

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



SASKATOON BUSINESS EXEMPLIFIES GROWTH IN OUR PROVINCE



On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Honourable Jeremy Harrison, I had the pleasure of joining EnviroWay Detergent Manufacturing in Saskatoon to highlight Saskatchewan's strong job creation numbers with 580,000 people now working in Saskatchewan and the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

Saskatchewan has seen 23 months of continuous year-over-year job growth across many of our economic sectors, with thousands of new jobs created every month.

According to Statistics Canada, employment in the province rose 0.4 per cent in February compared with January.

There were 592,000 people working during the month, with the economy adding 2,600 positions.

When comparing February 2023 with February 2022, roughly 9,400 new jobs were created in the province — an increase of 1.6 per cent.

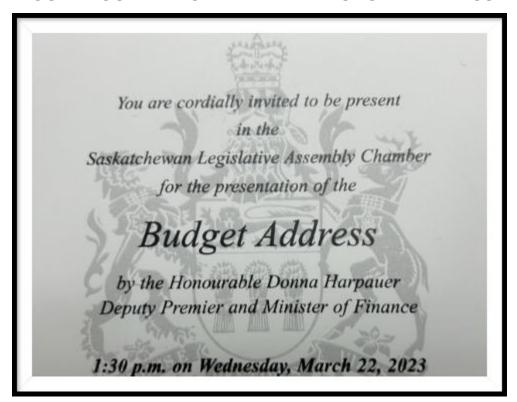
"Our province is growing, the business community is growing but there is more work to do," said MLA Ken Cheveldayoff on behalf of Jeremy Harrison, minister of trade and export development.

More people, more jobs and more opportunities.

That's growth that works for everyone.

Second Lowest Unemployment Rate in the Country | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THE BUDGET ADDRESS?



Would you like to attend the presentation of the Budget Address March 22?

I have a limited number of invitations to distribute, so please let me know if you are

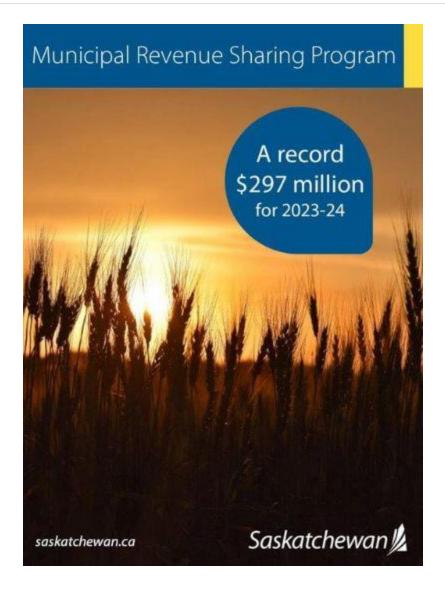
interested in attending.

The Honourable Donna Harpauer will be presenting the Budget Address at 1:30 pm March 22, 2022, in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber. You are asked to arrive no later than 1:00 pm.

Please RSVP to ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel as soon as possible.

Invitations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. I will confirm your request by responding to your email.

\$297 MILLION INVESTMENT TO SET NEW RECORD FOR MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM



Premier Scott Moe announced the overall Municipal Revenue Sharing Program in 2023-24 will set a new record with a more than \$297 million provincial investment, benefiting municipalities and supporting their local priorities across Saskatchewan.

"Saskatchewan's municipal revenue sharing program is nation-leading, and as a predictable funding source it helps municipal governments support and plan for local priorities in their communities," Moe said. "This new record provincial investment will benefit both rural and urban communities and keep our great province strong."

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NEW SASKATOON URGENT CARE CENTRE

Growth that Works for Everyone

MLA Ken Cheveldayoff on the Saskatoon New Urgent Care Centre

It is exciting for our government, for our partners at Ahtahkakoop, and for the residents of Saskatoon who are looking forward to this new urgent care centre.



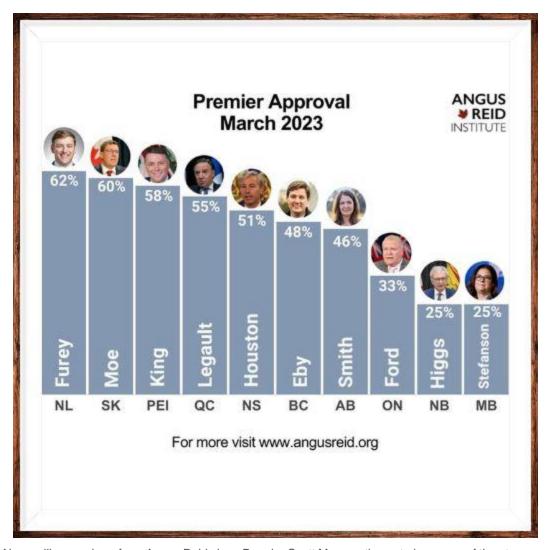
Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy allows us to make key investments in the programs and services that matter most to you!

