

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

From a Provincial Point of View



Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove

Photo credit above to "Meanwhile in Saskatchewan" - cold snaps bring incredible views

**TELEROBOTICS ULTRASOUND SYSTEM TO IMPROVE
PRENATAL AND PEDIATRIC CARE ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN**



Last week I had the exciting opportunity on behalf of Premier Scott Moe, Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley, and the Government of Saskatchewan to announce a new research initiative and show a live demonstration of the telerobotics ultrasound system that will improve prenatal and pediatric care across Saskatchewan.

Gravelbourg is now home to cutting-edge diagnostic technology. St. Joseph's Hospital recently received a telerobotic ultrasound machine which allows for a sonographer to perform an ultrasound virtually.

Introducing technology like this in communities across Saskatchewan will not only improve access to diagnostic services but will greatly reduce the time patients spend travelling to and from important medical appointments in rural and remote communities.

"The telerobotic ultrasound research initiative lead by Dr. Mendez and his team is making innovative strides for health care delivery to families in our province," said Brynn Boback-Lane, CEO & President,

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation. "Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation is proud to partner with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Virtual Care and Robotics Program, and St. Joseph's Hospital, as we work together to enhance prenatal and pediatric patient care throughout Saskatchewan."

I had the pleasure to extend a special thank you to Dr. Mendez and the health care team pioneering this important work that is directly benefitting residents across the province. Thank you as well to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, AdEchoTech and the virtual care and robotics program for funding this system for the community of Gravelbourg. The deployment of this state-of-the-art technology will not only help improve patient care but improve our healthcare system for everyone.

As you may know, Saskatchewan has a four-point Health Human Resources Action plan to recruit, train, incentivize and retain more health care workers to support the important health care services that communities across the provinces rely on. This initiative will amount to over \$60 million over the next several years. In addition to recruiting more health care professionals, it is also important to look at innovative options with the resources we already have. It is exciting to see Saskatchewan at the forefront of this technology.

Learn more: <https://pattisonchildrens.ca/.../telerobotic-system.../>
[Saskatchewan Health Authority](#) [University of Saskatchewan](#) [St. Joseph's Hospital/Foyer d'Youville Foundation Inc](#)



SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Do you want to develop your debate skills? Check out some of the programs our friends at SEDA offer to young people in our province offer.

Youth in Saskatchewan will meet to debate issues important to them while expanding

understanding and growing confidence in themselves. I am a former member of SYP and my time with this great organization helped me in my path to the Legislature as an MLA.

The Saskatchewan Youth Parliament (SYP) is one of our provinces oldest youth organizations. Youth aged 15-21 have the opportunity to debate in same building as our elected MLA's get to. SYP is a non-partisan organization dedicated to helping youth gain confidence in themselves by improving their own public speaking skills, but also gain added leadership skills, which will benefit them in their future careers. But youth also gain an understanding of the views others and get to create bonds with young leaders from across the province.

Don't delay, register today.

February 3rd is deadline to register for our Annual Session.

If you're 15-21, don't miss out on your chance to debate in the Saskatchewan Legislature and speak to the issues that matter to young people in our province.

Register at [SYP Annual Session Tickets, Fri, 17 Feb 2023 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

ADDITIONAL FUNDING CREATES NEW EMERGENCY SHELTER SPACES



Following an additional \$1.7 million investment from the Government of Saskatchewan in November 2022, new temporary emergency shelter spaces were created across the province to ensure people in need of shelter had a warm place to stay during the winter months.

The additional funding was provided to help emergency shelters better meet seasonal pressures. Since this announcement was made, the ministry has collaborated with community partners to develop 83 new temporary shelter spaces. The spaces will be operational until April 30, 2023.

"Our government provided additional funding to emergency shelters to expand capacity during the winter months," Social Services Minister Gene Makowsky said. "Through the hard work and commitment of our community partners, we were able to secure these additional spaces to better support people in need."

Of the additional \$1.7 million investment, \$800,000 was provided as a one-time grant to help emergency shelters and wellness centres across Saskatchewan meet seasonal cost pressures, and \$900,000 went toward creating additional temporary shelter spaces in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert.

[Additional Funding Creates New Emergency Shelter Spaces | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

MORE HEALTH CARE WORKERS ON TRACK TO JOIN SASKATCHEWAN'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Growth That Works For Everyone

On Track to Add More Health Care Workers

*Our Health Human Resource Action
Plan is seeing steady progress in all
areas of focus.*



Saskatchewan continues to make progress in attracting and recruiting health care workers from home and abroad as part of the province's Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care professionals.

