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**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

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**FINAL REMINDER**  
**BUDGET ADDRESS MARCH 18 - PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE**  
**TO ATTEND!**



*You are cordially invited to attend the presentation  
of the **Saskatchewan Provincial Budget** by the  
Honourable Jim Reiter,  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance*

*Date:*

***Wednesday, March 18, 2026***

*Time:*

***1:00pm – All guests seated***

***1:30pm – Question Period***

***2:00pm – Budget Delivery***

*Location:*

***Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber***  
*2405 Legislative Drive, Regina SK*

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**Invitations are limited, so please let me know if you're interested in attending as soon as possible. I hope to see you there!**

**PREMIER SCOTT MOE ANNOUNCES PATIENTS FIRST HEALTH CARE: THE  
RIGHT CARE, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME**



**Premier Scott Moe announced the Patients First Health Care Plan today - a comprehensive, province-wide strategy to improve access to care and ensure everyone in Saskatchewan receives the right care in the right place at the right time.**

***"We have been listening to Saskatchewan residents and the two main concerns we have heard are that people want access to a primary care provider, and they want diagnostics and surgeries in a timelier manner," Moe said. "That's what the Patients First Health Care Plan will do - deliver the right***

***care in the right place at the right time."***



**Across Canada, health care is facing increasing pressure from rising demand, aging populations and workforce shortages. Saskatchewan's plan accelerates work already underway to improve access to health services by increasing the number of health care providers and giving patients more health care options.**

**The Patients First Health Care Plan outlines over 50 actions to ensure patients are receiving the right care in the right place at the right time. Some of the key actions are:**

- **Increasing the number and expanding the scope of practice for all health care professionals;**
- **Expanding access to virtual care;**
- **Increasing the number of and access to Urgent Care Centres throughout the province;**
- **Continuing to recruit, train and increase the number of doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners;**
- **Expansion of diagnostic services like MRI, CT and PET-CT scans.**

**To see all the actions included in the Patients First Health Care Plan, read the complete plan at [saskatchewan.ca/patientsfirst](https://saskatchewan.ca/patientsfirst).**



***"The Patients First Health Care Plan builds on steps we are already taking to improve access to health care, like the introduction of virtual care, the creation of urgent care centres and the expansion of nurse practitioner services," Moe said. "It also recognizes there are still people in Saskatchewan not receiving the care they need when they need it, so there is a lot more work to be done.***

***"Our government will continue listening to Saskatchewan people to ensure everyone is getting the care they need when they need it."***

***Ken Cheveldayoff, "It was indeed an exciting announcement in Saskatoon last Monday. Key healthcare enhancements were announced including medical school seat expansion from 108 to 128, increased nurse practitioner support, and the Physician Assistant program's continuation. Expansion of Robotic surgery's across Saskatoon and Regina! I encourage everyone to***

***read more about the plan. "***



See the full plan here: <https://patientsfirst.saskatchewan.ca/>

**SASKATCHEWAN IS STRENGTHENING POST-SECONDARY RELATIONSHIPS IN THAILAND AND THE PHILLIPINES**

**SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS POST MARCH 6:**



**Saskatchewan is strengthening post-secondary relationships in Thailand! 🇹🇭**

**Last week, the Minister of Advanced Education and Saskatchewan's three largest post-secondary institutions met with government, industry partners and post-secondary institutions in Thailand to discuss future post-secondary collaboration.**

**The [University of Regina](#) also signed new agreements with post-secondary institutions in Thailand to expand opportunities abroad for students, faculty and researchers in both jurisdictions.**

**Check out some highlights from Thailand! ✈️**

**[University of Saskatchewan](#) [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#) [Embassy of Canada to Thailand](#)**

***Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Advanced Education, "We are continuing to strengthen post-secondary relationships in Thailand through meaningful collaboration and shared opportunities. Our meeting was a great success, bringing together partners committed to expanding international education and building strong connections for the future.***

***Proud to be part of these important conversations as we work together to create new opportunities and keep students at the centre of our efforts."***

## SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS POST (MARCH 6)



**Saskatchewan is exploring new international opportunities for students, faculty and researchers. 🌐**

**The Minister of Advanced Education visited the Philippines to discuss potential collaborations. During the mission, the [University of Saskatchewan](#), [University of Regina](#) and [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#) signed agreements with Filipino institutions to promote knowledge-sharing, student and faculty exchange programs, and joint research projects.**

**Take a trip to the Philippines with us and check out some highlights from the mission! ✈️**

[Embassy of Canada in the Philippines](#)

***Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Advanced Education, "I was grateful for the opportunity to explore international opportunities and engage in meaningful discussions about the future of education. A sincere thank you to the knowledgeable team who presented and shared their expertise and perspectives.***

***I am incredibly proud of the important work being done in Saskatchewan.***

***Together, we remain committed to our shared priority—always putting students first."***

**CAMECO TO SUPPLY NEARLY \$3 BILLION IN URANIUM TO INDIA**



***Saskatchewan Uranium will Fuel India's Energy Security for Next Decade***

**March 2nd, Premier Scott Moe joined Prime Minister Mark Carney and Prime Minister Modi to witness the signing of an agreement for Saskatchewan uranium to be sold to India. The agreement between Cameco and India's Department of Atomic Energy commits the nuclear energy giant to supply fuel for use in the country's growing nuclear fleet.**

***"We understand Saskatchewan's potential to supply the world with the fuel it needs to power the economies of tomorrow and it's great to see India value the energy security we can provide," Moe said. "This agreement is thanks in no small part to Cameco for their dedication to our uranium industry, and the governments of Saskatchewan, Canada and India for their priority on a productive and mutually beneficial relationship. Today marks a great day for***

***this longstanding partnership and holds a lot of promise for a bright future together."***

**With this agreement, Cameco expects to ship \$2.6 billion worth of uranium to India over a nine-year term. Today's agreement replaces a five-year agreement from 2015 and is nearly 10 times the value at the time of announcement in 2015.**

**Cameco has over 35 years of experience in Saskatchewan's uranium industry and continues to be a reliable supplier of the critical mineral to countries all over the globe.**

***"The global demand for secure, carbon-free nuclear power is rising rapidly, and India is at the forefront with ambitious expansion plans for its civil nuclear energy program," CEO of Cameco Tim Gitzel said. "Cameco will play a pivotal role by providing Saskatchewan-mined uranium to help fuel the energy needs of India's growing population and industries, as well as further solidify the vital trade relationship between our two countries. We are thankful for the continued advocacy of the Saskatchewan and Canadian governments to foster international trade opportunities that allow us to meet the needs of global customers and bring the benefits home."***

**In Saskatchewan, in 2024, the uranium mining sector employed more than 2,300 people and contributed more than \$2.5 billion to the provincial GDP. With the ongoing global shift to nuclear power, jurisdictions around the world are continuing to source more uranium from responsible, reliable and geopolitically stable regions like Saskatchewan.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PREMIER SCOTT MOE WHO LEAD THE MISSION TO  
INDIA**

Strengthening Trade



***Great work to our Premier, Prime Minister, and Cameco CEO, Tim Gitzel!  
Incredible achievement for Saskatchewan — proud to see such strong  
leadership and collaboration delivering results for our province.***



[Premier Moe Leads Mission to India | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN  
HUSKIES! WHAT A WEEKEND!**

