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**\$7.38 MILLION FOR SASKATOON POLICING INITIATIVES**

# Municipal Police Grants

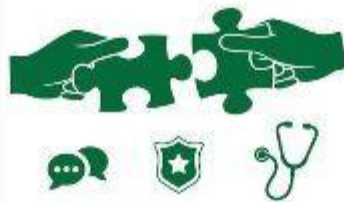
Supporting Community Safety and Policing Efforts

## \$18.42 million

for municipalities in 2022-23 to support  
Saskatchewan's municipal police services, including:



141 municipal  
police service  
positions



targeted policing  
initiatives, such as the  
Police and Crisis Team

\$6.48 million  
City of Saskatoon

\$5.49 million  
City of Regina

\$3.02 million  
City of Prince Albert

\$449,000  
City of Moose Jaw

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December 9, the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is providing \$6.48 million to the City of Saskatoon through the Municipal Police Grants program in 2022-23. This grant will support 48 police service positions in the community.

"Safe communities are a priority for our government," Saskatoon Southeast MLA and Crown Investments Corporation Minister Don Morgan said on behalf of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell. "We appreciate our partnership with the Saskatoon Police Service and thank the dedicated officers who work tirelessly to enhance community safety across Saskatoon and the surrounding area."

The funding for Saskatoon supports the continued delivery of targeted policing initiatives, such as the Police and Crisis Team (PACT), which comprises police officers and mental health workers who provide an integrated and coordinated response to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in the community.

[\\$7.38 Million for Saskatoon Policing Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## HELPING SASKATCHEWAN PEOPLE WITH INFLATIONARY PRESSURES



All Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit (SATC) payments have been mailed to Saskatchewan residents age 18 and over who had filed their taxes before August 31, 2022, and had their correct address listed with the Canada Revenue Agency.

"Our government recognizes that costs for individuals and families have risen due to inflation. A growing economy, and a strong fiscal bottom line, allowed us to deliver one-time SATC payments of \$500 to Saskatchewan residents, provide tax relief for businesses, and pay down debt. That's growth that works for everyone," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said.

Late filers who filed after August and closer to the October 31, 2022 program deadline, and those who provided address change information will receive their cheques in the mail over the next two months. An estimated 900,000 SATC cheques may be mailed in total, depending on final numbers of late filers and those who changed addresses, at a total forecast cost of \$450 million.

"Our province's economy is strong and growing private sector forecasts expect Saskatchewan to lead the country in economic growth in 2022 and 2023," Harpauer said.

The SATC payments are part of Government's Four-Point Affordability Plan introduced in August. The plan also had gym and fitness memberships and recreational activities for youth remain Provincial Sales Tax (PST) exempt, and small businesses were helped by the one-year extension of the temporary small business tax rate reduction.

The province's strong financial position also allows government to reduce borrowing and retire up to \$1 billion in operating debt, resulting in lower interest costs allowing those savings to be invested into priority programs and services including health care, education and social safety nets.

Residents are encouraged to contact the SATC administration centre at [satc@gov.sk.ca](mailto:satc@gov.sk.ca) or call 1-800-667-6102 if they have questions related to the SATC payment or are seeking to clarify the status of their cheque, including those who filed their tax return on time but have not received their SATC payment within the next week.

More information about the SATC is available online at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/taxes-and-investments/tax-credits/saskatchewan-affordability-tax-credit>.

## FALL SITTING OF THE LEGISLATURE FOCUSES ON GROWTH THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE



*Premier Scott Moe thanks members for unanimous support of government agenda*



With the Fall sitting of the Legislature concluding today, the Government of Saskatchewan is highlighting the significant progress that has been made on priorities identified in the Throne Speech. Key initiatives this fall included providing affordability relief, investments in health care recruitment and retention, new initiatives to make communities safer and standing up for Saskatchewan's economic autonomy with the introduction of the *Saskatchewan First Act*.

Thanks to higher than expected natural resource revenue, the government was able to announce significant measures to tackle affordability challenges facing Saskatchewan residents. The plan provides a \$500 Affordability Tax Credit cheque for everyone 18 and above, retiring \$1 billion in operating debt, extending the small business tax rate reduction and cancelling a previously announced PST expansion.

