

Safe, strong communities



From a Provincial Point of View

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**PREMIER MOE JOINS PRIME MINISTER CARNEY IN CHINA TO ADVANCE THE
CANADA CHINA RELATIONSHIP**

"MOE TO JOIN CARNEY ON CHINA TRADE MISSION, PRODUCERS OPTIMISTIC"

January 12, 2026

CTV NEWS



Premier Scott Moe is pleased to join Prime Minister Mark Carney in China this week for planned meetings with Chinese officials, focused on furthering the Canada-China relationship.

"Canada and Saskatchewan need a strong relationship with China and these meetings support the process of recalibrating how we work together," Moe said. "I am pleased to join Prime Minister Carney as we advance interests that are important to Canadians."

This visit focuses on building and strengthening diplomatic and economic ties, with an emphasis on trade, investment and long-term engagement.

A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CUPE AND SGEU



As the Minister of Labour Relations, I had the opportunity to meet with CUPE and SGEU representatives to explore their perspectives on multiple topics. The contributions of their members are vital to our province's economic well-being, and they deliver essential services. Our government is dedicated to ensuring a labour market that is fair and balanced.

Pictures with Kent Peterson, Justin Priel, Tracy Sauer and Lori Sutherland.



COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

 Community Safety - An Update On Our Work

- **The Response to Illicit Drugs Act**
 - Implementing more meaningful consequences for drug offenders (passed)
- **The Cyberstalking and Coercive Control Act**
 - Protect victims of online stalking by offering more tools for them to escape abuse (passed)
- **The Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act**
 - Supports police in removing street weapons from individuals looking to cause harm (passed)

Strong Safe Secure
Focused on Community Safety

Premier Scott Moe

Our government cares deeply about the safety of Saskatchewan communities, and we will keep working every day to make sure people feel safe and secure, wherever they call home in Saskatchewan.

The graphic features a dark blue background with a green and yellow border at the top. It includes the Saskatchewan coat of arms logo and the title 'Community Safety - An Update On Our Work'. Three main bullet points are listed in yellow and white text, each preceded by a yellow arrow. At the bottom, the slogan 'Strong Safe Secure Focused on Community Safety' is written in white and yellow, with the Premier Scott Moe logo to the right.

 Community Safety - An Update On Our Work

- **Police presence deters crime**
 - Adding 100 new municipal police officers
 - Continued funding for 160 municipal police officers
 - Hiring 50 new Marshals
 - Increased funding for Saskatchewan Police College
- **Reducing nuisance properties and reducing crime in communities**
 - Hiring 14 new Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods Personnel (SCAN)
- **Real-time monitoring of offenders in communities**
 - Funding for the Electronic Monitoring Program

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**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE DOUBLED COMMUNITY RINK
AFFORDABILITY GRANT**



Applications for the 2025-26 Community Rink Affordability Grant, are now open and run until February 27, 2026.



Starting this year, the Government of Saskatchewan has doubled the program funding to \$5,000 per rink, investing over \$3.2 million annually.

"The doubling of the Community Rink Affordability Grant marks yet another commitment our government has delivered on," Parks, Culture and Sport

Minister Alana Ross said. "These rinks are very important to Saskatchewan communities. Whether it is sporting events or recreational activities, our local rinks are a place where people of all ages come together. Increasing this grant to \$5,000 per rink provides these vital community hubs with more options and more support."

[Applications Now Open for the Doubled Community Rink Affordability Grant | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

STANDING UP FOR SASKATCHEWAN



Premier Scott Moe, "“I think there are some opportunities for Canadians to really secure our economic future with respect to accessing other countries with the products that we produce...”

SASKATCHEWAN ADDS OVER 15,000 JOBS IN 2025



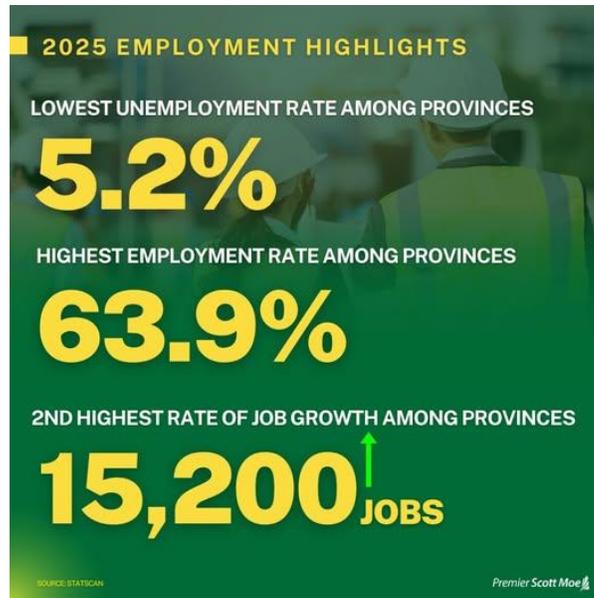
15,200 Jobs
Created in 2025

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Statistics Canada recently released their annual labour force numbers which demonstrate that Saskatchewan's labour market experienced another strong year with continued low unemployment and consistent job growth.

