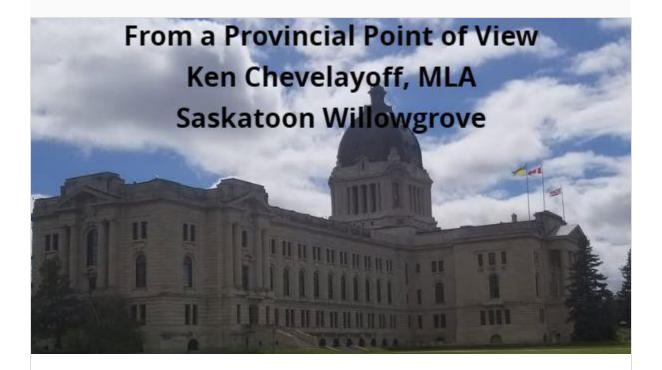
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



### YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT

As the Canadian Western Agribition wrapped up this week, hundreds of visitors and residents took part in the many events. This is a reminder of the pride we share in our province's agriculture industry and the community spirit that makes Saskatchewan such a great place to live. As people gather to celebrate agriculture, livestock and rural life, we're also stepping into winter. If you are travelling around the province this season to check the Highway Hotline at <a href="https://www.hotline.gov.sk.ca/map">www.hotline.gov.sk.ca/map</a> before getting behind the wheel. Snowplow operators are working hard to keep roads safe. By staying patient and aware, we are protecting ourselves and others.

As part of Manufacturing Week this year, our province is shining a spotlight on the growing strength and importance of the manufacturing sector. Through Saskatchewan's Growth Plan: The Next Decade of Growth, the province has a target of increasing the value of manufacturing exports by 50 per cent compared to the 2020 total. This goal was surpassed in 2024 for the third year in a row, with international manufacturing exports totaling \$11.5 billion – the second-highest year on record. Our manufacturers continue to produce world-class products shipped all

over the world, helping provide the infrastructure and services people rely on here at home.

To help that growth continue, applications are now open for the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Investment Tax Credit. This three-year pilot is designed to encourage investment in Saskatchewan-based small and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises. Individuals and corporations that invest could receive a 45 per cent non-refundable tax credit, helping companies purchase new equipment, upgrade facilities and expand operations. The incentive ensures our manufacturers can keep pace with demand, innovate and continue contributing to the economic strength of our province.

A growing population and shifting demographics mean ensuring our children have what they need to succeed. That's why our school divisions will benefit from the next phase of the National School Food Program funding for 2025-26. Urban, rural and northern schools across Saskatchewan will be able to expand or develop new food programs, giving students access to nutritious meals while helping families manage household budgets. This investment will help us achieve our goal of providing a better quality of life for Saskatchewan students, families and communities.

Our government continues to broaden its reach beyond economic growth and program investments. Recently announced expansions to grief and trauma supports are enabling more residents to access mental-health services, counselling and community-driven supports. The \$200,000 annual funding for expansion of grief and trauma counselling services at Caring Hearts makes it easier for Saskatchewan residents to access critical support when they need it most. To book a session, call Caring Hearts at 306-523-2780 or email <a href="mailto:contactus@caringheartssk.ca">contactus@caringheartssk.ca</a>. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:www.caringheartssk.ca">www.caringheartssk.ca</a>.



Recognizing Saskatchewan's many peoples and cultures is also part of building a united, respectful province. New legislation has been introduced, the Heritage Recognition (From Many Peoples, Strength) Act, to create a framework for

recognizing the days, weeks, and months that celebrate unique heritages. Under this new framework, heritage recognitions will be enshrined in law and automatically observed each year. This helps create a sense of belonging, builds bridges between cultures, and lays the groundwork for a more inclusive future for every community, family and generation.



Serving our community in the Legislature is a privilege I take to heart. I remain committed to representing the interests of our community and keeping you informed about the work happening across Saskatchewan. For questions, ideas or any concerns, please contact my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

GREAT TO MEET WITH SO MANY INDIVIDUALS HELPING TO KEEP SASKATCHEWAN STRONG



I had the honour of meeting Her Excellency, Sarantogos Erdenetsogt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Canada. As Minister of Advanced Education, strengthening partnerships with post-secondary institutions and stakeholders worldwide is a key strategic objective. The Government of Saskatchewan values its relationship with Mongolia and is partnering with Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions to enhance relationships, communication, research collaborations, and student mobility with Mongolia.



