

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



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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SASKATOON
WILLOWGROVE

The graphic features a portrait of Ken Cheveldayoff on the left, a large green shamrock in the center, and a cartoon leprechaun on the right. The background is a green and white diamond pattern.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



On March 20, Finance Minister Donna Harpauer will present the 2024-25 Provincial Budget, outlining the strategic investments we are making to continue to drive Saskatchewan's growth. Investments in priority areas like health care, education and communities are only possible due to the strength and growth of our provincial economy.



*You are cordially invited to be present
in the
Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber
for the presentation of the*

Budget Address

*by the Honourable Donna Harpauer
Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance*

***1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20
Saskatchewan Legislative Building***

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Our government recently released a new investment attraction strategy, the province's roadmap to increasing investment and further advancing Saskatchewan's Growth Plan goal of \$16 billion in private capital investment annually. Private capital investment in Saskatchewan increased by nearly 25 per cent in 2023 and is expected to lead the nation in 2024.

This plan builds on the significant investment made in our province over the last number of years and introduces new, expanded and improved incentives for industries looking to make Saskatchewan their home. To learn more about the new strategy, visit the new InvestSK website at www.investSK.ca.

The third annual Indigenous Business Gathering at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon was a huge success and builds on our government's commitment to growing, strengthening and diversifying our provincial economy. This year's gathering featured over 85 trade show booths and more than 700 visitors. Our government is committed to economic reconciliation and recognizes that Indigenous businesses play a vital role in Saskatchewan by building inclusion among communities, providing jobs and growth, and helping enrich our quality of life.

Economic growth creates jobs and opportunities here at home, and Saskatchewan recently

received some incredible numbers demonstrating this growth. The province added 18,700 new full-time jobs, which is an increase of 15,200 jobs last month when compared to February 2023, raising Saskatchewan's employment growth rate to 2.6 per cent.

Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also remains well below the national average, sitting at 5.0 per cent compared to the national average of 5.8 per cent, the third-lowest amongst the provinces.

Strengthening our economy means investing in the growth of our key industries, like agriculture. Our government will invest \$15 million over five years into the Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS) at the University of Saskatchewan. Funding will support work at the GIFS, which helps keep Saskatchewan producers competitive and helps them remain among the most productive, innovative and sustainable in the world.

The strength and growth across our provincial economy allows our government to continue to invest in priority areas like health care. Our province's ambitious Health Human Resources Action Plan continues to make significant progress in recruiting, training, incentivizing and retaining health care workers.

To date, nearly 300 hard-to-recruit positions have been filled through the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive, and more than 1,000 Saskatchewan and out-of-province nursing grads have been hired since 2022. We will continue to make significant investments to build a stronger, more resilient health care system for the people of Saskatchewan.

As our government continues work to increase health human resources, we are exploring ways to expand the use of Nurse Practitioners across the health care system. The Ministry of Health is working to pilot a new model for independently-operated, publicly-funded Nurse Practitioner clinics. These new clinics will help to improve access to health care services for Saskatchewan patients and their families.

Fourteen new doctors are now practicing in rural Saskatchewan after completing the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program in December. The number of SIPPA training seats was recently expanded from 36 to 45 per year, and plans are underway to add more seats to the program. SIPPA plays an important role in our province's ongoing recruitment efforts and we welcome the latest group of graduates and their families to communities throughout the province.

Education is a huge priority for our government as well. A new agreement with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association ensures a minimum of \$356.6 million per year for four years for classroom supports. Now that our government has made this commitment in writing, it is time for

the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation to end their job action and return to the bargaining table so that students and teachers can return to the classroom.

Our government continues to invest in new programs that create solutions to challenges in the classroom. Fifteen new teacher-led projects have received funding through the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund. This brings the total allocated in this fund to over \$800,000 in two months and reinforces our government's commitment to providing additional classroom supports to our students and teachers.

As our government continues to move forward on these plans for Saskatchewan's growth, we look forward to hearing from you. You can reach out to my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306,651.7100.

REMINDER: please contact my office if you would like to attend the Budget Address.

