

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



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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**SASKATOON
WILLOWGROVE**

The banner 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.

WATCH FOR THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET 2025-2026 NEWSLETTER THE END OF THE WEEK!

RECAP - LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Agriculture Literacy Month and Rendez-vous de la Francophonie. Both pillars of our culture and heritage, we value educating our future generations on their roots and taking the time to celebrate these occasions. Thank you to the many volunteers in our province who bring these events to life for the young and the young at heart.

Adult education is also a cornerstone of our province's success with 51 excellent post-secondary colleges and universities. Post-secondary graduates building their careers in Saskatchewan can now benefit from up to \$24,000 in tax credits from the Graduate Retention Program (GRP). Saskatchewan has increased the lifetime GRP maximum by 20 per cent for students who graduate on or after October 1, 2024.

The GRP offers tuition rebates to graduates who live and file taxes in Saskatchewan after they complete their post-secondary program. Graduates receive the tax credits

over a seven-year period and have up to 10 years after graduation to claim GRP or apply any unused credits.

This month is also the 60th anniversary of the Status of Women Office. Since its establishment in 1964, the Status of Women Office improved equality and offered protections for women in the workplace, increased maternity leave to extend time with newborn children. IT also enhanced supports and resources for women experiencing interpersonal violence along with innovative measures focused on preventing violence and abuse from occurring.

The Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities recently announced more than \$34.4 million for 32 road, bridge and culvert projects. This supports the export of goods and resources originating in rural municipalities. Through the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth program, the Ministry of Highways will invest more than \$12.6 million toward the projects and rural municipalities will fund the remaining more than \$21.7 million. The work will occur in the 2025 construction season.

In addition to the promise kept for significant road projects, the government of Saskatchewan has also kept its promise for increased ease of living for seniors. The \$43 million in targeted initiatives to support seniors to live within their communities include: providing home nursing services free of charge, subsidize supportive services through home care, subsidize the overall cost of publicly funded long-term care, provide reduced ambulance costs and cap the cost of prescription drugs to \$25, for those listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary and those approved under Exception Drug Status, extending coverage of Continuous and Flash Glucose Monitoring Systems and more.

A second Ronald McDonald House Charities home was announced for Saskatchewan in the past four weeks. The Government of Saskatchewan announced \$3.5 million in funding to build one for the first time ever in Prince Albert. This will bring a third Ronald McDonald House to our province. There has been a long-standing home in Saskatoon, the second currently under construction in Regina and soon to break ground will be the one for the north in Prince Albert.

Our government's commitment to children's nutrition in and outside of the classroom was expanded this week. A three-year joint-agreement under the National School Food Program was signed. Nutrition at school contributes to positive student outcomes including: improved academic work, initiative, class participation and problem solving.

As President Trump in the United States continues to change his thoughts of US relations with partnering countries, Premier Scott Moe, your cabinet and MLAs are working daily with their counterparts in the US and around the world. Recently, Premier Moe and Energy and Resources Minister Colleen Young lead a mission to

CERAWeek 2025, the world's premier energy conference. While in Houston, their focus was on emphasizing Saskatchewan's world-class leadership in responsible energy development, sustainability and innovation.

At home this week, our government announced record-setting Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) in the upcoming 2025-26 Provincial Budget with \$361.8 million, an increase of \$21.5 million or 6.3 per cent from last year. MRS provides predictable, unconditional funding to Saskatchewan cities, towns, villages and rural municipalities based on three-quarters of one point of provincial sales tax revenue from two years prior. The predictable nature of the funding ensures that communities are able to make budget plans knowing what their annual allocation will be, providing stability for strategic investments at the municipal level.



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

Date:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Time:

1:00pm – All guests seated

1:30pm – Question Period

2:00pm – Budget Delivery

Location:

Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber

2405 Legislative Drive, Regina SK

RSVP:

*As soon as possible to Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA at
ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or 306-651-7100*

Our government looks forward to sharing the 2025-26 Budget on March 19th. If you would like to attend, please let our office know by noon Monday, March 17th. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100..

2025-26 BUDGET WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CLASSROOMS

DELIVERING FOR YOU

MORE SUPPORTS FOR CLASSROOMS

- Investing in specialized classroom supports
- 76 new relocatable classrooms to alleviate space pressures



The 2025-26 Budget will continue to deliver more supports for classrooms with a focus on kindergarten to grade 3 outcomes.

