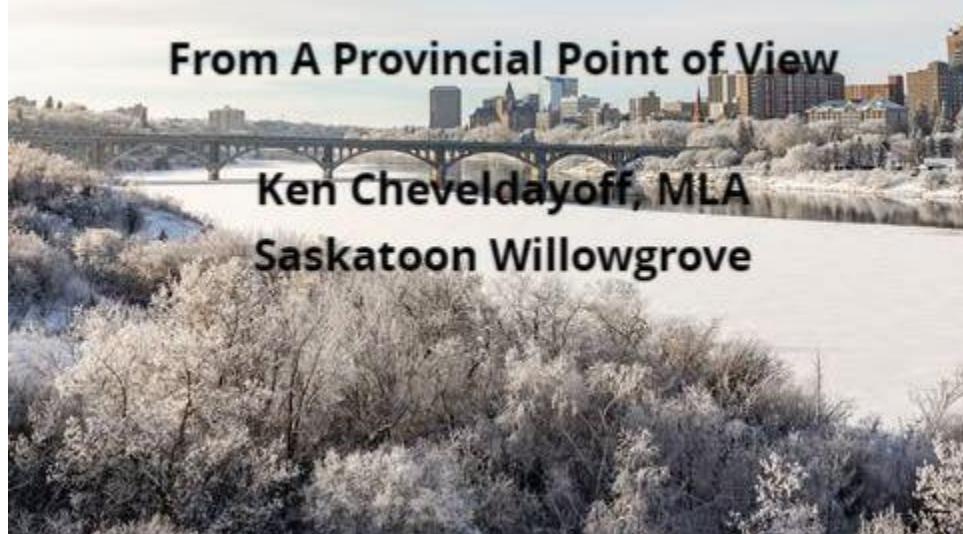


Safe, strong communities



#### NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS OPEN IN SASKATOON



A home under construction in Saskatoon is pictured May 17, 2022. (Dan Shingoose/CTV Saskatoon)

**CTV story:** [Saskatoon Métis organization opens 73 housing units](#)

**Far too many Canadians are struggling to find homes they can afford. Solving Canada's housing crisis requires immediate action to bring down costs, cut red tape and build homes more quickly. The Government of Canada is stepping up with a bold new approach to increase the supply of housing in Canada.**

**Central to that work, the Government of Canada launched Build Canada Homes, which will help increase the pace of affordable homebuilding to increase housing supply. Build Canada Homes will also help fight homelessness by building transitional and supportive housing - working with provinces, territories, municipalities and Indigenous communities. It will build deeply affordable and community housing for low-income households and partner with private market developers to build affordable homes for the Canadian middle class.**

**Seventy-three housing units are now open in Saskatoon. A joint investment by the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, and partnerships with Camponi Housing Corporation, SaskNative Rentals and the City of Saskatoon, enabled the development of this project which includes 37 market rental units, 19 affordable units and 17 accessible one-bedroom units. Thirty-six of these homes are providing a place to call home for low-income seniors, families and individuals with disabilities. Tailored specifically for Métis and First Nations Peoples, Métis Veterans Plaza is operated by Camponi Housing Corporation and SaskNative Rentals and offers on-site social, medical and financial support services.**

***"Affordable housing is more than a place to live; it is the foundation of stability, independence, and opportunity for individuals and families to succeed," Jenson said. "By creating homes that are safe, accessible, and aligned with cultural needs, we support stronger communities and brighter futures."***

[New Affordable Housing Units Open in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



**Saskatchewan is showing no signs of slowing down, with recently released strong economic numbers. In 2025, our province's labour market continued to deliver low unemployment and consistent job creation. According to Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan added 15,200 jobs and recorded the lowest unemployment rate in Canada at 5.2 per cent, well below the national average of 6.8 per cent. These results reflect the strength of our industries and employers, and the growing opportunities available here at home.**

**Positive momentum continues with new wholesale trade figures showing an increase of 15.3 per cent from November 2024 to November 2025. This ranks Saskatchewan first among all provinces for year-over-year growth. Strong performance in this sector signals consumer confidence in our economy. Our government remains focused on ensuring producers can reach the markets they need so more resources continue to flow within our provincial economy.**

