support.

Read the CTV News story: [https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/saskatoon-tech-firm-vendasta-to-hire-100-workers-after-significant-rise-in-ecommerce-demand-1.5027282?fbclid=IwAR1ogiMUaBBKKYrySdSR\\_BGwXvhk3HDcy0gEbMKUHEQ9\\_nB8BVVqV9iJmS0](https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/saskatoon-tech-firm-vendasta-to-hire-100-workers-after-significant-rise-in-ecommerce-demand-1.5027282?fbclid=IwAR1ogiMUaBBKKYrySdSR_BGwXvhk3HDcy0gEbMKUHEQ9_nB8BVVqV9iJmS0)

Premier Scott Moe, "Vendasta's announcement of an additional 100 jobs is significant for Saskatoon and Saskatchewan's tech sector. Saskatchewan is open for business, and innovators like Vendasta are ready to lead the way from our recovery from COVID-19 through a new decade of growth".



## **WIFE OF THE DESIGNER OF OUR SASKATCHEWAN FLAG DESIGNS A "SASKATCHEWAN" MASK**



Another great "Saskatchewan" story - taken from Warren Michelson, MLA Moose Jaw North.

The first photo is Anthony Drake, and his lovely wife Joan from England. Anthony is the designer of our Saskatchewan flag when he was teaching in Saskatchewan some 50 years ago. Last year, on the 50th anniversary of the flag, they visited our province; where I was honored to have the privilege of visiting with them at that time. Back in England, Joan is busy designing masks during this COVID period. I made a casual remark about a 'Saskatchewan Flag' mask, since he was the designer.

To Warren's amazement, Joan sent the second picture, advising him a Saskatchewan flag mask has been designed and is on its way!

## **THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO AT BLACKSTRAP PROVINCIAL PARK THIS SUMMER!**




**Blackstrap Provincial Park is the must-visit provincial park in 2020.**

**“Located only half an hour from Saskatoon, Blackstrap Provincial Park is a great place to visit for a day-trip or for overnight camping,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “This park offers experiences for families, adventure seekers and new park users.”**

**New to the park this year is the Aquatic Adventures Inflatable Waterpark. The park offers 13 on-water challenges for adventure seekers to jump through slides, climb bridges and swing or flip into Blackstrap Lake. The waterpark will be open seven days per week from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. pending good weather. Interested visitors can check out <https://www.saskaquaticadventures.com/our-parks/black-strap> for more information.**

**Read the entire news release to find links to booking a campsite and common questions. <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/14/blackstrap-provincial-park>**

**MORE HEALTH SERVICES RESUME, UNIVERSAL TESTING BEING  
DONE**



**Protect yourself. Protect your family.  
Protect your community.**

**Get Tested for COVID-19**

- Healthcare workers can provide information on how to keep your family members safe when someone in your family has COVID-19.
- Testing is safe and quick.
- Call Healthline 811, your physician or nurse practitioner to get tested.
- Thank you for working together to stop the spread of COVID-19.

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Health services in Saskatchewan continue to expand, with additional everyday programs and services further increasing beginning July 13. This is outlined as Phase 3 of the Saskatchewan Health Authority's service resumption plan which was initially announced in May.

Services that will resume in this next phase include: - Further enhanced mental health and addictions support, including the opening of social detox and addictions inpatient treatment; - Additional Chronic Diseases Management/Wellness Programs/Stroke Prevention; and - Specialized services for clients with developmental disabilities, Autism and brain injuries.

Since service resumption began on May 19, 544 health services have re-started in all areas of the province. Regina and southern areas have seen more services resume compared with Saskatoon and the north, given the COVID-19 cases in those areas and the response personnel required to support it.

"Overall, we've been pleased with our ability to bring services back online, while still implementing strategies to keep patients and providers safe," SHA Chief Executive Officer Scott Livingstone said. "Patients and their families have been very understanding of the additional screening measures and changes to how they had traditionally received service. Both staff and physicians are happy to be seeing their patients again, as well."

Surgical volumes have been increased at each ease phase of service resumption, including the most recent phase which included more urgent, emergent and also some elective procedures. This next phase will further increase surgical volumes to between 75 and 85 per cent of pre-COVID levels. These numbers vary significantly by site and as a result of staff availability. Moose Jaw's Dr. F.H Wigmore Hospital, for example, is achieving beyond 100 per cent of their pre-COVID surgical levels as a result of new surgeons that were recruited to the community. Together, the SHA and Ministry of Health are working in partnership with physicians and other operational

leaders to continue focus on the backlog of surgeries.