We will build on the investments you've seen from our government this past year in specialized classroom supports and the 76 new relocatable classrooms announced in February to address space pressures across the province.

**SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POWERHOUSE SERIES - PROVINCIAL
BUDGET DEBRIEF**



SK Finance Minister Jim Reiter will take your questions on his first provincial budget, how it affects Saskatoon business and how it responds to today's economic challenges from tariffs to Trump.

Date and Time

Friday Mar 21, 2025

11:15 am- Registration

11:30 am- Lunch Buffet

12:00 pm- Program Begins

1:30 pm- Wrap Up

Location- Park Town Hotel - Cedar Room

***Please note: Assigned seating will be designated for corporate tables of 6, individual tickets will be rush seating.**

Fees/Admission

Members: \$45 plus GST / Non-Members: \$55 plus GST

***Tickets are transferable, but non-refundable.**

Contact Information - Treena Skaalid, Outreach & Events Manager 306-664-0705

/ [PowerHouse Series: Provincial Budget Debrief with Jim Reiter, Deputy Premier & Minister of Finance - Mar 21, 2025 - ChamberEvents – Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce](#)

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**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN USASK HUSKIE ATHLETICS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
ARE USPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**



Congratulations to the U of S Huskie Women's Basketball team on winning yet another USPORTS National Championship in Vancouver Sunday evening!

A huge shoutout to Coach Lisa Thomaidis and every team member for this outstanding accomplishment. CONGRATULATIONS! ★

STANDING UP FOR SASKATCHEWAN



Federal Minister Champagne says Canada will not remove EV tariffs that have resulted in Chinese canola tariffs because:

"We want to protect our industries. We want to protect our workers. We want to protect our communities."

Here is Premier Moe's response:.

What about Saskatchewan workers in Saskatchewan communities in the Saskatchewan canola industry?

Team Canada can't just mean Team Quebec.

Premier Moe, "I'm asking the new Prime Minister Mark Carney to rethink his trade priorities and first trade mission."

Watch Premier Moe's news conference: [\(14\) Facebook](#)

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



Happy St. Patrick's Day today! This day is marked by parades, green-themed decorations, and various festive events showcasing Irish heritage and culture. This St. Patrick's Day, I wish you Irish blessings and love. May the festivities of St. Patrick's Day never end. Have the best of all that you can on St. Patrick's Day with your loved ones.

ABOVE NORMAL RUNOFF EXPECTED FOR MOST OF SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

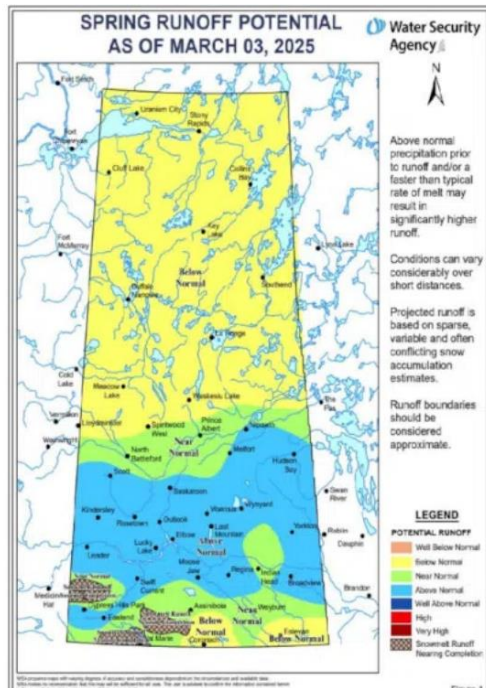


The Water Security Agency (WSA) released the Spring Runoff Report for 2025.

A normal to above normal runoff is forecast for most of central and southern Saskatchewan due to an above normal snowpack.

Runoff across most of the north and parts of the southeast is expected to be below normal due to dry fall conditions and a below normal snowpack in these areas.

Most major water reservoirs in southern Saskatchewan are at or above normal levels for this time of year and are expected to be near normal levels following the spring runoff.



"Over the winter, we have seen moisture conditions improve in parts of the province with higher than forecasted snowpack particularly across the south-central area of the province," Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency Daryl Harrison said. "This, combined with overwinter operating plans at reservoirs designed to retain water supplies, means water supply conditions have improved over last year."

