

Protecting 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*

*It's a privilege to serve and stay connected with the constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove.*

*I truly value hearing from you—it helps me better represent and support you, your family and our community.*

*Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome, and I look forward to speaking with you.*

*Please don't hesitate to contact my office anytime.*

# \$2.5B IN SCHOOL OPERATING FUNDING

↑ **Up \$62 million**

*Protecting opportunities and supports  
for students, parents and teachers.*

With stable funding, targeted classroom supports, modern infrastructure investments and expanded training capacity, Saskatchewan is securing a strong future for learners across the province.

*I took great pleasure in rising in the house this past week to discuss the pressing matter of new schools, specifically in Brighton, which stands out as one of the fastest growing areas within our city and Saskatoon Willowgrove Constituency.*



Please check out my Member's statement here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/w5is31us5rvpx1fbc0knk/Saskatchewan->

[Legislature-Member-Statement-Minister-Cheveldayoff-2026-03-24.mp4?rlkey=2mk1toufpthu86j36uutcqhes&st=bet8g5b6&dl=0](#)



# Protecting Saskatchewan

Provincial Budget | 2026-27

- *2.5B in annual affordability measures*
- *Investing in Saskatchewan's workforce*
- *\$8.5B in Healthcare, up \$393M*
- *Enhancing law enforcement to protect communities*
- *Protecting vulnerable people*
- *2.5B in school operating funding, up \$62M*
- *Protecting Saskatchewan's strong financial position*

## PROTECTING HEALTH CARE - OUR #1 PRIORITY

Right Care. Right Place. Right Time.



### PROTECTING Healthcare

*A record \$8.5B* to improve access to primary care, hospital care and surgery.

**We're protecting health care in Saskatchewan by improving access, recruiting more health care workers, and launching the largest nurse practitioner expansion in our province's history.**

**As part of budget, we're investing an additional \$98 million to expand acute care capacity, including new permanent inpatient beds at Saskatoon hospitals.**

*Saskatoon, did you know:*

**We're building a stronger health system—for patients, families, and communities.**

**Since 2021, 201 acute care beds have been opened and staffed across the province. And more improvements are on the way:**

- **36 new beds at Royal University Hospital by converting unused space**
- **24 new beds at St. Paul's Hospital**
- **6 new pediatric beds at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital**
- **57 new beds coming to Prince Albert Victoria Hospital once construction is complete**

**More hospital beds mean less delay for care, smoother patient flow, and better care—exactly where and when people need it most.**



## **PROTECTING FAMILIES**

**We're protecting Saskatchewan families with lower taxes – saving them \$200 million by reducing and indexing personal income tax.**

**Learn more about how the 2026-27 Budget is protecting Saskatchewan at <https://budget.saskatchewan.ca/>**

## Protecting Families

Provincial Budget / 2026-27

**Lower taxes for families**

### PROTECTING STUDENTS

Protecting affordability and promoting a strong post-secondary sector!  
In 2026-27, Saskatchewan is investing \$847 million in post-secondary institutions and [#skstudents](#) – a 7.5 per cent increase. This will support:

- ✓ Lower annual tuition increases
- ✓ More student aid funding
- ✓ Increased funding for post-secondary institutions
- ✓ New health care training opportunities

Learn more about the province's 2026-27 Budget

at <https://budget.saskatchewan.ca/>

## Protecting Students

Provincial Budget / 2026-27

Investing **\$847 million**  
to support a strong  
post-secondary sector

### PROTECTING SASKATCHEWAN

**Protecting Saskatchewan — we're ahead of pace to meet our 10 year goal of improving 10,000 km of highways and roads.**

**For more info see:** <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../highways-budget...>

*Protecting Saskatchewan*

*Provincial Budget / 2026-27*

**\$764 million** to protect  
Saskatchewan highways



## INVESTING IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Protecting Saskatchewan highways with capital investments.**

**For more info see:** <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../highways-budget...>

**HHR ACTION PLAN - TRAIN**

HHR Action Plan • Train

Saskatchewan students  
can study **MRI 2nd  
Discipline** at NAIT

**Dreaming of a career that allows you to:**

- work on a dynamic health care team;**
- operate specialized medical equipment; and**
- provide diagnostic and therapeutic support to patients?**



**Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) might be right for you! Seats are reserved for [#skstudents](#) to study to become an MRI technologist at [NAIT](#). Students in this program can study part-time, online and complete their clinical placements close to home!**

**Financial supports and incentives are available for eligible students during their studies and as they start their careers in Saskatchewan.**

**Learn more at <https://www.nait.ca/programs/magnetic-resonance-imaging>**

**SASKATCHEWAN TOPS THE CHARTS IN CONTRUCTION**



***Building Construction Protects Province for Second Consecutive Month***

Today, Statistics Canada released figures showing that investment in building construction in Saskatchewan increased by 25.6 per cent from January 2025 to January 2026 (seasonally adjusted). This puts the province second in Canada for year-over-year growth.



***"With more and more people choosing to call Saskatchewan home, our construction industry is reaping the rewards," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "As more money goes into the sector, we create new jobs, build houses and invest in the infrastructure we need for everyday life. All of this ensures we are protecting Saskatchewan people and communities."***

[Saskatchewan Tops the Charts in Construction | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



**Protecting Saskatchewan means investing in our future, and that starts with supporting students, families and lifelong learning across our province. This year's provincial budget continues to protect Saskatchewan's future by making significant investments in education and advanced education, supporting young people as they continue their education and start their careers.**

**Our government is investing \$3.6 billion in Prekindergarten to Grade 12 education, early learning, child care and libraries. This includes \$2.5 billion in operating funding for Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions, an increase of \$62.2 million from last year. Over the past three years, school operating funding has increased by approximately 20 per cent.**

**These investments are focused on what matters most, which is to support our students in the classroom. This year, we are also adding 50 more Specialized Support Classrooms across the province. These classrooms provide targeted supports for students who need additional help, while also strengthening overall classroom learning environments.**

**Work also continues to strengthen early literacy, with \$2 million invested to support young learners through updated curriculum, teacher development and provincial literacy screening. Investments like these in education, child care and libraries will secure a bright future for our children and families, ensuring we are giving Saskatchewan kids their best start.**

**At the same time, we are making important investments in school infrastructure. The budget includes \$123.8 million for school capital projects, including new schools in growing communities and major renovations underway to existing facilities. This ensures students have safe, modern learning spaces designed to support success today and into the future.**

**We know that learning begins long before a child enters a classroom. That's why our government is investing \$425.5 million in early learning and child care, helping families access affordable, high-quality care. The budget also includes investments in programs like school food initiatives to enhance nutrition programs across school divisions, as well as continued support for provincial public library operating grants. These supports help students and families across Saskatchewan.**

**Beyond the K-12 system, our government is also making strong investments in post-secondary education to keep building on the opportunities we have here at home. The budget includes \$847.1 million for post-secondary students and institutions, an increase of 7.5 per cent. This funding provides stability for institutions while ensuring students have access to the education and training needed for Saskatchewan's strong and growing job market.**

**A new multi-year funding agreement will provide \$250 million to Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions over the next four years, including a \$33.6 million increase in 2026-27. Institutions will continue to see steady, predictable increases each year while tuition hikes will be capped at three per cent. This will keep education affordable and accessible for students across the province.**

**In addition, we are also expanding training opportunities, particularly in health care. To deliver on our government's *Patients First Health Care Plan*,**

nearly 190 new training seats will be added this year, contributing to more than 1,000 new seats created since 2022. This includes new spaces for physicians, nurse practitioners and other in-demand health professions in Saskatchewan.

Affordability remains a priority. Our government is protecting student affordability through \$119.3 million in supports, including *the Student Aid Fund*, which helps students access loans and grants to fund their education. Scholarships and bursaries also continue to be available, while *the Graduate Retention Program* continues to provide up to \$24,000 in tax credits. This helps students starting careers in Saskatchewan stay, work, and build their future at home.

By investing in education today, we are protecting Saskatchewan for tomorrow. These investments reflect a clear priority: supporting students, strengthening our workforce and ensuring our province remains a great place to live, learn and build a future. To learn more about how we are protecting Saskatchewan's future, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/budget](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/budget).