LAKE DIEFENBAKER IRRIGATION PROJECT MOVING FORWARD



Premier Scott Moe just announced to the delegates at SARM, that our government is moving forward on the Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project.

The first 90,000 acres of the project will begin with over the next 12-14 months with major construction targeted for 2025.

Taking this first major step ensures Saskatchewan can be a leader across the country in creating the most sustainable food in Canada will providing billions in economic activity and thousands of jobs.

NEW INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE UTILIZATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS



Enhancing Role of Nurse Practitioners

Working to pilot a new model for independently operated, publicly funded Nurse Practitioner clinics.

Build and Protect

**Saskatchewan
Party** *Caucus*

Premier Scott Moe and Health Minister Everett Hindley joined MLA Terry Jenson in Warman today to announce new initiatives to enhance and expand utilization of Nurse Practitioners throughout the health care system.



To enhance the role of Nurse Practitioners, the Ministry of Health will work to pilot a new model for independently operated, publicly funded Nurse Practitioner clinics. These clinics will improve access to primary health care by providing a new avenue for patients to seek care.



"Access to primary health care is a high priority for our government," Moe said. "By creating more opportunities for Nurse Practitioners throughout the health care system, we can improve access to primary health care services for Saskatchewan patients and their families."

[New Initiatives to Enhance Utilization of Nurse Practitioners | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



SPREAD THE WORD - VOTE FOR WOLSELEY!



Wolseley, Saskatchewan has been selected as one of four communities vying for the this year's Kraft Hockeyville.

Show our Saskatchewan spirit by rallying together and winning together!! Let's help Wolseley give their arena the chance to score big.

If successful, they will host an NHL game and receive \$250,000 in arena upgrades.



NEEDS YOUR HELP TO

WIN AN NHL® GAME
AND
\$250,000

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Use the QR Code to register to VOTE