Medical Imaging capacity has also increased to 90 per cent of pre-COVID service levels overall, with MRIs at 91 per cent and CT at 93 per cent, for example. Virtual care appointments continue to be offered where possible, with some face-to-face services being offered, where needed. Since initiating expanded virtual care options as a result of the pandemic in March, more than 175,000 appointments have been delivered through this option.

“As we expand services, we are still also continuing to keep focused on COVID-19 support as well,” Livingstone said. “We’ve entered our ‘new normal,’ meaning while there is still some room to increase some services, we cannot let our guard down on the pandemic, especially as we progress towards the Fall.”

All services are listed on the Saskatchewan Health Authority website, with new services being added each day at [www.saskhealthauthority.ca/service-alerts](http://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/service-alerts). Beginning July 14, COVID-19 testing will be available universally to anyone who requests it, regardless of whether they have symptoms or not. A referral for testing can be made by contacting HealthLine 811.

SHA laboratories are currently processing approximately 600 tests per day, with capacity to perform upwards of 1,800 tests per day. Patients will be prioritized for testing based on a number of factors. The time between a testing request and receiving the test itself may vary based upon patient need.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about the testing process by watching this video on Saskatchewan Health Authority’s YouTube channel (note: processes may vary slightly depending on testing location) at <https://youtu.be/-oPEEbE4mQU>.

**ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS  
LOOKING FOR A PRESIDENT**

# VOLUNTEER



Looking to make a difference in our community?

The EACCA board is a diverse group of individuals, with a wide range of skill sets, enthusiastic about creating a friendly atmosphere in Erindale & Arbor Creek.

We are looking for a leader within the community to begin training as our **President**, to lead our association for the next two years.

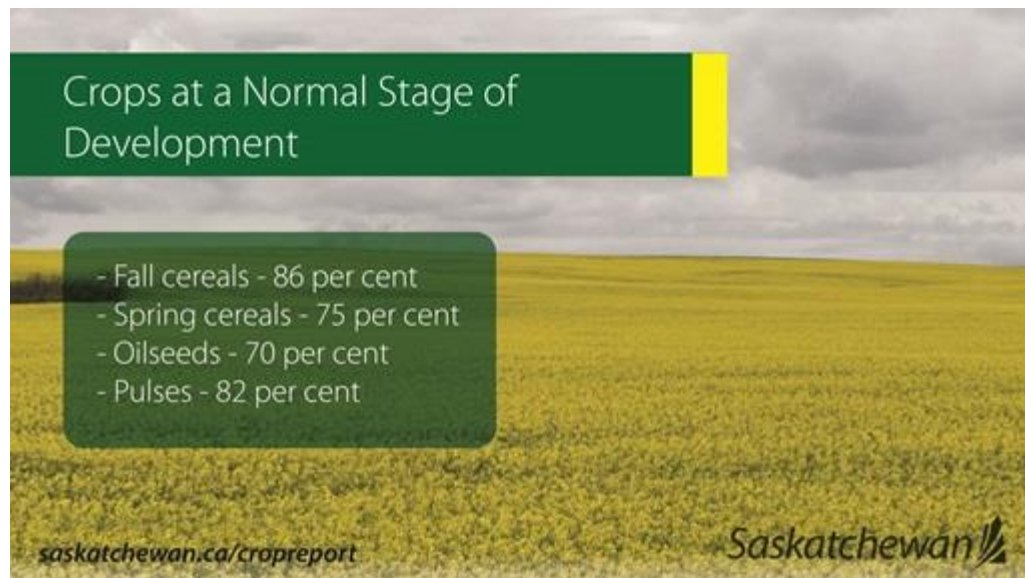
Training from the Past President from Sept-Dec.

Term to commence in January 2021.

Please contact Jared to talk about the position.

306-716-5875

## CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 7 TO JULY 13, 2020



Warm weather and rainfall this week continued to support crop development. Currently, 86 per cent of the fall cereals, 75 per cent of the spring cereals, 70 per cent of the oilseed crops and 82 per cent of the pulse crops are at a normal stage of development for this time of year.

