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**SASKATOON
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**ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL TO RECEIVE STATE-OF-THE-ART
SURGICAL ROBOTIC SYSTEM**



A new, state-of-the-art surgical robotic system soon to be deployed at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon will allow surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures. The new Da Vinci surgical system will be used in urology, head and neck cancer, thoracic surgery and gynecological oncology. It is anticipated that the first robot-assisted procedure will be performed in the fall of 2022.

"Our government supports innovations that can improve patient care and outcomes," Saskatoon Willowgrove MLA Ken Cheveldayoff said on behalf Health Minister Paul Merriman. "This type of advanced robot-assisted surgery reduces complications and shortens hospital stays for patients compared to open surgery, creating more hospital capacity to perform more procedures. We value the contributions of donors, and we are grateful to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation and title donor Merlis Belsher for their commitment to this project."

[St. Paul's Hospital To Receive State-Of-The-Art Surgical Robotic System | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN DELEGATION HEADING TO GERMANY TO SUPPORT DISPLACED UKRAINIANS



Delegation To Meet With Ukrainians Who Have Fled, Identify Opportunities To Expedite Immigration Pathways To Canada

April 4, following a visit to a Ukrainian refugee centre in Germany last week, Premier Scott Moe has requested the Legislative Secretary Responsible for Saskatchewan Ukraine Relations Terry Dennis, to lead a small delegation to Germany. Working with the Embassy of Canada in Berlin, the delegation will meet with displaced Ukrainians and refugee-serving organizations to determine additional supports Saskatchewan can provide to those fleeing from the horrors of the Russian war in Ukraine.

Last week, Premier Moe was joined by His Excellency Stephane Dion, the Ambassador of Canada to Germany at the refugee centre in Kassel, whose team will support Saskatchewan's incoming delegation. As well as meeting with refugees and refugee-serving organizations, the delegation will meet

with local government officials and other non-governmental organizations supporting displaced Ukrainians in Germany next week.

"During the vicious attacks by Russia in Ukraine, we've been working hard to listen and learn from the brutal experience of those having to flee Ukraine," Dennis said. "Our small delegation will travel to Germany at the end of the week so we can most effectively identify the additional supports Saskatchewan can provide as Ukraine continues its heroic fight for its sovereignty."

The Legislative Secretary will be joined by Iryna Matsiuk, member of the Saskatchewan Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee (SURAC) and Co-Chair of the Ukrainian Canada Congress. Matsiuk emigrated to Canada from Ukraine in 2011.

"Throughout the war I've been working closely with friends and family in Ukraine around the clock to try and help provide the necessary supports to ensure displaced Ukrainians have the resources they need during this horrific time," Matsiuk said. "Being on the ground to meet with Ukrainians will ensure we understand their needs and can continue to help in every way possible."

Premier Moe has been in contact with the Government of Canada to make available resources, including immigration officers from the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP), to help process applications through the newly launched Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel program, and accelerated temporary residence pathway for Ukrainians seeking safe haven in Canada.

The Premier has also made the Saskatchewan public service available to assist the Government of Canada in any way that can benefit and expedite the immigration pathways for Ukrainians who choose to seek residence in Canada, whether on a temporary basis or permanently.

The delegation will be in Berlin from April 10 to April 13.

SASKATOON, REGINA TO SUBMIT JOINT BID TO HOST 2023 WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP



Exciting News!

Story - CTV News - [World juniors: Regina city council discusses possible host bid | CTV News](#)

Regina and Saskatoon will submit a joint bid to host the 2023 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship in Saskatchewan.

Both city councils voted in favour of the bid during special meetings held Friday morning. Regina and Saskatoon city councils will each contribute \$350,000 in funding if the bid is successful.

Host city submissions are due Monday morning. Hockey Canada will then make its selection before recommending a host to the IIHF.

The final selection will be announced by the end of April.

SWINGING WITH THE STARS FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH



The 2022 Ens Auto Swinging with the Stars Saskatoon has a new date... FRIDAY APRIL 8th, 2022 at TCU Place! And it's going to be one entertainingly fun night out!

[Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble](#) will perform our Opening Routine at this year's Ens Auto Swinging With The Stars! 🇺🇦 Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble will share Ukrainian culture and tradition through Ukrainian dance-something Ukraine is fighting for as they defend their freedom.