"Sustained work continues under the four pillars of Saskatchewan's ambitious HHR Action Plan, and I am pleased to see steady progress in all areas of focus," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "As we start a new year, I look forward to more actions to build on the successes we have had so far. It's important we continue to spread the word that Saskatchewan is an outstanding place to build and grow your health care career."

Registered Nurses (RNs) from the Philippines who received conditional offers have begun working their way through the RN Pathway which includes language, bridging education and licensing. A full staff complement of health recruitment and retention navigators are now in place and have sent a survey to over 1,000 participants who attended in-person sessions in Manila to learn more about their experience. These navigators will assist all potential international recruits with the steps and processes needed to gain employment in Saskatchewan's health care system.

[More Health Care Workers on Track to Join Saskatchewan's Health Care System | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

MORE THAN \$500,000 INVESTED TOWARD 15 NEW MUNICIPAL PROJECTS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES



January 27, Government Relations Minister Don McMorris announced 15 new municipal projects that will receive a combined provincial investment of more than \$500,000 under the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative.

Projects include developing a land use plan in the RM of Paddockwood north of Prince Albert, producing a shared policy manual for municipal officials in various west-central communities, and creating a regional emergency plan in the Lanigan area in central Saskatchewan.

“Our government is proud of its ongoing work and relationships with Saskatchewan’s municipal associations to make this initiative happen,” McMorris said. “Together, we will help communities better serve their citizens by strengthening local governments across this great province.”

[More Than 500000 Invested Toward 15 New Municipal Projects To Strengthen Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES ACTION PLAN



A great update from Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources Action Plan!

Rural and northern communities are benefiting from multiple full-time positions as health care workers are recruited across Saskatchewan.

GRADUATE RETENTION PROGRAM

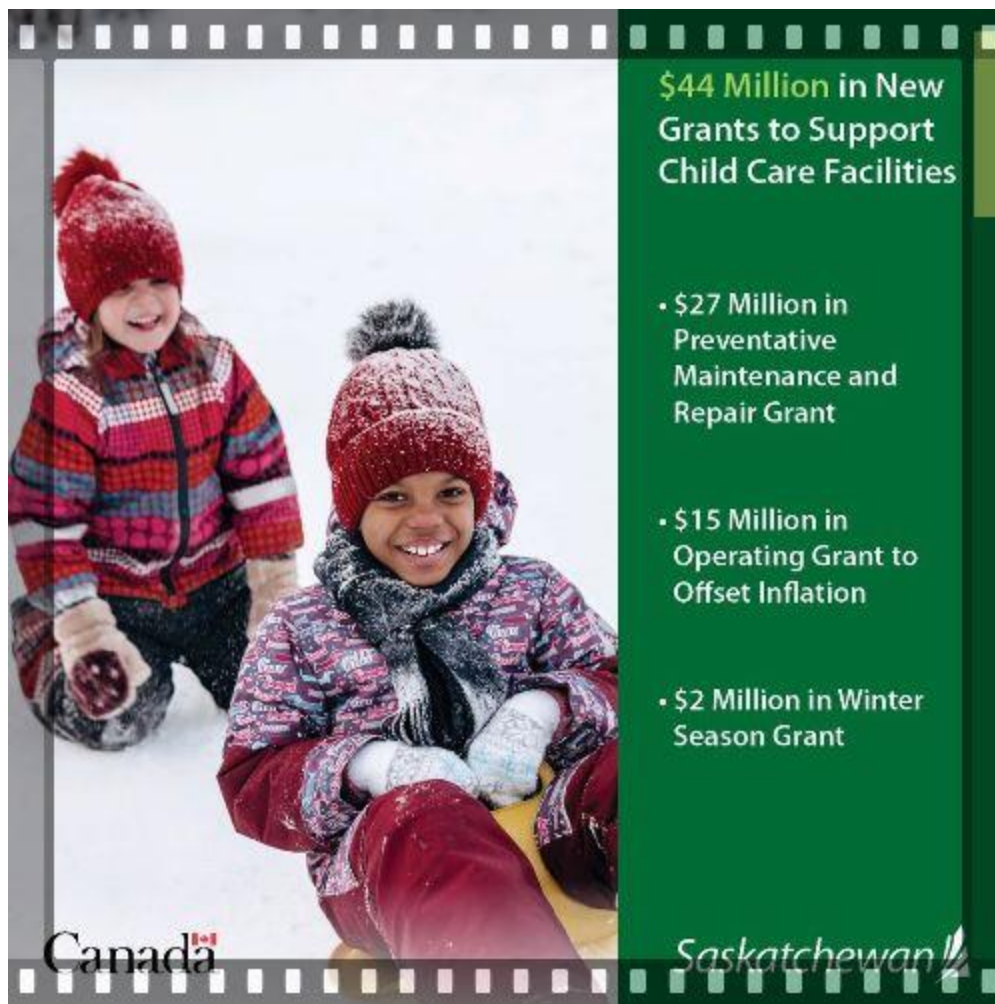


Do you know if your institution applies for the Graduate Retention Program on your behalf?