**These strong economic results allow us to reinvest strategically. Saskatchewan's position as a global leader in crop exports is built on decades of research and innovation, and we continue to support that work.**

**Our government is also investing in livestock research to help producers adapt, remain competitive, and succeed in an ever-changing industry.**

**Recently, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture David Marit and Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Heath MacDonald announced a \$9.7 million investment to support crop research in Saskatchewan. This includes \$2.5 million through the Strategic Research Initiative to study the long-term management of herbicide-resistant kochia and wild oats. It also includes \$7.2 million to support 39 new crop research projects through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).**

**Through the ADF, an additional \$4.5 million was announced to support 25 new livestock and forage-related research projects. The ministers also announced a renewed \$3.9 million multi-year partnership with two world-class research organizations (the Prairie Swine Centre and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization). More information and a full list of projects are available at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca).**

**Beyond economic and agricultural investments, our government, together with SGI, remains committed to making Saskatchewan roads safer for everyone. Through the \$2 million Provincial Traffic Safety Fund, 80 projects across 78 communities will receive grants of up to \$100,000. Since the program began in 2019, \$16.6 million has been awarded to more than 900 projects across the province. Applications for the next funding round are open until March 21, 2026. Program details and the full list of approved projects are available at [www.sgi.sk.ca/community-grants-programs](http://www.sgi.sk.ca/community-grants-programs).**

**Supporting Saskatchewan families with affordability remains a key focus for our government. One of the many ways we are doing this is by doubling the Community Rink Affordability Grant to \$5,000 per rink, representing an annual investment of more than \$3.2 million. Rinks are vital community hubs where people of all ages come together. Last year alone, more than 300 rinks, covering over 500 ice surfaces, benefited from this program. Full guidelines and the online application are available through the SPRA website at [www.spra.sk.ca/funding](http://www.spra.sk.ca/funding).**

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**Ken Cheveldayoff**  
MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove

Please reach out, we look forward to hearing from you.

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**We will continue to invest in priorities that support the people of Saskatchewan. While there is more work ahead, you can count on your Saskatchewan Party government to keep delivering what is best for our province. If you would like to share your thoughts or have any questions about a provincial program or service, please contact my constituency office at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net) or call 306.651.7100.**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ON  
NUCLEAR PROGRAM RECOGNIZED ON THE GLOBAL STAGE**



*Premier Scott Moe, "Saskatchewan's expertise continues to be recognized on the global stage.*

*Last week, Saskatchewan Research Council and Global Institute for Energy, Minerals and Society signed an agreement with the Emirates Nuclear Energy Company to collaborate on advancing nuclear energy, including small modular reactors and innovation in clean, reliable power.*

*From small modular reactors to innovation in AI, robotics, and waste management, this work is about building a more reliable energy future."*

## CONGRATULATIONS DR. PAULA MacDOWELL



**Dr. MacDowell is a recent recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Post-Secondary Teaching Award in the Innovative Teaching Award category.**

**"This recognition is a community achievement, celebrating the creativity and contributions of my students and colleagues in the Educational Technology and Design (ETAD) program at USask."**

[University of Saskatchewan](#)

**Learn more about Dr. MacDowell - <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../lieutenant-governors-post...>**

**GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN LAUNCHES INDEPENDENT REVIEW TO STRENGTHEN HOSPITAL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

*Safety Matters*



## **Enhancing Security for Patients, Visitors and Staff**

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*The safety of patients, visitors and staff at our health care facilities is a key priority for the Government of Saskatchewan.*

**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 facilities.

***“Patients, visitors, and staff must be safe in health care facilities in Saskatchewan,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “The safety enhancements underway starting this week at several facilities will help ensure that goal is met so that we can put patients first. The independent review will give us an assessment of security currently in place at facilities and help identify improvements to support safer environments where people are providing and receiving care.”***

[Government of Saskatchewan Launches Independent Review to Strengthen Hospital Safety and Security | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

#### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICE**



Parents, we know life is busy.