There are a very limited number of tables available for purchase so if you're ready to join the party grab your tickets now! <https://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/buy-tickets/>

ONLINE VOTING IS NOW OPEN!!! <http://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/online-voting/>

All Votes will be issued a full charitable tax receipt! Proceeds from the 2022 event will benefit the Eye Care Centre at Saskatoon City Hospital. [Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation](#)

GREEN SHIRT DAY APRIL 7



To celebrate April's National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month, the Government of Saskatchewan is encouraging all Saskatchewan residents to sign up to the provincial online registry at www.givelifesask.ca, wear a green shirt on April 7, and share information online.

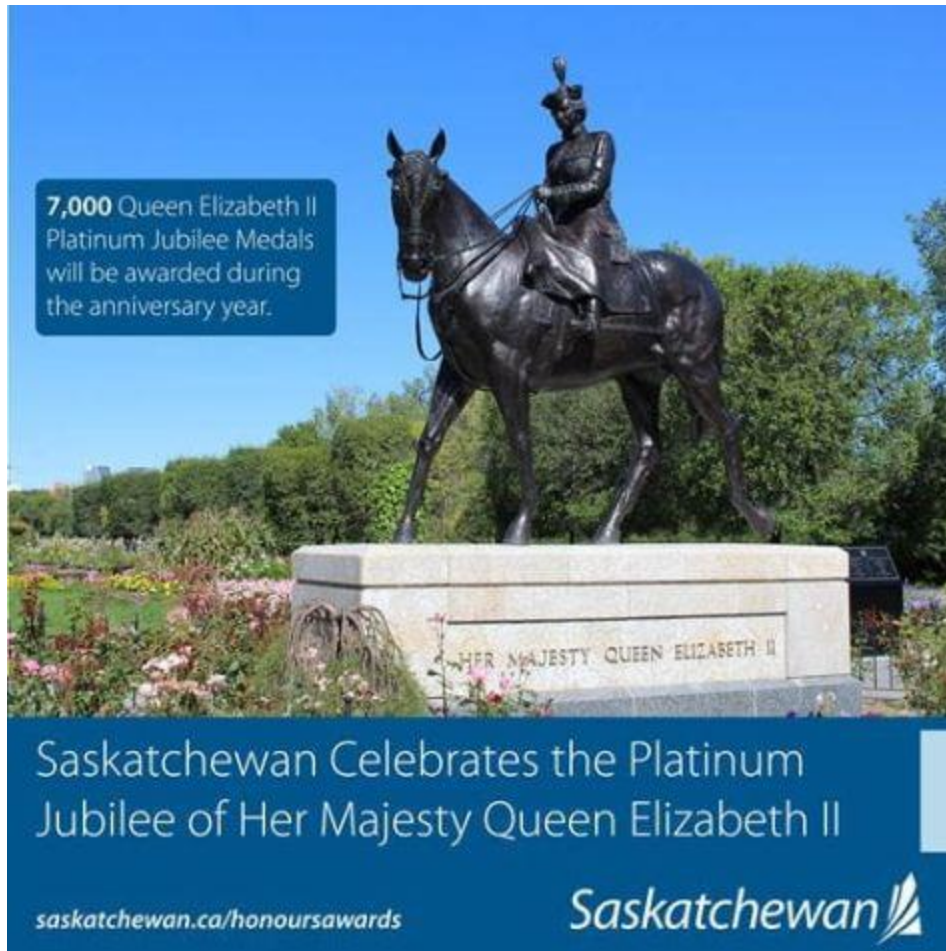
The Government of Saskatchewan provides over \$1.2 million in annual funding to support the provincial Organ and Tissue Donation program, resulting in three straight record years of donation rates.

The Government of Saskatchewan has launched an online provincial awareness campaign that also promotes the online registry with the messaging "Be a donor, Save a life."

Saskatchewan people may also show their support for Organ and Tissue Donation on April 7 by participating in Green Shirt Day, a day recognized across Canada to honour the legacy of Logan Boulet of the Humboldt Broncos. He inspired more than 150,000 Canadians to become a registered donor and give the gift of life. It's simple to participate by wearing a green shirt, and post a photo online on your

choice of social media platform. If participating through Twitter use the hashtag, [#GiveLifeSask](https://twitter.com/GiveLifeSask).
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskatchewan-to-raise..>

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL



Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty announced the creation of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan).