I had the pleasure of meeting with the President of the Saskatoon Firefighters Local 80 and other members to discuss a proposed mental health plan for first responders. Addressing mental health and addictions is a key priority for the Government of Saskatchewan, with the goal of providing more individuals with the necessary help and support to overcome addictions and lead healthy lives.



Along with several colleagues, it was a pleasure to welcome Janine Baumann, Executive Director, Family Services Saskatoon to the legislature last week. Each year Family Services provides programs that deliver measurable benefits and strong support and counselling to families in our communities.

CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TO PUT FAMILIES FIRST BY EXTENDING THE CANADA-SASKATCHEWAN EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE AGREEMENTS



Education Minister Everett Hindley and Secretary of State (Rural Development)
Buckley Belanger, on behalf of Canada's Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister
Responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency of Ontario, Patty Hajdu,
announced the extension of the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning
and Child Care Agreement for another five years, starting in 2026-2027.



The newly negotiated extension reinforces Saskatchewan's commitment to building an early learning and child care (ELCC) system guided by a shared vision with Canada focused on quality, affordability and access.

"Affordable child care is an economic tool that helps Saskatchewan grow," Hajdu said. "When parents can find good, reliable child care, they can work, train, or build a business. That helps families earn more and helps the whole province stay competitive. In Saskatchewan, lower fees are saving families thousands of dollars and keeping more people in the workforce. We will keep working with partners to protect and expand these spaces so every child can learn, and every family can plan for a strong future."



"This agreement reflects the needs of Saskatchewan families and supports the flexibility of our child care landscape," Hindley said. "Since 2021, we have created thousands of new spaces and reduced fees to \$10 a day. We will continue to build on that tremendous progress to deliver affordable, high-quality care and support the dedicated professionals who make it possible."

Also extended are the Canada-Saskatchewan Bilateral Early Learning and Child Care Agreement for another five years, starting in 2026-2027, and the Infrastructure Fund for an additional year, until 2026-2027.

The extended agreements include expanded age eligibility so that children in child care who turn six while attending Kindergarten can continue to receive \$10 a day care until they complete the school year.

This multi-year federal investment of \$1.6 billion will continue improving access and affordability to early learning programs and child care for children and families in Saskatchewan. Base funding for early learning and child care programs will increase by three per cent (via an escalator) per year for four years starting in 2027-2028. Saskatchewan has created more than 91 per cent of the 28,000 additional child care spaces targeted in the initial agreement with the federal government in 2021 and was the third province to reduce child care fees to \$10 a day.

Saskatchewan is also committed to attracting, retaining and growing a strong and skilled workforce of Early Childhood Education (ECE) professionals. From April 2021 to September 2025, over \$171 million in provincial and federal funding has supported a made-in-Saskatchewan approach, including:

- Wage enhancements of up to \$8.85 per hour for certified ECEs working in regulated child care;
- Workforce enhancement grants for recruitment and retention initiatives;

- Tuition-free training and professional development for ECEs; and
- Bursaries and grants to support individuals to take training.

The extension of the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreements is an important step in Canada and Saskatchewan's continued work together to ensure accessible, affordable and high-quality child care.

FUNDING FOR SASKATOON POLICE AND DOWNTOWN YOUTH CENTRE TO INCREASE COMMUNITY SAFETY



Government is redirecting the proceeds of crime to benefit safety services in Saskatoon, providing over \$437,000 for the Saskatoon Police Service and the

Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre/EGADZ to update transportation and technology services.

An additional investment of \$386,000 has been provided to the Provincial Victims' Fund to support victims of crime and aid in the delivery of community programming.

"Our government values the strong partnerships we hold with law enforcement and community service providers as we work together to create a safer Saskatchewan," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said, on behalf of Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. "Investments from the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund to Saskatoon Police and EGADZ will ensure that modern technology and transportation is available, increasing safety and security for residents."