Saskatoon's new urgent care centre will add an additional resource for those seeking health care services in and around one of Saskatchewan's largest urban cities.

Increasing the access to health care services is a priority for our government, as we continue to recruit, train, incentivize and retain more health care workers in our province.

That's growth that works for everyone!

PREMIER APPROVAL MARCH 2023



New polling numbers from Angus Reid show Premier Scott Moe continues to have one of the strongest approval ratings in Canada at 60 per cent!

SECOND LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY



Province Added 9,400 More Jobs Since February 2022, 2,600 Since Last Month

March 10, Statistics Canada released February labour force figures that indicate Saskatchewan's continued growth, with 9,400 new jobs when compared to February 2022, an increase of 1.6 per cent.

"Saskatchewan has now seen 23 months of continuous year-over-year job growth across many of our economic sectors, with thousands of new jobs created every month," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "We are on track to meeting our Growth Plan goal of 100,000 new jobs by the end of the decade, and our government looks forward to fostering more opportunities, more investments, and more growth that works for everyone in our province."

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CLAIMING THE GRADUAATE RETENTION PROGRAM ON YOUR TAX RETURN

Claiming the Graduate Retention Program on Your Tax Return



Have you applied for the Graduate Retention Program (GRP) and aren't sure how to claim it on your income tax return?

New graduates living in Saskatchewan can file their GRP certificate on their income tax. If eligible, you will receive an email with instructions on how to download your GRP certificate. If you applied (or your school applied on your behalf) and you did not receive an email, please contact the Student Service Centre at 1-800-597-8278.

If it's been over a year since you graduated and you previously filed your GRP certificate, just indicate this year's Saskatchewan tuition credit amount found on your Notice of Assessment from last year. Please visit this website for more detailed information: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../filing-your-tax-return

FIFTH FLIGHT CARRYING DISPLACED UKRAINIANS TO ARRIVE IN SASKATCHEWAN MARCH 27



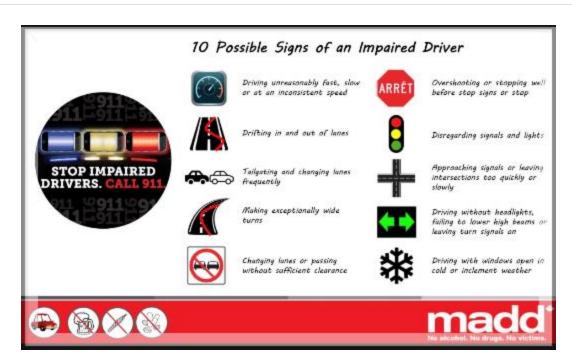
Saskatchewan Will Welcome The Fifth Flight Of Approximately 230 Ukrainians To The Province

This week, Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison announced that registration is now open for the fifth flight carrying Ukrainians displaced owing to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The flight is being arranged in partnership with the humanitarian organizations Solidaire and Open Arms. The flight is expected to arrive on March 27. The final logistics of the flight, including which city it will land in, are still being confirmed.

"Our government is proud of the continued support and generosity from the people of Saskatchewan," Harrison said. "We will continue to stand with Ukraine and the 3,200 displaced Ukrainians who now call our province home."

Fifth Flight Carrying Displaced Ukrainians to Arrive in Saskatchewan March 27 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

10 POSSIBLE SIGNS OF AN IMPAIRED DRIVER



Stop impaired drivers. Call 911 if you notice any of the signs listed above.

MUNICIPAL FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 1



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We encourage municipalities to apply for project funding under the newest intake for the Targeted Sector Support Initiative to help build even better communities across the province.

Learn more at https://bit.ly/3QY29KN.



SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING STARTS SEE MAJOR BOOST



Saskatchewan's economy continues to show impressive growth with urban housing starts increasing by 76.4 per cent between February 2022 and 2023, ranking first among the provinces

This increase is well above the national average of 3.5 per cent.

"Saskatchewan's strong economy continues to be one of the best in the nation," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Today's increase in housing starts is impressive and is further proof that Saskatchewan is the best place to live, work, and raise a family. This is growth that works for everyone."

Saskatchewan Housing Starts See Major Boost | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS FOSTER COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

March 14, the Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce \$450,000 in funding to Economic Development Regina (EDR) and Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA). This funding ensures the alignment of service delivery by reinforcing a cross-provincial approach to economic development supports for the organizations.

"Saskatchewan is committed to fostering a competitive business environment and this investment allows us to leverage the expertise of the two largest regional economic development agencies," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "EDR and SREDA's strong history and innate

connection to the business community will allow Saskatchewan to better support economic development initiatives and support capacity building province-wide, which is growth that works for everyone."