The majority of crops this week are in fair to excellent condition. Rainfall was received throughout

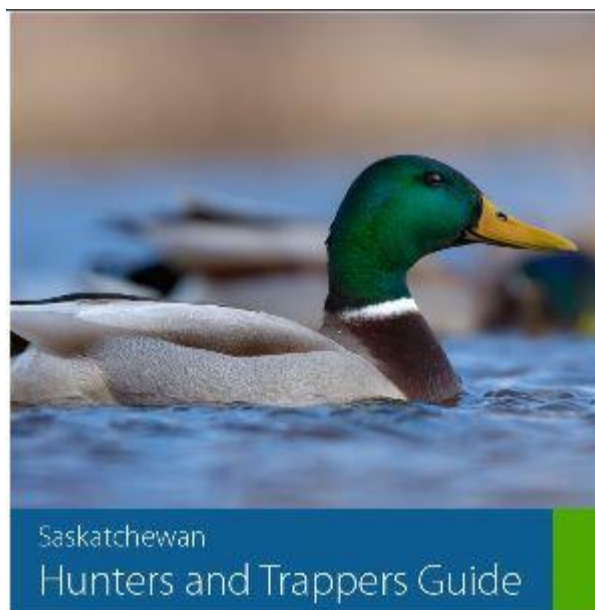


the province this week. Areas near Neilburg received the highest amount of rainfall in the province with 116 mm.

The St. Walburg area received the most rainfall in the province since April 1 with 376 mm. The moisture was welcome in many areas, but high amounts of rain in certain parts of the west-central and northern regions resulted in localized flooding and standing water. This prevented producers from entering fields for spraying and haying.

Read more: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/16/crop-report>

## SASKATCHEWAN HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE



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available online!

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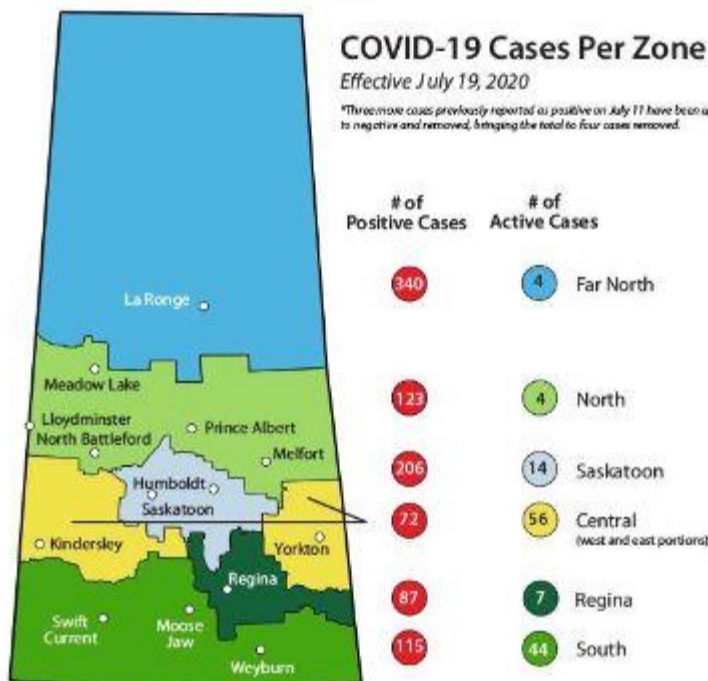
The 2020 Hunters and Trappers Guide is now available online at [saskatchewan.ca/hunting](https://saskatchewan.ca/hunting).

This version of the guide is downloadable on your electronic devices!

Paper copies will be available at Ministry of Environment field offices and vendors in mid-August.

## COVID-19 UPDATE: JULY 19 - FIVE NEW CASES, 12 IN HOSPITAL, ONE MORE RECOVERY

Persons with COVID-19 <b>943*</b>	Inpatient/ICU Hospitalizations <b>12</b>	Persons Recovered <b>799</b>	COVID-19 Deaths <b>15</b>
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Released on July 19, 2020

There are five new cases of COVID-19 to report in Saskatchewan on July 19, bringing the total to 943 cases. The new cases are located in the Central (4) and Saskatoon (1) regions.

Three more cases reported on July 11 as positive have been updated to a negative result and have been removed from the total cases, bringing the total to four cases removed.

Of the 943 reported cases, 129 are considered active. A total of 799 people have recovered.

Twelve people are in hospital. Nine people are receiving inpatient care; five in Saskatoon, three in the South and one in the North. Three people are in intensive care; two in Saskatoon and one in the South.

Of the 943 cases in the province:

- 183 cases are travellers;
- 516 are community contacts (including mass gatherings);
- 165 have no known exposures; and
- 79 are under investigation by local public health.

Overall in Saskatchewan:

- 58 cases are health care workers; however, the source of the infections may not be related to health care in all instances.
- 340 of the cases are from the Far North, 206 are from the Saskatoon area, 123 from the North, 115 from the South, 87 from the Regina area and 72 from the Central region.
- 131 cases involve people 19 years of age and under, while the remainder are adults.
- 325 cases are in the 20-39 age range; 297 are in the 40-59 age range; 162 are in the 60-79 age range; and 28 are in the 80-plus range.
- 52 per cent of the cases are females and 48 per cent are males.
- 15 deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported to date.