In 2025, Saskatchewan's economy created 15,200 jobs. The province also had the lowest annual unemployment rate among provinces at 5.2 per cent, well

below the national average of 6.8 per cent. Saskatchewan was the only province to record a decline in unemployment rate compared to 2024.



"In 2025, Saskatchewan continued to experience strong job growth and low unemployment rates, this is the direct result of the strength of industry and employers, and the increasing opportunities available in Saskatchewan," Immigration and Career Training Minister Eric Schmalz said. "Our government is committed to ensuring this growth continues into 2026 and that Saskatchewan remains the best province in Canada to live, work, and raise a family."

[Saskatchewan Adds Over 15,000 Jobs in 2025 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

WORKING FOR YOU



The end of one year and the beginning of another is a good time to reflect on what matters most. Over the past year, our government has advanced initiatives that reflect our priorities and lay the foundation for continued progress in the year ahead.

Affordability remains a key focus for our government as we begin 2026. A family of four in Saskatchewan will pay no provincial income tax on their first \$65,000 of income, the highest tax-free threshold in Canada. This results from the second step of our four-year income tax reduction plan, combined with indexation. Our government is also increasing personal, spousal and child tax exemptions, along with the seniors' supplement by \$500 annually over four years.

In addition, several tax credits are increasing to help residents with affordability. These include the Low-Income Tax Credit, Disability Tax Credit, Caregiver Tax Credit, Personal Care Home Benefit, Active Families Benefit, First-Time Homebuyers' Tax Credit, and the Graduate Retention Program. We remain committed to ensuring Saskatchewan continues to be the most affordable place to live in the country.

Our government continues to make targeted investments to support Saskatchewan students and families. We are investing \$28.5 million in the Relocatable Classroom Program to provide 39 new classrooms and relocate two existing ones. These classrooms will be installed over the summer in communities across the province and will be ready for students in the 2026-27 school year. This program helps address space pressures by adding classrooms where they are needed most, supports growing enrolment and provides school divisions with flexibility to manage local needs.

At the same time, Saskatchewan's School Playground Equipment Grant Program, launched in fall 2025, has seen strong uptake. More than 40 projects have already been approved, with funding of up to \$50,000 available per project. This initiative is helping communities build and improve playgrounds where children can play, learn and grow. The program reflects our government's ongoing commitment to building healthy, vibrant communities for families. The current application period runs until February 25, 2026, on a first-come, first-served basis. Full program guidelines are available on the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association website at www.spra.sk.ca.



These measures reflect a government focused on delivering results for Saskatchewan people. As the new year gets underway, our government remains committed to the work ahead and looks forward to sharing more initiatives and progress as 2026 unfolds. If you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts, please reach out to my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100. Your feedback is important as we continue working together to build a strong Saskatchewan.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER - BELL'S ANNUAL LET'S TALK DAY TAKES PLACE
JANUARY 21, 2026**



Bell Let's Talk Day is January 21! For 16 years, Canadians have come together to make mental health a priority.

This year, Bell is investing \$10 million in Canadian mental health initiatives, increasing its total support to \$194 million since 2010.

Give mental health the moment it deserves. Join us on Bell Let's Talk Day in taking a moment for mental health. Learn more at bell.ca/letstalk

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS 1ST IN THE NATION



Merchandise exports grew by 18.9% in October, the largest increase in the country, placing Saskatchewan first among the provinces.

This growth reflects the hard work of Saskatchewan people and the strength of our exporters as we continue to build a strong, resilient economy.

HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT - CALL 9-8-8 - SUICIDE CRISIS HELP LINE

Help when you need it.



9-8-8
toll free, 24/7

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Suicide Crisis
Helpline



Free 24/7 suicide crisis helpline. Anyone can call or text 9-8-8 if they are feeling like they have lost hope and are struggling to cope, if they are dealing with thoughts of suicide, or if they are worried about someone else.



