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HAPPY
new year

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As we welcome 2025, I extend my warmest wishes for a year filled with health, happiness, and success for you and your loved ones. Reflecting on the past year, I am deeply thankful for the continued opportunity to represent and serve our incredible community. It is both an honour and a responsibility that I do not take lightly. I recognize the challenges ahead, but I remain steadfast in my commitment to working collaboratively to address our shared priorities and ensure a better future for all.

I hope 2025 will be a year of possibilities, dreams realized, and hearts filled with joy. Here's to embracing the journey and creating beautiful memories together. Let this New Year be a journey filled with resilience, growth, and happiness.

Cheers to the lessons learned, the challenges overcome, and the love that has sustained us. As we raise our glasses to welcome the New Year, may it bring us closer to our dreams, deepen our connections, and fill our hearts with gratitude.

As we bid farewell to 2024, let it take away the sorrows and disappointments. With the dawn of the New Year, may the rays of hope illuminate your path, and may the warmth of love guide you through every step. May the coming year bring with it fresh opportunities, limitless possibilities, and the courage to chase your dreams.

Let us be reminded that every second is a gift, every minute a blessing, and every hour an opportunity.

Wishing you a spectacular 2025 filled with new adventures, unforgettable memories, and endless happiness. May every step you take this year lead to success and fulfillment. Happy New Year!

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS, BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:

- **May the New Year bring peace, joy, and success, filling your days with endless blessings.**
- **Cheers to new beginnings, laughter, and unforgettable moments in the upcoming year.**
- **Embrace the opportunities of the New Year with open arms and a joyful heart.**
- **May the next year bring you success, prosperity, and boundless happiness.**
- **May your dreams take flight and your journey be filled with happiness.**
- **Wishing you joy, love, and endless possibilities in the coming year and may the next 365 days bring love, laughter, and success.**

starting today

let go of what's gone.

Appreciate what
still remains
and look forward
to what's coming next.

@footprintsofkindness



Why do we start a new year, with promises to improve?

Who began this tradition of never-ending pressure?

I say, the end of a year, should be filled with congratulation, for all we survived.

And I say a new year should start with promises to be kinder to ourselves, to understand better just how much we bear, as humans on this exhausting treadmill of life.

And if we are to promise more, let's pledge to rest, before our bodies force us.

Let's pledge to stop, and drink in life as it happens.

Let's pledge to strip away a layer of perfection to reveal the flawed and wondrous humanity we truly are inside.

Why start another year, gifted to us on this earth, with demands on our already over-strained humanity.

When we could be learning to accept, that we were always supposed to be imperfect.

And that is where the beauty lives, actually.

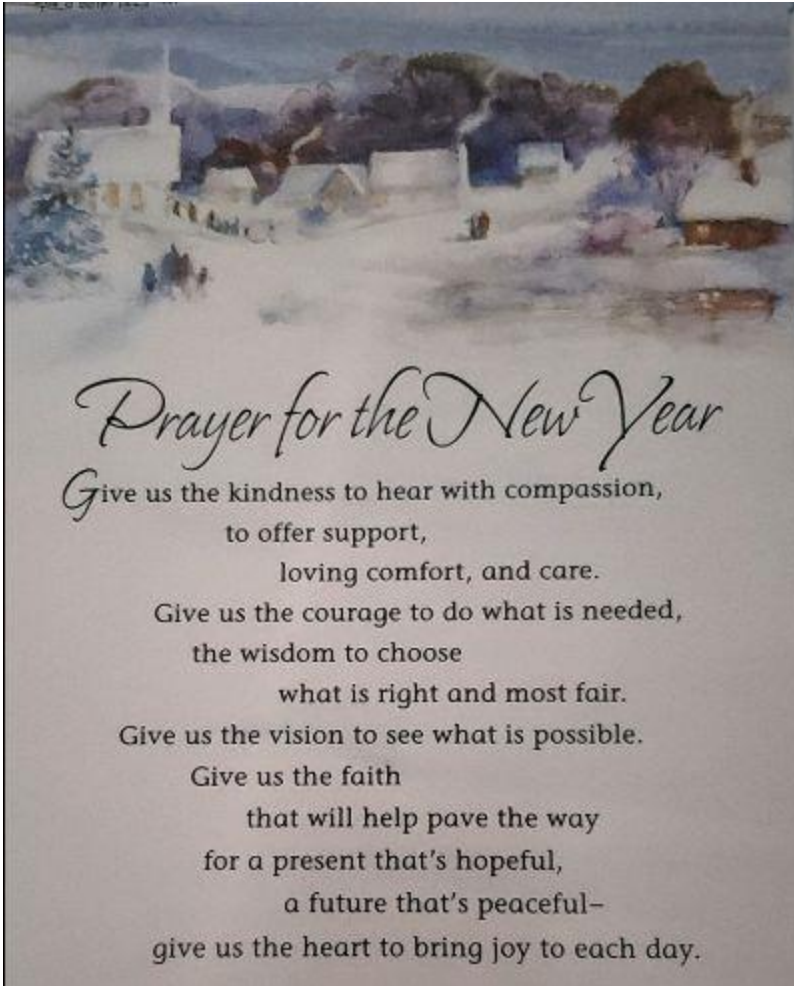
And if we can only find that beauty, we would also find peace.

