

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



From a Provincial Point of View

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HOPE FOR MALAWI



Once again, the Hope for Malwi event held this past Sunday was a heart warming experience. I was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of

Saskatchewan.

From the beginning, this organization was founded on compassion, generosity and love in action.

Although the Hope for Malawi Foundation was not officially established until 2008, the dream began in 2006 after a chance encounter on an airplane when Peter and Elaine Zakreski met a woman who was travelling back from a visit where she was helping her village build a medical clinic and shelter for children. The Zakreski's were inspired by the project and took a leap of faith and decided to provide the funds needed to bring it to completion.

Upon visiting the village the following year, Peter and Elaine were able to meet the local people and witness the positive impact their generosity was having on the residents of the village. It was this experience that motivated the Zakreski's to do more. And now, several years later, it is a privilege and honour to share in celebrating all that they have accomplishing, while we look forward with anticipation to what is to come.

The efforts of everyone involved in Hope for Malawi is even more meaningful as the mission to aid the Malawi people is upheld and preserved. Special thanks to Elaine, her children and grandchildren for continuing the legacy, despite the passing of Peter in 2020. Along with guidance from the board and committed volunteers, we celebrate the accomplishments that Hope for Malawi has provided such as practical necessities such as food, water, shelter and medical supplies. But most of all hope, joy, love and dignity to those in our world who may otherwise not be afforded those basic essentials..

YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Saskatchewan continues to receive good news on its economy. Our province ranked first in the nation in month-over-month retail trade growth, increasing by 3.0 per cent from August to September 2023. That's a growth rate of five times the national average! The total value of retail trade was more than \$2.1 billion in September 2023. These numbers are proof that Saskatchewan's economy continues to grow and that our province has the resources the world needs.

Our government continues to work to build and protect our economy so that it can continue to grow. Recently, our government announced the team of experts who will make up the Saskatchewan First Act's Economic Assessment Tribunal.

The tribunal's first referral for economic analysis and consideration is the federal government's Clean Electricity Regulations (CER). The CER was published by the federal government this past summer. In the months ahead, both the federal oil and gas cap and Federal Fuel Standard will also be referred to the tribunal.

No other province has an independent tribunal whose exclusive role is to analyze and quantify the dollar figure harm of federal policies and legislation. The Saskatchewan First Tribunal will help protect the economic future of families, communities and businesses.

As we continue our plans to build and protect Saskatchewan's economy, our government recently invested \$80 million in the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) to pursue the development of a microreactor in Saskatchewan. SRC will apply the research and knowledge gained from this initial microreactor project to support our province's nuclear industry and better understand the potential for future microreactor projects.

This first microreactor is expected to be operational by 2029. This project will create economic development opportunities and jobs while helping to provide a custom solution for our province's unique energy needs.