VOTING OPENS
MAR. 29 AT 7AM CST

VOTING ENDS
MAR. 30 at 3PM CST

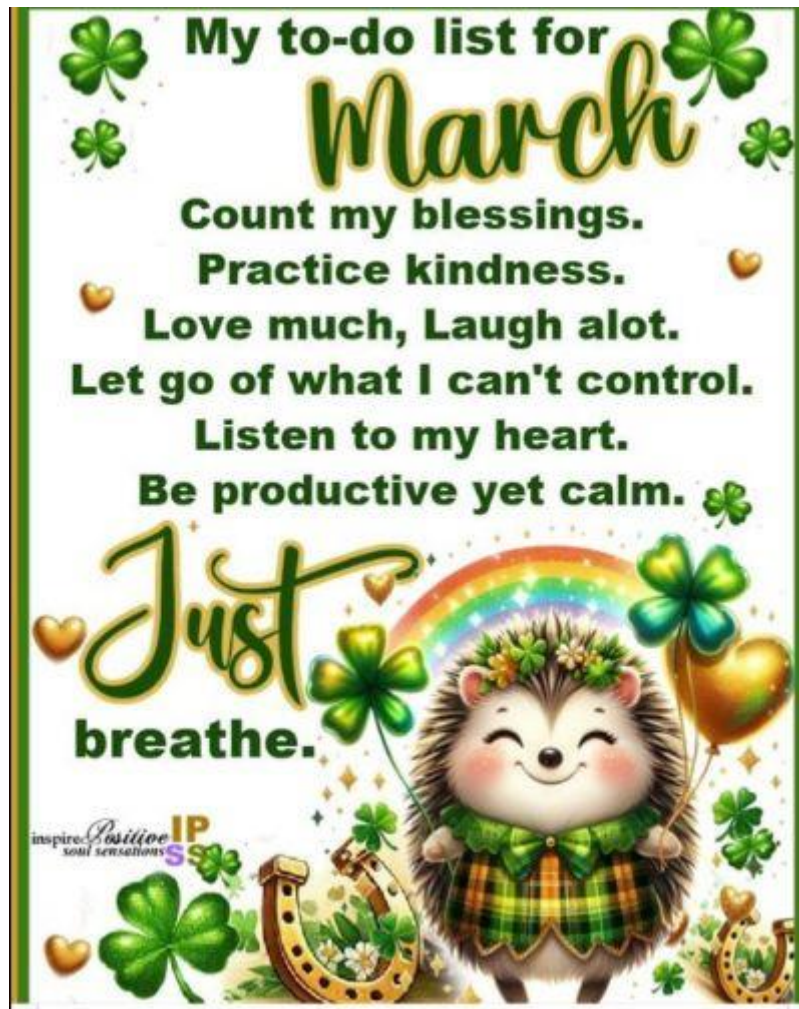



Voting begins on March 29, and I would encourage everyone across the province to vote as often as you can.

Check out their story at: [KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE 2024 CANADA \(kraftcanada.ca\)](https://kraftcanada.ca/kraft-hockeyville-2024-canada)

Get in on all the action at:

<https://hockeyville.kraftcanada.ca/#/community/wolseleysportsplex>



**HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES ACTION PLAN CONTINUES TO
MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS**



Our ambitious Health Human Resources Action Plan continues to make significant progress in recruiting, training, incentivizing, and retaining health care workers in Saskatchewan.

To date, nearly 300 hard-to-recruit positions have been filled through the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive, and more than 1,000 Saskatchewan and out-of-province nursing graduates have been hired since 2022.

We will continue to make significant investments to build a stronger, more resilient health care system for the people of Saskatchewan.

SECURING THE NEXT DECADE OF GROWTH



Saskatchewan's Investment Attraction Strategy will lead to more opportunities for local, national and international investors, while solidifying our province as a nation leader in private capital investment. We have seen significant investments in this province over the past several years and this strategy will help build on that momentum. This will create jobs, and grow our economy for a brighter future that benefits all Saskatchewan residents.



**SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUING TO SEE GROWTH: ADDS 18,700
NEW FULL-TIME JOBS**



Third Lowest Unemployment Rate Among the Provinces

Statistics Canada released labour force statistics for the month of February, which showcase the growth of Saskatchewan's strong workforce. The province added 18,700 new full-time jobs, which is an increase of 15,200 jobs last month when compared to February 2023, raising Saskatchewan's employment growth rate to 2.6 per cent.

Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also continues to be well below the national average, sitting at 5.0 per cent compared to the national average of 5.8 per cent, the third-lowest amongst the provinces.

"Saskatchewan continues to build a strong labour force, with further growth in job numbers," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "These latest numbers highlight how our commitment to growing the workforce is getting results. Through the Labour Market Strategy released earlier this week, our government will continue investing in programs and services to enhance recruitment, training and retention efforts in the province, ensuring we have the labour force we need to support our economy."

[Saskatchewan Continuing To See Growth: Adds 18,700 New Full-Time Jobs | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN AND SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT



Government is committed to working with Saskatchewan's locally elected school boards to ensure that there is long-term and sustainable funding to support our classrooms.

To demonstrate this, government is pleased to announce that it has signed a multi-year funding agreement with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA), with the support of Saskatchewan's locally elected boards of education. The agreement guarantees a base amount of long-term funding to school divisions and signifies a shared commitment to enhancing educational outcomes and providing additional classroom supports across the province.

It provides a minimum of \$356.6 million per year for four years for classroom supports as well as increased investment into youth mental health resources as part of a budget that marks the largest increase of \$180 million to school operating funding ever.

"This agreement provides a written guarantee, signed by the government, for long-term funding for classroom supports - funding that will address important issues like classroom size and complexity," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Now that our government has made this unprecedented commitment in a signed agreement, it's time for the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation to end their job action and return to the bargaining table, so that students and teachers can return to the classroom."

"This agreement represents the willingness of both the Ministry of Education and school boards to work collaboratively toward solutions with some predictable and sustainable funding to back it up," SSBA President Jaimie Smith-Windsor said. "These issues are best addressed at the local level, working with teachers, staff, students, parents, and families."