To date, 81,624 COVID-19 tests have been performed in Saskatchewan. As of July 17, 2020, when other provincial and national numbers were available from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Saskatchewan's per capita rate was 59,544 people tested per million population. The national rate was 92,628 people tested per million population.

There have been 2634 COVID-19 tests performed in Saskatchewan over the past two days: 1339 on Saturday; and 1295 on Sunday. This represents the two highest daily testing totals to date.

#### COVID-19 Awareness

Since mid-June, there has been an increase in cases in the southwest and west-central parts of Saskatchewan, both on colonies and in the broader community. Public health investigation is ongoing to determine transmission chains and to identify contacts. While most of the recent new cases have been in southwest and west-central Saskatchewan, the risk of COVID-19 transmission continues to exist in every part of the province. This is why everyone must continue to take precautions and follow public health measures.

#### COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is now available to anyone who requests it, regardless of whether they have

symptoms or not. A referral for testing can be made by contacting HealthLine 811.

General public inquiries may be directed to [COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca](mailto:COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca).

Find the most up-to-date version of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan at [www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open).



**RSM READY TO WELCOME BACK VISITORS WITH SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE AND NEW FEATURES TO AMAZE!**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/16/rsm-ready-to-open>

**BRAND NEW POOL OPENS AT BUFFALO PROVINCIAL PARK**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/17/buffalo-pound-pool>

**PROGRESS MADE ON NEW PASSING LANES NEAR YORKTON**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/16/wcu>

**\$510,000 FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN ESTEVAN**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/16/estevan-policing-initiative>

**\$400,000 FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN WEYBURN**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/16/weyburn-policing-initiative>

**\$2.805 MILLION FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN PRINCE ALBERT**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/15/prince-albert-policing->

**initiative**

**\$770,000 FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN MEADOW LAKE**

**<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/15/meadow-lake-policing-initiative>**

**\$770,000 FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN NORTH BATTLEFORD**

**<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/15/north-battleford-policing-initiative>**

**PROVINCE AND DOCTORS REACH TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/14/doctors-tentative-agreement>**

**\$800,000 FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN MOOSE JAW**

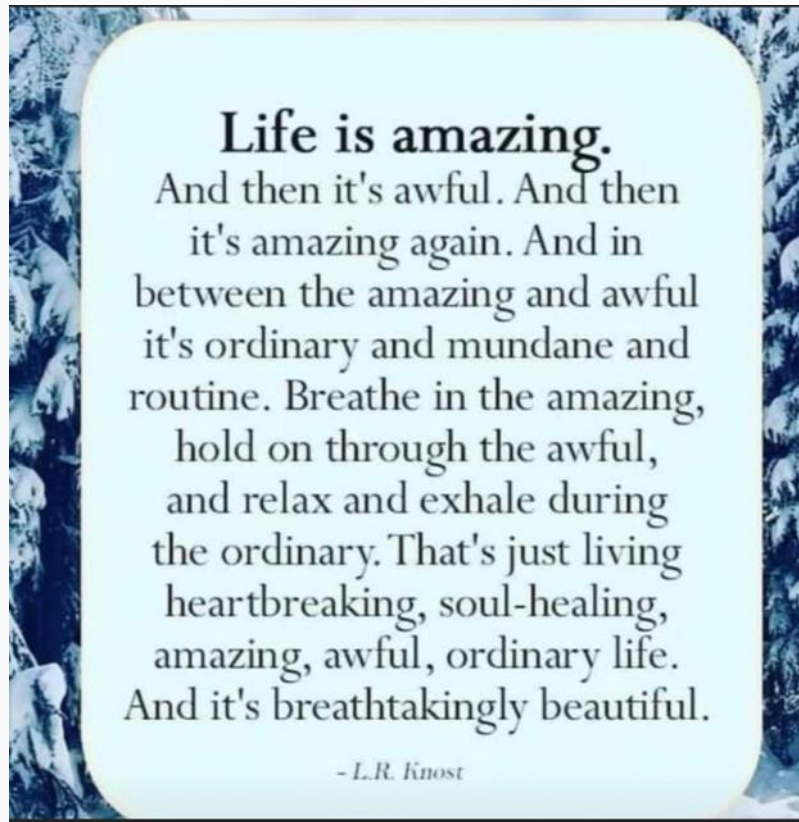
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**\$330,000 FOR POLICING INITIATIVES IN YORKTON**

**<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/july/14/yorkton-policing-initiative>**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**





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**I appreciate the opportunities to make a positive difference in our 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.**

**"From a Provincial Point of View" is a message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.**

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