

Safe, strong communities

From a Provincial Point of View

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



In the first month of 2026, our government marked a meaningful milestone for Saskatchewan's largest city. In partnership with St. Paul's Hospital (Grey

Nuns) of Saskatoon and the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, our government celebrated the grand reopening of the hospital's front entrance and the Kikâwinaw wîki Healing Centre. The newly renovated, fully accessible front entrance offers a covered patient drop-off area, enhanced lighting and improved interior layout. Inside, expanded space includes additional washrooms, a larger gift shop and relocated Patient Registration, Visitor Information and Protective Services to improve safety, efficiency and the overall patient experience. This investment reflects our continued commitment to putting patients first and ensuring everyone in Saskatchewan has access to quality care where and when they need it.

Supporting reliable infrastructure is essential to delivering services across the province, and this includes ongoing investments in Saskatchewan's transportation system. Since 2008, our government has invested more than \$13 billion in transportation infrastructure, improving over 20,700 kilometres of highways. While major road construction typically takes place during warmer months, bridge work continues through late fall, winter and early spring to maintain safety and reliability. To date, more than \$78 million in bridge projects are underway across the province, supporting Saskatchewan's export-based economy. Motorists are reminded to remain alert in construction zones and to check the Highway Hotline (hotline.gov.sk.ca) before travelling for up-to-date road conditions and project information.

Your government continues to take action to ease affordability pressures, including increasing rental supply. One important initiative is the Saskatchewan Secondary Suite Incentive, which has been extended for another year. Since the program's inception in 2023, nearly 1,000 new secondary suites have been added across Saskatchewan, creating more rental options in established neighbourhoods and helping families manage housing costs. The deadline to incur eligible construction costs has now been extended to March 31, 2027. Guidelines and more information are available at www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/taxes-and-investments/tax-credits.

In addition to supporting essential services and housing, we remain focused on ensuring Saskatchewan families can continue to enjoy the province's outstanding recreational opportunities. While spring may still be a few weeks

away, summer planning can officially begin. Saskatchewan Parks has announced the 2026 camping reservation dates, giving families, friends and outdoor enthusiasts something to look forward to. Seasonal campsite reservations in provincial parks will open on April 13. Nightly, Camp-Easy yurt and group campsites will have staggered launches from April 14 to 17. To learn more or to start planning your trip, visit www.saskparks.com.

We continue to make strategic investments to keep strengthening communities, supporting families and building a province where people can live, work and enjoy all that Saskatchewan has to offer. If you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts, please feel free to contact my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