Funding for Saskatoon Police and Downtown Youth Centre to Increase Community Safety

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# PROVINCE PROVIDES FUNDING FOR INTENSIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM IN SASKATOON



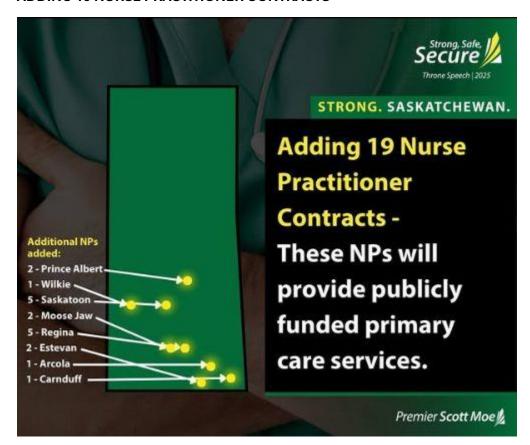
The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$250,000 to Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Services (SCIS) for its Intensive Community Support Program for adults with mental health and substance use needs.

The Intensive Support Program (ICS) provides wraparound supports in the community to 80 adults with mental illness who are hard to house and difficult to engage in programming.

"We are supporting Saskatoon Crisis Intervention as they build relationships with individuals who need help on their path to treatment and recovery," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr said. "This program is essential to support those at risk of homelessness and potential increased use of emergency medical services."

Province Provides Funding for Intensive Community Support Program in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

#### ADDING 19 NURSE PRACTITIONER CONTRACTS



Our government is delivering on its commitment to expand access to primary care in Saskatchewan.

We've now signed 19 Nurse Practitioner contracts, so more residents can receive primary care, faster and closer to home.

Thanks to the strong interest from Saskatchewan's Nurse Practitioners, we're broadening this initiative and continuing to work with SANP to create even more options for NPs to practice independently.

This is a key step toward our goal of ensuring every Saskatchewan resident has access to a primary health care provider by 2028.

Nurse Practitioners play a vital role in health our system, connecting patients to the

care they need.

We're building a stronger, more accessible health system for everyone in Saskatchewan.

CELEBRATING BHP'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PROVINCE - GRAND OPENING OF IT'S NEW NORTH AMERICAN HEAD OFFICE IN SASKATOON



Minister of Energy and Resources, Colleen Young, "Last week I had the opportunity to celebrate BHP's 140-year anniversary alongside industry stakeholders at the grand opening of its new North American head office at River Quarry in downtown Saskatoon.

The Jansen potash mine is creating good, high-paying jobs right here in Saskatchewan, and will support more than 900 jobs once construction is complete.

These jobs support our communities and will boost our nation's leading economy for generations to come. This investment signals confidence in our province's abundant potash resource and secures our diverse and talented workforce. I'm pleased to see companies like BHP choosing to invest in Saskatchewan.

Since 2015, BHP has contributed more than \$50 million towards community organizations and initiatives in Saskatchewan, with a focus on Indigenous partnerships, housing, education, childcare, and environmental stewardship. This includes their partnership with Carlton Trail College for the BHP Potash Academy, investments in the BHP Jansen Housing Stimulation Program, and financial support for new childcare centres in LeRoy and Muenster which create a combined 135 new licensed childcare spaces.

We appreciate BHP's continued partnership and the opportunities it continues to provide in innovation, diversity, and wealth for the people of our province BHP's \$20 billion commitment to the Jansen project is the largest investment in the history of our province. The Saskatchewan potash industry typically accounts for one-third of world production and employs approximately 6,600 people, while positively affecting the livelihoods of thousands more.

With strong collaboration between industry and government, we're building a bright future that is secure, sustainable, and affordable for everyone."

PROVINCE TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS TO THE SASKATCHEWAN FIREARMS ACT



The Government of Saskatchewan introduced amendments to *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act*. The amendments are in response to the federal government's decision to move forward with its national buyback program to remove more than 2,500 firearms models reclassified as prohibited by federal legislation since 2020.

The legislation proposes that anyone who seizes a firearm under new federal firearms laws must pay the owner fair market value as determined by the Saskatchewan Firearms Commissioner. Firearms will be deemed to be as "seized" in Saskatchewan if both the firearm is impacted by federal firearms legislation or bans and the owner does not receive fair market compensation within 12 months of the federal legislation or ban coming into effect.

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to advocate for alternatives to the federal buyback program; however, the amendments to *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act* will help ensure those impacted by the federal government's decisions can receive fair market value for their property.

# The Saskatchewan Firearms Act Amendments

Helping ensure those impacted by the federal government's decisions can receive fair market value for their property.