Some institutions will apply on your behalf if you give approval on the convocation application form. If your institution does not apply on your behalf, you can fill out the application and submit online to get up to \$20,000 in tax credits if you stay in Saskatchewan after graduation.

Find the list of institutions, application instructions, and more information about the program <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../graduate-retention-program>

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES \$44 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES



The Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada announce three new, one-time grants to support regulated early learning and child care centres and homes across the province. The \$44 million investment in one-time grants aims to help offset costs incurred from inflation, support preventative maintenance and repairs of centres, and provide funding for outdoor winter play equipment.

"This additional funding helps ensure our regulated early learning and child care centres and homes continue to operate safe, modern facilities while encouraging young children to grow, learn and play," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. "Investing in our next generation is investing in Saskatchewan's future growth, and that is growth that works for everyone."

\$44 Million in New Grants for Child Care Facilities

New grants will support regulated early learning and child care centres and homes across the province.



The operating grant to offset inflation costs will provide \$15 million to regulated centres and homes across the province. Centres and homes will receive approximately \$750 per eligible regulated child care space with this grant.

The preventative maintenance and repair grant totals a \$27 million investment to assist in the proactive maintenance of regulated centres' structural, plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems to prolong the life of facilities. Grant amounts range from \$1,600 per space to \$3,200 per space dependent upon space type and facility's location within the province.

The winter season grant totaling \$2 million will provide regulated centres and homes with funding of \$100 per space to purchase equipment and materials to encourage outdoor physical activity and winter play.

More information on the new grants, including eligibility and application forms, will be distributed to regulated child care centres and homes by the Ministry of Education Early Years branch in the coming days.

"We want the best possible start in life for all children in Canada," Canada's Minister of Families Children and Social Development Karina Gould said. "These grants will help ensure child care providers can continue to provide access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive early learning and child care across the province."

The funding for all three one-time grants is provided through the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement signed in August 2021, which provides a federal investment of nearly \$1.1 billion over five years to support access to high-quality, inclusive, affordable, and flexible programs and services for children under the age of six in Saskatchewan.

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SASKATCHEWAN SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH CARE TRAINING



Saskatchewan is dramatically increasing educational opportunities for Saskatchewan students and young adults interested in health careers. An immediate initial investment of more than \$5.5 million will help create over 550 new post-secondary training seats across 18 health care training programs.

Expanding health training programs is one of four pillars in the province's [Health Human Resources Action Plan](#). This commitment will increase training capacity at the province's post-secondary institutions and reserve additional training seats for Saskatchewan students in highly specialized programs in other provinces.

"This initiative will open up exciting new health career options for many more Saskatchewan students by giving them greater access to training for their career of choice," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "The scale of this unprecedented expansion of Saskatchewan's health training capacity demonstrates our government's commitment to strengthening our health care workforce. We are grateful for the support of our partners across the post-secondary education and health sectors."

[Saskatchewan Significantly Expanding Opportunities For Health Care Training | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Saskatchewan Health Care Training Expansion

Background

January 2023

Saskatchewan's [Health Human Resources Action Plan](#) is based on four critical areas necessary to meet the province's health human resource needs: **Recruit, Train, Incentivize** and **Retain**. It recognizes the need to expand health care training opportunities. Eighteen health occupations have been identified as immediate priorities to help address chronic and urgent vacancies in key health professions.