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SASKATCHEWAN SAFETY SEMINAR HELD IN SASKATOON



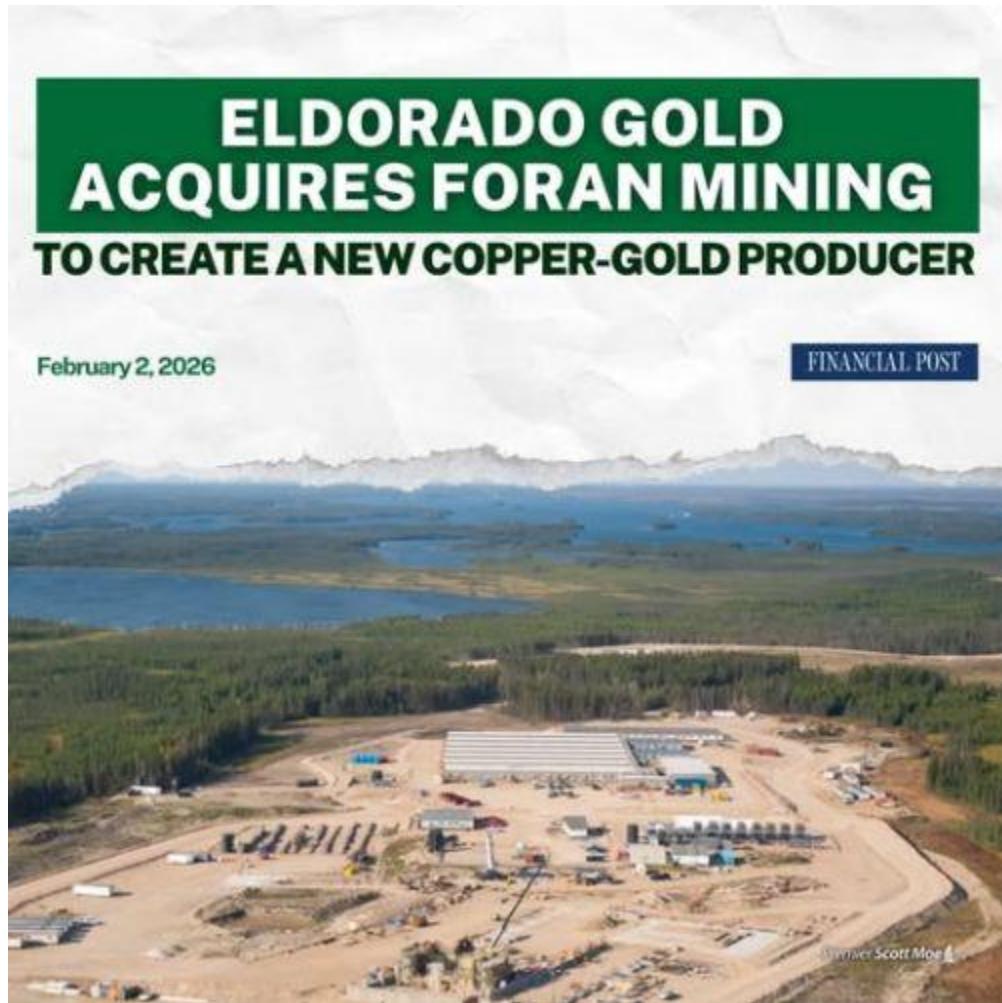
As Minister of Labour and Workplace Safety, it was an incredible honour to attend the 53rd annual Saskatchewan Safety Seminar in Saskatoon, a cornerstone event that's brought safety leaders together for more than 50 years.

Saskatchewan enters 2026 strong—with one of Canada's fastest-growing economies, a leading labour market, and thousands of new jobs—but real strength comes from protecting people. Workplace safety isn't just about policy or compliance; it's about leadership, prevention, and ensuring every worker gets home safe at the end of the day.

Our government is grateful to the Saskatchewan Safety Council, our partners,

speakers, exhibitors, and all safety professionals whose dedication makes our province strong, safe, and secure.

SASKATCHEWAN WILL SUPPLY CRITICAL MINERALS TO DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL MARKETS



February 2, 2026

FINANCIAL POST

Premier Scott Moe, "This announcement reinforces Saskatchewan's position as a leading destination for responsible resource development."

McIlvenna Bay is a high-quality project that will deliver jobs, investment, and long-term economic benefits for the province.

Bringing Eldorado on board will further strengthen the project's development pathway and underscore Canada's role in supplying critical minerals to both domestic and global markets."

SASKATOON & REGION HOME BUILDERS' HOUSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS



This past weekend, it was an honour to join the Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association for the Housing Excellence Awards on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Huge thanks to our homebuilder whose work is driving Saskatchewan's growth. We're proud to lead the country in housing starts, up 42% last year, with strong momentum continuing in 2026. Our government is backing a strong housing market through tax credits, rebates, and incentives that are adding homes and opportunities across the province.

The dedication of this association is helping Saskatchewan grow and thrive.

MEET THE 2025-26 POST-SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL

2025-26 Student Council



Introducing the **2025-26**
Saskatchewan Post-Secondary
Student Council members



The Ministry of Advanced Education is pleased to announce the 2025-26 Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council. This dedicated group of 24 students will share their perspectives and help inform initiatives to meet the needs of post-secondary students across the province.

"I sincerely congratulate this year's outstanding council members who represent Saskatchewan's diverse communities and are poised to become future leaders and innovators in our province," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "I look forward to hearing their feedback as we work to ensure post-secondary education supports students and aligns with Saskatchewan's growth plan."

Read about the members in the full news release: [Meet the 2025-26 Post-Secondary Student Council | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

KING OF KOVBASA AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



The King of Kovbasa Challenge in Saskatoon always proves to be a fantastic night and this year was no exception! The 24th annual event saw a sell out crowd at Prairieland Park. 12 vendors faced off during the well organized event. Lots of fun while supporting worthwhile charities in Saskatchewan.