If you need to figure out child support payments—whether it's calculating a new child support amount or updating existing payments—we're here to make it simple and stress-free.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/45gumpz>

HIGHWAY HOTLINE APP

# New lingo. Same app.



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Travel not recommended



Partly covered



Closed



Covered

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Reduced visibility

*Saskatchewan*

**Heading out on the highway? The Highway Hotline uses colours to describe road conditions. For more details just hold the section of highway you want to travel.**

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/4jW7YI4>

AAFC SASKATOON RESEARCH CENTRE LEADS PROJECT



**We are partnering with [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#) to invest \$2.5 million through the [#SustainableCndAg](#) funded Strategic Research Initiative into a project led by AAFC's Saskatoon Research Centre.**

**The Centre will lead a multidisciplinary research team to develop solutions for herbicide-resistant weed management.**

**Learn more: <https://bit.ly/4qgLYKf>**

**A FEW "SNOW JOKES" FOR YOUR KIDS**

# SNOW JOKES

FUN JOKES FROM [TWOKIDSANDACOUPON.COM](http://TWOKIDSANDACOUPON.COM)

- **How does a snow globe stay in shape?** It does a lot of shaking!
- **What's the best time of year for a trampoline?** "Snow" time like the present!
- **What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?** An abdominal snowman!
- **What do you call a snowman who throws a tantrum?** A meltdown.
- **What kind of ball doesn't bounce?** A snow ball!
- **What falls in the winter, but doesn't get hurt?** Snow!
- **Knock, knock! Who's there?** Snow. Snow who?" This weather is snow joke!"
- **What's the best way to build a snow fort?** Igloo it together!
- **Why did the kid only wear one snow boot?** There was a 50% chance of snow in the forecast.
- **What was the snowman's favorite part of school?** Snow-and-tell.



GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN INVEST \$4.5 MILLION IN  
LIVESTOCK AND FORAGE RESEARCH



**Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Heath MacDonald and Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture David Marit announced \$4.5 million to support 25 new livestock and forage-related research projects in Saskatchewan through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).**

**Additionally, the ministers announced a renewed \$3.9 million, multi-year partnership with two world-class research organizations, the Prairie Swine Centre (PSC) and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO).**



**“Investments in agricultural research drive innovation across the sector and strengthen one of Canada’s most important economic engines,” MacDonald said. “These investments will help ensure producers can operate more efficiently and sustainably, today and into the future.”**

***“We are investing in research that will deliver innovation to livestock producers, helping them to adapt, stay competitive and thrive in an everchanging industry,” Marit said.***

[Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \\$4.5 Million in Livestock and Forage Research | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

#### **PLACES TO KEEP WARM - SEVERE COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS**



## Saskatoon Winter Emergency Response Plan

### WARMING LOCATIONS



For questions about the strategy,  
please email [emo.eoc@saskatoon.ca](mailto:emo.eoc@saskatoon.ca)

### PARTNERS

#### DAYTIME

- Canadian Mental Health Association  
1301 Avenue P North  
306-384-9333  
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm
- EGADZ  
485 1st Avenue North  
306-931-6644  
Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm  
Sat 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Youth (Ages 12-19)  
Closed for Statutory Holidays
- Sawéyihotân Youth Drop-In  
1420 20th Street West  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Youth (under 25)
- Station 20 West  
1120 20th Street West  
306-343-9378  
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm
- Persons Living with AIDS Network of Saskatchewan  
127C Avenue D North  
306-373-7766  
Mon-Fri 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Closed for Statutory Holidays
- Saskatoon Friendship Inn  
619 20th Street West  
306-242-5122  
Warm Up: 10:15am-11:30am  
Dine-In Meals: 8:00am-9:00am & 11:30am-1:00pm  
Take Away Meals: 8:00am-9:30am & 11:30am-1:30pm  
Open Daily
- Prairie Harm Reduction Drop-In  
1515 20th Street West  
306-242-5005  
Mon-Fri 10:00am-4:30pm
- Sawéyihotân Women's Warm Up  
325 Avenue C South  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Women (18+)
- The Bridge on 20th Fellowship Centre  
1008 20th Street West  
Mon-Fri 8:00am-11:30am & 12:00pm-2:00pm  
Closed for Statutory Holidays

