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PLEASE JOIN ME - THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH!

You are Invited!

Tomorrow!

Join your **Willowgrove**
MLA Ken Cheveldayoff
for **Ice Cream &**
Family Fun in the Park!



★ **Free Ice Cream & Pop** ★

Hope to see you there!



Thursday,
June 25, 2026



5:30pm-8pm



Willowgrove
Park



For more information, call **306-227-4200**

Over the past number of years, I have had the privilege of serving constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove.

As I make my way through this great community, I see the kindness and passion of the people I serve.

It would be wonderful to meet you and your family while you enjoy an ice cream, a refreshment and some entertainment on Thursday, June 15 at Willowgrove Park.



I look forward to having the opportunity to connect with you.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANOTHER EVENTFUL WEEK IN SASKATOON

DAKOTA DUNES 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



It was an honour to join community leaders, partners, and supporters at Dakota Dunes Resort to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Thank you to Elder Peter Nippi for opening the evening in a good way, and to Chief Darcy Bear, Whitecap Dakota First Nation, and all the leaders whose vision and dedication have made this milestone possible.

For 20 years, the Dakota Dunes CDC has transformed opportunity into impact, investing approximately \$115 million into communities through economic, cultural, educational, and social initiatives. Across Saskatchewan, gaming revenues have helped deliver more than \$415 million in community development funding since 2002.

This anniversary is a testament to the power of leadership, partnership, and a shared vision for the future.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to this incredible success story. The momentum you've built over the past two decades is inspiring, and I look forward to seeing what comes next.

SASKDLC AND SASK POLYTECHNIC SIGN MOU



I was pleased to witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre and Saskatchewan Polytechnic—an important step toward creating stronger pathways from high school to post-secondary education.

This partnership will help students across Saskatchewan, especially those in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities, transition more smoothly into post-secondary programs through dual credit opportunities, course recognition, and hands-on learning experiences at Sask Polytechnic campuses.

By connecting students with clear career pathways, practical skills, and employment opportunities in key sectors, this collaboration supports both student success and Saskatchewan’s workforce needs.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this partnership possible, including Education Minister Everett Hindley, Darren, and Dr. Rosia. Together, we are helping students access the education and training they need to build successful futures and contribute to our province’s continued growth and prosperity.

Note: see full news release in this newsletter

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC CONVOCATION IN SASKATOON



On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and my colleagues in the Government of Saskatchewan, it was an honour to celebrate this important milestone in Saskatoon with students whose hard work, determination and perseverance have led them to this achievement.

Congratulations to all the graduates of Saskatchewan Polytechnic!



Graduates and those that convocated from Regina, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw are entering careers in agriculture, energy, business, technology, health care and many other fields that help build and strengthen communities across our province.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic continues to play a vital role in preparing

students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a growing economy.

Our government is committed to supporting graduates as they take their next steps through programs such as the Graduate Retention Program, rural and remote health-care recruitment incentives, and student loan forgiveness opportunities for eligible nursing graduates.

We are also proud to invest more than \$850 million in post-secondary students and institutions this year, ensuring Saskatchewan continues to offer accessible, high-quality education and training.

Congratulations to all graduates, and thank you to the instructors, faculty, staff, family and friends who supported them along the way. Your future is bright, and Saskatchewan's future is brighter because of you.

DOWNTOWN YXE AGM



Happy to attend the Downtown YXE AGM and Town Hall Monday. Thanks to Shawna Nelson, Executive Director for the invitation to join them. It was great

to see such a strong turnout and hear the thoughtful questions and discussions from attendees.