"A strong economy is what has allowed us to invest in affordability relief," Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Donna Harpauer said. "We will continue to stand up for and promote Saskatchewan, because a growing economy is what allows us to make key investments in healthcare, education and social services."

[Fall Sitting of the Legislature Focuses on Growth that Works for Everyone | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES A SUCCESS



*128 conditional offers made by the Saskatchewan Health Authority to qualified Filipino Registered Nurses*

Saskatchewan's delegation to Manila led by Health Minister Paul Merriman has wrapped up its targeted health care recruitment mission and returned home with successful results, making conditional employment offers to 128 registered nurses and one continuing care aide.

"Saskatchewan has an innovative plan that demonstrates our serious commitment and sincere intent to the people of the Philippines," Merriman said. "To achieve these outstanding results, we took bold steps by going to the Philippines to engage in-person with more than twelve hundred interested and available healthcare workers. Filipino people travelled from every corner of their country to attend our information sessions."

[Healthcare Recruitment Mission to the Philippines a Success | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATOON ZOO ANNOUNCES NEW ADDITIONS!**



The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo announced their newest additions last week! A very warm welcome to Nuna, Anori and Inneq! What a great addition these wolves are to the zoo!

## **ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PREPARES FOR 2023 PROGRAMMING**



EACCA winter 2023 programming opens up Tuesday, January 3rd.

Registration information will be shared on their website and Facebook page.

[EACCA - Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association | Facebook](#)

## SOME OF SASKATOON'S MOST FESTIVE HOMES



Last week we highlighted some top spots for your Saskatoon Christmas light tour featured by CTV news. This week we are highlighting some spots identified in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix. Photo and story credit to Jocelyn Bennett, Saskatoon StarPhoenix.

Each year, the Saskatoon StarPhoenix compiles a list of addresses of homes with great Christmas light displays. Plot out a route and embark on a safe and physically distanced tour of some of the city's most festive homes. Embark on a safe and physically distanced tour of some of Saskatoon's most festive homes. Twinkle Tour: Christmas may still be a little different this year, but Saskatoon's Twinkle Tour remains a constant. Saskatoon's must-see Christmas light displays for 2022 holiday season: [Twinkle Tour: Saskatoon's must-see Christmas light displays for 2022 | The Star Phoenix](#)

**Here are a few in our area but click on the link above to see the entire list.**

### **Stonebridge**

611 Rempel Crescent

203 Teal Terrace

938 Kolynchuk Bend



**Lakeview**

455 Delarond Road

**Rosewood**

700-block Hastings Cove

**Briarwood**

1003 Braeside View

Briarwood Lake

**Sutherland**

314 Adolph Crescent

**Willowgrove**

435 Paton Place

1634 Shepherd Court

106 Zimmer Crescent

**Erindale**

Forsyth Crescent

Kaplan Green

Erindale Lake

Kenderdine Road

**Silverspring**

Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

**Central Avenue**

1331 Konihowski Road

## **YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



This year is closing on a very positive note; Saskatchewan's population recently surpassed 1.2 million for the first time in history. When the Saskatchewan Party government was elected in 2007, the Official Opposition said our population would never grow beyond one million. We believed Saskatchewan had the potential to grow with the support of a strong economy. This achievement puts us closer than ever to our Growth Plan goal of 1.4 million people by 2030. We are a province full of new jobs, opportunities, vibrant communities and a great quality of life.

Statistics Canada job numbers for November show our province added 11,800 jobs compared to last year, giving Saskatchewan the second-lowest unemployment rate in the country. Overall employment set a new record with 574,300 people employed. The off-reserve Indigenous unemployment rate decreased to 6.6 per cent, an all-time historical low.

Thanks to the growing economy, our government can invest in expanding programs and services that support families and communities. We are adding new healthcare professionals, expanding mental health and addictions services, and investing in new hospitals, long-term care facilities and schools. We are on

track to balance the budget, with the Mid-Year Financial Report forecasting a \$1.1 billion surplus. The increase is largely the result of high potash and oil prices, and higher revenues.

