

SUMMERTIME IN SASKATCHEWAN

Summertime fun is officially underway as we celebrated Canada Day to kick off the month. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces celebrating together again.

As we take advantage of the nicer weather, our government is working hard to meet with as many of you as possible to gather ideas and information. We continue to work on completing the 30 goals in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan and would like to get as much feedback as possible.

After a challenging growing season in 2021, there are opportunities for the agriculture sector in 2022. Conditions vary across the province, but there is optimism in the ag community. The world is looking to Saskatchewan for the food, fuel and fertilizer we produce.

Knowing our products are in high demand, Saskatchewan's Growth Plan looks to increase the value of our exports by 50 per cent by 2030. We will support initiatives that will expand agri-food exports to \$20 billion, support the increase of crop production to 45 million metric tonnes and increase livestock cash receipts to \$3 billion.

Already, we have witnessed increased investment in the canola crush market, in line with our goal to crush 75 per cent of the canola that Saskatchewan produces. We are also working to see half of all pulse crops grown in the province, processed right here. This will help create more jobs in our communities, supporting families with good-paying jobs.

For this growth to be sustainable, supportive efforts are in place for water control and irrigation. The Water Security Agency (WSA) recently announced funding to prevent flooding and erosion problems that result in costly damage. Local governments, including rural municipalities, Conservation and Development Area Authorities and Watershed Associations can apply for funding that is available, up to \$1 million.

WSA has expanded eligibility to include maintenance for constructed drainage projects, where previously, only natural watercourses qualified for funding. The funding is vital to support responsible agriculture water management. The deadline to apply is January 31st, 2023, with details available at www.wsak.ca. Irrigation infrastructure is also receiving a boost in funding this year. The Ministry of Agriculture has announced an additional \$2.5 million to help producers finance new projects. By supporting producers in developing irrigable acres, we are creating sustainability that will generate new opportunities. Producers can access up to \$500,000 under the Irrigation Development Program. The funding supports irrigation infrastructure, such as pumps and pipelines, to create a secure water supply to the edge of irrigable parcels of land.

After much concern this spring from users, new reports from the WSA indicate that lake levels have risen substantially in Lake Diefenbaker, surpassing 2021 levels. A late mountain thaw delayed runoff for Saskatchewan, a warmer spring resulted in more evaporation around the lake, plus a lack of precipitation for the area impacted water levels. Runoff from Alberta has now started to arrive in the region, allowing the Riverhurst Ferry to resume operations. Low levels had delayed the ferry's start to the season but is now available for travellers and producers looking to make it across the river.

With the increase in water activities across the province, the Ministry of Environment is reminding boating enthusiasts to help protect our waterways from aquatic invasive species (AIS). These plants, fish and invertebrates can damage habitats and fisheries, as well as power generation and water infrastructure. Once established, AIS can be impossible to eliminate and cost millions of dollars to manage each year.

One of the easiest and unintentional ways of spreading an AIS is by boat, canoe or other watercraft. As part of its program, the Ministry of Environment is out conducting roadside inspections and monitoring water bodies in the province. Public education is also a focus, including the Clean, Drain, Dry Program for watercraft and related equipment. Boat owners must stop at ministry inspection stations and are required to remove the drain plugs from their watercraft during transportation. You can learn more about helping

keep our waters clean by visiting Saskatchewan.ca/invasive-species.

We would like to hear from you. Conversations during the summer months help to inform us on the programs and services that meet your needs. Reach out to your local Saskatchewan Party MLA office with any concerns or ideas you would like to share. Our offices can also help with issues that you might be experiencing while trying to access our services.

CELEBRATE SASKATCHEWAN PARKS WEEK JULY 10 - 16



The Government of Saskatchewan has officially designated July 10 to 16 as Parks Week, in conjunction with Canada's Parks Day on July 16.

"Parks Week is currently underway with a series of fun programs and live performances offered throughout the week in a number of provincial parks," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Parks Week is a great lead up to Canada's Parks Day on July 16, an annual initiative led by the Canadian Parks Council to connect people to nature through fun, educational, family-oriented events and programs all across the country."

This year's Parks Week and Canada's Parks Day will feature a series of themed programs in a number of provincial parks, with activities such as treasure hunts, guided hikes, crafts, painting and more. Times and dates for guided programs and events can be found by searching "Events & Tickets" by each park at http://parks.saskatchewan.ca.

Celebrate Saskatchewan Parks Week July 10 to 16 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

MORE PEOPLE WORKING IN SASKATCHEWAN THAN EVER BEFORE



Unemployment rate drops to 3.9 per cent and 22,300 jobs gained year-over-year

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SURGICAL ROBOT WILL PROVIDE BETTER, MORE TIMELY CARE TO RESIDENTS



Pictured (Ir): Patrick Belsher, Merlis Belsher, SPH Foundation CEO Lecina Hicke, and Dr. Ivar Mendez.