[Above Normal Runoff Expected for Most of Southern Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

NATIONAL SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

National School Food Program



The governments of Saskatchewan and Canada have signed a \$15.8 million, three-year agreement under the program that will assist school divisions and community-based organizations.

Providing healthy school meals helps students improve academic work, initiative, class participation and problem solving. This funding will support the well-being of children and families across our growing province.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!



Are you interested in pursuing specialized training to kickstart a meaningful career in health care?

The [Government of Saskatchewan](#) reserves seats for students to study at institutions outside the province in a variety of high-demand health care training programs. You could study:

- ➔ Respiratory Therapy
- ➔ Prosthetics and Orthotics
- ➔ Electroneurophysiology
- ➔ And more!

See a full list of institutions with seats reserved for Saskatchewan students and learn more about these programs: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../health-education-and.../...>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR KIDS



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Teach your children what to do in an emergency. Here's some tips:

- **Make sure they know when to dial 9-1-1 and to speak clearly.**
- **Teach them to stay calm, answer the operator's questions and remain on the line.**
- **Have them memorize your address and phone number.**
- **Stress the importance of calling 9-1-1 ONLY when it's a real emergency.**

Prepared kids are safer kids!

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ACTIVATES PROVINCIAL RESPONSE TO TOXIC DRUG CRISIS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) is being activated to enhance the response to the toxic drug crisis in Saskatoon.

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) will coordinate the activation in collaboration with the City of Saskatoon and Ministry of Health.

"Activating the PEOC will allow us to enhance the coordination between government ministries and organizations that respond to overdoses," SPSA President Marlo Pritchard said. "This approach will help us reinforce the work being done to save lives across the province. This collaborative effort will allow for enhanced coordination, allow for stronger communication and reduce gaps."

To date the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority have also provided additional naloxone kits to organizations in Saskatoon.

[Government of Saskatchewan Activates Provincial Response to Toxic Drug Crisis | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

FLOOD PREVENTION TIPS

Sump Pump Check



Flooding Tip

Check sump pumps for signs of water

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Ensure your sump pump is working before the heavy melt begins. Regularly check your basement for water and consider installing a water-sensing alarm for extra peace of mind. Stay ahead of potential flooding!

Smart Drainage



Flooding Tip

Clear snow/ice from downspouts to help drain properly

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Create channels in the ice and snow to guide meltwater away from your home. Also, extend your downspouts at least two metres to keep water from seeping back toward your foundation.

Spring Melt Tip



Flooding Tip

Keep snow clear from around your house

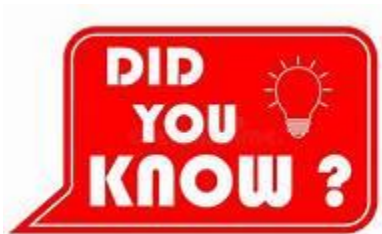
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As the snow melts, clear snow away from your foundation. This helps direct water to proper drainage systems and reduces the risk of flooding. A little effort now can save big headaches later!

For more flooding tips, visit: <https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/at-home/emergency-preparedness-at-home>

DID YOU KNOW? INTERESTING!



NOTE: This is copied and meant just for fun ... interesting unverified points!

- Did You Know Most of the World's French Fries Come from New Brunswick?

New Brunswick-based McCain Foods makes one-third of all the frozen French fries produced in the world, and many come from a \$65-million state-of-the art potato processing plant that's in Florenceville-Bristol. The small town in western New Brunswick has taken on the moniker 'The French Fry Capital of the World.' Not surprisingly, this is the location of the Potato World museum, and the heart of the mid-July National French Fry Day celebrations.



- Did You Know Carleton Place Makes the World's Best Baseball Bats?

In 2012, more than 100 Major League Baseball players chose to swing Canadian maple wood bats - better known as the "Sam Bat". Sam Holman, founder of the The Original Maple Bat Corporation, invented the bat by choosing maple wood, a harder wood than the traditionally used ash. So, if you see a professional player with a little logo on their baseball bat, that's one of the 18,000 sluggers produced each year in Carleton Place, a half-hour from Ottawa.



- Did You Know Saskatchewan Produces Most of the World's Lentils?