EGNATOFF PLAYGROUND PROJECT FUNDRAISER

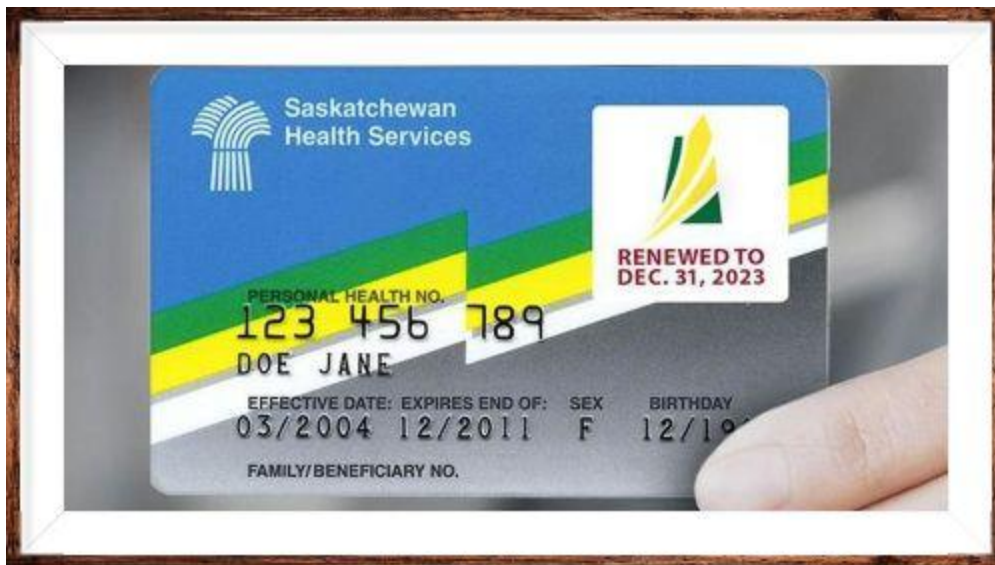


It was great to attend the Egnatoff Fundraising Burger Sale last Saturday. This fantastic group of volunteers is working hard to raise funds for the community playground.

I'm so proud to represent these constituents as their MLA and to see such strong support and volunteer spirit on display.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success! And, the burgers were excellent!

HEALTH CARD RENEWAL STICKERS COMING THIS FALL, IS YOUR ADDRESS UP TO DATE?



With health cards set to expire at the end of 2026, eHealth is reminding Saskatchewan residents to make sure their address and family information on file is up-to-date to ensure they receive their new health card stickers this fall.

2026 is a health card renewal year and preparations are underway. eHealth will begin mailing out renewal stickers to anyone currently eligible for Saskatchewan health coverage starting mid-September.

If your address or other personal information has changed, Health Registries needs to know. It is easy to provide updates online at ehealthsask.ca. Let eHealth know if you have had any changes in the last three years, such as:

- **new address**
- **changes in your family (e.g. marriage, divorce, addition or removal of dependents)**

If you have moved and already used [Express Address](#) and chose to update your health card, no action is required.

Renewal stickers will extend your current health card and service coverage until Dec. 31, 2029; put them on your card as soon as they arrive. If your health card expires, you could be billed for medical services.

DID YOU KNOW?

Urban Housing Starts **Up 50.4%**

From May 2025 to May 2026, ranking
Saskatchewan 2nd among the provinces.



As we continue to diversify our export markets and support local businesses, we have more investment in our province, including housing. This means more opportunities for all those who live, work and play here.

**SASK DLC PARTNERS WITH SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC TO STRENGTHEN
CAREER PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS**



The Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) Everett Hindley, Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff and Saskatchewan Polytechnic President Dr. Larry Rosia joined with representatives and the community to celebrate the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) focused on strengthening opportunities for Saskatchewan students to explore career pathways.

This new five-year agreement formalizes the longstanding collaboration between the two organizations to provide students with enhanced access to a wide variety of flexible learning opportunities that support their educational and career goals. Aligning pathways from middle years and high school to post-secondary education will support skilled workforce development initiatives across the province.

"Providing Saskatchewan students with strong connections between education and career opportunities is an important part of Sask DLC's mission," Minister Responsible for Sask DLC Everett Hindley said. "This partnership with Saskatchewan Polytechnic will help to open doors for

students as they prepare to make decisions about future careers and contribute to Saskatchewan's growing economy."

Over the past three years, the organizations have partnered to offer one-day, on-campus learning camps in programs such as autobody, mechanics, agriculture technician, parts technician and tourism. The MOU will support the exploration of opportunities to expand these student experiences to include health care, building trades, welding and other high-demand areas.

