

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

From a Provincial Point of View

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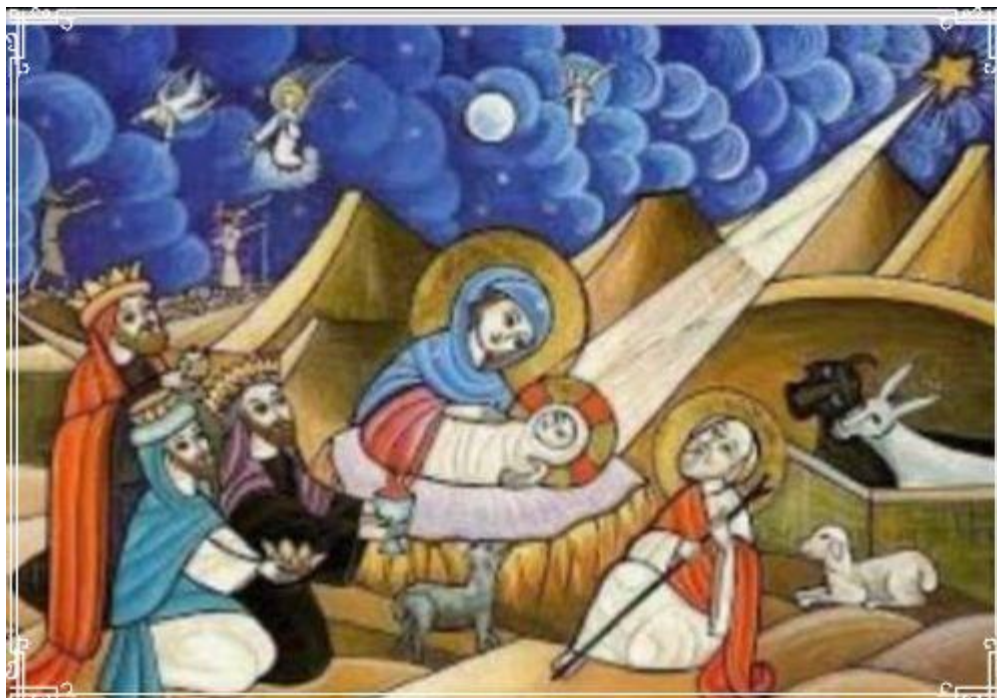


Wishing you all a **Happy New Year !**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING UKRAINIAN
CHRISTMAS THIS WEEKEND!**



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For those following the Julian Calendar, this is a very special week in many homes across our province.

This year especially, we think of all Ukrainian friends and pray for peace in their country. We welcome all Ukrainians that are now calling Saskatchewan home.

"Kristos Rodyvsya" - Ukrainian for "Christ is born!" ... words that have been echoed last evening and again today across dinner tables throughout Saskatchewan as many families get together to

celebrate Ukrainian Christmas. I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your rich heritage with family and friends!

**Щасливого Різдва і щасливого Нового року to everyone that will be celebrating
Ukrainian Christmas!**



CONGRATULATIONS TEAM CANADA!



A very exciting two weeks of fantastic competition ended with Team Canada winning Gold at the World Juniors! World Champions!



Congratulations to Connor Bedard who has been named World Juniors MVP and Team Canada 🇨🇦. A memorable and meaningful moment with Conner was a post-game comment after winning. "I don't want to talk about myself right now. We're not talking about me. We just won [one of] the biggest tournaments in the world. And man, I love this team; I love this country." What a humble young man. Truly a legend in the

making.

We are Canada and Saskatchewan Proud! Also playing for Team Canada were two Saskatchewan born players, Nolan Allan, Davidson and Kevin Korchinski, Saskatoon. Congratulations as well to Saskatchewan equipment manager Gord Cochran,



Both of these fine hockey players play for the Regina Pats Hockey Team. Stanislav Svozil, Pats defenceman played for Czechia. They had phenomenal games throughout the tournament. Congratulations to the great team of Czechia 🇨🇪 on winning Silver.

It was a tremendous tournament and I congratulate all players, coaching staff, volunteers, and everyone involved!