This partnership formalizes a commitment to ongoing collaboration between government and school boards in supporting students across the province and establishes a new pathway to long-term funding sustainability. This agreement underscores a mutual recognition of the importance of local decision-making, the diversity of Saskatchewan's communities, and signals strengthening relationships by providing direct investment for Saskatchewan classrooms.

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN COMMITS \$15 MILLION TO GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR FOOD SECURITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



Agriculture Minister David Marit announced a funding commitment today of \$15 million over five years to the Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS) at the University of Saskatchewan.

Founded in 2012 as part of the University of Saskatchewan's world-class agri-science hub, GIFS works with its partners to provide expertise and leadership in the discovery, development and delivery of innovative solutions to produce globally sustainable food.

"This kind of substantial commitment is fundamental to keeping our agriculture industry a global leader in technology, production and best practices, and the track record GIFS has established proves it," Marit said. "Investing in research activities undertaken by GIFS and similar institutions is the first step toward enabling Saskatchewan's producers to not only stay competitive, but proving that they remain among the most productive, innovative and sustainable in the world."

[Government of Saskatchewan Commits \\$15 Million to Global Institute for Food Security at the University of Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**NEW RECORD FOR MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING AT \$340.2
MILLION**

Annual
CONVENTION
& Trade Show 2024

SARM

The Honourable Scott Moe
Premier of Saskatchewan

"This year your municipal revenue sharing will be up 14%, that's 42.4 million dollars of increase."

**Convention
Address**



Premier Scott Moe has announced that Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) Program will set a new record at \$340.2 million, an increase of approximately \$42.3 million more than the previous year.