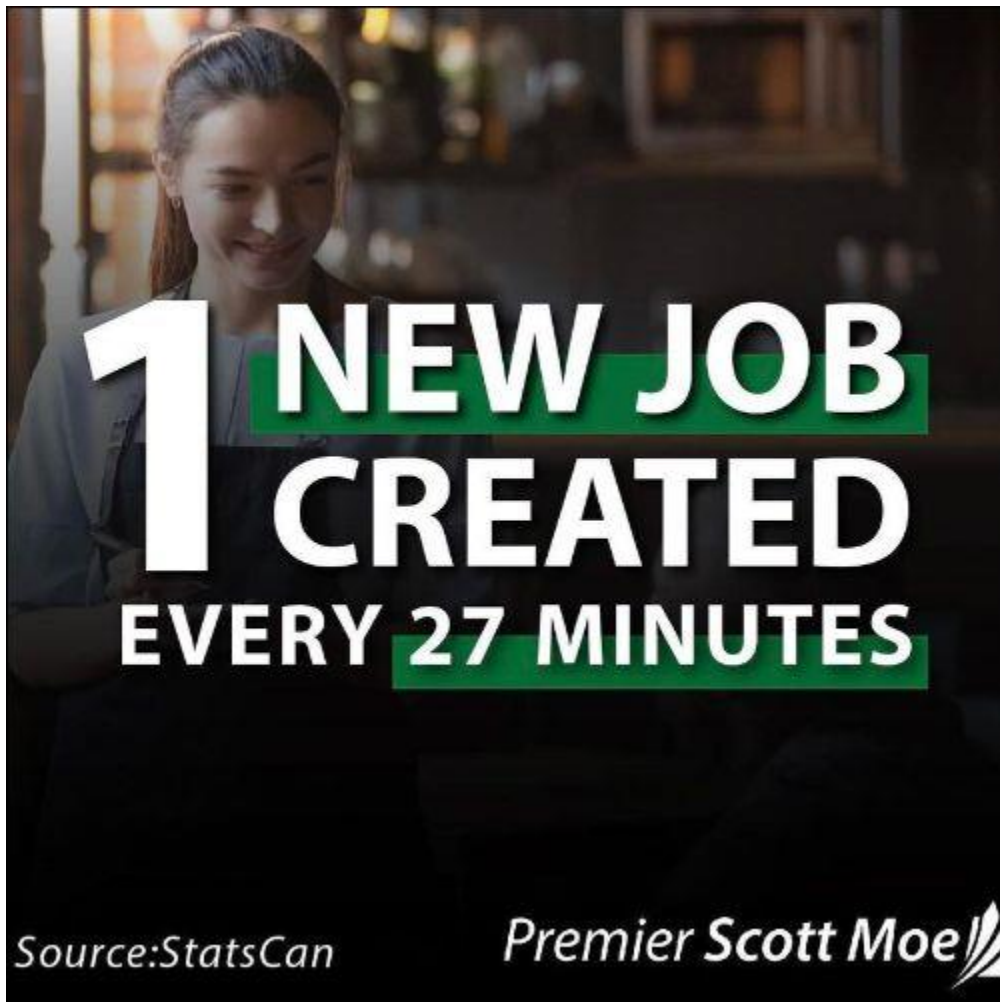
As our provincial economy continues to grow, so does our province's critical minerals sector. Saskatchewan is home to 23 of the 31 critical minerals on Canada's list, plus the world's largest deposits of potash and high-grade uranium.

This year, we have seen great progress toward our goal to increase Saskatchewan's share of Canadian mineral exploration spending to 15 per cent by 2030. In 2023 alone, our province's share of the national total in mineral exploration is projected to increase to over 12 per cent.

More than 100 companies are actively advancing mineral projects in our province, from early-phase exploration to larger scale projects such as BHP's \$6.4 billion Jansen Stage 2 expansion. Our government will continue to work with resource sector partners and stakeholders to grow our critical minerals sector.

A strong and growing economy allows our government to invest in programs and services that matter to the people of Saskatchewan. Our government is working to ensure patients have access to urgent breast cancer diagnostic procedures. A new initiative will accelerate urgent diagnostic breast cancer procedures, including breast mammograms and biopsies.

PROVINCE RECORDS SECOND-LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, ADDING 19,300 JOBS



Employment Increased 1,500 From Last Month, With Unemployment Rate at 5.1 Per Cent.

The Canada Labour Force Survey showed Saskatchewan added 19,300 new jobs when compared to November 2022. Saskatchewan continues to have the second-lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate among the provinces at 5.1 per cent, below the national unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent.

"The positive trend in job growth demonstrates that Saskatchewan's efforts to train, recruit and retain a diverse and talented workforce are having a positive impact on Saskatchewan's labour force," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government will continue our work to grow our economy, strengthen our labour force, and support Saskatchewan employers, ensuring that Saskatchewan remains the best place to work, live and settle in Canada."

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FRONT ENTRANCE EXPANSION PROJECT



Construction is underway on the St. Paul's Hospital Front Entrance Expansion project.

Graham Construction & Engineering Inc. is leading the construction of the fully accessible and expanded front entrance with 6,609 ft² of interior renovations supporting the relocation of Patient Registration, Security and Information Services.

"We are pleased to see construction beginning on the St. Paul's Hospital front entrance renovation," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "This significant project will not only improve safety and accessibility to the facility but also provide First Nations and Métis residents a cultural space for healing, an important step in our reconciliation journey."

"We are excited to announce that construction has started on this project," Saskatoon Riversdale MLA Marv Friesen said. "Having been involved in consulting on this project for a long time, I am

pleased that our government is responding to the concerns of staff and community members by delivering on a project that will benefit everyone who visits this hospital."

[Construction Begins on the St. Paul's Hospital Front Entrance Expansion Project | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

PROVINCE SUPPORTS NEW 9-8-8 SUICIDE CRISIS HELPLINE



Call or text

9-8-8

Suicide Crisis Helpline

For suicide prevention support 24/7



The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to be part of the new 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline. The new service launched today across Canada will help people who are thinking about suicide or worried about someone they know.