**Not one but TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

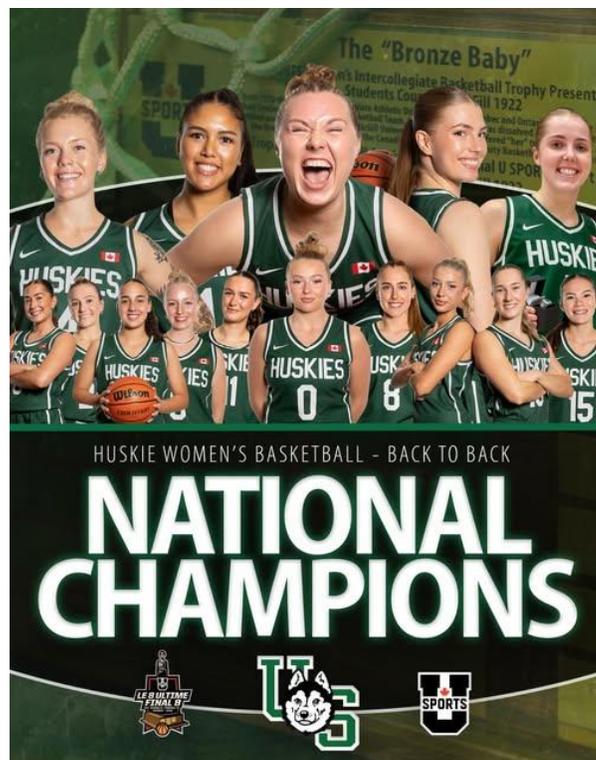
**CONGRATULATIONS** to our [#USask](#) student athletes on the Men's Hockey and Women's Basketball teams, as well as all those on the Huskie Track and Field team who are bringing home medals.

**Incredibly proud of you all! Read more**

**here:** <https://news.usask.ca/.../huskies-repeat-as-national...>

**BACK-2-BACK 🏆🏆**

**The Dogs win consecutive U SPORTS titles for the first time in program history, defeating the UNB Reds in the Final 8 championship game!**



**Huskie Women Claim U SPORTS Silver With 6 Medals at 2026 National Championships**



**Huskies capture conference titles on way to nationals!**



**SASKATCHEWAN LEADS CANADA IN PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT GROWTH**



Statistics Canada released new data today showing Saskatchewan ranks first among the provinces with growth of 12 per cent in private capital investment for 2025.

*"Our province continues to see impressive capital investment, because Saskatchewan has what companies want," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "We have the skilled people, robust incentives, low tax and utility rates, and a stable regulatory environment that supports businesses every step of the way. Our Investment Attraction Strategy is driving that momentum. Investors are choosing Saskatchewan time and time again. As more and more investors are learning of the Saskatchewan*

***Advantage, that means more jobs, more economic opportunities and more long-term growth for communities right here at home."***

[Saskatchewan Leads Canada in Private Capital Investment Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SARM CONVENTION HELD IN REGINA THIS WEEK - NEW RECORD SETTING MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING IN SASKATCHEWAN**



***Protecting Investment in Our Communities***

**This year, Saskatchewan municipalities will receive \$392.4 million through the Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) program, an increase of \$30.7 million more than the 2025-26 budget year. This is the highest ever amount allocated under MRS and a result of the underlying strength in Saskatchewan's economy.**

***"When developing the 2026-27 Provincial Budget, our government remained steadfast in delivering on our commitment to Saskatchewan communities and municipal revenue sharing," Government Relations Minister Eric Schmalz***

**said. "This year's \$392.4 million is an eight per cent increase over last year, to be invested in the municipality where you live, work and raise your family."**

[New Record Setting Municipal Revenue Sharing in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **INNOVATION SASKATCHEWAN RECEPTION AT THE LEGISLATURE**



**It was great to see our Post Secondary Leaders at the Legislative Reception this past week. Innovation Saskatchewan brings together researchers, post-secondary leaders and elected officials to showcase the bold ideas transforming industries, driving long-term provincial growth and elevating Saskatchewan's position as a global research leader.**

**I was grateful to meet with our talented researchers and teams from [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#), the [University of Regina](#) and the [University of Saskatchewan](#) who demonstrated how Saskatchewan-led research is creating**