CARRY THIS WITH YOU INTO 2023

- DO THE THINGS YOU LOVE MORE OFTEN
- LET GO OF PEOPLE OR SITUATIONS THAT DRAIN YOU
- SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO GET UNCOMFORTABLE, TO GET COMFORTABLE.
- WHEREVER YOUR ATTENTION GOES, YOUR ENERGY FLOWS.
- IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MINDSET YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



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As the new year begins, Saskatchewan's economy continues to lead the nation. Despite global economic uncertainty, private companies continue to invest their dollars in Saskatchewan industries. Significant investments in energy, forestry, technology and agriculture will create jobs and opportunities in Saskatchewan throughout the new year and into the future.

BHP is accelerating the timeline on its \$12 billion Jansen potash mine, the largest single investment in Saskatchewan history. This investment brings total capital investment in the province's potash industry to \$30 billion since 2007. The mine is expected to be operational in 2027 and will provide over 600 direct jobs at the mine site and at the corporate office in Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan's mining industry also has the unique opportunity to position itself as a leader in lithium production. Global lithium demand is expected to grow significantly in the next decade as it is used in portable electronic devices and electric vehicles. Prairie Lithium and Grounded Lithium have both invested in drilling for lithium in the province. As drilling continues in the province, Saskatchewan can expect growth in the technology, mining and energy sectors as well as job creation.

Investments by several agricultural companies have helped Saskatchewan maintain and grow its agricultural advantage. Federated Cooperatives Limited is moving forward with its Integrated Agriculture Complex, including a renewable diesel facility and canola crushing plant in partnership with AGT Foods. The renewable diesel plant, which will be the largest of its kind in Canada, represents nearly \$2 billion in capital investment, plus 2,500 construction jobs and 150 operating jobs. The entire project will have estimated economic benefits of \$4.5 billion.

Cargill's \$350 million canola processing facility in Regina broke ground in July and will be operational by 2024. This investment alone will generate approximately one million hours of employment throughout construction and create 50 full-time positions upon completion. The Viterra canola crushing plant will also be operational by 2024, creating another 1,000 construction jobs and 100 permanent positions.

Finally, as part of the Growth Plan goal to double the growth of the province's forestry sector, Government announced timber allocations to support four major forestry projects. Pivot Furniture, a Saskatchewan-based company, was awarded a timber allocation of 101,000 cubic metres. Between 2021 and 2024 the forestry industry is expected to attract \$1 billion in capital investment and create 3,100 jobs. The sector already supports over 8,000 jobs in the province.

The confidence of private investors demonstrates the momentum in our economy as we look to the year ahead. Economic forecasters predict resilience and prosperity for the province in 2023. The future is bright and it's a great time to live, work and raise your family in Saskatchewan.

SERIOUS INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (SIRT) OPERATIONAL IN SASKATCHEWAN



On January 1, *The Police (Serious Incident Response Team) Amendment Act, 2021* came into force, which formally establishes a serious incident response team (SIRT) in Saskatchewan.

"These changes will allow the SIRT to engage in any serious incident involving police, from initiating a full investigation to reviewing, overseeing, assisting or delegating one," Minister of Justice and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "The Act coming into force completes the transition to a civilian-led, independent police oversight body and brings Saskatchewan's police oversight regime into line with most other Canadian jurisdictions."

Acting under the Civilian Executive Director, SIRT members will investigate matters where serious injury or death may have occurred while in the custody of police, as a result of the actions of a police officer, or where sexual assault or interpersonal violence involving police are alleged. Other investigations may also be conducted where the Executive Director believes they are in the public interest. SIRT can also assume conduct of an ongoing investigation at any stage.

"The people of Saskatchewan rightly hold their police officers to a high standard," Public Complaints Commission Executive Director Greg Gudelot said. "A fully-operational SIRT ensures that serious incidents involving Saskatchewan police will be investigated through an independent and transparent process designed to ensure a fair and high-quality investigation for all those involved."

SIRT investigations will apply to municipal police officers and RCMP operating in Saskatchewan, as well as certain prescribed classes of special constables, such as Highway Traffic Patrol and Conservation officers.

The legislation also requires SIRT to include Indigenous representation by appointing a First Nations or Métis community liaison officer in matters where the individual involved is of First Nations or Métis ancestry. Appointed liaisons can provide assistance to the Executive Director in a variety of forms throughout the investigation. The Executive Director has the discretion to appoint a community liaison in all other matters.

Summaries of SIRT investigations will be published online to ensure transparency in the investigation process and provide the public with informative results.