Calls or texts to 9-8-8 will be directed to a mental health crisis or suicide prevention service, free of charge.

"While we have made progress toward talking openly about our mental health and suicide prevention, we know more can be done to make it easier for anyone who is struggling to get help," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Tim McLeod said. "A three-digit number provides an

easy access point for anyone in need of immediate mental health crisis support."

[Province Supports New 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

GOVERNMENT DIRECTS SASKPOWER TO REMOVE FEDERAL CARBON TAX FROM ELECTRIC HOME HEATING



Removing Federal Carbon Tax from Electric and Natural Gas Home Heating

In response to the federal government's decision to exempt the carbon tax on heating oil, our government is ensuring fairness for Saskatchewan families by removing the carbon tax on natural gas and electric heat.

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Starting January 1, 2024, SaskPower will remove the carbon tax from natural gas and electric home heating. SaskPower has begun work to implement this change. Qualified customers who want to ensure they are on the exemption list for electric heat can contact SaskPower using the online contact form at www.saskpower.com/forms/contact-us-form.

Read the entire news release: [Government Directs SaskPower to Remove Federal Carbon Tax From Electric Home Heating | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**HAPPY HANUKKAH TO THOSE CELEBRATING FROM
DECEMBER 7 - 15**



I send my best wishes to all those celebrating Hanukkah beginning this week.

Hanukkah 2023 begins a sundown on Thursday, December 7, and ends at sundown on Friday, December 15.

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that celebrates the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days in the Temple. Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights, because Jewish people light a special candelabra called a menorah each night of the holiday, adding one more candle each evening until all eight are lit on the last night.



Hanukkah is a time of joy, gratitude, and celebration for Jews around the world.

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Candles can be a serious fire hazard if not used properly.

Take these steps to minimize your risk:

- Keep candles at least 12 inches (30 cm) away from materials that can catch fire (like curtains, decorations and clothing).
- Before burning, always trim the wick to ¼ inch (6 mm). You can use a wick trimmer, a nail clipper, or scissors. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping, or flaring.
- Burning candles should be out of reach of children and pets.
- Consider using battery-operated candles instead, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended and extinguish all candles before you go to sleep.

SASKATCHEWAN ADDRESSING BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC WAIT TIMES



New Initiative to Immediately Increase Patient Access to Urgent Diagnostics

The Government of Saskatchewan is taking immediate action to ensure patients have access to urgent breast cancer diagnostic procedures while ongoing work continues to improve current service levels closer to home.

The highest-risk patients have been identified and are receiving diagnostic care here in Saskatchewan. However, eligible patients on an urgent wait list for breast cancer diagnosis will be able to receive procedures out-of-province at a private medical facility in Calgary.

A process to identify and proactively contact patients individually will begin immediately. This out-of-province care will be coordinated by the Regina Breast Assessment Centre.

"We are thankful for the hard work and dedication of Saskatchewan health care teams who continue to provide these important services in the province," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "That being said, current essential diagnostic testing wait times are unacceptable for Saskatchewan residents and immediate action must be taken."

[Saskatchewan Addressing Breast Cancer Diagnostic Wait Times | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

PROTECTING PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

Protecting Provincial Autonomy



The Saskatchewan First Act **Economic Impact Assessment Tribunal**



The Saskatchewan First Act's Economic Impact Assessment Tribunal will assess the dollar figure cost of federal legislation on Saskatchewan residents, businesses, and operations.

The five members announced today are Michael Milani, Dr. Janice MacKinnon, Kenneth From, Dr. Stuart Smyth and Estella Petersen.

The federal Clean Electricity Regulations will be the first initiative reviewed by the Tribunal, and its report will be available to the public after review.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY THROUGH NEW HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERISM CREDIT



Today, Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill joined Grades 10 and 12 students from Luther College High School at YWCA of Regina to celebrate the new volunteerism high school credit.

This school year, Saskatchewan students in Grades 10 to 12 can now receive a high school credit for volunteering through the new Volunteerism 30 credit option. By donating 100 hours of their personal time to work as volunteers, the new credit assists students in building pathways to the workforce while strengthening their communities.

"I encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to build connections in their communities while earning a school credit at the same time," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "This course is a great example of the many electives Saskatchewan students can select as they continue to discover what they are passionate about."