#### EVENING

- EGADZ  
485 1st Avenue North  
306-931-6644  
Mon-Sat 5:00pm-9:00pm  
Youth (Ages 12-19)  
Closed for Statutory Holidays
- Sawéyihotân Youth Drop-In  
1420 20th Street West  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Youth (under 25)
- Sawéyihotân Women's Warm Up  
325 Avenue C South  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Women (18+)
- St. Mary's (Operated by Salvation Army)  
211 Avenue O South (Entrance on 20th Street)  
306-244-6280  
Every day 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Mon (18+)

#### OVERNIGHT

- Sawéyihotân Youth Drop-In  
1420 20th Street West  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Youth (under 25)
- Sawéyihotân Women's Warm Up  
325 Avenue C South  
306-956-6100  
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### SASKATOON TRANSIT

#### SAFE BUS



Saskatoon Transit offers the Safe Bus Program designed to assist anyone, of any age, that needs immediate shelter or needs to contact emergency services. If you need help, simply and safely flag down a bus or go to a parked bus. Transit operators can contact emergency services directly through the on-bus radio system and will give the person in need a safe place to wait.

January 21, 2026

Colder temperatures are expected this week and into the weekend. The [#YXE](#) Winter Emergency Response Plan will be activated at Level II from January 22-28. Please share the updated list of warm-up locations and keep an eye out for anyone who may need assistance.

For details on the Winter Emergency Response Plan, visit [saskatoon.ca/cold](http://saskatoon.ca/cold).



**Cold weather is uncomfortable and can be down right dangerous. When winter conditions go from cold to frigid, it's important to take some precautions so you stay safe. Here are some of our top cold weather safety tips to help keep you safe during cold weather:**

#### **Must-Read Severe Cold Weather Safety Tips**

1. **Minimize outside activities, particularly the elderly and very young. This also goes for pets.**
2. **Dress in layers. Wear several loose-fitting, lightweight clothing items instead of one heavy layer. Make sure the outer garments are tightly woven and water repellent. Invest in high-quality thermal underwear and layer it beneath a turtleneck. Top it off with a wool sweater and a long coat or fleece-lined parka. Consider wearing runners' tights underneath your pants for added warmth, which is even more effective than thermal underwear.**

3. **Wear the right gear.** Our bodies prioritize keeping our organs warm, so it's important to protect our hands and feet from the cold. Consider wearing wool-lined winter gloves or heavy mittens, along with sturdy and waterproof boots. Don't forget to wear a hat that covers your ears, and use a scarf to cover your face and mouth for extra protection for your lungs.
4. **Excessive exposure can lead to [frostbite](#), which is damaging to body tissues.** Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get out of the cold. Go to a warm room, soak in warm water. Do not massage or use a heating pad. Seek medical help.
5. **Do not leave [pets](#) outside during cold weather extremes.** They need adequate shelter. In sub-zero temperatures, their paws, noses and ears can succumb to frostbite—bring them inside. If you can't bring them in your home, house them in a garage or basement with plenty of warm bedding.
6. **Know the warning signs of [hypothermia](#):** uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If body temperature drops below 95 degrees, seek immediate medical care.
7. **Be safe with heat sources.** When using alternate heating sources, such as your fireplace, wood stove or space heater, take the necessary safety precautions to ensure they are ventilating properly. Keep a fire extinguisher handy, and make sure everyone in the household knows how to use it. Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you use a generator, be sure you know how to do so safely. Always use outdoors, at least 20 feet away from windows, doors, and attached garages. Use heavy-duty extension cords.
8. **Seal off unused rooms by stuffing rolled-up towels in the cracks under the doors.** At night, cover windows with extra blankets or sheets. Consider installing inexpensive insulating window film, which you can purchase at any hardware store.