"Our government is committed to supporting students as they transition from high school to post-secondary education," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "This partnership will create clearer pathways to post-secondary education and employment for students, helping to secure a more prosperous future for them and our province."

The partnership aligns with Sask DLC's Kindergarten-to-Career strategy, connecting K-12 learning to post-secondary and workforce outcomes across Saskatchewan's key sectors, as well as aligning with Saskatchewan Polytechnic's [Leading the Rise 2026-2030](#) strategic plan objectives to advance student success.

"Strengthening pathways between secondary and post-secondary education is essential to helping students make confident, informed decisions about their futures," Saskatchewan Polytechnic President and CEO Dr. Larry Rosia said. "Our partnership with Sask DLC builds on our shared commitment to flexible, hands-on learning opportunities that connect students to high-demand careers and support the province's evolving workforce needs."

Through the new MOU, both parties will work together to identify potential opportunities for mutual program development and alignment that advance provincial workforce development goals, particularly in sectors experiencing labour shortages.



As another school year comes to a close, I send my best wishes to everyone for a safe, happy, and restorative summer.

For students and families across Saskatchewan, this is a special time to slow down, celebrate achievements, and enjoy everything the season has to offer. From long evenings at the lake to quiet moments in the backyard, from road trips through rolling prairie landscapes to exploring local parks and hidden gems close to home, there is so much to see and experience in our beautiful province.

Saskatchewan offers countless ways to make lasting summer memories. Whether you're spending time in your community, visiting friends and family, or discovering new places across the province, we hope your days are filled with sunshine, laughter, and connection.

Wishing all students, families, educators, and staff a safe and joyful summer ahead.

SASKATCHEWAN'S CROWN SECTOR DELIVERS AFFORDABILITY, VALUE AND INVESTMENT IN 2025-26



[Saskatchewan's Crown Sector Delivers Affordability, Value and Investment in 2025-26 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SaskEnergy 2025-26 Annual Report Highlights Investments Supporting Customers and Growth in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SaskPower Releases 2025-26 Annual Report | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Built for Saskatchewan: SaskTel Reports Net Income of \\$104.7 Million in 2025-26 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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[SGI Takes Disciplined Approach to Protect Saskatchewan Auto Fund in 2025-26 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Another Strong Year for Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S CROWN CORPORATIONS RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEES



Minister Jeremy Harrison was joined by Crown sector leadership and staff to highlight just a few of the achievements that employees in the Crown sector contributed to throughout the past year.

"There is more to our Crown sector than just critical infrastructure like power poles and pipelines, there is also people who make incredibly meaningful impacts every single day," Harrison said. "With more than 11,000 employees employed in our commercial Crown sector, there is no shortage of inspiring work."

Emergency Preparedness and Response

In 2025-26, Crown employees played a vital role in preparing for and responding to Saskatchewan's wildfire season. These efforts demonstrate the strength of Saskatchewan's Crown sector organizations working together to deliver reliable services and step up when communities need support most.

SGI

SGI employees went beyond their traditional roles, serving as key local contacts, attending community meetings, coordinating response efforts and responding quickly to emerging concerns. Teams worked alongside insurers, local governments and community partners to support residents on the path to recovery, including coordinating hazardous debris removal and providing in-person claims support in affected communities. In many instances, SGI was the only insurer on the ground in our local communities.

SaskWater

SaskWater employees ensured essential water services continued under extraordinary conditions. Operators remained on-site to maintain water systems supporting residents, neighbouring communities and frontline firefighting efforts. Their work also included protecting critical infrastructure, ensuring reliable access to water when it was needed most.

SaskPower

Jodi Suski, Distribution Powerline Supervisor for SaskPower's Creighton Operating District, has been named a recipient of Electricity Canada's *Faces of the Industry* award, marking SaskPower's third consecutive year receiving the national honour. Jodi was recognized for his leadership during one of the most challenging wildfire seasons in Saskatchewan's history, leading safe and efficient power restoration across the remote Creighton District following widespread damage, including in Denare Beach where more than two-thirds of homes were lost.