[Fostering Community Through New High School Volunteerism Credit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

INCREASING THE SENIORS INCOME PLAN BENEFIT

Increasing the Seniors Income Plan Benefit

14,500 approx.

seniors helped enjoy a better quality of life

\$3 Million

additional investment into SIP

On July 1, 2023, the maximum monthly benefit increased \$30 per month from \$330 to \$360 for single seniors, and from \$295 to \$325 per month each for married partners for a total of \$650 per month.

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We are proud to announce our government's continued commitment to making life more affordable for seniors with an additional \$3 million invested in the Seniors Income Plan this year, helping approximately 14,500 seniors with low income enjoy a better quality of life.

On July 1, 2023, the maximum monthly benefit increased \$30 per month from \$330 to \$360 for single seniors, and from \$295 to \$325 per month each for married partners for a total of \$650 per month which also fulfills the Government of Saskatchewan's three-year commitment to increase SIP benefits.

This is also the eighth increase since 2008, when maximum benefits for single seniors were \$90 per month.


SCAM FACT



Scam Fact: Some Saskatchewan residents were lured into fake crypto investment opportunities after months of communicating with the scammer, often in the form of a fake personal relationship.

Learn more about how to protect yourself from online investment scams at <https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/>

CRITICAL MINERALS ON THE RISE IN SASKATCHEWAN



Critical Minerals on the Rise in Saskatchewan

Our province is seeing increased exploration and spending on critical minerals.

More than 100 companies are actively advancing mineral projects in Saskatchewan, from early-phase exploration to larger scale projects.

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Saskatchewan ranked first in Canada for mining investment attractiveness, according to the Fraser Institute's Annual Survey of Mining Companies: 2022. The province is home to occurrences of 23 of the 31 critical minerals on Canada's list and the world's largest deposits of potash and high-grade uranium.

BHP ENCHANTED FOREST IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON



NOAH'S ARK is one of our largest displays, and a fan favourite!

Check it out with a drive thru the BHP Enchanted Forest this holiday season!

DID YOU KNOW: The 25th Anniversary of the BHP Enchanted Forest features an **EXTENDED ROUTE** with more displays!

Brand new this year are the "Christmas Around the Globe", "Tunnel of Lights" and "Prairie Portraits" displays!



Have you been through the BHP Enchanted Forest yet this year?! Which of these 3 brand new displays is your favourite?

Open every night from 5:30pm-10:00pm at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm. Purchase car passes in advance at any [@saskatoon coop](#) or Shoppers Drug Mart for a savings off gate prices!

Proceeds raised go to the [@schfoundation](#) & [@saskatoonzoofoundation](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SURGES FORWARD

Saskatchewan's Building Construction Surges Forward

With an increase of 18.5 per cent from August to September 2023, our province ranked third among the provinces in building construction growth. A total of \$447 million was invested in building construction in September!



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Saskatchewan continues to see growth in building construction. This tells us that investors, businesses and families are choosing Saskatchewan as the place to build their futures! You can learn more at [Saskatchewan.ca](https://saskatchewan.ca).

ANOTHER STEP ON THE ROAD TO NUCLEAR ENERGY



Saskatchewan Research Council is taking another major step on the road to nuclear energy.

Premier Scott Moe joined Minister of Trade and Export Development Jeremy Harrison and SRC CEO Mike Crabtree to announce an \$80 million investment to get Saskatchewan's first micro reactor online by 2029.

This project has the opportunity to be transformative for our economy, industry and communities by providing a custom solution to our province's unique energy needs.

LEADING THE NATION IN RETAIL TRADE

Leading the Nation in Retail Trade

Saskatchewan ranked first in the nation for wholesale trade growth, increasing by 3.0 per cent from August to September 2023. That's a growth rate of over five times the national average!



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The total value of wholesale trade was \$2.1 billion for September 2023. The Monthly Retail Trade Survey collects data on sales, e-commerce sales, and the number of retail locations by province, territory and selected census metropolitan areas from a sample of retailers.

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT TRIBUNAL ANNOUNCED



Our government has announced the Economic Assessment Tribunal which will protect the economic future of families, communities and businesses in Saskatchewan.

As a key component of the Saskatchewan First Act, this five person tribunal will analyze the harm of federal policies and legislation on Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy, starting with the federal Clean Electricity Regulations.