Mmmm, Lentils! Whether home or travelling abroad, order some lentil soup and odds are you're getting a little taste of home. Canada is the largest exporter of green lentils in the world - about 1.5 million metric tonnes annually, with 95% of it coming from Saskatchewan.



- Did You Know Toronto Makes the World's Best Racing Bikes?

Using the same tools and techniques as Formula One teams, Toronto-based Cervélo builds what have been called the world's fastest and lightest bikes. At the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, athletes riding Cervélo bikes won 10 medals, while in 2008 Carl OS Sastre rode a Cervélo bike to win Le Tour de France.



- Did You Know the World's Best Cymbals come from New Brunswick

Where do the cymbals used by Rush, Keith Harris of the Black Eyed Peas, the Philadelphia Orchestra and marching bands around the world come from? The small village of Meductic (population 300), located along the Saint John River in southern New Brunswick . SABIAN cymbals are sold in 120 countries around the world.



- Did You Know Kelowna Makes Most of the World's Water Slides?

When you slip down one of those clear tube water slides on a Disney Cruise, you're likely using Canadian design and technology. Canada's Whitewater West Industries Ltd. Is the largest water parks attraction company in the world. Their Kelowna, B.C. Facility, FormaShape, makes thousands of water slides each year.



- Did you know that CCM makes "Tack's" the World best Hockey Skates designed by George Tackaberry who sold out the company in 1937. All based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Also known as the third cousin of Keith Gilmour and the family connection for 600 years.

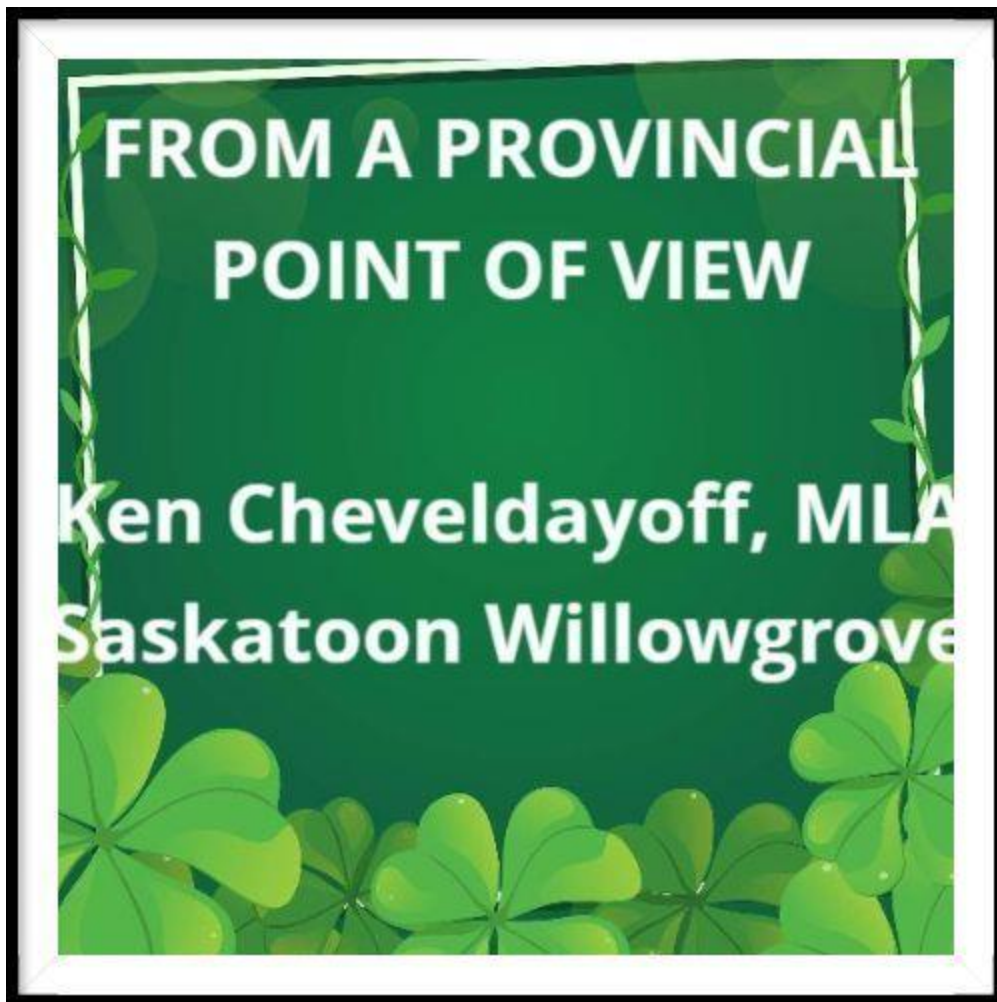


NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION WEEK



National Impaired Driving Prevention Week starts today. Let's get Canada talking about keeping our roads safe from impaired driving.