Our government is using higher-than-expected revenue to help people and businesses address higher costs due to inflation. The Four Point Affordability Plan is delivering a one-time Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit cheque of \$500 to all adult residents who have filed a 2021 tax return in the province, exempted the PST on fitness and gym memberships, along with other recreational youth activities, and extended the small business tax rate reduction.

Due to interference from the federal government that threatens our growth potential, we have introduced the *Saskatchewan First Act*. This legislation clearly defines that Saskatchewan has the constitutional rights over our natural resources and economic future. We believe the people of Saskatchewan know the best steps to defend our economy, jobs and resources from the overreach of the federal government. Supported at Second Reading by the opposition NDP, this legislation moves to ensure Saskatchewan continues down a path of growth.

However, growth does come with unique challenges. Our government has recognized the pressure a growing population puts on the healthcare system, and we are moving to address those needs. Our Health Human Resource Action Plan has already seen success as we work to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health professionals across the province. On a recent recruitment mission to Manila, Philippines, nearly 130 conditional offers were made to qualified registered nurses and one continuing care aide ready to join us here in Saskatchewan. More interviews will be conducted thanks to strong contacts with potential candidates.

Saskatchewan is positioned to carry this success into the new year. We are ending 2022 with one of the strongest economies in the country, with several major private investments coming to fruition in the new year. These new businesses are poised to create thousands of jobs, inject further revenue into the province, and support government investment in programs and services residents need. That's growth that works for everyone.

## **MOBILITY AND FAIR REGISTRATION PRACTICES REGULATIONS**

**The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Regulations** help Anna meet her full potential and results in increased earnings.




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Saskatchewan's new Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Regulations will reduce red tape and regulatory burden to ensure new residents to Saskatchewan can begin working sooner. Let's look at an example to see how these new regulations could help you.

Anna, an engineer from Ukraine, recently immigrated and wants to become licensed in Saskatchewan. With these new regulations, Anna is guaranteed to receive her assessment results within 50 days of applying. This allows Anna to start working in her intended field more quickly, in a job with a higher salary and benefits.

## SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

**Small Businesses  
in Saskatchewan**

**143,413**  
small businesses in Saskatchewan

**31%**  
of Saskatchewan workers  
employed by small business

**25%**  
of Saskatchewan's GDP

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I mentioned shopping local in our last newsletter but want to again remind you to support small business if you're able.





Tis the season to buy gifts for family, friends and all! Support local this holiday season by shopping at one of Saskatchewan's small businesses!

**12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY WITH THE SASKATCHEWAN  
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY**

## 12 Days of Holiday Safety



Is your home properly equipped to celebrate the holidays **safely**?

Every household should have a:

- fire extinguisher
- first-aid kit
- smoke alarm
- carbon monoxide detector



[saskpublicsafety.ca/holidays](https://saskpublicsafety.ca/holidays)

**Saskatchewan**  
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

To help keep you and your family safe this winter season, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is sharing safety tips in their 12 Days of Holiday Safety campaign.

"This season is a time to celebrate with decorations and gathering with family, but a few simple actions can keep you and your loved ones safe," Saskatchewan Fire Marshal Wayne Rodger said. "By following these safety tips, you'll be able to identify and reduce the risk of common fire and safety hazards in your home."

From December 12 to 24, 2022, the SPSA will post a daily holiday safety tip on their [Facebook page](#) with actions you can take in and around your home. The tips will cover a range of everyday household items such as lights, extension cords, winter travel and candles. Most actions take just a few seconds and have little to no cost but will significantly reduce your safety risk throughout the winter season.

Fire Commissioner and SPSA President Marlo Pritchard agrees.

"It only takes seconds for a fire to start because of lit candles left unattended, over-taxed electrical cords or a pot left unwatched," Pritchard said. "A safe celebration in your home may be the most important gift your family and friends receive this year."

A fact sheet listing all 12 topics and their safety tips is also available online at: [www.saskpublicsafety.ca/holidays](http://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/holidays)

### A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!



Tickets are on sale NOW for ENS Auto Swinging With The Stars 2023!