18 Health Occupations – Over 550 New Training Seats

Saskatchewan Training Program	Current Seats	Post-Expansion Seats*	Post-secondary Institution(s)
Continuing Care Assistant / Health Care Aide	613	794	Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges, Dumont Technical Institute, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Primary Care Paramedic	152	252	Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges
Licensed Practical Nurse / Indigenous Practical Nurse	408	468	Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges, Dumont Technical Institute, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Pharmacy Technician	24	48	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Medical Laboratory Technologist	40	60	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Medical Radiation Technologist	20	40	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor	35	51	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Physical Therapist	40	55	University of Saskatchewan
Clinical Psychologist MSc/MA/PhD	11	41	University of Regina University of Saskatchewan
Medical Laboratory Assistant	16	21	Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Interprovincial Training Program	Current Seats	Post-Expansion Seats*	Post-secondary Institution(s)
Respiratory Therapist	36	46	Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	24	40	Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Occupational Therapist	40	50	University of Alberta
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist	2	14	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Electro-Neurophysiologist	1	4	British Columbia Institute of Technology
Cardiovascular Perfusionist	1	2	British Columbia Institute of Technology
New Interprovincial Training Program	Current Seats	Post-Expansion Seats*	Post-secondary Institution(s)
Speech Language Pathologist	0	35	University of Alberta
Environmental Public Health (Inspectors)	0	4	British Columbia Institute of Technology

*Most of the new seats will be available in fall 2023. The remaining seats will be available as instructor, facility, and equipment capacity is determined and as interprovincial agreements are finalized.

[saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca)




The [Government of Saskatchewan](#) is investing \$5.5 million in 2022-23 to create over 550 new post-secondary training seats across 18 health care training programs. As part of the Health Human Resources Action Plan, this seat expansion will create more training opportunities for Saskatchewan students here, and in other provinces.

Learn more at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskatchewan...>

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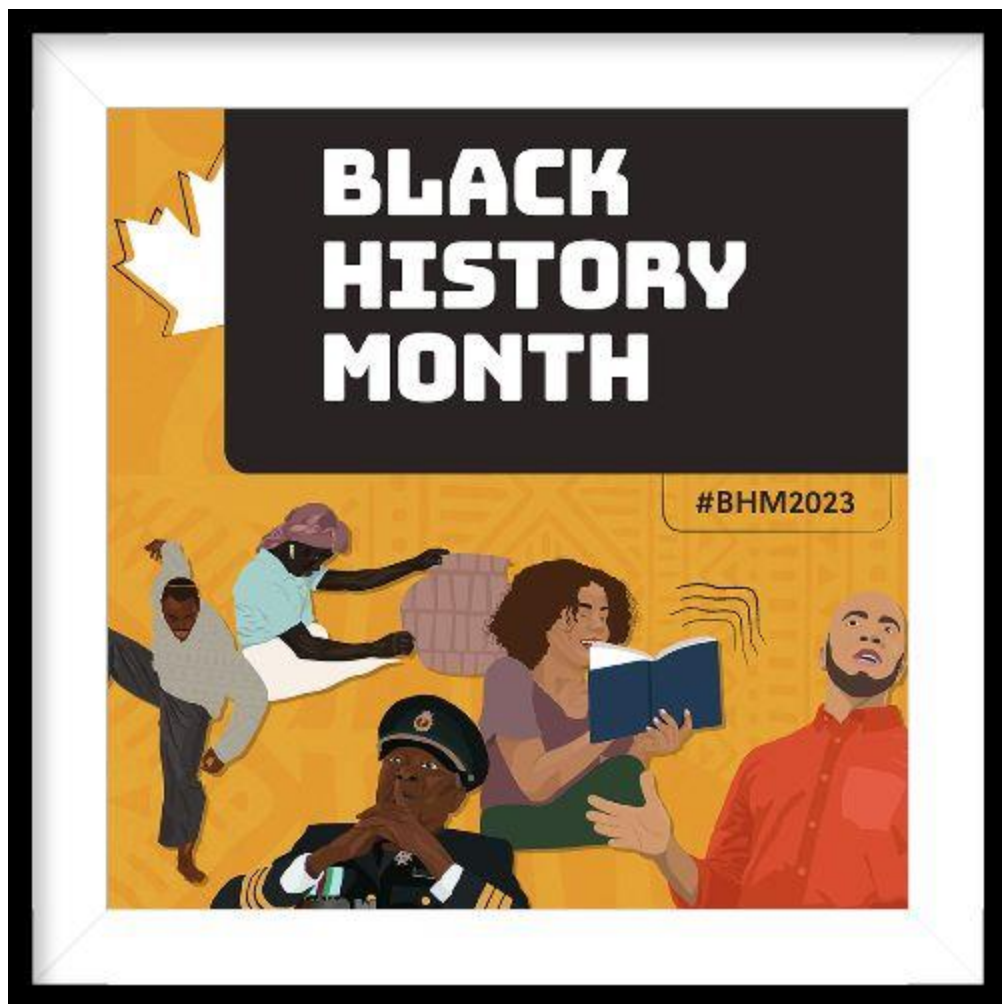
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SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS AFRICAN-CANADIAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February has been proclaimed as African-Canadian/Black History Month in honour and recognition of the legacy of Black Canadians across Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the many accomplishments and contributions made by persons of African-Canadian heritage in our province.