Funding for Economic Development Organizations Foster Competitive Business Environment | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGREES TO 42 PER CENT INCREASE IN SINP NOMINATIONS AND REDUCE DUPLICATION IN IMMIGRATION ASSESSMENTS



Last Friday, Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison, attended the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI). While in Halifax at FMRI, Minister Harrison met with federal Minister

of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), Sean Fraser and other Ministers Responsible for Immigration from around the country.

The federal government has agreed to reduce federal duplication in the processing of Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) nominations. IRCC has agreed to amend federal regulations and the Canada-Saskatchewan Immigration Agreement to give Saskatchewan the sole authority over assessing a candidate's ability to economically establish and their intent to reside within Saskatchewan. In addition, IRCC has agreed to increase the annual allocation of provincial nominees for 2023, as well as announcing increased notional allocations for 2024 and 2025. These decisions are positive steps toward further provincial autonomy over immigration.

"I am pleased to see that our proposal for a significant increase in our SINP allocation has been accepted by the Government of Canada," Harrison said. "I am also encouraged by the positive commitments toward reducing federal processing times for SINP nominees and reducing administrative duplication. Saskatchewan is seeing record-high population growth numbers and immigration to the province has played a significant role in that. We are well on our way to our goal of 1.4 million residents by 2030. We also had positive discussions on the future direction of federal settlement funding. It has been our position that these funds would be best deployed by the province."

<u>Federal Government Agrees To 42 Per Cent Increase In SINP Nominations And Reduce Duplication In</u>
<u>Immigration Assessments | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

SASKATCHEWAN LEADS NATION IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION



Saskatchewan is seeing continued growth as it leads Canada for growth in investment in building construction, according to Statistics Canada.

"March 14's strong Statistics Canada numbers are another sign that our economy continues to grow,"

Trade and Exports Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With the positive numbers in this sector, it's clear that we are creating jobs, opportunities, and ensuring growth that works for everyone."

Saskatchewan Leads Nation in Building Construction | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK

- 1. Compliment three people every day.
- 2. Watch the sunrise at least once a year.
- 3. Be the first to say, "hello."
- 4. Live beneath your means.
- 5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- 6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
- 7. Forget the Joneses.
- 8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
- 10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
- 11. Be kinder than necessary.
- Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- 13. Keep your promises.
- Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
- Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
- 16. Leave everything better than you found it.
- Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
- 18. When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
- 19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
- 20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone that you love them.

DID YOU KNOW?



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FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

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5 Protection Tips from SaskTel



1. Set Up Two-Factor Authentication

MFA improves security and requires you to confirm your identity through email/text before logging in.

2. Use Strong + Unique Passwords

Update passwords frequently, don't share them with anyone, and be sure to use different passwords for each account.

3. Too Good To Be True?

Remember, a legitimate business will not reach out for personal info unless a transaction has taken place.

4. Keep Personal and Account Info Private

Hackers are always on the lookout for loopholes. Protect yourself by keeping your sensitive information secure.

5. Use Antivirus Software

Invest in up-to-date, trustworthy antivirus software for your computer, table, and smartphone.

PROVINCE HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY ON FARMS



Learning to spot hazards on the farm can help prevent serious injuries and fatalities.



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed March 12 to 18, 2023, as Agricultural Safety Week in Saskatchewan.

"Working in agriculture means long days during busy seasons like calving, seeding and harvest,"
Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Agricultural Safety Week serves as a critical reminder that the business of farming is dependent upon healthy people who prioritize safety year-round."

"Keeping those who work in our agriculture sector safe and healthy is vital to a strong and growing Saskatchewan," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "Learning to spot hazards on the farm can help prevent serious injuries and fatalities."

<u>Province Highlights the Importance of Safety on Farms | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN OUT NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!



GARDENSCAPE



When: March 24 - 26 Where: Prairieland Park

Information: Admissions & Tickets – Gardenscape (gardenscapeshow.ca)

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL JEANS & JEWELS GALA



When: May 5, 2023 Where: Prairieland Park

Information: Gala Table - Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation

(pattisonchildrens.ca)

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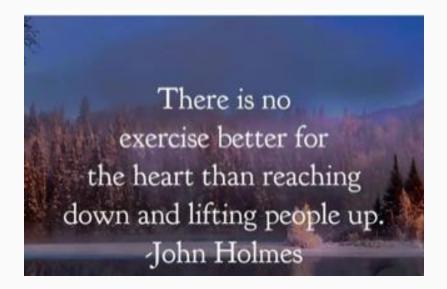
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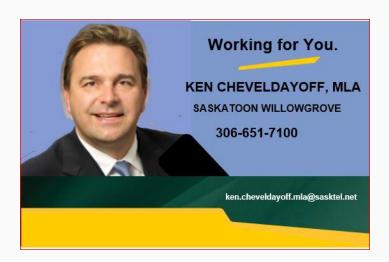
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