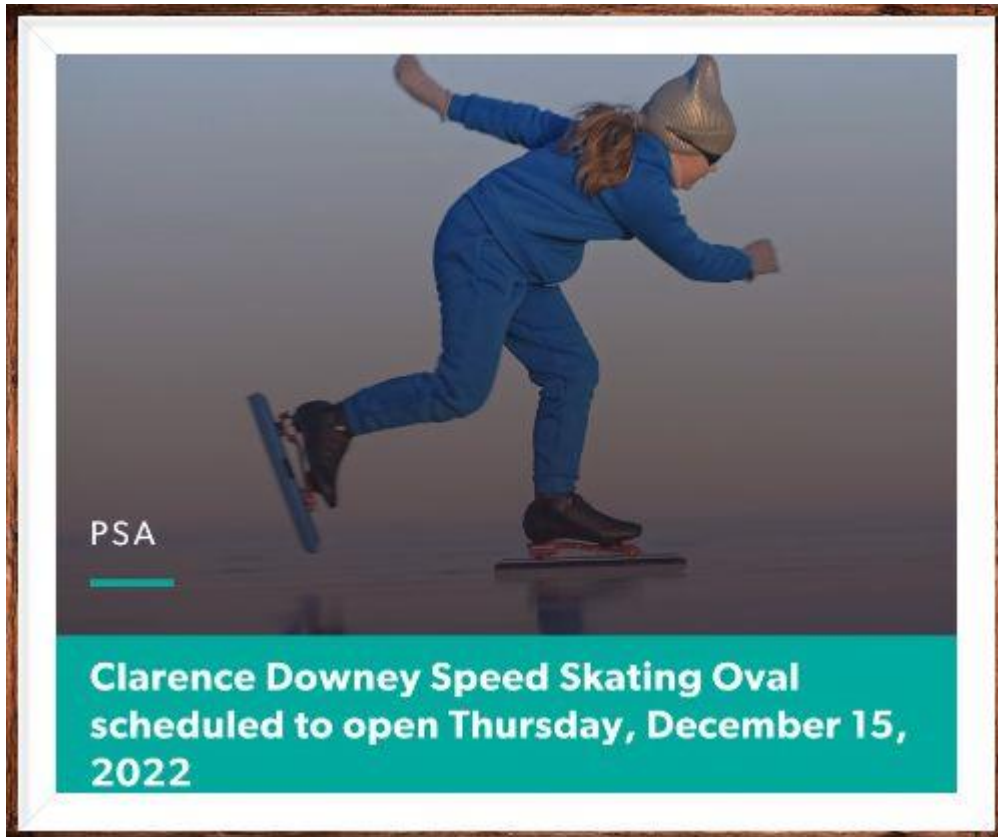
- Saturday January 28th, 2023 AT TCU Place

- Reserved Table of 8 is \$1,400 - Half table is \$700

Get ready to **dance** the night away with us and cheer on your favourite star as they take the stage and raise funds for the [Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation](#). It's the most **fun** fundraiser in the city!

Secure your spot - INFORMATION: <https://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/buy-tickets/>

## SCHEDULED TO OPEN TODAY



Residents looking for a free winter activity can enjoy skating at Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval (Oval) or at an outdoor neighbourhood rink.

The Oval, located on Dudley Street at Avenue R in the Gordon Howe Complex, is a 400-metre outdoor, oval-shaped rink for all skating levels. A warm-up building provides change rooms, public washrooms, and an area to lace up skates in comfort. Speed skates are not required.

The first day of operation is Thursday, December 15.



Public Skating Hours:



Monday to Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Closed Fridays



For more information, please visit [saskatoon.ca/oval](https://saskatoon.ca/oval) or call 306-668-4693

The Community Associations own and operate 51 outdoor skating rinks in neighbourhoods throughout the city. Visit the interactive map at [saskatoon.ca/outdoorrinks](https://saskatoon.ca/outdoorrinks) for a list of locations and public skating times.

The Community Associations are volunteer-run organizations. If you are interested in volunteering for your neighbourhood community association by helping to flood the ice, shovel, or supervise public skating, please contact your community association or the Community Development office at 306-975-3378.