Premier Scott Moe thanked in advance Chair Michael Milani, Vice Chair Dr. Janice MacKinnon, and all the members of the Economic Assessment Tribunal for standing up for Saskatchewan.

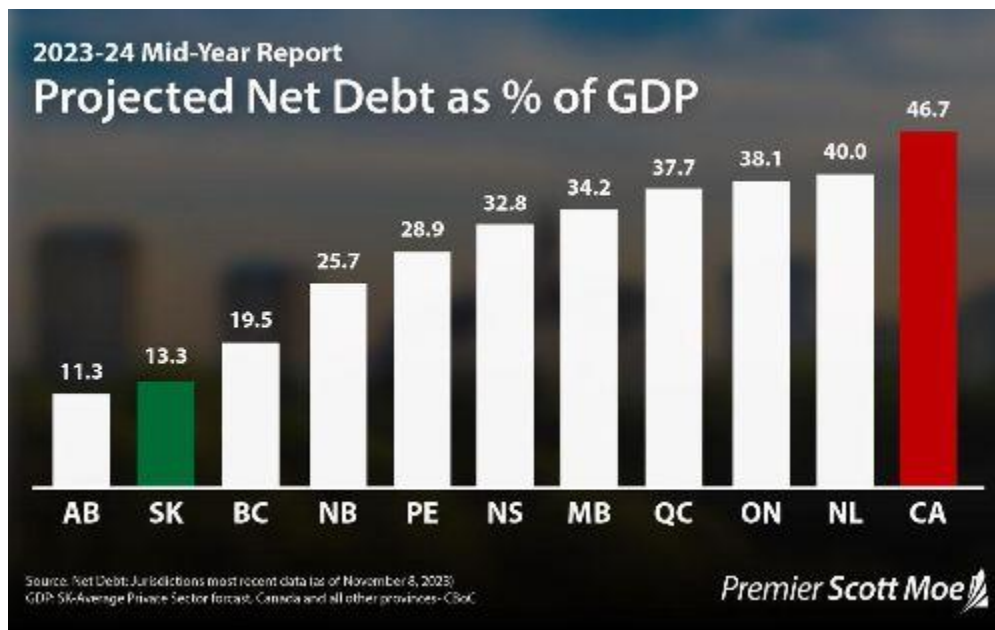
**ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS ... PLEASE
CONSIDER SHOPPING LOCAL!**



Saskatchewan is home to many small businesses. Small businesses provide vital jobs, products and great services contributing to growth that works for everyone.

As you consider your list of gifts to purchase, please consider supporting our many small businesses and craft shows this holiday season. You will be supporting your friends and neighbours and helping your local economy.

2023-24 MID-YEAR REPORT



Premier Scott Moe, "Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Donna Harpauer delivered the mid-year fiscal update, highlighting strong fiscal management despite the unforeseen drought this last year.

Compared to other provinces and the nation of Canada, Saskatchewan continues to have the second lowest debt ratio, the lowest unemployment rate, and the strongest economic growth in the nation with a 6% increase to GDP growth in 2022."

BE PREPARED AND STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD

Winter Emergency Vehicle Kit



Keep essential supplies in your vehicle this winter.



bottled water



powerbank



sand/cat litter



blanket



snow shovel



first-aid kit



jumper cables



flashlight

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It's National Safe Driving Week (December 1 to 7). Stay safe on the road, especially during winter conditions with ice and snow. It's essential for everyone to have a winter emergency kit in their vehicle.

An emergency kit for your vehicle should contain supplies to help you stay comfortable if you are stuck on the side of the road or have to wait out a storm.

Your vehicle emergency kit could contain:

- bottled water
- canned food, energy bars and dried food (and a manual can opener)
- flashlight and batteries
- first-aid kit
- shovel and ice scraper
- jumper cables
- cat litter

- phone charger and battery
- reflective triangles
- blanket
- matches
- tool kit

A MESSAGE FROM EACCA



Sharing a message from the Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association:

PSA to Erindale/Arbor Creek residents: Please DO NOT go on the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Rink and remind your children to stay off. Our rink volunteers will be busy in the coming days/weeks prepping it for the season and when people go on too early it disrupts the process, creating more work. We will post here once the rink is ready. Thank you to our amazing rink volunteers for all your volunteer hours.

Please share to spread the word!

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you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

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I appreciate the 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.