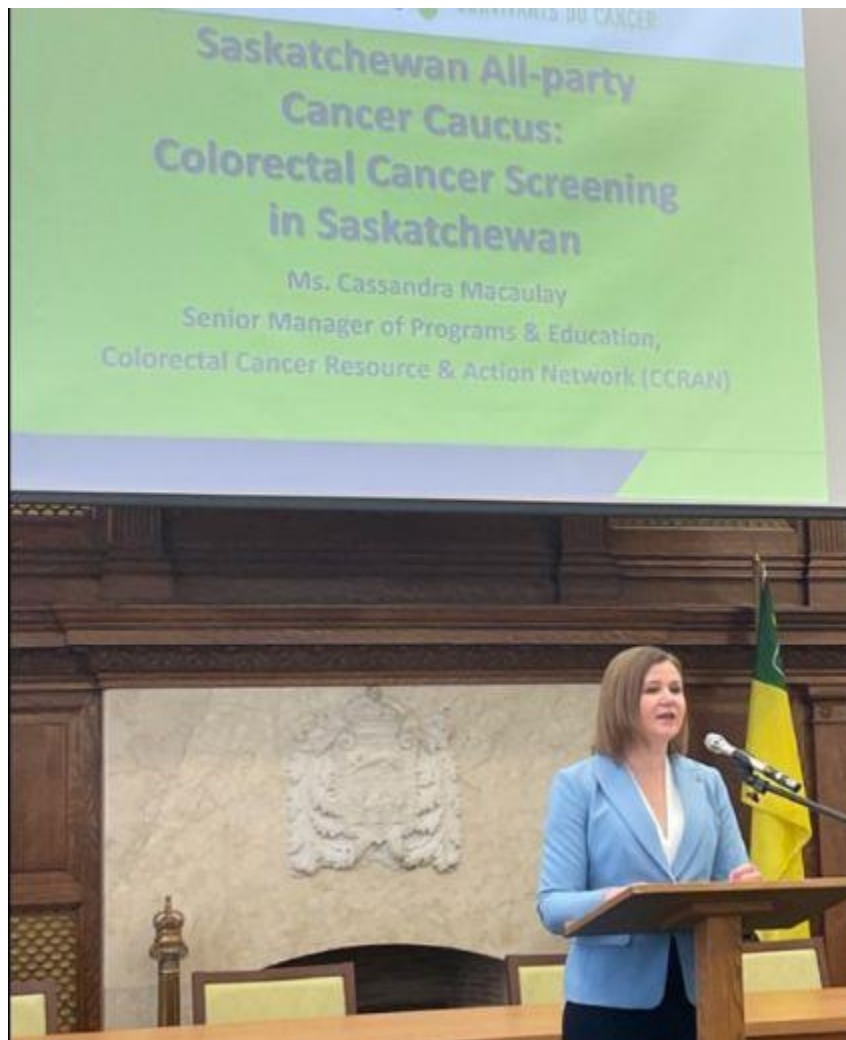


This increase is a 14 per cent increase from the 2023-24 fiscal year, and a 167 per cent increase from 2007-08.

"Our government made the commitment to Saskatchewan communities to create and support a predictable revenue-sharing tool that grows with our province's economy," Moe said. "With this announcement, more than \$4.3 billion in provincial funding has been allocated since 2007 to support the priorities of municipalities."

[New Record for Municipal Revenue Sharing at \\$340.2 Million | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CANADIAN CANCER SURVIVOR NETWORK HOSTS INFORMATIVE SESSION AT THE LEGISLATURE



It was a pleasure to join several colleagues at a very information session presented by the Canadian Cancer Survivor Network (CCSN).

The Canadian Cancer Survivor Network is a leader in patient participation in health care, with a mandate to educate the public and policy makers about cancer survivorship and engage in and encourage research on way to alleviate barriers to optimal cancer care in Canada.

The CCSN is a national network of patients, families, survivors, friends, community partners, funders and sponsors who have come together to take action to promote the very best standards of care, whether i be early diagnosis, timely treatment and follow-up care, support for cancer patients, or issues related to survivorship of quality of end-of-life care.

Sincere thanks to the CCSN and the Cancer Community Representatives for providing an excellent presentation on the benefits of self testing, screening and prevention of cervical and colorectal cancer.

THE SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE



Saskatchewan's new trade and investment website will continue to promote the Saskatchewan Advantage to the world.

Learn more at [InvestSK.ca](https://investsk.ca)

[Saskatchewan Trade and Invest \(investsk.ca\)](https://investsk.ca)

MINISTER VANDAL ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN PROCESSING OF RARE EARTH ELEMENTS IN SASKATCHEWAN



Saskatchewan is a mining powerhouse, providing potash for agriculture, uranium for clean fuel, helium for medical and industrial use, and now rare earth elements (REE), which are used in electric vehicles (EVs), wind turbines, everyday electronics, and industrial uses.

Thanks to leaders like the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC), the province is going beyond mining and exploration, to processing and commercializing value-added products using REEs at the Rare Earth Processing Facility in Saskatoon; the first of its kind in Canada.

"With this investment from PrairiesCan, along with the initial \$71 million investment from the Government of Saskatchewan, SRC continues to break new ground in the rare earth space, helping establish a rare earth hub in Saskatchewan," Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Research Council Jeremy Harrison said. "These latest innovations will ensure Saskatchewan is producing the highest quality REE metals to power global technology."

[Minister Vandal Announces Investment in Processing of Rare Earth Elements in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

MOST POPULAR BABY NAMES FOR 2023



A list of the top 20 baby names for 2023 was released by eHealth Saskatchewan today. In 2023, Olivia was the most popular name for baby girls for the ninth year in a row. The second most popular girl name was Emma, pushing last year's Amelia all the way down to eleventh place. Oliver was the most popular name for baby boys this year, while long-time favourites Noah and Liam follow in the second and third spots respectively.

As of data published February 3, 2024, there were 50 baby girls named Olivia, followed by Emma, Sophia, Charlotte, Ivy and Ava. There were 63 baby boys named Oliver in 2023, followed by Noah, Liam, Leo, Jack and Theodore.

Read the entire news release: [Most Popular Baby Names for 2023 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN INTRODUCES NEW BEAR SPRAY REGULATIONS



Bear spray is an important tool that helps protect individuals from aggressive wildlife encounters while living, working and exploring wilderness areas, but it has no place in our malls, city parks, and sporting events.