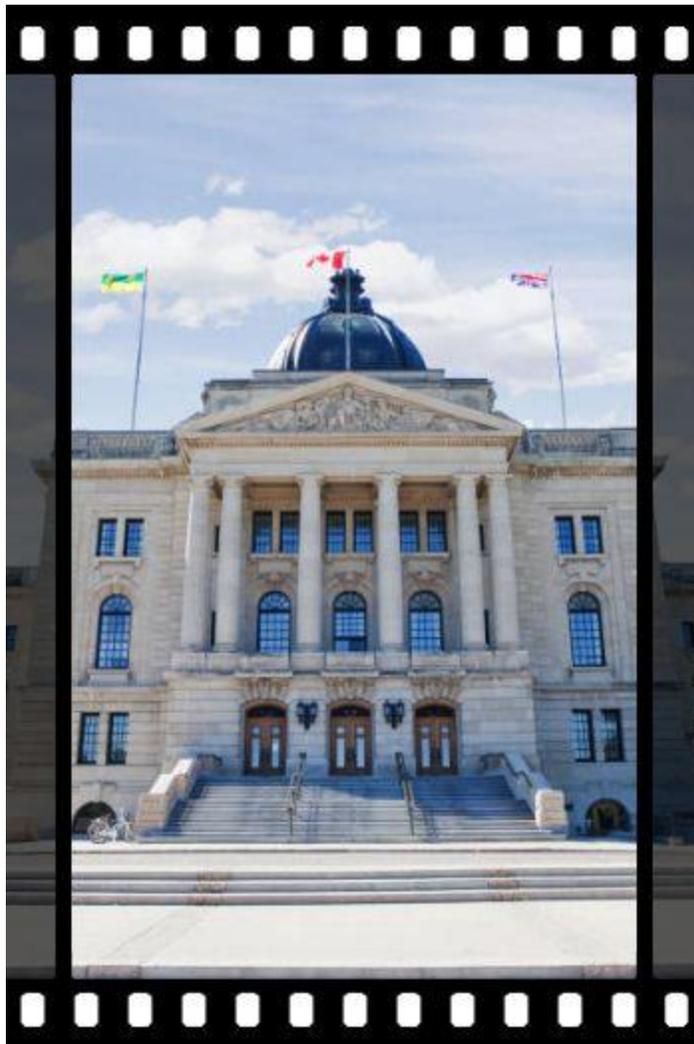
**new opportunities, solving real-world challenges and building a more resilient, innovative province.**

**The above photo I'm pictured with Dr. Bruni-Bossio, Dr. Keshen, Dr. Rosia and Kari Harvey as well as the Honourable Warren Kaeding. Our government always puts our students first and will continue to champion Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions as the impact their work has on advancing our province's innovation ecosystem.**

**Saskatchewan is stronger when we work together to move homegrown ideas from discovery to commercialization to global impact. From advances in agriculture, life sciences, energy and mining & critical minerals, the momentum building in this province is undeniable. This is Saskatchewan research in action, and it's driving our province forward.**

**I know my colleagues enjoyed the fantastic reception.**

**YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



**Saskatchewan builds on strong momentum with investments and initiatives that protect our communities, our families and our economy. From expanding trade opportunities and improving rural roads to supporting municipalities and putting patients first, our government is focused on delivering results that matter most.**

**Recently, Premier Scott Moe led a successful trade and investment mission to India, strengthening Saskatchewan's role as a key partner in global food and energy security. The mission resulted in the signing of several Memorandums of Understanding across sectors including uranium, carbon capture and storage, post-secondary education and agri-food technologies. A**

significant highlight was a \$2.6 billion agreement between Cameco and India's Department of Atomic Energy to supply Saskatchewan uranium over a nine-year term. Saskatchewan and India have a strong trade relationship with more than \$18 billion in exports since 2007. We are proud to be a consistent ally and reliable supplier to India while creating opportunities for all those who live and work in Saskatchewan.

Strengthening our economy also means ensuring the infrastructure that helps support it remains safe and secure. Alongside *the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)*, our government announced more than \$46 million for planned rural road network improvements through *the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth* program. This funding will support 41 road, bridge and culvert projects. Saskatchewan's rural road network is the starting point for many agricultural products and other goods on their way to destinations throughout the province, across the country and around the world. These investments enhance connectivity and support Saskatchewan's export-based economy.

Strong communities also depend on stable and predictable funding. That's why our government continues to deliver record support through *the Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS)* program. This year, Saskatchewan municipalities will receive \$392.4 million - an eight per cent increase from last year and the highest amount ever allocated under MRS. Since 2007, we have provided nearly \$5 billion in unconditional grants to municipalities. These funds help cities, towns, villages, rural municipalities and northern communities invest in local priorities where residents can thrive.