Bringing a surgical robot to Saskatchewan will not only provide better, more timely care to residents, it will also help recruit and retain doctors. In fact, even though the robot's first surgery isn't expected until this fall, Provincial Head of Surgery Dr. Ivar Mendez says it has already attracted new talent to the province. "New technology like this is crucial to retain and recruit people at the top of their game," Dr. Mendez says. "They don't go to places where they don't have the tools to do their job." You can help bring the province's first surgical robot to the Hospital! Donate at: bit.ly/SurgicalRobotSupport

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SAND CRITTER CONTEST!



Join in on the SZS Sand Critter Contest by building your own sand sculpture animal! Get outside and have some summer fun!

You can build it big or small, add decorations or colour, just make sure it is an animal for the contest! So, get your shovels and buckets and get building! On the beach or in the sandbox - it's up to you. Remember to stay safe around water!

To enter, share or send us a photo of your Snow Critter before 4:00 pm on August 31.

You can share on social using <u>#SZSSandCritter</u> or email to info@saskatoonzoosociety.ca.

Tell them why you chose that animal too! They will showcase critters on their social media, and one winner will win a SZS Prize Package!

CROWN SECTOR COMMITTED TO SASKATCHEWAN GROWTH IN 2021-22



In the face of continuing challenges in 2021-22 such as volatile markets, supply chain disruption and record inflation, the province's Crown sector provided safe, reliable services and effective public programs supporting Saskatchewan's high quality of life.

"The Crown sector continued to deliver value to Saskatchewan people and communities through programs and services," Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) Minister Don Morgan said. "With a

renewed focus on public policy programs such as SaskTel's rural wireless program, SaskPower's Community Rink Program and SaskEnergy's Residential Equipment Replacement Rebate, Crown corporations are an integral part of Saskatchewan's growth and success."

<u>Crown Sector Committed to Saskatchewan Growth in 2021-22 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

DID YOU KNOW?



In last week's newsletter, you read about the flight arriving from Poland. July 7, volunteers from the provincial public service and airport personnel loaded food, sleeping bags, water purification tablets and firefighter equipment onto the plane that brought over 230 Ukrainian Citizens to Saskatchewan.



The plane returned to Poland to deliver these supplies to the Ukrainian embassy where they will be distributed to those who need it most.

BE WATER CONSCIOUS - WATCH FOR BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



Summer heat can cause patches of harmful blue-green algae to appear in our province's lakes and reservoirs. The Water Security Agency and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health are advising the public to avoid direct contact, intended or unintended consumption of any surface water where blue-green algae blooms are occurring. Pet owners and livestock producers are also advised to keep their animals away from suspected blooms.

Potentially harmful algae blooms are heavy concentrations of blue-green algae that often give the water a shimmering, foamy and pea soup like appearance. The blooms may be blue-green, bright blue, grey or tan in colour. Warm temperatures can result in the quick formation of algal blooms.

<u>Be Water Safety Conscious - Watch for Blue-Green Algae | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

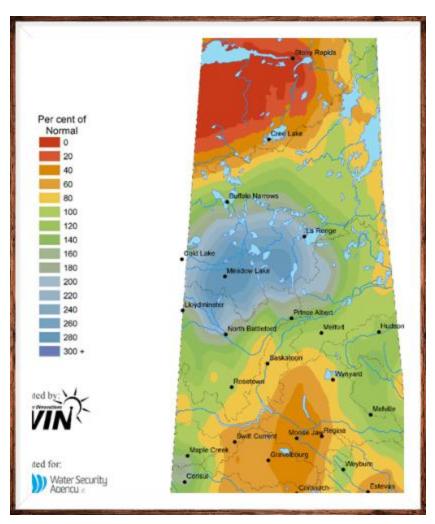


CANADA'S PREMIERS MEET

Premier Scott Moe joined Premiers across Canada to have a productive sit down with the National Indigenous Organization.

Premier Scott Moe, "Thank you for a day full of collaborative discussions and thoughtful insight."

SASKATCHEWAN'S WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED ENTERING THE SUMMER MONTHS



The Water Security Agency has prepared the Water Supply Conditions and Outlook report for July. While rainfall varied across the province in June, lake and reservoir levels across most of Saskatchewan are near normal and surface water supplies have improved over the past month.

Check your area here: Saskatchewan's Water Supply Conditions Have Improved Entering the Summer Months | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

TAKE PRECAUTIONS THIS SUMMER



With the temperatures heating up this week, take care while enjoying the sun. Heatstroke can be dangerous.

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3ar927C

GOLD TRADEFX IS NOT REGISTERED





fcaa.gov.sk.ca

If an online platform is not registered, they are not a safe choice: it's as simple as that. Always check if an entity is registered with the FCAA, and ask your financial adviser to evaluate every investment opportunity you are considering.

For more information: https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/ or Investor Alert: Gold Tradefx Is Not Registered News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SASKATOON EXTREME HEAT RESPONSE PLAN



In response to the high temperatures this week, the Emergency Management Organization (EMO) has activated the Response Plan to support residents in Saskatoon, especially those vulnerable to the heat.