This new commemorative medal is being created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's accession to the Throne.

"As we celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of extraordinary service as Queen of Canada and Head of the Commonwealth, this commemorative medal enables us to pay tribute to The Queen's devotion to duty by

recognizing Saskatchewan people who have also made service a priority," Mirasty said. "I look forward to celebrating the generous and impressive people of our province at medal ceremonies across Saskatchewan."

[Province Announces Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

LOAN APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Part-time and full-time student loan and grant applications are now open for the spring/summer semester! Apply online: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../apply-for-a-student-loan>

SASKATCHEWAN TO RAISE AWARENESS AROUND ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION DURING APRIL



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"I'm pleased the Saskatchewan Organ and Tissue Donor Program is back up and running in full force for 2022 and will receive special focus and attention this month," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "Since the government fulfilled its commitment to create a donor registry, nearly 18,000 Saskatchewan residents have registered online and joined the donor list. However, we want to see thousands more visit givelifesask.ca, and participate in Green Shirt Day, and Light It Green campaigns to help raise awareness for this worthwhile cause."

[Saskatchewan to Raise Awareness Around Organ and Tissue Donation During April | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ALARMS SAVE LIVES



Each year, emergency personnel respond to about 1,300 calls related to carbon monoxide (CO) in Saskatchewan. Alarms save lives! Protect you and your loved ones by installing smoke and CO alarms in your home before July 1, 2022.

If you're unsure what type of alarm to buy or where to install them, visit saskatchewan.ca/smoke-co-alarms.

PROVINCIAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES BRANCH LAUNCHES



April 1 marked the first day of official operations for Saskatchewan's new Provincial Protective Services (PPS) Branch.

The Provincial Protective Services Branch unites conservation, highway patrol, Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Officers, prisoner transport and court security deputy sheriffs, and Wascana Park community safety officers under a single organizational structure. Including support and administrative staff, the new branch will consist of approximately 450 employees.

"A tremendous amount of work has gone into unifying these separate agencies into a single organization over the last six months," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "The transition to the PPS Branch is a major step forward in our ongoing work to ensure the safety and security of Saskatchewan communities and people."

[Provincial Protective Services Branch Launches | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SUPPORTING A GROWING SASKATCHEWAN TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH SECTOR



April 5, the government introduced *The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2022* to further support the growth of the technology and research sector in the province.

The legislation provides authority for Innovation Saskatchewan to own and operate the technology and research parks currently assigned to Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (SOCO) for the purposes of creating a single innovation agency in the province.

"This move positions Innovation Saskatchewan as the leader in a sector that is key to our economic recovery," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Jeremy Harrison said. "The changes we are making demonstrate government's commitment to growing the technology ecosystem and support investment attraction by way of start up companies and research partners to the province. It allows us to support innovation, research commercialization and build capacity through an integrated approach to programs, services and infrastructure."

[Supporting a Growing Saskatchewan Technology and Research Sector | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ALWAYS BE AWARE!



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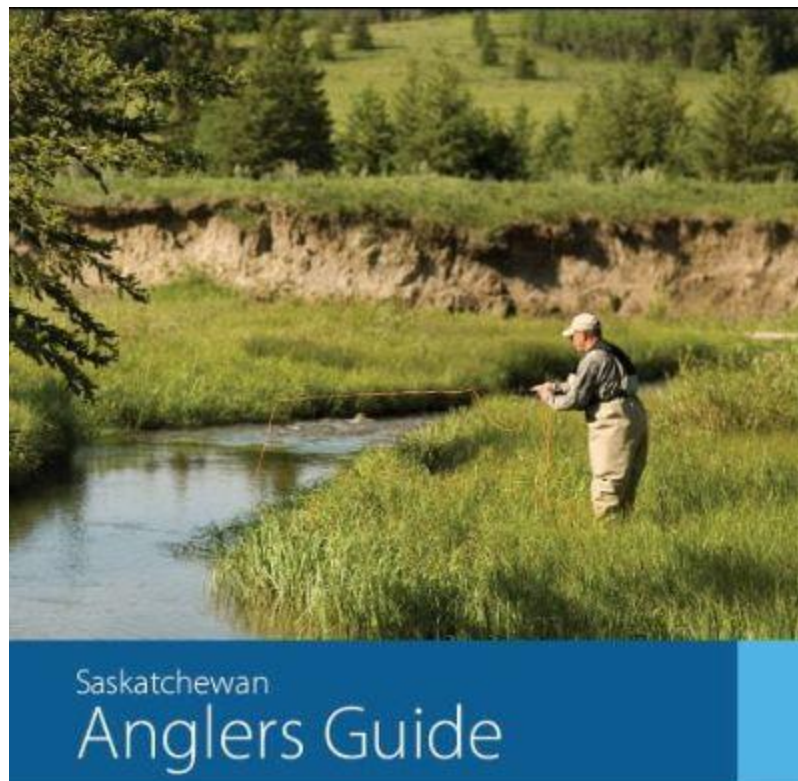
Do you know who is calling? An unexpected call promoting a golden investment opportunity is likely a scam.