These investments continue to move Saskatchewan forward. At the same time, our government had the opportunity to connect directly with municipal leaders with the annual *SARM Convention*, which is currently underway.

Cabinet members participated in the Bear Pit session, where delegates had the chance to raise questions and share perspectives on issues that matter most to rural Saskatchewan. Premier Scott Moe also delivered the opening address. He reaffirmed our government's commitment to rural communities, acknowledged fiscal realities, and emphasized strategic planning, continued investments, and the protection of programs and services residents rely on.



Our government continues to protect health care by improving outcomes and putting patients first. Premier Scott Moe recently announced *the Patients First Health Care Plan*, a comprehensive, province-wide strategy focused on delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time. The plan will accelerate ongoing efforts to improve access to health services by increasing the number of care providers and giving patients more options. While there is more work to be done, our government will continue building on steps already underway, so that every resident has a regular care provider by 2028. The plan includes over 50 initiatives. To read the complete plan, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/patientsfirst](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/patientsfirst).



**Through continued strategic investments, stronger partnerships and collaboration with people across our great province, your Saskatchewan Party government is working hard to protect a bright future for everyone who calls Saskatchewan home. Looking ahead, the 2026-27 Provincial Budget, set for release on March 18, will build on these priorities. If you have any thoughts, concerns or ideas you would like to share, please contact my office at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net) or 306.651.7100.**



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**SASKATCHEWAN EXPANDING PATIENT ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE THROUGH  
ADDITIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER CONTRACTS**



**More Nurse  
Practitioner  
Contracts  
Available**

**INTAKE PERIOD  
NOW OPEN**

Nurse Practitioners who want to deliver publicly funded primary care services are invited to apply.

**Saskatchewan**

The Government of Saskatchewan's primary care Nurse Practitioner (NP) contract initiative is opening another round of intakes as a result of the overwhelming support received from both patients and providers in 2025.

NPs who want to deliver publicly funded primary care services are invited to apply.

Successful applicants will enter a contract with the Ministry of Health to provide primary health care to patients.

*"Nurse Practitioners will play a vital role in ensuring every Saskatchewan family has access to a primary care provider by the end of 2028," Minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill said. "We look forward to seeing more Nurse*

***Practitioners providing primary care in Saskatchewan communities as we work together to put patients first."***

[Saskatchewan Expanding Patient Access to Primary Care Through Additional Nurse Practitioner Contracts](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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***Here to serve you!***

If you have any concerns, inquiries or need assistance with a provincial program or service, please reach out.

**Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff**  
***MLA For Saskatoon Willowgrove***

**I hope you enjoy our newsletter. We aim to keep you informed on the latest government news. If you have any suggestions to make our newsletter more interesting or informative, I welcome your feedback.**

**If you have an event you would like us to feature, please let us know.**

**I am honoured to serve as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and will  
continue to work hard to serve you.**

***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  
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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND EVERY DAY!**



**TIME TO REMOVE YOUR ICE FISHING SHELTER**

*Fishing in Saskatchewan*

Remove your ice fishing  
shelter by March 15 or 31.

Deadline varies by area.

The sun's setting on ice fishing season. We hope you've had a great season out on the ice! The deadline to remove ice fishing shelters varies by area: March 15 if you're south of Highway 16 and March 31 to the north. We've already had some unseasonably warm weather, and we know Saskatchewan weather likes to keep us on our toes. So please make plans to safely remove your ice fishing shelter. Be extremely cautious on the ice and ensure it's safe for travel since ice thickness can vary greatly. Review angling regulations at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../angling/regulations...>

**PRIVATE INVESTMENT LEADS THE NATION**



# Private Investment Leads the Nation

***\$13.6 BILLION IN 2025***

**We have the skilled people, robust incentives, low tax and utility rates, and a stable regulatory environment that supports businesses every step of the way. Our Investment Attraction Strategy is driving that momentum. Investors are choosing Saskatchewan time and time again. For more information, visit: [InvestSK.ca](https://investsk.ca).**