"The amendments we are introducing will promote public safety and help safeguard the heritage of law-abiding firearms owners by holding the federal government accountable for providing fair compensation to all affected Saskatchewan firearms owners," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "Rather than targeting law-abiding firearms owners, we believe our approach of providing law enforcement with the tools and expertise they need to secure and protect Saskatchewan communities from illegal firearms is a more effective firearms safety measure."

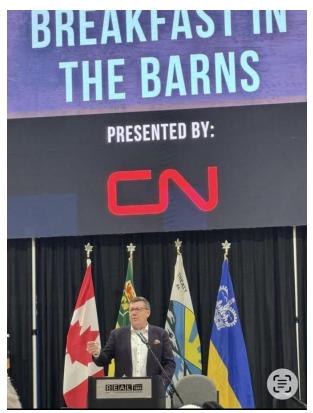
Province to Introduce Amendments to the Saskatchewan Firearms Act | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

**AGRIBITION WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN A HUGE SUCCESS** 



Congratulations to everyone involved in organizing another successful Agribition in Saskatchewan! This show puts Saskatchewan's agriculture industry on the world stage.

Premier Scott Moe, "Whether it's expanding trade, growing value-added processing, investing in research, or standing up for our producers in the face of global uncertainty, our government will continue working alongside our partners to promote and grow Saskatchewan's world class agricultural sector."



As an urban MLA and Cabinet Minister with rural Saskatchewan farming roots, raised in a farming family, attending Agribition is always a pleasure. The excitement resonates throughout the Province. Breakfast in the Barns, featuring the Premier as guest speaker, is a highlight of this world-class six-day event. If you enjoyed a good meal today, remember to thank a farmer.

SASKATCHEWAN'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SPOTLIGHT



Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding proclaimed November 24 to 30 as Manufacturing Week in Saskatchewan. The week recognizes the vital contributions the province's manufacturing sector makes to economic growth, innovation and community prosperity.

"Saskatchewan has the strongest economy in Canada, which is due, in no small part, to the role played by our manufacturing sector," Kaeding said. "Manufacturing companies provide high-paying jobs for Saskatchewan people and ensure that we diversify our economic output. Our manufacturers continue to produce world-class products that are shipped all over the world, which allow us to provide the vital infrastructure and services people rely on here at home."

Saskatchewan's Manufacturing Sector in Spotlight | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

# RECORD NUMBER OF WINS FOR SASKATCHEWAN AT CANADIAN TOURISM AWARDS

It was a proud night for Saskatchewan at the Canadian Tourism Awards, with multiple businesses earning national recognition for excellence. This marked a record-breaking year with nine finalists announced from the province in October. That trend continued as four Saskatchewan businesses won top honours at the annual event held on November 20, setting a new record for the province.

# This year's winners include:

 Dakota Dunes Resort (Whitecap Dakota Nation), Tourism Employer of the Year Award;



• Wanuskewin Heritage Park (Saskatoon), Indigenous Tourism Award;



• Ag in Motion (Langham), Business Event of the Year Award; and



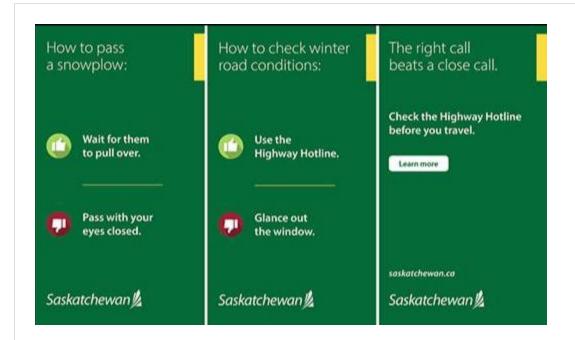
• Field to Shield, co-created by Adventure Destinations and Chef Jenni Lessard (Saskatoon), Culinary Tourism Experience Award.



"Saskatchewan has a proud tradition of bringing home Canadian Tourism Awards," Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Alana Ross said. "This year's winners are most deserving and represent the vision, leadership and commitment that make our province's tourism industry strong and vibrant. The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to congratulate the recipients on receiving this national recognition."

Record Number of Wins for Saskatchewan at Canadian Tourism Awards | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

THE RIGHT CALL BEATS A CLOSE CALL: CHECK HIGHWAY HOTLINE, GIVE SNOWPLOWS SPACE



Highways Minister David Marit reminded drivers heading to Canadian Western Agribition to make the right call by checking road conditions before getting behind the wheel, along with urging them to protect themselves and others by staying patient around snowplows.