## **FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN SIX MONTHS AND OLDER**



## Have you had your flu shot?

Protect yourself, friends and family before the holidays.  
Book your flu shot today at [4flu.ca](http://4flu.ca)

[saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca)

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All children six months and older are eligible for the flu shot.

Make that immunization appointment today and help stop the flu over the holidays.  
Appointments can be booked at [www.4flu.ca](http://www.4flu.ca)

**WINTER SEMESTER STUDENT LOAN AND GRANT  
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**



If you are a Saskatchewan student looking to apply for winter semester student loans and grants, check this out

The winter semester will be here soon! Apply any time for Saskatchewan student loans and grants.

Visit the website to learn how to set up an AE Student Portal account and apply online: [www.saskatchewan.ca/studentloans](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/studentloans)

**CALL 811 IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO A HEALTHCARE  
PROFESSIONAL**



## Is your child feeling sick?

Keep them home if they feel unwell.

Call Healthline 811 if you need advice or have questions.

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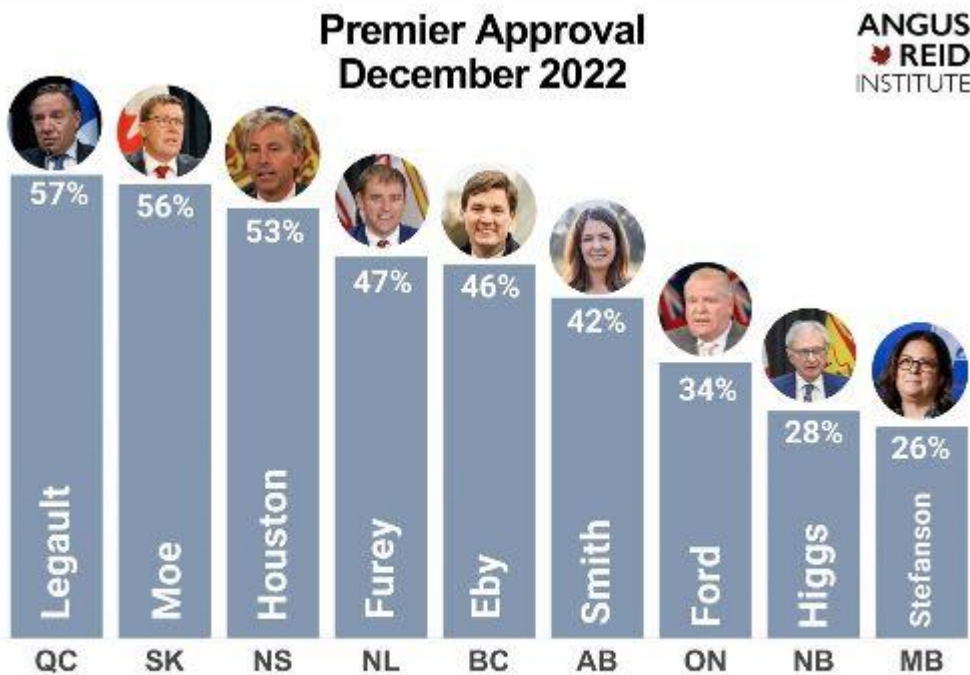
Cold and flu season is here—keep your child home if they feel unwell. This means no school or daycare when they're under the weather.

Most respiratory illnesses can be treated at home with rest.

Questions? Call 811 Healthline to speak to a healthcare professional without leaving your home.

**PREMIER SCOTT MOE CONTINUES TO HAVE ONE OF THE  
STRONGEST APPROVAL RATINGS**





\*Because its small population precludes drawing discrete samples over multiple waves, data on Prince Edward Island is not released.

For more visit [www.angusreid.org](http://www.angusreid.org)

Premier Scott Moe continues to have one of the strongest approval ratings in the country at 56 per cent!