 **Movies in the Gym on Friday! There will be two movies: Zootopia 2 and Freakier Friday.**

 **Rubaboo – A Metis Cabaret is the newest show at Persephone Theatre!**

 **Saskatoon's favourite family expo - The Saskatoon Family Expo is back!**

 **Cheer on the Rush, and celebrate St. Patrick's Day early!**

**You can find the details about these events and more on our website: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>**

## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS - FAMILY FUN SASKATOON**



**"Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck." That's right! St. Patrick's Day is coming up, and Family Fun Saskatoon has some ideas for you. Events are starting this weekend, and a few will be on Tuesday. We also have some ideas for crafts, activities and more family fun!**

**You can find their St. Patrick's Day guide here:**

**<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/st-patricks-day/>**

**THE CHAMBER POWERHOUSE LUNCHEON MARCH 20**

*the Chamber*  
**POWERHOUSE  
LUNCHEON**

LB Distillery  
March 20  
11:30am - 1:00pm

Members: \$45 + GST  
Non-Members: \$55 + GST

**Protecting Saskatchewan's Future**

**2026 Budget Response to  
Global Market Changes**

WITH

**Jim Reiter**  
Deputy Premier &  
Minister of Finance

**SK Minister of Finance Jim Reiter will unpack the 2026 provincial budget and discuss how it responds to economic volatility, protects key sectors, and positions the province for sustainable growth.**

<https://bit.ly/4rNrppq>

### **HOMESTYLES HOME SHOW**

**HOME  
STYLES®**

**MARCH 20 - 22, 2026**

**Prairieland Park, Saskatoon**

**March 20 -22**

### **SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**March 22  
2026  
1:00p.m.**

**Annual  
General  
Meeting**

Meeting in the  
Affinity Learning Centre  
at the  
Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

**SASKATOON  
ZOO SOCIETY**

**Guests are welcome to attend!**

**Do you have an interest in the environment, education, animals, children, or contributing to your community? Or are you simply curious about what we do all year?**

**Join us to learn more, connect with our community, and see how you can be part of what we do!**

**AS WE HAVEN'T HAD A NEWSLETTER IN A FEW WEEKS, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO  
CLICK ON NEWS RELEASES THAT INTEREST YOU**



[Saskatchewan Celebrates Successes In India | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Producers Offered New Option To Manage Congregating Elk Wildlife Damage |](#)

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[Aerospace and Defence Takes Flight in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Province Protecting Rights of Saskatchewan Firearms Owners Through Additional Storage and Appraisal Options | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Province Celebrates International Year of the Woman Farmer | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Tuition Relief to Continue for Ukrainian Post-Secondary Students | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Province Renews STR8 UP Partnership to Support Gang Exit and Community Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[More Than \\$46 Million of Planned Rural Road Network Improvements | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Historic Agreement Advances National Energy Corridor and Expands Opportunities for Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Supports Indigenous Business Sector | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SaskGaming Event Provides More Than \\$30,000 to Charity | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan to Support Exploration of New Pulse Protein Centre of Excellence in India | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[New High School Course Introduced to Explore Careers in Energy Production | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Promotes Mineral Sector at Major Mining Conference | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[March Proclaimed as Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Grants Provided to 12 Transition Houses | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[In Saskatchewan, it all Lives Here National Advertising Campaign Highlights Saskatchewan as a Destination for Law Enforcement Careers | News and Media |](#)

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[Saskatchewan Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Brazilian State | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



MAY LOVE AND LAUGHTER LIGHT YOUR DAYS,  
AND WARM YOUR HEART AND HOME.

MAY GOOD AND FAITHFUL FRIENDS BE YOURS,  
WHEREVER YOU MAY ROAM.

MAY PEACE AND PLENTY BLESS YOUR WORLD  
WITH JOY THAT LONG ENDURES.

MAY ALL LIFE'S PASSING SEASONS  
BRING THE BEST TO YOU AND YOURS!

Life is a

Life is an opportunity,  
seize the day, live each day to the fullest.  
Life is not a project,  
but a journey to be enjoyed.

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