Of course, I had a natural inclination towards the Blaine Lake entry. Go Crossroads Tavern. I had the pleasure of conversing with Andy Ciona from Blaine Lake, a notable community volunteer. Thanks to Curtis Kimpton for hosting our table.

SECONDARY SUITE INCENTIVE EXTENDED TO 2027

Secondary Suite Incentive **Extended to 2027**

This grant provides 35% of the total price to construct a new secondary suite at an owner's primary residence, up to \$35,000.

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I was pleased to communicate to the public and the home building associations that we are extending the SSI, an important program which is helping to increase the number of rental units in the market at a time when rent prices are increasing.

The Secondary Suite Incentive Program is helping ease Saskatchewan's rental challenges by supporting homeowners to build new secondary suites. Since launching in 2023, the program has helped create nearly 1,000 new rental homes across the province. With housing demand still strong, we're extending the program for one more year, with eligible construction costs covered until March 31, 2027. This extension will continue adding much-needed, high-quality rental units in established neighbourhoods—supporting affordability, smart growth, and stronger communities across Saskatchewan.

The Government of Saskatchewan is focused on keeping our province the most affordable place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family. The 2025-26

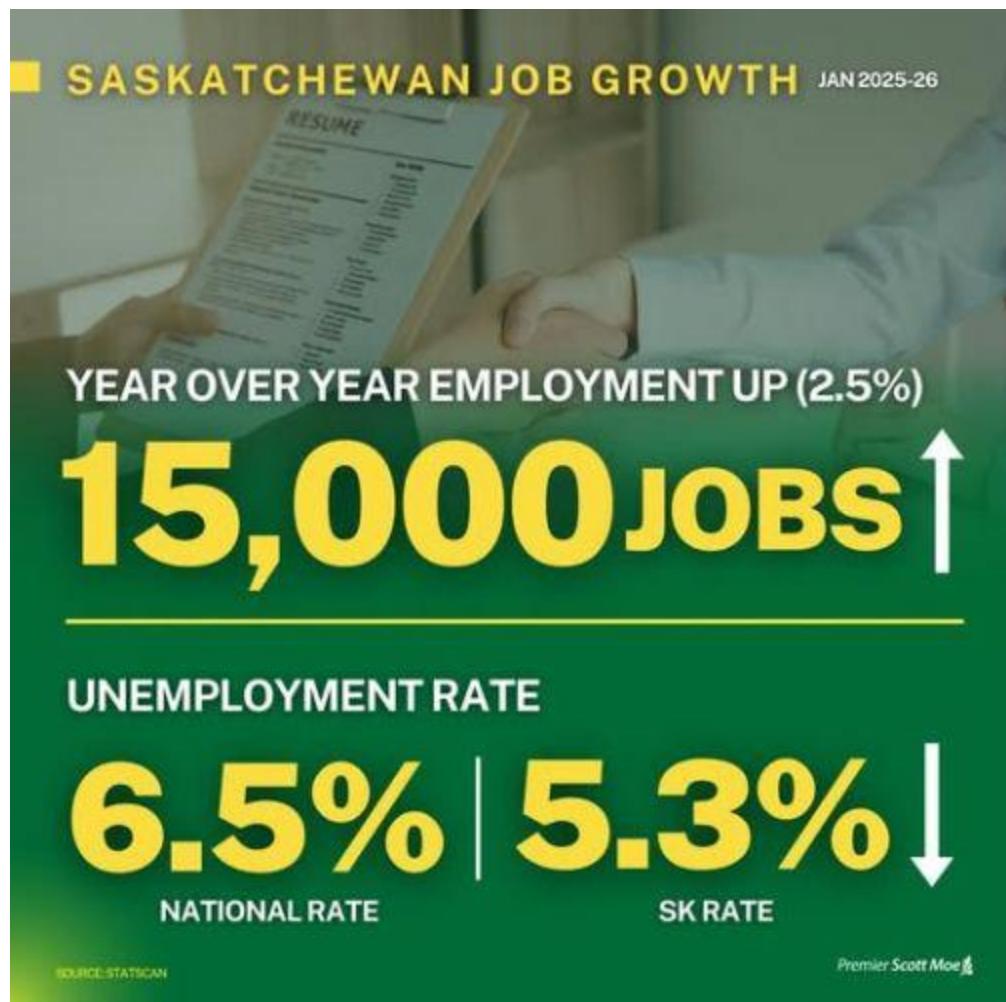
Budget delivers more than \$250 million in tax savings this year—on top of over \$2 billion in affordability measures—while investing \$100 million in housing supports like the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit and Rental Development Program. Homeownership is also being supported through a 50% increase to the First-Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit, the return of the Home Renovation Tax Credit, and a permanent PST Rebate on New Home Construction, together worth \$30 million. To help increase rental supply, the Saskatchewan Secondary Suite Incentive (SSI) Grant Program is extended for one year, with eligible construction costs required by March 31, 2027, and completed applications due by December 31, 2027.