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Learn how to protect yourself against investment fraud

at <https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consume.../investors/investment-fraud>.

2022-23 ANGLERS GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE



saskatchewan.ca/fishing

Saskatchewan!

The 2022-23 Saskatchewan Anglers Guide is now available online. Outdoor enthusiasts can download the new guide to their phones or tablets for convenient access.

The Saskatchewan Anglers Guide details the regulations, policies and practices that guide fishing in the province, including a comprehensive listing of waterbodies with specific catch limits and special regulations. Physical copies of the 2022-23 Saskatchewan Anglers Guide will be available at Ministry of Environment field offices, most provincial park offices and select retail outlets in early May.

"Saskatchewan is home to some of the best freshwater fishing in Canada," Environment Minister Warren Kaeding said. "I know many people are excited to get outside and enjoy one of Saskatchewan's favourite pastimes. With the 2022-23 guide now available, we look forward to a great summer fishing season to begin."

[2022-23 Anglers Guide Now Available Online | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SUMA HOLDS 117TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



Representatives from across province met in Regina this week at the annual SUMA Convention.

Premier Scott Moe and several colleagues attended along with the SUMA Board of Directors, His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, and host city Regina mayor Sandra Masters.

Thank you to all those that serve our province. Attendees participated in four education sessions: "Plug into Project Governance"; "Creating Safe Communities Through Collaboration"; "A Bridge to Reconciliation: Understanding the Challenges of Indigenous Communities" and "Assessments and Appeals: The Link Between SAMA and Your Community."

27 COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED INVESTMENT IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN 2022-23



Key commitments in the 2022-23 provincial budget will see significant expansion in emergency care throughout Saskatchewan with a nearly \$11 million funding increase. An investment of \$7.3 million will support stabilization of emergency medical services (EMS) with additional paramedics, ambulances and funding in 27 communities across the province, particularly in rural, remote and northern areas.

“Our government is committed to getting emergency medical services for our residents back on track by addressing critical areas of need with a dedicated focus on rural, remote and northern communities,” Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. “EMS is a valuable part of our overall health care system, and we are grateful for the service they provide. This significant new investment will strengthen ambulance services in 27 communities across our province.”

[27 Communities To Benefit From Increased Investment In Emergency Medical Services In 2022-23 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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[New Legislation to Grow Indigenous Involvement in Saskatchewan Economy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Work Begins On New Urgent Care Centre In Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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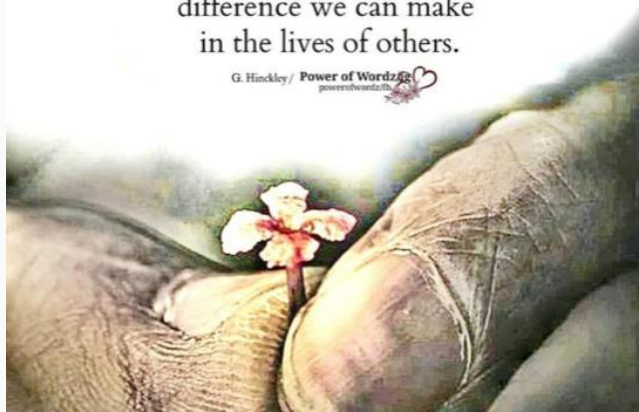
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Being humble

means recognizing that we are
not on earth to see how
important we can become,
but to see how much
difference we can make
in the lives of others.

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you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

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"From a Provincial Point of View" is an electronic 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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