He coordinated crews, oversaw rebuilding efforts and maintained clear communication with customers, community leaders and internal teams to support impacted communities. A powerline technician since 2001 and supervisor since 2015, Jodi remained focused on supporting both crews and customers, even as his own home was threatened and his family evacuated. Drawing on more than 20 years as a volunteer firefighter, he also worked closely with emergency responders to manage electrical hazards and ensure safe operations, reflecting SaskPower's commitment to safety, reliability and service.

Community Involvement and Contributions

Beyond emergency response, Crown corporations continue to make significant contributions to communities across Saskatchewan through volunteerism, sponsorships and grant programs.

In 2025-26, the Crown sector provided more than \$10 million in sponsorships to communities and organizations across the province. Additionally, Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan (LGS) contributed \$9 million in charitable gaming grants to 378 communities. In total, Saskatchewan's Crown corporations reinvested more than \$19 million into communities, supporting local programs, facilities and initiatives that enhance quality of life.

SaskEnergy

SaskEnergy played a key role in supporting the Saskatchewan Winter Games hosted by the Flying Dust First Nation and the City of Meadow Lake as the Champion of Volunteers. Employees helped recruit, train and support more than 500 volunteers, and provided sponsorship for official volunteer gear. Their contributions helped bring together athletes, families and visitors from across the province, fostering community pride and generating economic activity.

SaskTel

SaskTel invested nearly \$3.2 million annually to support more than 1,100 non-profit and community organizations across Saskatchewan, benefiting hundreds of communities. This commitment is strengthened by employees and retirees through volunteerism and giving, including efforts led by the SaskTel Pioneers and initiatives like the Connecting with Community Challenge.

Employees also contribute through the TelCare program, raising nearly \$200,000, matched by SaskTel, to support 47 organizations across the province, helping strengthen the programs and services communities rely on every day.

LGS

Through its Charitable Gaming Grant program, LGS continues to help community organizations thrive. In 2025-26, organizations in the Meadow Lake area alone received nearly \$400,000 in funding. Recipients included

youth sports associations, health foundations, recreation groups and community-based organizations delivering important services and opportunities for residents.

"Our Crown corporations are built on people who care deeply about the communities they serve," Harrison said. "Every day, Crown employees provide essential services that people across Saskatchewan rely on, while also stepping up in times of need, whether responding to emergencies, supporting volunteers or investing in local initiatives that strengthen our province for the future."

Looking ahead to 2026-27, the Crown Sector Strategic Priorities will continue to guide the sector's work, focusing on affordability, reliability, economic growth and strong financial management.

PROVINCE SIGNS SEVEN NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER PRIMARY CARE CONTRACTS IN REGINA



The Government of Saskatchewan is continuing to deliver on its *Patients First Health Care Plan* commitment to improve access to primary care by

expanding opportunities for nurse practitioners (NPs) to provide publicly funded services across the province.

The province has removed the cap on nurse practitioner contracts and expanded opportunities across Saskatchewan. Changes were also made in May to remove provisions that limited nurse practitioners' scope of practice, allowing them to work to their full legislated scope, ensuring that residents get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

"Expanding the number of publicly funded nurse practitioner contracts remains an important part of our Patients First Health Care Plan," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "By awarding these seven new contracts, we are building access and delivering on our government's commitment to ensure that every Saskatchewan resident has access to a primary care provider by 2028."

[Province Signs Seven New Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Contracts in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

DISCOVER SASK PARKS: JUNE 24 TO JULY 22



Saskatchewan's Provincial Parks offer unforgettable experiences; from the moment you enter to the moment you leave. Hiking, fishing, a day at the beach, campfires, picnics and quiet nights under the stars. These are moments made in nature and there are lots of events that will make your visit even more special.

Read about participating parks in the full news release: [Discover Sask Parks: June 24 to July 22 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

110 SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR 2025-26



The infographic features a teal background with white and light green text and icons. It is titled '2025-2026 SYA INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIPS' and lists four key statistics: 110 students, \$1,000 scholarship, 60 sponsors, and 68 communities. Each statistic is accompanied by a white icon and a brief description. The bottom of the infographic includes the website URL 'saskapprenticeship.ca/sask-youth-apprenticeship' and the logo for the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.