The Saskatoon Extreme Heat Response Plan will continue to have a coordinated response to ensure cooling locations, wellness checks and water bottle distribution for residents experiencing homelessness. Additional partners have joined, and are still being sought, for the Extreme Heat Response Plan this year.

These additional partners will work together to coordinate activities to support Saskatoon residents who are older adults, living in private residences and may be at increased risk during the extreme heat events.



Extreme Heat Response is not the sole responsibility of any one organization. It takes a whole community to ensure the safety of those vulnerable to extreme heat. Saskatoon EMO works with many partners in the Extreme Heat Response Plan. These include the Saskatchewan Heath Authority, the Saskatoon Housing Initiative Partnership, Environment and Climate Change Canada and many others.

If your organization is interested in becoming a partner of the Saskatoon Extreme Heat Response Plan, please contact emo.eoc@saskatoon.ca.

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Thank you.

I appreciate the many opportunities I have to make a positive difference in my 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.

CHECK OUT ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



<u>Province Provides Nearly \$62 Million in Gaming Payments to Support Indigenous Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

<u>Statement Following the 2022 Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Crop Report for the Period of June 28 to July 4, 2022 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Investor Alert: Gold Tradefx Is Not Registered | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Mistawasis Nêhiyawak, Canada and Saskatchewan Take A Step Toward Reconciliation With Treaty Land
Entitlement Claim Settlement Agreement | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SaskTel Reports Net Income of \$104.4 Million | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Hay And Ditch Mowing Gets Into Full Swing | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN



You still have time to attend Taste of Saskatchewan being held at Kiwanis Memorial Park from 11 am to 10:30 pm each day until July 17.

Taste of Saskatchewan, a Saskatoon summer staple for 26 years, lets you fill up on all the flavors of the city, from classic favourites to international cuisine to chef-inspired creations.

Admission to Taste of Saskatchewan is free. You buy portions from any of the many restaurant vendors. Every vendor offers two or three items that are \$2.50, \$5.00, and \$7.50 (same prices as in past years), which gives you the perfect way to enjoy items from many different Saskatoon restaurants.

Information: <u>HTTPS://www.tasteofsaskatchewan.ca/</u>

SAVE THE DATE!



Miracle Treat Day is just around the corner! Come into DQ on August 11th to help us raise money for Children's Miracle Network hospitals near you! http://childrensmiraclenetwork.ca.

Beat the heat with a Miracle Treat on Thursday, August 11 at all <u>Dairy Queen</u> locations in Saskatchewan!

When you purchase a BLIZZARD® Treat on Miracle Treat Day, net proceeds will be donated to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, helping Saskatchewan children, families, and moms-to-be receive the specialized care they need!

Cool off and help Saskatchewan kids when you pre-order BLIZZARD® Treats or DQ gift cards today: https://pattisonchildrens.ca/community.../miracle-treat-day/

LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD AN UPCOMING EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN OUR NEWSLETTER



ERINDALE SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM

When: July 4 - August 25



FAMILY STORYTIME - SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY WILL BE GUESTS

When: Wednesdays now - August 10 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Saskatoon Zoo Society will be there with some of their animal friends!



SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY - INVESTIGATION STATIONS

When: every Wednesday to Sunday in July & August

10 am - 3 pm

Where: Lion's Event Pavilion in the Zoo

Free with zoo admission

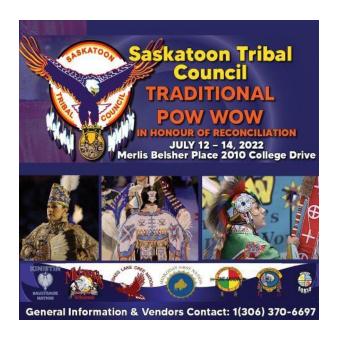


SASKATOON TRIBLA COUNCIL TRADITIONAL POW WOW

When: July 12 - 14

Where: Merlis Belsher Place - 2010 College Drive

Information: 1.306.370.6697



DIY FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT - COLOURFUL CREATIONS

When: Friday, July 22

Where: Wonderhub's Performance Hall



SASKATOON EXHIBITION

When: August 9 - 14 Information: www.SaskatoonEX.com.



9TH ANNUAL QUINN STEVENSON ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Friday, August 19

Where: Moon Lake Golf and Country Club



UKRAINIAN DAY IN THE PARK

When: August 27 Details to follow



CARE FOR KIDS - A COMEDY CABARET

When: September 24
Where: Prairieland Park

Information: Care For Kids | Saskatoon Events | Fundraiser Saskatoon

(careforkidsbywiegers.ca)



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

5 Things To Remind Yourself Daily:

- 1) I am lovble, just as I am.
 - 2) I am good enough.
 - 3) I can do it.
 - 4) Positivity is a choice.
 - 5) I am grateful for every single day of my life.

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