Pictured above with Nicole Burgess, President and CEO Saskatoon and Region Home Builders' Association.

Since the program's inception in 2023, the program has been incredibly successful with nearly 1,000 new secondary suites added, increasing rental availability. For more information, search Secondary Suite Incentive on Saskatchewan.ca

SASKATCHEWAN STARTS 2026 STRONG WITH 15,000 JOBS ADDED



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Statistics Canada's latest labour force numbers show that the labour market in Saskatchewan remains strong with the second lowest unemployment rate amongst provinces at 5.3 per cent, well below the national average of 6.5 per cent. 15,000 jobs were added year-over-year in January, an increase of 2.5 per cent, the second highest amongst provinces.



"Saskatchewan is starting 2026 off with 15,000 jobs added to our economy,"
Immigration and Career Training Minister Eric Schmalz said. "Our government
is working with industry and employers to ensure that they have access to the
workforce they need to fill the jobs they are creating."

[Saskatchewan Starts 2026 Strong with 15,000 Jobs Added | News and Media |](#)
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SASK PARKS 2026 CAMPING RESERVATIONS LAUNCH APRIL 13

Sask Provincial Parks Camping Reservations

Begin April 13th, 2026

Start dreaming of summer;
reservation dates are now set.



Campers can mark their calendars and start dreaming of summer, as the 2026 Saskatchewan provincial parks reservation dates are now set. Seasonal campsite bookings in provincial parks will begin Monday, April 13, 2026. Nightly, Camp-Easy yurt and group campsites will have staggered launches from April 14 to 17.

"We are excited to welcome visitors back to Saskatchewan's Provincial Parks for another season of camping and outdoor activities," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "There are new seasonal campsites available, great programming and events being planned, and another summer filled with fun, relaxation, and warm summer nights by the campfire."

Read the complete reservation schedule for 2026: [Sask Parks 2026 Camping Reservations Launch April 13 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATOON RECEIVES \$1.8 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY SAFETY



The Government of Saskatchewan is investing in community safety in Saskatoon through continued support for the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) enforcement initiative.

In 2025-26, the province is investing nearly \$6 million as part of government's ongoing commitment to hire approximately 100 new frontline officers across Saskatchewan through the SCAN enforcement initiative that was first announced in fall 2024.

"Our government is committed to supporting community safety in Saskatoon and communities across the province," Community Safety Minister Michael Weger said. "This investment ensures local police services have the officers they need to respond to community needs and help keep our neighbourhoods safe and secure."

[Saskatoon Receives \\$1.85 Million to Strengthen Community Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF CANADA-U.S. TRADE AT
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE WINTER
2026 CONFERENCE**



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Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit is in Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) 2026 Winter Policy Conference from February 2-4, underscoring the essential role strong Canada-U.S. agricultural trade plays in supporting jobs, international competitiveness and food affordability on both sides of the border.

"Canada-U.S. agricultural trade is important to economic stability and food security," Marit said. "Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring this partnership remains strong, predictable and mutually beneficial."

The United States remains Saskatchewan's largest trading partner with two-way agricultural trade supporting farmers, processors, transportation networks and communities across North America. Saskatchewan's exports, including canola, pulses, livestock and potash, contribute directly to the

success of U.S. food production, provide supply chain stability, support U.S. manufacturing jobs and enhance affordability for consumers. At the same time, imports of food, agriculture inputs and machinery make important contributions here at home.