2025-2026 SYA INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

110 STUDENTS
Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students who have completed the SYA program and plan to pursue a career in the skilled trades.

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP
Students have two years to redeem the scholarship by successfully completing a post-secondary training program in a trade designated in Saskatchewan or by registering as an apprentice in Saskatchewan and successfully completing Level One technical training.

60 SPONSORS
SYA Industry Scholarships are funded by industry partners and the Government of Saskatchewan.

68 COMMUNITIES
Scholarship recipients reside in communities across Saskatchewan.

saskapprenticeship.ca/sask-youth-apprenticeship

Saskatchewan
Apprenticeship and
Trade Certification
Commission

The Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) has awarded Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) Industry Scholarships to 110 high school students from 68 communities across the province.

Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 and can be redeemed once students meet specific requirements. To redeem the scholarship, students must, within two years of completing SYA, either register as apprentices in Saskatchewan and complete Level 1 technical training, or complete a recognized pre-apprenticeship program in a designated trade in Saskatchewan.

"Congratulations to the deserving recipients of this year's SYA Industry Scholarships," Immigration and Career Training Minister Eric Schmalz said. "Skilled tradespeople are in high demand in Saskatchewan and essential to the growth of our province. Our government is committed to ensuring more young people pursue rewarding careers in the skilled trades."

[110 Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry Scholarships Awarded to High School Students For 2025-26 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



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Rain or Shine, always a good day for ice cream!

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FAMILY FUN SASKATOON BUCKET LIST




Summer fun found here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/summer-events/>

SASKATOON ZOO ACTIVITIES!



Looking for an extra-wild way to experience the zoo this summer? ZooVentures is our special behind-the-scenes program where you'll get up close with amazing animals and fascinating artefacts, all guided by our knowledgeable educators!

 14 Saturdays & Sundays

 July 4 – August 30

Reserve your spot in advance on our website, <https://saskatoonzoosociety.ca/zoventures/> or drop in on the day! If space is available, simply tap to pay and join the adventure. From hands-on discoveries to unforgettable animal encounters, ZooVentures adds a whole new level of wild to your zoo visit beyond regular admission! Tag your zoo crew and start planning your next adventure!

OUTSKIRTS MUSIC FESTIVAL



Set on the edge of Saskatoon, Outskirts Music Festival blends wide-open skies with boundary-pushing sound. This genre-defying live experience brings together some of the biggest artists in the world and local talent in an asphalt-to-anthem setting...loud and legendary! <https://outskirtsmusicfest.ca/>

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS



Plan to attend!

Details: [Canada Day Saskatoon 2026](#)

SASK JAZZ FEST



Save the date for the 39th Annual Festival: July 5-11, 2026.

NSBA COOKOUT



Thursday, July 9, 2026

Online Registration Deadline: Monday, July 6, 2026

Please email dee.figurski@nsbasask.com if you wish to attend after this date/time.

NSBA Members - \$30 (plus GST) per person

Non-Members - \$40 (plus GST) per person

SASKATOON EX



The #SaskatoonEX is the 8 best days of summer!

July 30 - Aug 6, 2026.

SASKATOON FOLKFEST



**Mark your calendars for Folkfest 2026!
watch for details**

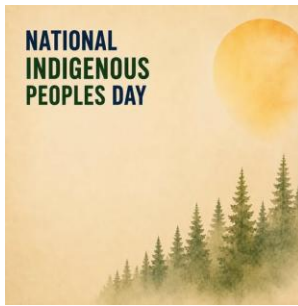


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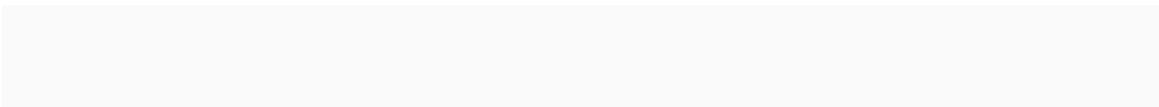
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[Government of Saskatchewan Advancing the Development of the Prince Albert Urgent Care Centre | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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