[Get Help | 9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline](#)

Noticing changes in someone you care about can be an important first step toward support. Certain behaviors - especially if they're new, escalating, or tied to a difficult event or loss - may signal that someone is struggling. If you're concerned about a loved one, help is available 24/7 through the 988 Lifeline. Call, text, or chat 988.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/4gO1icv>.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS: COMPLETE THE HUNTER HARVEST SURVEY BEFORE THE DEADLINE



The Ministry of Environment is reminding hunters to complete the Big Game and Game Bird Hunter Harvest Survey before the January 20 deadline.

"We are committed to providing the best and most sustainable hunting opportunities for everyone in Saskatchewan," Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said. "Information collected through the hunter harvest survey is essential as it helps us set fair and appropriate season quotas for the year ahead. Every response matters, so please take a few minutes to complete your survey today."

The deadline for the Big Game and Game Bird Hunter Harvest Surveys is January 20, 2026, however hunters have until April 30, 2026 to complete the Fur Bearer Survey.

[Your Input Matters: Complete the Hunter Harvest Survey Before the Deadline | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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Explore Training Options



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your career to the next level



Your next career move could be just around the corner!

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CONGRATULATIONS EMILY!

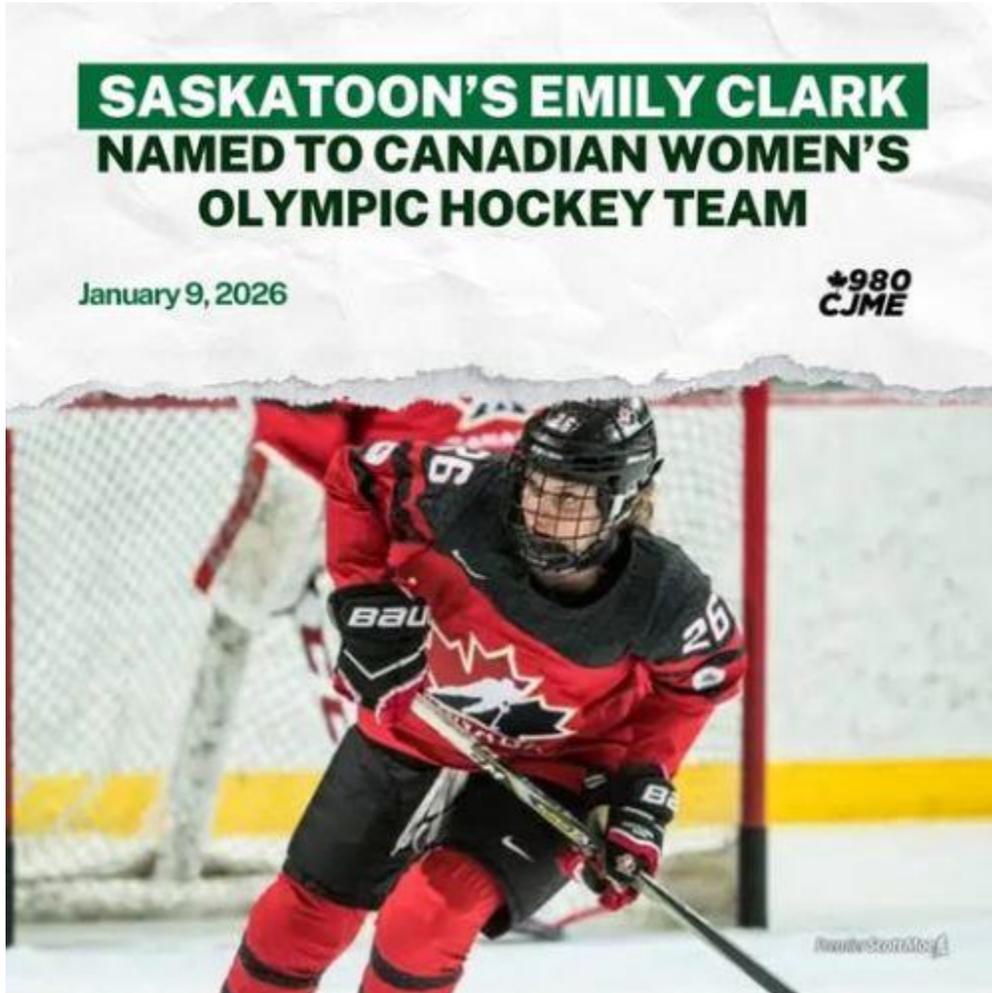


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A proud moment for Saskatoon and the entire province! Congratulations to Saskatoon's own Emily Clark on being named to Canada's Women's Olympic Hockey Team.

We'll all be cheering on Emily! What an accomplishment! Saskatchewan proud! Good luck to Emily and Team Canada!

**GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN INVEST \$9.7 MILLION IN
CROP RESEARCH**



Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Heath MacDonald and Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture David Marit announced \$9.7 million to support crop research in Saskatchewan.

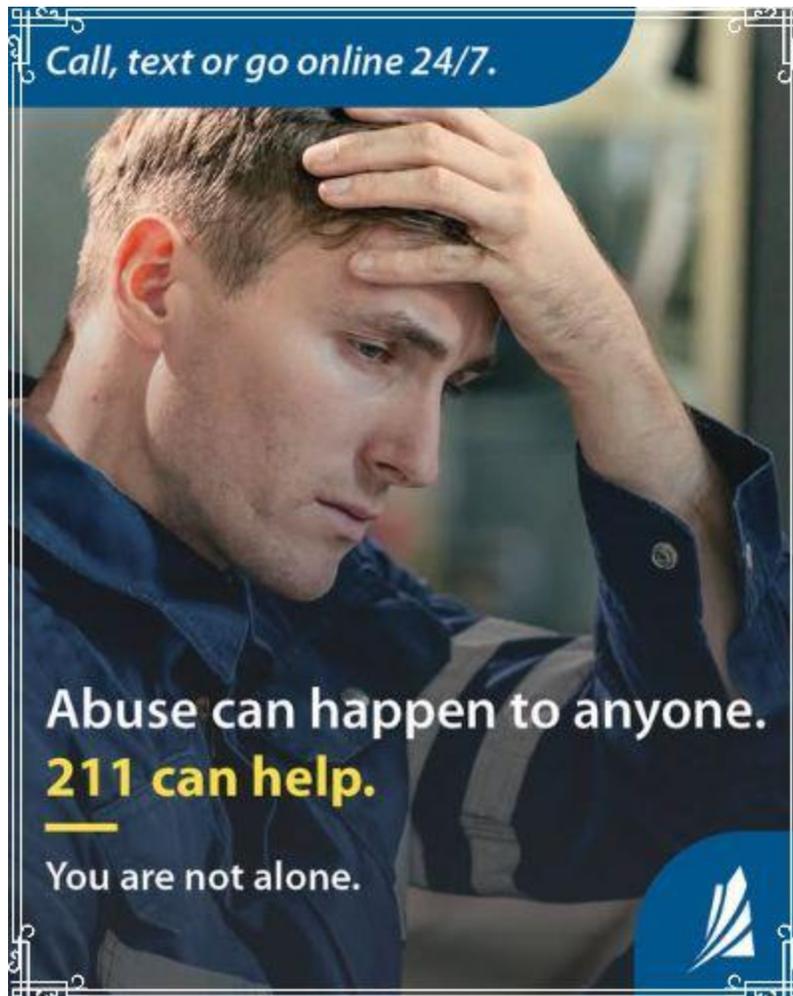
This investment includes \$7.2 million to support 39 new crop research projects through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) and \$2.5 million through the Strategic Research Initiative (SRI) to study the long-term management of herbicide-resistant kochia and wild oats.

“Investing in agricultural research is an investment in the future,” MacDonald said. “It helps address current and emerging challenges while creating new opportunities for farmers. We will continue to support agricultural research to ensure producers have the tools, knowledge, and solutions they need to succeed now and in years to come.”

"Saskatchewan's position as a global leader in crop exports is built on decades of investment in research and the dedication of scientists in crop development," Marit said. "Investments in agriculture research remain key to driving economic growth."

[Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \\$9.7 Million in Crop Research | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ABUSE CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE



Violence and abuse can happen to anyone. If you don't know where to turn, 211 is here to help 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. 211 provides a portal to a wide range of shelter, support and crisis intervention services across the province.

Call or text 211 or visit: <https://abuse.sk.211.ca/>

SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER CLEANUP

Safety Tips for Winter Cleanup

REMEMBER TO:

- Dress in layers to avoid overheating.
- Wear shoes with good traction.
- Take breaks often.
- Prevent injury; listen to your body.
- Get assistance if you have heart conditions, back problems or other health concerns.



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Saskatchewan
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

❄️ Shoveling snow is part of winter life, but using the right tips and habits can make a big difference in how safe you are. Tips to keep you safe and efficient:

- **Stretching before heading out will prevent muscle strain.**
- **Push dry snow, don't lift it. It's lighter, so glide it forward instead of scooping.**
- **Wet snow is heavy; lift in small amounts to protect your body.**
- **Use your legs, not your back. Bend your knees and keep the shovel close to you.**
- **Take breaks often. Stop if you have any pain or discomfort.**

👉 For more details, visit the full guide and get winter-ready. <https://weather.com/.../2025-12-02-complete-guide...>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWINGING WITH THE STARS



Based on TV's Dancing with the Stars, the event pairs local celebrities with professional dance instructors. Dancers compete for two trophies – Crowd Favourite, decided by fans, and Judges Choice, decided by a celebrity panel. It's also a charity event – while rehearsing and competing, celebrities raise money. Funds are also raised through ticket and beverage sales, as well as online and in-person voting.