I wish you peace in 2024.

Everything else is all just a part of it.

Let it be so.

Donna Ashworth



RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE



Saskatoon Transit and [SGI](#) have again partnered to offer free evening bus service on New Year's Eve.

Free fare service will be available on Tuesday, December 31, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. on January 1; times vary slightly by route. Registered Access Transit customers can also reserve free service until 2:30 a.m. SGI partners with local transportation agencies in Regina, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon to help minimize the occurrence of driving while under the influence.

Everyone is encouraged to think about using a variety of transportation modes on busy nights like New Year's Eve. Plan your trip before heading out using the real-time mobile app [Transit App](#) or [Google Maps Transit](#). Multi-modal options are available to seamlessly integrate trips with Ride or Uber with [Transit+](#). By combining transportation modes wait times and costs can be minimized.

Take Transit on New Year's Eve for a safer, easier ride. Enjoy free service and leave the driving to a bus—no car, no cost, no worries!

To learn more, visit SaskatoonTransit.ca.



With so many alternatives to driving impaired, there really is no excuse. Remember, check stops can occur at any time in any place.

If you drink, don't drive; find a safe ride.

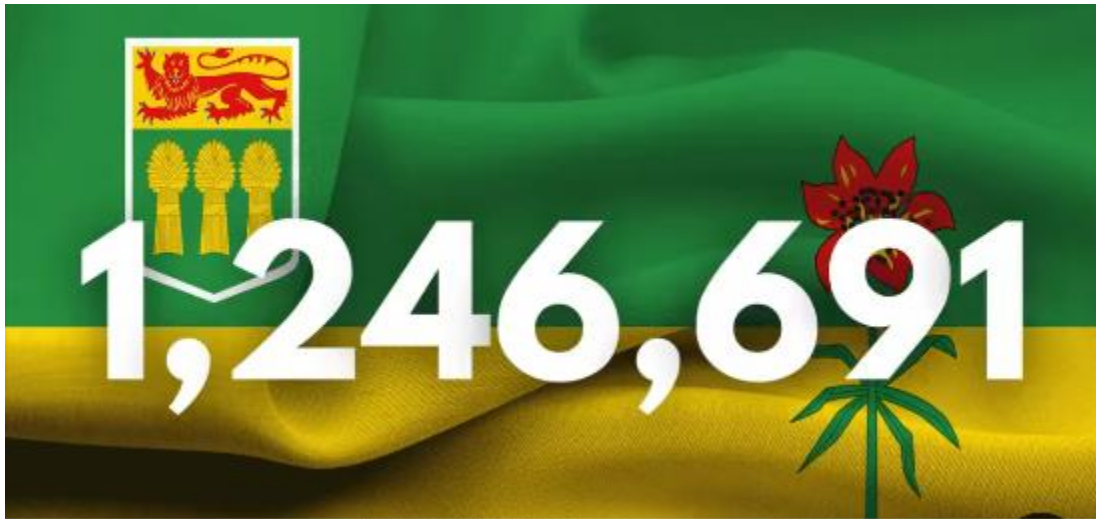
Your choices can save lives - let's make this winter a safe one for everyone on the road. ❄️👮❄️ [#WinterSafety](#) [#DriveSober](#) [#PlanAhead](#) [#SADD](#)



THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS



SASKATCHEWAN'S QUARTERLY POPULATION GROWTH AMONG THE HIGHEST IN CANADA



Saskatchewan's population has topped 1,246,000 for the first time according to the latest quarterly population estimates released today by Statistics Canada.