## WINTER CAMPING IN SASKATCHEWAN



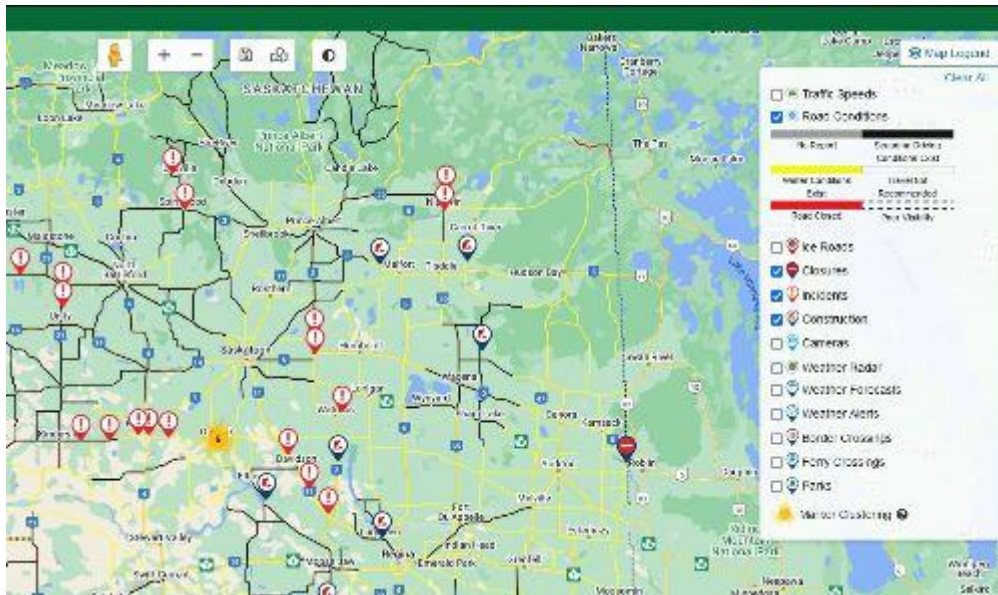
### Winter Camping

*Campers are reminded that campsites, including Camp-Easy sites, can be reserved online at Buffalo Pound, Cypress Hills, Duck Mountain, Echo Valley and Pike Lake Provincial Parks until March 15.*

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Camp-Easy sites are \$80 and can be booked ahead of time online. To book or to purchase a park entry permit visit: <http://parks.saskatchewan.ca>

## DOWNLOAD THE NEW HIGHWAY HOTLINE APP



The holidays are a time to be with family and friends. As you travel this season, be prepared with the new Highway Hotline app. The app not only shows winter road conditions but also includes weather conditions, incident reports, construction zones and more. Learn more at <https://hotline.gov.sk.ca/>

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE COMMUNITY RINK AFFORDABILITY GRANT PROGRAM



The application period for the Community Rink Affordability Grant Program is open.

The province will be investing \$1.7 million in community-owned indoor skating and curling rinks, which are important hubs for many villages, towns, cities, and First Nations across Saskatchewan.

To learn more or register, please visit the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association's website at <https://bit.ly/3UPE61U>.

Applications can be submitted until January 16, 2023.

**CHECK OUT DOWNHILL SKI HILLS IN SASKATCHEWAN**



Saskatchewan isn't as flat as people think. The Land of Living Skies holds its own on the slopes of our river valleys with all the trimmings of a family-friendly 'alpine' adventure. From night runs under the stars in the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley at [Mission Ridge Winter Park](#) to [Optimist Hill](#) in [Discover Saskatoon](#), there's a ski hill for every type of downhill enthusiast.

Click the link below to discover all of the downhill ski hills in Saskatchewan.