In the past six years, Swinging with the Stars has raised more than \$1,000,000 for hospital departments such as the Breast Health Centre, Physical Rehab and Medicine, and the Operating Room.

The 2026 Supplement World Swinging with the Stars will take place on Saturday, January 31.

Learn more and get your tickets at <https://swtsyxe.com/>

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS



The weather is warming up, but we're hoping not TOO much! If you plan to hit the cross-country ski trails, we have a list of places you can visit in Saskatoon. Just make sure you check out the trail reports ahead of time.

Check out the Saskatoon Family Fun guide

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../best-places-to-cross.../>

GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



5K RUN OR 3K WALK TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

**We will continue throughout the winter season!
as long as the temperature is -25°C or warmer.**

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Starts at YWCA, Ample parking available, shower facilities available

**WINTER PROGRAMS NOW OPEN - CHECK OUT YOUR COMMUNITY
FACEBOOK PAGES!**



[Facebook](#) - BRIGHTON

[Facebook](#) - ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK

[Facebook](#) - WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

NSBA SASKATOON



Join NSBA for their first Sustainability Series event of 2026!

Alison Joutsi and Prabh Banga will deliver presentations followed by a fireside-style conversation, unpacking what sustainability reporting looks like in practice, what's coming down the pipeline, and how SMEs can get ready.

Stay ahead of the curve and register today using the link below:

<https://www.nsbask.com/.../sustainability-as-a-value.../>

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Innovation Saskatchewan Invests Nearly \\$2.2 Million to Accelerate Tech in Key Industries | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Delivers \\$2 Million in Grants to Saskatchewan Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government Investment in Relocatable Classrooms Supports Students | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: Finotraze Is Not Registered | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



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[Investor Alert: Smart Reserve Holdings and Tradock Are Not Registered | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

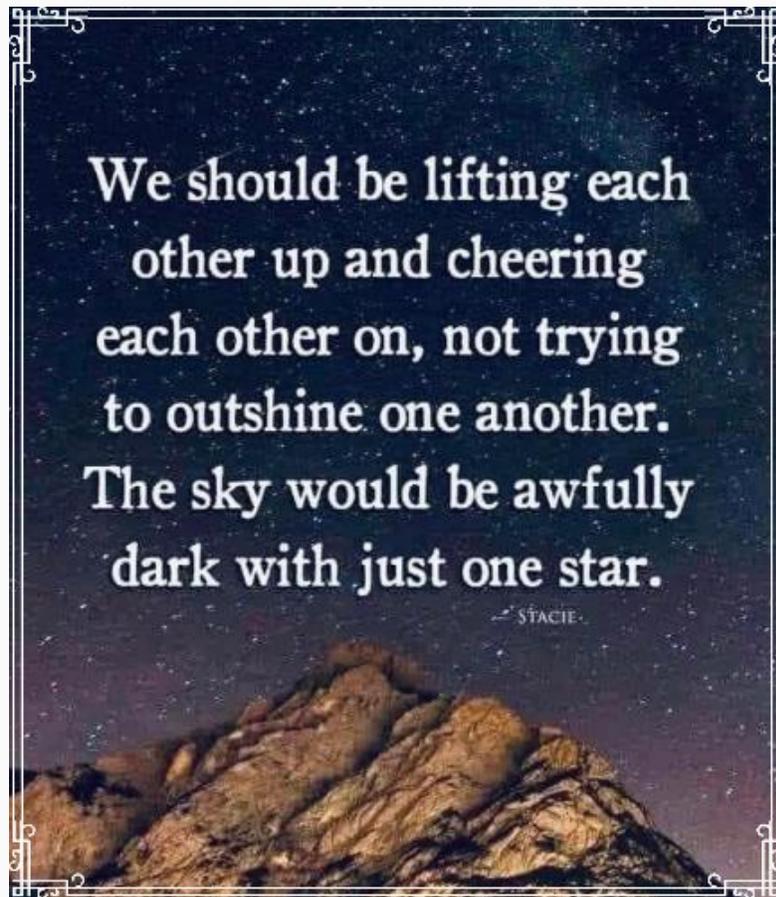


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[Design Procurement Completed for New Pinehouse School in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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