WORKING FOR YOU!



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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.

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THANKS TO SASKATOON FAMILY FUN FOR THIS GREAT EVENT CALENDAR!



Family Fun Saskatoon is your go-to resource for all things fun and local. From the biggest festivals to the hidden gems, we are on the move and on the lookout for the very best #YXE has to offer!

Are you looking for something to do this weekend or into next week? If you've got friends or family coming into town and you're looking for some fun ideas for them, we update our Event Calendar daily with ideas for families. You can check it out on our website. Just click on the day, and follow the link to any activity or event that interests you!

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/calendar/>



Are you planning to go to the Homestyles Homeshow? Great news! Family Fun Saskatoon has four tickets to give away! They will pick TWO winners and to receive two tickets each. (Kids 12 and under get in free!) All you have to do is follow the link and enter the contest. Plus, you can have a photoshoot with some special Sesame Street characters on Sunday. Find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/sas.../homestyles-home-show/>



FREE WINTER FUN

We know things are expensive. Life is expensive. So Family Fun Saskatoon has been working hard on updating their guide for things you can do for free this winter. We **ALMOST** had Spring but we're back to winter (with not as cold temps!) What do you do in Saskatoon on a budget during winter? Let them know and they can add it to the guide. Check out our guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../family-friendly-and.../>

REMINDER - HOME STYLES SHOW AT PRAIRIELAND PARK MARCH 21 - 23



HomeStyles connects with the public seeking information on building, renovating, and improving their indoor and outdoor spaces.

[About - HomeStyles](#)

The Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association HomeStyles Home Show is the ideal place for homeowners and home dreamers to search for trusted professionals who can enhance how you live in your home. If you are searching for home maintenance services, home renovation professionals or products related to the home, they have you covered. Don't waste your time searching the internet endlessly or driving from showroom to showroom. Start with the professionals at the HomeStyles Home Show.

JUST THE LINKS



[Saskatchewan Stands Strong in the Face of Tariffs | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: Suspected Crypto Scam Uses Premier Moe's Image and Fake News Article to Target Saskatchewan People | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



INVESTOR ALERT

Suspected impersonation scam using fake news articles claiming that Premier Scott Moe is endorsing the cryptocurrency trading platforms CanCap and BitCan.



[aretheyregistered.ca](https://www.aretheyregistered.ca)

[Saskatchewan to Support Municipalities in Addressing Derelict Buildings | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Sees 78.7 Per Cent Growth in Building Permits | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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[Changes to Fees and Charges in 2025-26 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Health Care Recruitment Agency Releases Toolkit Highlighting Community Strategies Supporting Health Care Professionals | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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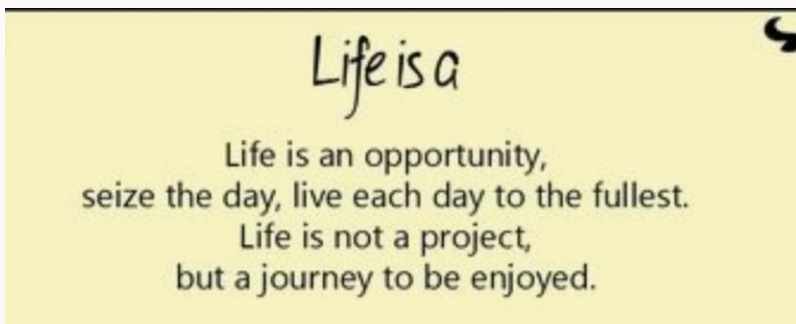
**First Nation and Métis
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[Prevention and Intervention Services for Vulnerable Families Expanded to Prince Albert and Melfort | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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