The Wildlife Control (Capsaicin) Products Regulations enacted today make it illegal to possess or carry bear spray in urban public spaces in Saskatchewan. It is also now illegal to deface and alter bear spray cans to conceal them from law enforcement.

Individuals caught breaking these regulations can be charged and face fines of up to \$100,000.

Use bear spray for its intended purpose. Keep it out of urban public places.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICE



Contact the Child Support Service to learn more.



Canada

Saskatchewan


If you don't know where to start to figure out child support, we can help. The Child Support Service can calculate new and update existing child support amounts.

Save yourself the stress and cost of going to court so you can focus on what matters – your kids.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3UEOu06>.

[Child Support Service](#) | [Child Support](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**CREATING FOOD AND ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR A
STRONGER SASKATCHEWAN**



***Investing in* the
Global Institute for
Food Security
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and sustainable in the world.*

Build and Protect

**Saskatchewan
Party Caucus**

Premier Scott Moe announced the Government of Saskatchewan is moving forward with constructing the early works of the first 90,000 acres of the Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project. The total cost is estimated to be \$1.15 billion which will be shared between the provincial government and producers who choose to participate in the project.

“Our government is happy to take the first major step in creating the most sustainable food and economic security project in Canada which will create major benefits for generations,” Moe said. “Saskatchewan can be a leader across the country and move this project forward which will provide billions in economic benefits and thousands of jobs.”

FRAUD PREVENTION



Scammers can build an entire legitimate-looking website within a couple of hours, so it can be difficult to spot fake cryptocurrency platforms.

When considering investing in cryptocurrency, you should verify the following information first:

1. Are they registered with the Canadian Securities Administrators? Remember, they must be registered within Saskatchewan, which you can check at the following link: <https://bit.ly/42xJoCQ>
3. Do not download any software programs as this may give the scammer remote access to your device where they can gain access to your accounts and personal information.

MORE DOCTORS RECRUITED TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

More Doctors in Rural Communities

14 new doctors are now practicing in rural Saskatchewan after completing the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment Program in December.



SIPPA plays an important role in our ongoing physician recruitment efforts. Congratulations to the latest group of physicians on their completion of the program!

[More Doctors Recruited to Rural Communities](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CHECKOUT FAMILY FUN SASKATOON'S WEEKEND GUIDE



Hello weekend, our old friend. Spring is near, St Patrick's day is on Sunday and we've got a list of what you can do this weekend with your family.

From St. Paddy's Day plans to @hoHomeStyles Home Show to fun outside with [Wildernook Fresh Air Learning](#). Find more information about these and more on our website! And Happy Weekending!

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION



Students in Hatchet Lake Denesuline Nation and Waterhen Lake First Nation can now study for a Bachelor of Indigenous Education in their home communities!

The [Government of Saskatchewan](#) is providing new funding to the [First Nations University of Canada](#) to help deliver these programs. Students in the DTEP and CTEP programs:

- ➡ can study in their first language
- ➡ will graduate with a Bachelor of Indigenous Education
- ➡ are able to teach K-12 education in Dene or Cree upon graduation

Learn more [🔗 https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../province-supports...](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../province-supports...)

STUDY NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY AT SAIT

Study **Nuclear Medicine Technology** at SAIT

- ▶ **Seats reserved** for Saskatchewan students
- ▶ **Incentives available** for working in Saskatchewan
- ▶ **Jobs available** across the province

Apply by April 30

[saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train)