9. **Save the food. If you [lose power](#) for an extended period of time, don't let food go to waste! Use the outdoors as a makeshift freezer for food. Be sure to cover items to protect from wildlife.**
10. **To keep [pipes](#) from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspapers, covering the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture. Allow a trickle of water to run from a faucet if your pipes have frozen in the past. This will keep the water moving so that it cannot freeze. Learn how to shut off your water if a pipe should burst.**
11. **Be a good neighbor. Check in with elderly or disabled relatives and neighbors to ensure they are safe.**

**THANK YOU FAMILY FUN SASKATOON FOR THIS GREAT LIST!**



**KIDS EAT FREE**

**Have you been wondering where exactly kids eat free in Saskatoon? Eating out as a family can be fun! No cooking, no mess to clean up, and Mom and Dad can order whatever they want! We have made a list of restaurants in town for you to check out. Including Fuddruckers!**

**For January, your child can eat free with the purchase of an adult meal! Find the list here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/kids-eat-free/>**

**FIRE SAFETY**

*Close Before You Doze*



**Keep fire out while you sleep.**

[saskpublicsafety.ca](http://saskpublicsafety.ca)

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### **Close Before You Doze**

**A room that once took 17 minutes to burn can now be engulfed in about 3 minutes!**

**One simple action can slow it down: close your doors before you go to sleep. A closed door can keep dangerous heat and smoke out - giving you precious extra time to escape.**

**Learn more and get practical safety tips: <https://closeyourdoor.org/>**

*Press. Beep. Stay Safe.*



## Test Your Smoke Alarm

**Monthly Reminder**

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### Monthly Smoke Alarm Reminder

If your smoke alarm could talk, it would say: “Test me, please.” A quick monthly check ensures the alarm is loud, the batteries are strong and your home is protected.

Take a moment to test today — future you will be glad you did.

**INNOVATION STARTS HERE**

## Research Highlight

### Digital Integration Centre of Excellence (DICE)

Saskatchewan Polytechnic



**Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Digital Integration Centre of Excellence (DICE) is Saskatchewan's first Technology Access Centre, helping students and industry turn ideas into reality.**

Through applied research, DICE is:

 Driving data integration and visualization

 Applying AI to solve real-world challenges

 Ensuring data security and protection

 Partnering with businesses to unlock new opportunities

**Learn more:** <https://saskpolytech.ca/.../applied-research-and.../dice/>

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WINTERRUPTION



Winterruption returns to the Bridge City January 21st-25th to celebrate 10 years of the festival with a flurry of music, dance, theatre, drag, and so much more!

With 23 shows spread across Saskatoon's Broadway, Downtown, and Riversdale districts, Winterruption is here to warm things up this winter.

Looking for family friendly frosty fun?! Winterruption Outdoor returns to the W.E. Graham Park (behind Ecole Victoria) and the Cosmo Hall on Jan. 24 & 25th from 11AM-5PM for two days of FREE family friendly fun!

### INDOOR PLAY



### INDOOR PLAY

If you're looking for a way to give your kids some fun AND burn off some energy, we've got a list of some indoor play areas in Saskatoon. There is no shortage of places to get active AND stay warm! Check out the Saskatoon Family Fun guide

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../indoor-play-areas-in.../>

## 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/>

## KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES



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Are you looking into Kindergarten for your children in 2026? The Kindergarten open houses start this week and continue into February. We've got a list of some to check out at schools across Saskatoon, Martensville and Warman. These are the schools you can visit this week: King George, W.P. Bate, Willowgrove, Colette Bourgonje, Queen Elizabeth, and Sutherland. You can find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../kindergarten-open.../>

## 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**



February 4, 2026

**SUSTAINABILITY  
AS A VALUE DRIVER:  
BUILDING RESILIENT  
OPERATIONS FOR  
LONG-TERM SUCCESS**

**ALISON JOUTSI, LL.B MBA**  
SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY &  
TRANSFORMATION DIRECTOR,  
PWC  
&  
**PRABH BANGA**  
VP OF SUSTAINABILITY,  
AECON GROUP INC



Location: Delta Hotels - Saskatoon  
Downtown - DaVinci Ballroom  
405 20th St E

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.nsbasask.com/.../sustainability-as-a-value.../>

#### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Rather than being overwhelmed about what the future looks like, focus on what you can do today to further create the life and future you want to live in.

— michelle marcos



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