[Hitting the Slopes in Saskatchewan | Tourism Saskatchewan](#)

## NOTICE TO SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS IN HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS



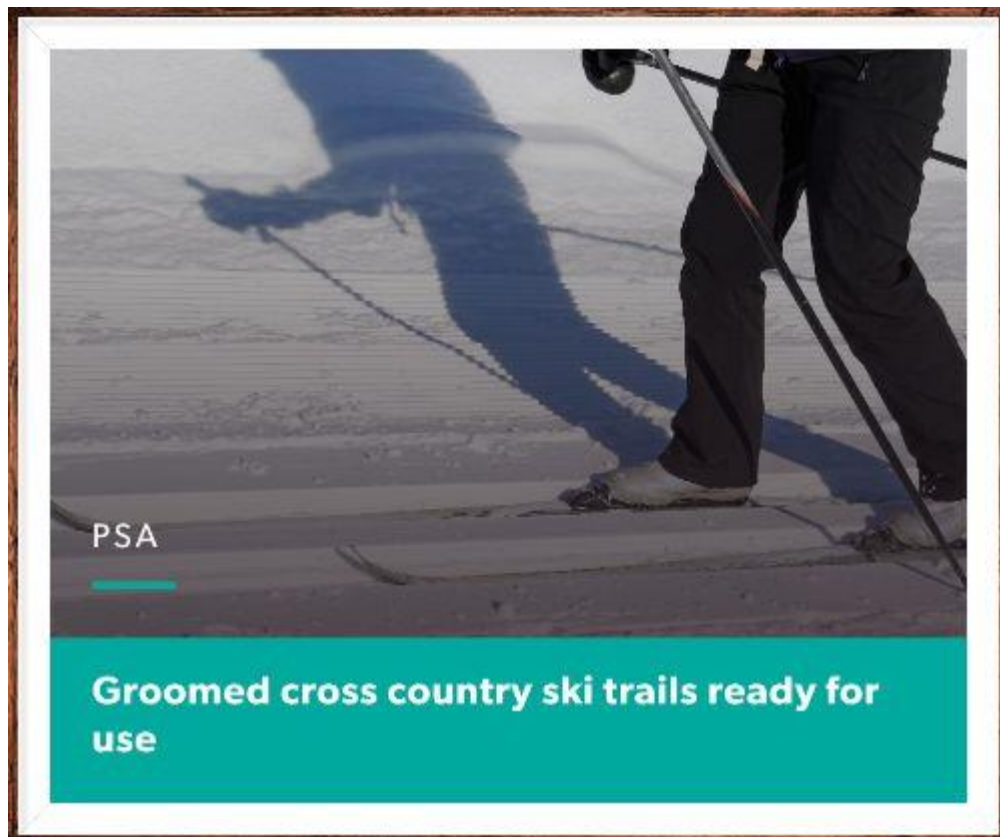


Did you know the [Government of Saskatchewan](#) reserves seats for qualified Saskatchewan students in health sciences programs in other provinces? These seats are reserved in programs that are not offered in Saskatchewan:

- Occupational Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Cardiovascular Perfusion
- Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Electroneurophysiology

Learn more, including how you can apply today: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../health-education-and...>

## CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS IN SASKATOON ARE READY!



Groomed cross country ski trails maintained by the City of Saskatoon are ready for use at the Upper and Lower Meewasin, Diefenbaker, Kinsmen, and Forest Parks. Following the completion of the main cross country ski trails, the City will begin grooming trails in 8 neighbourhood parks, run in partnership with

various Community Associations throughout the city.

Cross country ski trails are maintained along the East and West banks of the beautiful South Saskatchewan River and in a variety of parks and open spaces throughout Saskatoon. This initiative supports Saskatoon's WintercityYXE Strategy and encourages residents to get outside, be active and enjoy the beautiful scenery throughout the colder months.

Visit [saskatoon.ca/ski](https://saskatoon.ca/ski) for trail locations, ski etiquette and updates on conditions.

Additional trails are groomed by Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club including classic and skate skiing loops at the Holiday and Wildwood Golf Courses. Visit [saskatoonnordicski.ca](https://saskatoonnordicski.ca) for more information on these trails.

## KEEP IN TOUCH



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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.

## CONTACT OPERATION RED NOSE FOR A SAFE RIDE HOME



Contact Operation Red Nose this holiday season. They are off to a great start to our season, keeping folks safe! Call Red Nose to get a safe ride home for you and your vehicle!

Saskatoon/Martensville/Warman — for you AND your car — available 9pm to 2am tonight. Call our volunteers at Operation Red Nose 639-480-6673. Payment by donation of your choice (cash or etransfer) and all proceeds go to youth non-profits.