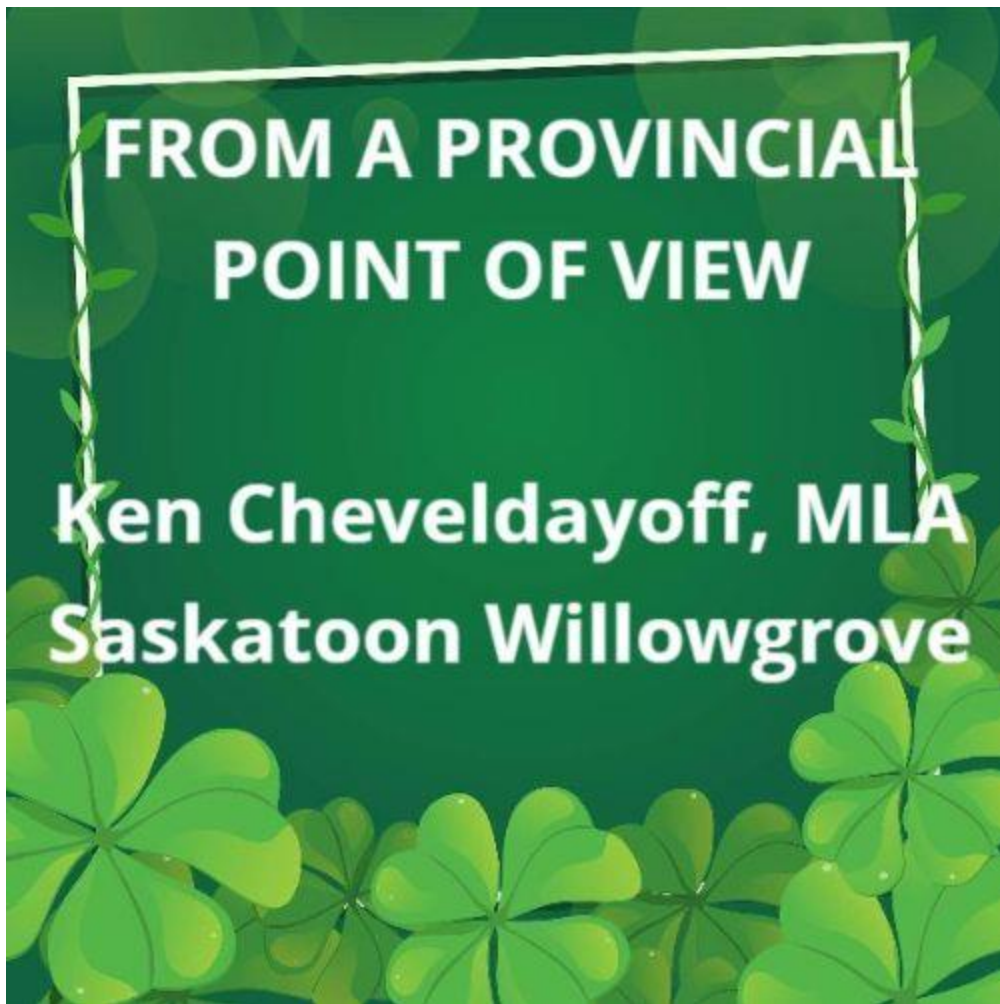
Kickstart your health care career in Saskatchewan and train to become a Nuclear Medicine Technologist!

The Nuclear Medicine Technology program at the [SAIT](https://www.sait.ca/) trains students on how to use radioactive drugs and specialized equipment to support the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

There are a variety of incentives for working in Saskatchewan after graduation, including the Final Clinical Placement Bursary and the Graduate Retention Program.

Seats are reserved for Saskatchewan students and there are lots of jobs waiting! Apply by April 30 at <https://www.sait.ca/.../diplomas/nuclear-medicine-technology>.

KEEP IN TOUCH



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.

We're here to help
you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

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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 newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me @ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or 306.651.7100.

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NEWS RELEASES

[Government Establishes Inaugural Accessibility Advisory Committee | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Bridging Communities Together Across Saskatchewan with Joint Federal and Provincial Funding | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government Calls for Public Representatives on Councils of Self-Regulating Health Professional Organizations | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Recent Snowfall Improves Spring Runoff Forecast | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Province Unveils Saskatchewan Investment Attraction Strategy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government Supports Irrigation Development in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Proclaims March as Rendez-vous de la Francophonie 2024 | News and Media |](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Creating Opportunities for Indigenous Businesses | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Chip and Dale Homes Celebrates the Opening of Newly Renovated Day Program | 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!



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