EVENTS

The Coca Cola Holiday Caravan

	DATE	GENERAL AREAS
	Friday December 1	Saskatoon- Central- Central Business District, Nutana, Brevort Park, College Park
	Saturday December 2	Saskatoon- West End - Hampton Village, Confederation Park, Montgomery place, Pleasant Hill, Hudson Bay Park
	Sunday December 3	Saskatoon- North East End- Silverwood Heights, Lawson, Evergreen, Silverspring
	Monday December 4	Saskatoon- East End - Arbor Creek, Brighton, Willow Grove
	Tuesday December 5	No Routes
	Wednesday December 6	Saskatoon- South East End- Lakeview, Briarwood, Rosewood, Stonebridge

BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Show



When - Now open to vehicle traffic and will be open every night until January 7th, 2024.

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

2023 Saskatoon Festival of Trees



When: November 24 to December 2 9 am to 9 pm

Where: Western Development Museum

Tickets: [Saskatoon Festival of Trees - Home \(festival-of-trees.com\)](https://www.festival-of-trees.com/)

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & CRAFT FAIRS IN SASKATOON



please check them out - something for everyone:

[2023 Guide to Christmas Markets & Craft Fairs in Saskatoon \(todocanada.ca\)](https://www.todocanada.ca/2023-Guide-to-Christmas-Markets-&-Craft-Fairs-in-Saskatoon)

SASKATOON'S HOLIDAY LIGHT FESTIVAL - GLOW SASKATOON



When: Nov. 30 - December 30

Where: 503 Ruth St W

Get your tickets now - 25% off!

[Glow Saskatoon \(glowyxe.com\)](http://glowyxe.com)



Brendenbury – Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Yorkton – Dec. 5 from 12:05 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Foam Lake – Dec. 5 from 2:55 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wynyard – Dec. 5 from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saskatoon – Dec. 5 from 8:35 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Wilkie – Dec. 6 from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Macklin – Dec. 6 from 4:35 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

North Portal – Dec. 17 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Estevan – Dec. 17 from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Weyburn – Dec. 17 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Regina – Dec. 18 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Moose Jaw – Dec. 18 from 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Swift Current – Dec. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Maple Creek – Dec. 19 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Other performers include Anyway Gang, Breland, Kiesza, Seaforth, Tyler Shaw, Tenille Townes, Trudy, and Virginia to Vegas.

The live music is free to attend, but CPKC ask those attending to bring a food or monetary donation for the food bank. Representatives will be on site to take collections.

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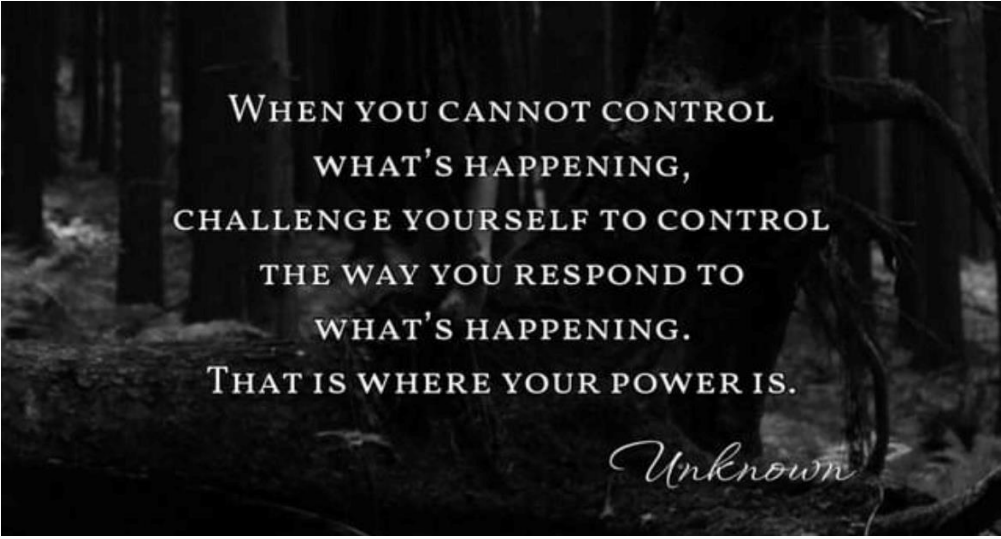
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



WHEN YOU CANNOT CONTROL
WHAT'S HAPPENING,
CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO CONTROL
THE WAY YOU RESPOND TO
WHAT'S HAPPENING.
THAT IS WHERE YOUR POWER IS.

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