For more information, please visit SIRT online at: [Saskatchewan Serious Incident Response Team \(SIRT\) | Saskatchewan Boards, Commissions and Agencies | Government of Saskatchewan](#) and follow SIRT on Twitter @SIRT_SK

KEEPING QUINN STEVENSON'S LEGACY ALIVE



EACCA Facebook - Who knew a news story about an ODR could make your heart feel so fuzzy!

Please take a few minutes to listen to this incredible story from Saskatoon CTV News
- [Keeping Quinn's legacy alive | CTV News](#)

BHP TO START RECRUITING HUNDREDS TO OPERATE WORLD'S LARGEST POTASH MINE IN SASKATCHEWAN



Story credit Financial Post

Premier Scott Moe, "With a plan to hire a local workforce of 600 people this year, BHP's \$7.5 billion potash

mine takes another step towards their 2026 production target.

Saskatchewan's economy continues to move full steam ahead in 2023 with more jobs being created and more opportunities for people to live, work and raise a family in our great province.

That's growth that works for everyone."

Read the Financial Post Story [here.](#)

FIND OUT WHERE TO DISPOSE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



Not sure what to do with your Christmas tree?

Our friends at @saskwastereduction.ca can help.

<https://www.saskwastereduction.ca/.../what-do-i-do-with...>

Saskatoon [Christmas Tree Compost Drop-off](#) — Dec 26 - Jan 31, 2023

- Live (natural) trees only. Artificial trees should be sold, donated, or disposed of at the Landfill. Trees should be unwrapped and unbound. Remove all decorations, ornaments, and plastic bags before dropping off your tree. Even small bits of tinsel or plastic can impact the quality of the wood chips. The City will not pick up trees from back lanes, street fronts, or garbage and recycling carts.

STRONG GROWTH FOR SASKATCHEWAN'S MERCHANDISE EXPORTS



Saskatchewan's economy remains one of the strongest in the nation, with November 2022 merchandise exports seeing a 44.5 per cent increase compared to November 2021. This is the second highest increase among provinces. Total merchandise exports for November 2022 were valued at more than \$5 billion.

"We have a secure and stable supply chain in Saskatchewan, providing the food, fuel, fertilizer and critical minerals that a growing world needs," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government remains committed to supporting and expanding our export sectors in order to create jobs, generate wealth and attract investment to our province."

[Strong Growth for Saskatchewan's Merchandise Exports | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CHECK OUT ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK & WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S WINTER PROGRAMS!



Winter Programming 2023 Registration is now open! Registration closes January 8th at 8pm!

Classes can fill up quickly so if you know which class(es) you want, don't delay! If program shows as full, and you'd like to join the waitlist, please email EACCAindoorprograms@outlook.com. Please note: only waitlist registrants that successfully secure a spot will be contacted. We often adjust our class sizes each season based on how many we had the season before. This means probability of getting a spot from a waitlist is less each season so sign up early!

Visit www.erindalearborcreek.org now to sign up!

See our Facebook page for more sneak peeks. [\(6\) EACCA - Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association | Facebook](#)

Open Registration

WUHCA.CA



2023 Programs

GO TO LINK GIVEN
<http://wuhca.ca/registration/>

MORE INFORMATION
<http://wuhca.ca/registration/>

APPLY NOW



WUHCA - Willowgrove University Heights Community Association has also opened their registration for programs. Registration is open until January 8.

Please check: WUHCA-Willowgrove University Heights Community Association
<http://wuhca.ca/> or email contact@wuhca.ca

**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PRIORITY HEALTH SCIENCES
PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OUR PROVINCE**



If you are a Saskatchewan student interested in the health sciences programs, check this out

Applications are now open for priority health sciences programs outside our province.

Saskatchewan reserves health training seats for students in programs not available in the province. Students enrolled in these programs may be eligible for [Government of Saskatchewan](#) financial support to help fund their education, such as Saskatchewan student loans and grants.

Learn more about the health science programs outside

Saskatchewan: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../health-education-and-.../...>

APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY RINK AFFORDABILITY GRANT PROGRAM STILL OPEN



The application period for the Community Rink Affordability Grant Program is still open.

The province will be investing \$1.7 million in community-owned indoor skating and curling rinks, which are important hubs for many villages, towns, cities, and First Nations across Saskatchewan.

To learn more or register, please visit the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association's website at <https://bit.ly/3UPE61U>.

Applications can be submitted until January 16, 2023.