"Whether heading to the largest livestock show in Canada, bonspiels, hockey games or other destinations, please check the Highway Hotline and give our snowplows room," Marit said. "As the Ministry of Highways' annual winter safety campaign gets underway. Remember, this is Saskatchewan where weather can change rapidly."

New online ads will debut this winter reminding drivers that the right call beats a close call by waiting for snowplows to pull over before passing and to regularly monitor the Highway Hotline.

The Right Call Beats a Close Call: Check Highway Hotline, Give Snowplows Space | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



#### **CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!**



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Fire Safety Tip: Make sure your smoke alarms are working properly; they could save your life.

- Use interconnected alarms so when one sounds, they all do.
- Test smoke alarms every month by pressing the test button.
- Replace them every 10 years or sooner if needed.

A quick check today could save lives tomorrow! For more information, download our fact

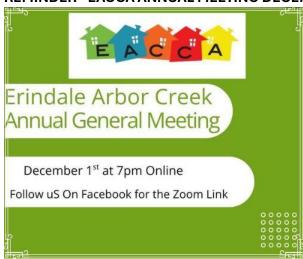
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# A BUSY MONTH FULL OF ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER!



#### **REMINDER - EACCA ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 1**



Time: 7:00 PM December 1st- Location: Online via Zoom
Zoom link, simply follow our page and stay updated on all the details. (1) Facebook
Please consider getting involved in this excellent community organization.
Let's make 2025 a fantastic year for our community.

#### COCA COLA SANTA TOUR IN SASKATOON DECEMBER 1 - 6





Santa is kicking off his magical holiday tour in Saskatoon on Monday, December 1st! Things look a little different this year, so please read this full post to make sure you're in the know.

# What You Need to Know

- Tour Start Time: Santa will hit the road around 5:00 PM (unless otherwise posted).
- Additional information: (4) Coca-Cola Santa Tour Saskatchewan 2025 |
   Facebook

# **CONCERTS AND SHOWS**



Fa la la 'tis the season for some fabulous Christmas Concerts and Shows in Saskatoon! It's Christmas time in the city! You'll find Christmas music, concerts, ballet, plays and more in our guide. The next month is going to be full of festive concerts and shows. Find our list

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../christmas-concerts.../

## **BHP ENCHANTED FOREST HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR**



It's that time of year again, Saskatoon's most magical traditions, the BHP Enchanted

# Forest Holiday Light Tour! 🌲 🦞



Bundle up, hop in the car, and take in over a million twinkling lights as you drive through one of Canada's most spectacular holiday displays. 🖣 🛲 Whether it's your first visit or an annual family tradition, the magic of the Enchanted Forest never gets old.

- **NOW** January 4, 2026
- Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo
- Tickets available now at the gate!

#### **FAMILY FUN SASKATOON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GUIDE**



Finding Christmas lights in Saskatoon helps bring us some Christmas joy especially now that the city is blanketed in snow. You can find the magic of the season as you drive around in a warm vehicle to check out the twinkling lights! We've created a list with both light events and displays around Saskatoon. If you've got any to add, please let us know.

Check out our guide here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/christmaslights/

#### **GLOW SASKATOON**



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contactus@prairielandpark.com

glow\_saskatoon · 6.7K followers

**Confirmed link** 



GlowYXE.com

#### **SANTA SIGHTINGS**



Are you looking for Santa this year? We've got the details! Whether your little one can't wait to tell Santa every item on his list or you just have to have the perfect shot of your little one with Santa, Saskatoon has got you covered! From events, to businesses to the Coca-Cola Caravan, we've got the times and locations for you on our guide. Check it out here: <a href="https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/santa/">https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/santa/</a>

#### **ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES**



<u>Municipal Act Amendments Reduce Red Tape, Increase Transparency | News and Media |</u>
Government of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Designates November Lung Cancer Awareness Month | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



Government Passes Legislation To Strengthen Protections Against Interpersonal Violence | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Province Marks 16 Days of Activism with Continued Action Against Gender Based Violence | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan Releases Mid-Year Report | News and Media | Government

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Saskatchewan Recognizes National Physician Assistants Day | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



Get in the Holiday Spirit at Government House | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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