At the conference, the Minister will highlight the importance of the United States-Canada-Mexico Agreement in facilitating stable and rules-based trade in advance of the agreement's upcoming review.

A PLEASURE TO WELCOME MANITOBA OPPOSITION LEADER, OBBY KHAN TO THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE



I was delighted to join my colleagues, the Honourable Tim McLeod and, the Honourable Jeremy Cockrill in welcoming Manitoba Opposition Leader, Obby Khan to the Saskatchewan Legislature last Friday. As an inspiring individual, he sparked engaging discussions on key topics such as Finance, Health Care, Advanced Education, Labour, Agriculture, and Justice.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FRONT ENTRANCE EXPANSION READY TO WELCOME PATIENTS



I was delighted to serve as Master of Ceremonies for the grand opening of St. Paul's Hospital's newly renovated front entrance. It was a privilege to acknowledge the esteemed guests in attendance, including the Honourable Tracy Muggli, Senator and former Executive Director at St. Paul's Hospital, the Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Health, and the Honourable Sean Wilson, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, among others. Thank you to our speakers for sharing insights into the project's long-term benefits for staff and visitors. Colleagues Kevin Kasun, Barret Kropf and Terry Jenson also attended.



The Government of Saskatchewan, in partnership with St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns) of Saskatoon and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, is pleased to announce the grand reopening of St. Paul's Hospital Front Entrance and the Kikâwînaw wîki Healing Centre on January 29, 2026. Kikâwînaw wîki means *Our Mother's Home* in Plains Cree.



"We are excited to see the opening of the newly renovated front entrance at St. Paul's Hospital, where patients, staff and visitors will have safe and convenient access to the facility," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "This renovation demonstrates our government's commitment to putting patients first and ensuring everyone in Saskatchewan has access to high-quality health care where and when they need it."

[St. Paul's Hospital Front Entrance Expansion Ready to Welcome Patients | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN



The month of February has been proclaimed as African Heritage Month to honour, celebrate and recognize the legacy of African Canadians across the province.

"Saskatchewan is a province where multiculturalism is appreciated and celebrated," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "African Heritage Month provides an opportunity to learn about the many accomplishments, contributions and history that people of African heritage have made and how they continue to help build this great province."

"From Many Peoples Strength, our provincial motto, is a fitting foundation for this new legislation," Ross said. "Saskatchewan's diverse people and unique heritages continue to strengthen our province."

[African Heritage Month Proclaimed in Saskatchewan | News and Media |](#)
[Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN STRONG!



Premier Scott Moe, "Saskatchewan is building on its strength in mining with exciting new opportunities in critical minerals, including the potential for Canada's first major alumina resource.

Projects like this create good jobs, and real benefits for local communities.

Congratulations to Canadian Energy Metals on this milestone.

We look forward to seeing the Thor Project continue to grow and deliver for Saskatchewan.

Kevin Weedmark, MLA, "The announcement that Canadian Energy Metals has discovered a massive alumina deposit in east central Saskatchewan. The announcement that SaskPower will look at options for a large nuclear reactor alongside work on a small modular reactor. The news that Foran, the company developing a new copper mine near Creighton will become part of a stronger company, joining forces with Eldorado. Saskatchewan once again leading in job creation with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. All these recent announcements show progress on our government's

mission: Building a Strong, Safe, Secure Saskatchewan. The leadership of Premier [Scott Moe](#) is getting us there!"

INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION HELD IN SASKATOON



It was a pleasure to celebrate the spirit of unity and patriotism at the India's Republic Day Celebration in Saskatoon. This year's theme, "Unity in Diversity," was a meaningful reminder of the strength found in coming together. I was pleased to be joined by my colleague, the Honourable Terry Jenson. Premier Scott Moe and our government deeply value the strong relationship we share with this community and with India.

REVIEW TO STRENGTHEN HOSPITAL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Government of Saskatchewan Launches Independent Review to Strengthen Hospital Safety and Security

Released on January 22, 2026

The Government of Saskatchewan is launching an independent, third-party review of hospital safety and security at the request of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). The Ministry of Health will lead the work to select a qualified expert capable of undertaking it as quickly as possible. The review will examine current practices and provide recommendations to help improve safety for patients, visitors and staff across all SHA

Minister of Health, the Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, "Anyone who enters a healthcare facility in this province deserves to feel safe no matter if they are a patient, visitor, or staff.