Operation Red Nose delivers you and your car home tonight, 8pm to 2am, for a donation to children's charities

## INDIGENOUS NORTHERN PLAINS SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT



Presented by Nutrien, Buffalo Boy Productions, and Wanuskewin

Saturday, December 17th, 2022

Wanuskewin Heritage Park

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Restaurant open for food purchases

All guests please adhere to Indigenous protocols

More details to come!

Admission by Donation of food for the food bank OR winter gear to be donated to the community.



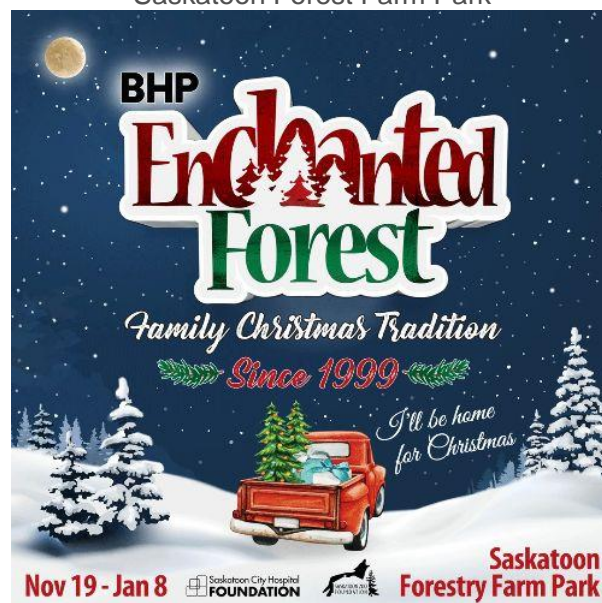
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**BHP ENCHANTED FOREST**

Light Show - Now - January 8

Saskatoon Forest Farm Park

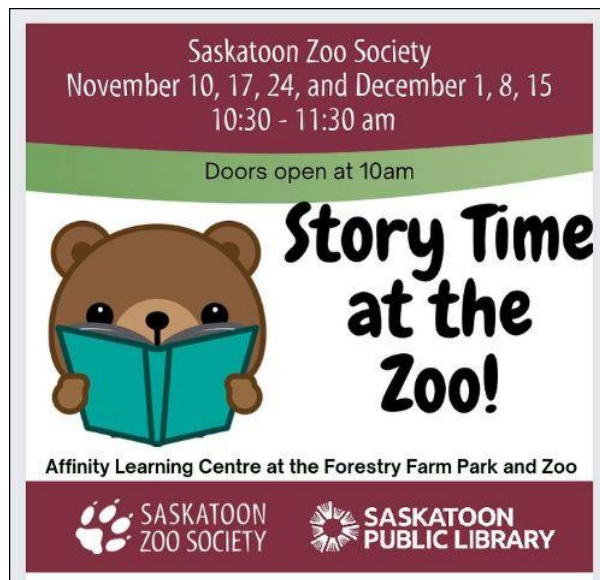


**STORY TIME AT THE ZOO**

December 8, 15

Affinity Learning Centre - Forestry Farm Park and Zoo





### **GLOW SASKATOON**

Get your tickets now for Prairieland Park's new favourite holiday tradition

On now - check here for information - <https://www.glowyxe.com/>



### **ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES**



[Sask Parks Set to Launch Branded Clothing in 2023 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Mission to Vietnam Will Explore New Trade Opportunities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[December Oil and Gas Public Offering Raises \\$11.9 Million in Revenue | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Distance Learning Corporation New Treasury Board Crown for Online Learning | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[\\$6.39 Million for Regina Policing Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[\\$809,000 For Moose Jaw Policing Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[\\$336,000 For Yorkton Policing Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

You're going to come in contact with an awful lot of people who are at their absolute breaking point this week. Friends, family, co-workers, teachers, strangers in the grocery store, retail workers. While it may be the merriest time of the year for some, it may be the saddest, most stressful, loneliest, most heartbreaking for others.

We're all busy. But we're not too busy to be kind, caring, and patient. Remember the best thing you can give someone this season is love.

— Amy Weatherly

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