There were 1,246,691 people living in Saskatchewan as of October 1, 2024 - an increase of 6,826 people over the past quarter and 26,989 people over the past year.

Saskatchewan's quarterly population increase of 0.55 per cent was the second highest among provinces and higher than the national average.

Premier Scott Moe said a growing province is a sign of a strong economy that creates more jobs and provides the services people need.

"Our government is pleased with the province's continued growth thanks to our strong economy," Moe said. "We are committed to meeting the increased demand of a growing population. Over the next four years our government is making a number of ambitious commitments to educational spaces and health care for residents. Ensuring Saskatchewan people have timely access to the right care when they need it as well as creating the most supportive environment for every student in our province to achieve at their greatest potential will be a priority for our government."

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF INFORMATION



Don't send your Christmas Tree to the landfill. Take it to the City drop-off site at the Material Recovery Centre so it can be chipped and composted or used as mulch.

Drop-off Info

- **Material Recovery Centre, Sort & Go**
[42 Valley Road](#), near the landfill
- **December 26 to January 31, closed January 1**
Hours of operation: 8:00am-4:45pm; 7 days a week (excluding January 1)



Reminders

- **The previous community-based Christmas tree drop off sites are no longer available for use. The sites were closed as part of the Council-approved 2024/2025 Multi-Year Business Plan and Budget. Live Christmas trees can only be dropped off at the temporary depot at the Material Recovery Centre (MRC), located at 42 Valley Road, Saskatoon.**
- **Live (natural) trees only. Artificial trees should be sold, donated, or disposed of at the Landfill.**
- **Trees should be unwrapped and unbound.**

- Remove all decorations, ornaments, and plastic bags before dropping off your tree. Even small bits of tinsel or plastic can impact the quality of the wood chips.
- The City will not pick up trees from back lanes, street fronts or curbside collection carts.
- Small twigs and tree trimmings that are no more than 60 centimetres in length and 2 centimetres in diameter are accepted in the [green cart](#).





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WINTER IS HERE - DRIVE SAFE



❄️❄️ Winter is here! ❄️❄️ Along with it are the challenges of icy roads and snow-covered streets!

Stay safe this season with these tips:

🚗 **Slow Down and Pay Attention** – Icy roads demand extra caution. Drive slower, leave plenty of space between vehicles, and watch for other drivers.

🔦 **Be Prepared** – Keep an emergency kit in your car with essentials like a small shovel, mittens, blankets, flashlight, and jumper cables.

🍷 **Stay Sober** – Never drive under the influence and always choose a safe ride home. Even the slightest impairment can result in catastrophic events on the icy roads.

🚗 **Plan Ahead** – Celebrating with friends and family? Make arrangements for a safe ride home before heading out.



Make safety your top priority on the road. Before traveling, don't forget these two essential steps:

🚗 **Pack your vehicle emergency kit**

📱 **Check the Saskatchewan Highway Hotline** at saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline
And remember—give yourself extra time to reach your destination or stay home if conditions are unsafe.

More winter driving safety tips can be found
here: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/120993>

SOME GREAT FAMILY IDEAS



Are you ready for 2025? If you want a fun way to ring in the New Year (early) with the kids, we've put some ideas together for you. From Sleigh Rides at [Champetre County](#) to a drive through [BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour](#) to countdowns at [Nutrien Wonderhub](#), [@play.toon.sk](#) or [Boston Pizza](#). Find more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/new-years/>



WINTER GUIDE

WINTER GUIDE | Winter holidays are here, and now that Christmas is over, you can focus on fun in the snow! Our winter guide is ready with ideas for winter fun and sports and some Winter Festivals coming up in the New Year! Check out our guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../best-places-to-cross.../>



Count down to 2025 with one of the best New Year's Eve celebrations in Saskatoon! 🎉

Our latest blog shows you the most exciting ways to welcome 2025 around the city!

Check them out here: <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../toast-to-2025...>

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KEEP IN TOUCH



I sincerely appreciate any opportunity 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 weekly 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.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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