We are working with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to add metal detectors in 8 facilities as a first step and we have announced an independent review of safety and security across all healthcare facilities.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE FEATURED

UPCOMING EVENTS

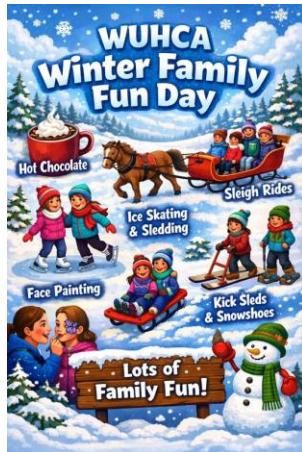
NSBA NETWORK LUNCHEON WITH PREMIER SCOTT MOE



NSBA - Join us on February 24, 2026, for a Luncheon with Premier Scott Moe where he will address the business community. Get insight into the province's happenings and what's in store for 2026.

🔗 Register now using the link below or by going to www.NSBAsask.com.
<https://www.nsbasask.com/.../luncheon-with-premier-scott.../>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - WUHCA WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY MARCH 1



Mark your calendars and bundle up! Join us at Wallace Park on March 1, 2026
from 1–4 p.m. for a fun-filled winter afternoon!

☕️🐴 Enjoy:

- Hot chocolate
- Sleigh rides
- Ice skating & sledding
- Kick sleds & snowshoes
- Face painting
- Tons of family fun!

Bring your friends and family—everyone is welcome!

PLEASE NOTE - OUTDOOR RINK TEMPORARILY CLOSED



Warm & sunny spring-like weather sure boosts moods but it's not so great for our outdoor rink. Until the weather cools down again, please stay off the ice surface (and remind children to do the same) until the volunteers reopen the rink. Slushy footprints make flooding more difficult.

SASKATOON FAMILY FUN DAY EVENTS



Family Day is coming up on February 16, but there will be an entire weekend of fun Family Day activities, and we've got a guide full of events for you and your family!

You can check out the guide for the full list, but here are a few family fun teasers:

★ Spend Family Day at [Nutrien Wonderhub](#) this year to create, learn and play with your family. Even better, Wonderhub is usually closed the first two days of the week, but they will be welcoming you and your kids on Family Day Monday and on Tuesday.

★ Nutrien Wintershines brings us Footprints and Stories – connecting community, land, and sky. Not only can you spend your Family Day weekend there, but you can look forward to an entire week of family fun.

★ You are invited to the 41st annual Saskatoon All Aboard Model Train Show back at Prairieland Park. The show promises hours of fun, unique vendors, and more! Make sure to check out our guide for more. We've got everything from fun at a Wide Open Children's Theatre show to a Family Day visit to the Saskatchewan Aviation Museum to lots of community skating events.

Click the link to find out
more! <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/family-day/>



NEWS RELEASES

[February Oil and Gas Public Offering Raises \\$7 Million in Revenue to Close Out Fiscal Year](#) | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

[SaskPower Begins Formal Process to Evaluate Large Nuclear Technologies](#) | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



[Building Strong Families Through Literacy](#) | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

[Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disabilities \(SAID\) Benefit Structure Being Simplified](#) | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

[Strong Showing of Saskatchewan Finalists at National Indigenous Tourism Awards](#) | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



[Bridging Winter: \\$78 Million in Projects Between Fall and Spring | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency President's Awards to Recognize Excellence in Public Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Bars and Restaurants Can Request to Open Early During Olympics | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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[Province Launches Virtual Access to Addiction Medicine | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Keeping Saskatchewan's Pronghorn on the Move: New Efforts to Preserve Migration Corridors | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[\\$329,000 in Charitable Gaming Grants Delivered to Community Groups Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Exhibit Art Realities: Showcasing Saskatchewan's Vibrant History and Art During Archives Week 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**You are the greatest
project you'll ever work
on. Restart. Reset.
Refocus. As many times
as you need. Just don't
give up.**

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