**DO YOU KNOW A STUDENT WHO CAN TELL THE EXCITING
STORY OF AGRICULTURE?**



Do you know a student who can tell the exciting story of agriculture?

Encourage them to apply for the Agriculture Student Scholarship today. Deadline is March 1, 2023: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../agriculture-student...>

WINTER IN THE CITY



Bundle up and experience Saskatchewan's cities in the snowy season. With countless outdoor skating rinks, cross-country ski trails and opportunities for downhill skiing and snowboarding, the province's urban centres have all you need to warm up to winter.

Lace up some skates and take to the ice at the [Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @ Nutrien Plaza](#), located in Kiwanis Park next to the historic [Delta Hotels by Marriott Bessborough](#). The outdoor skating rink has a cosy warm-up shelter, fire pit, washrooms and skates available to borrow.

[Optimist Hill](#), Saskatoon's premier winter recreation facility, has tubing lanes and areas for tobogganing, downhill skiing and snowboarding. There is also a terrain park with rails, boxes and jumps, and a magic carpet conveyor to carry people to the top of the hill.

The [Meewasin Valley](#) trails become a winter wonderland once the snow flies. Pull out your cross-country skis or snowshoes and explore the city in all seasons. Glide along the groomed trails at Holiday Park and Wildwood golf courses, or venture outside of city limits to [Wanuskewin Heritage Park](#), [Beaver Creek Conservation Area](#) or [Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino](#). Other guided winter experiences at the resort include horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowshoe adventures, bird tours and ice fishing.

Check out this blog from [Tourism Saskatchewan](#) on what to do this winter in Saskatoon!

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING IN SASKATOON

New Blog!

Cross-country Skiing in Saskatoon: A First-timer's Guide

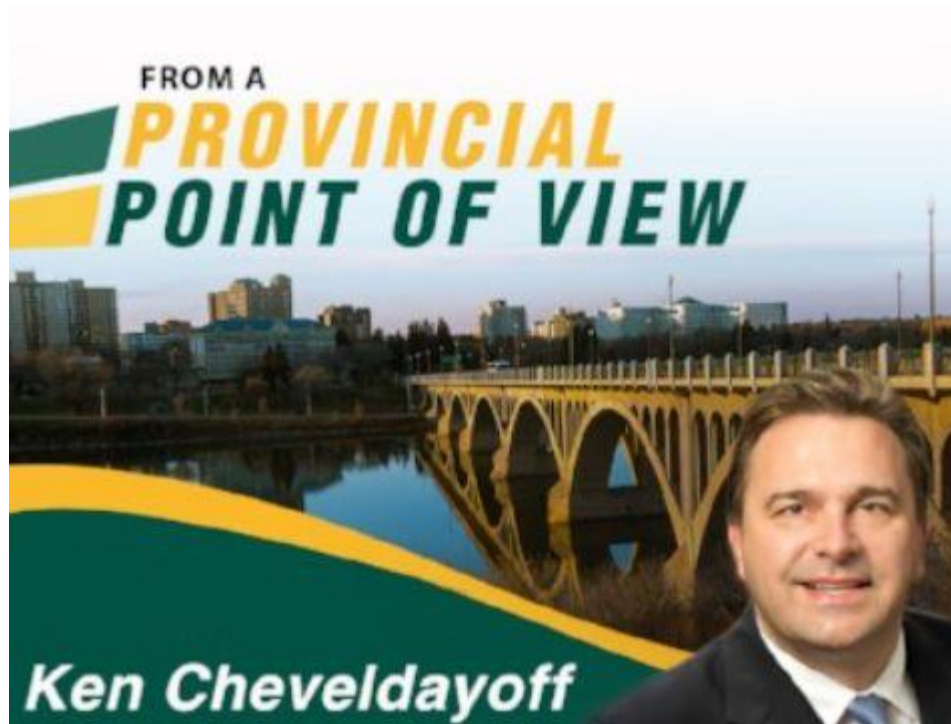
Written by: Andy Goodson



Have you ever gone cross-country skiing? If not, here is a helpful guide on all you need to know when it comes to skiing in Saskatoon this winter

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../cross-country.../>

KEEP IN TOUCH



I appreciate any 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.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

7 Quick Happiness Tips

1. Don't listen to gossip.
2. Ignore what people say about you.
3. Design your own life.
4. Look for the good in every situation.
5. Develop an attitude of gratitude.
6. Laugh more.
7. Once it's past, let it go.

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