"African-Canadian/Black History Month is a time to reflect on the history and legacy that persons of African heritage have had in making Saskatchewan the great province it is today," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "We thank the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum for the work they do to share the stories of our past while providing education for future generations."

This year is also the 19th Anniversary of the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum (SACHM).

"We appreciate the Government of Saskatchewan for recognizing and proclaiming African-Canadian/Black History Month in Saskatchewan," SACHM Executive Director Carol LaFayette-Boyd said. "It is important to acknowledge the contributions African-Canadians have made to our province and to understand the vital role played in our history. As we near the end of the United Nations declaration of International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024, SACHM is optimistic that the theme of recognition, justice and development is occurring and continues in Saskatchewan."

SACHM will be kicking off Black History Month through an event held today, February 1, at the MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina, and will conclude celebrations at the Government House on February 25.

For a list of upcoming events, visit the SACHM's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SACHMSaskatchewan>.

INCENTIVES FOR HEALTH-CARE EMPLOYEES



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Since its introduction last fall, a total of 31 packages have been approved to new health-care workers in full-time permanent positions for the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive available in 52 Saskatchewan locations for up to \$50,000 for three-year return-in-service agreement.

For a complete listing of eligibility criteria and locations, visit saskatchewan.ca/HHR.

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PROPOSED "JUST TRANSITION" LEGISLATION

Statement from Bronwyn Eyre on Proposed "Just Transition" Legislation

There are more questions than answers regarding the federal government's proposed "Just Transition" legislation.

While our expectation is that the federal government has taken into account Saskatchewan's feedback and perspective, we won't know until the legislation is tabled this spring.

Until that time, what we can say as a government to Saskatchewan's workers and to Saskatchewan's industries is this: we have your back.

There are over 70,000 people directly and indirectly employed by our agriculture and energy sectors – sectors which are vital to not only our province, but also to our country and indeed the world. Our agriculture sector is the most sustainable in the world, producing more product and doing so with fewer emissions. The same goes for our energy sector, which continues to innovate the extraction and refinement of oil and gas, responsibly and ethically.

The men and women in these sectors are literally working to put food on the table and keep the lights on. At a time when governments in every jurisdiction are working to provide food and energy security, we expect that the federal government has taken into account our sectors' ability to provide just that.

While we will be watching the federal government's next moves very closely, any legislation that eliminates jobs or that reduces output of the most sustainable products in the world will not be accepted by Saskatchewan and will be met with the tools we have available to protect and preserve both our jobs and our future.

• Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Justice & Attorney General

Premier Scott Moe, "There are a lot more questions than answers regarding the proposed federal Just Transition legislation.

A group of people are sitting in a field, possibly at a protest or gathering. The image is dark and grainy. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo that says "JUST? TRANSITION" with a red question mark.

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SASKATOON'S 2023 NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES FESTIVAL



[Wintershines](#) will be here before you know it! If you haven't been before or are overall curious about what to expect and what kind of events will be occurring, head over to our

blog "What to do at Saskatoon's 2023 Nutrien WinterShines Festival."

[https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../what-to-do-at.../
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SASKATOON PROGRESS CLUB BRIGHTON A COMMUNITY BY DREAM 2023 WINTER SHOOTOUT MARCH 4



Mark your calendars! The Brighton a community by Dream 2023 Winter Shootout will be held at Brighton Core Park Pond, located at the end of Taube Avenue in Brighton.

For tickets and information go to: www.saskatoonprogressclub.com/wintershoot-out

WINTER ZOO CAMP

A promotional poster for Winter Zoo Camp. The background is blue with white wavy lines and snowflake icons. The title "WINTER ZOO CAMP" is in large, bold, blue letters. To the left, a child in a blue snow suit is sitting on a blue sled. To the right, there are three circular images: a snow leopard's face, a snowy owl, and a white wolf's head. Below the title, a child in a red snow suit is lying in the snow. At the bottom left, a group of children in colorful snow suits are standing in the snow. A purple circle on the left contains the text "21-24 February". A purple circle on the right contains the text "\$220" and "ANIMALS, GAMES, CRAFTS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!". The website "www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca" is at the bottom.

WINTER ZOO CAMP

21-24 February

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CRAFTS AND
OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES!

www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca

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