Your Saskatchewan Party government will continue to listen and deliver real solutions for the people of Saskatchewan. If you have questions, concerns or thoughts you would like to share, they are always welcome. You can contact my constituency office at 306.651.7100 or email [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)

**SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE 2026-27  
BUDGET PROVIDES STABILITY FOR SASKATCHEWAN**



***Finance Minister Jim Reiter received a warm welcome from a large crowd at LB Distilleries for the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce event. Highlights relevant to Saskatoon were outlined, focusing on areas such as Health care, Education, Advanced Education, Labour, and Social Services. The forecast indicates a challenging yet exiting year ahead. Canada's best budget has been acknowledged.***

**[Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce](#)**

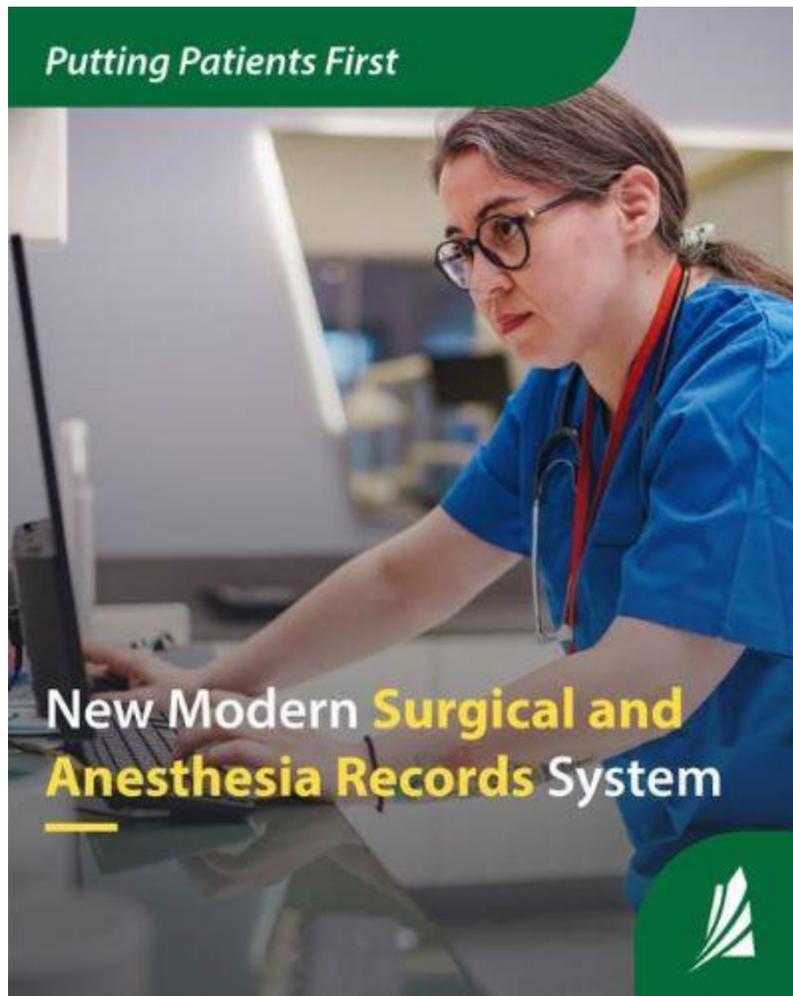
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**The Chamber says today's provincial budget provides stability for Saskatoon's businesses by avoiding new or increased taxes but must be followed by a clear plan to return the province to balance.**

**<https://saskatoonchamber.com/provincial-budget/>**

**[Global Saskatoon](#) [CBC Saskatoon](#) [Country 600](#) [CJWW 650](#) [CKOM Saskatoon](#) [StarPhoenix](#) [CTV New Saskatoon](#) [AllSaskatchewan](#)**

**SASKATCHEWAN PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST BY MODERNIZING SURGICAL AND ANESTHESIA RECORD SYSTEMS**



**The Government of Saskatchewan is investing up to \$5 million through eHealth Saskatchewan (eHealth), to launch a fully integrated digital system for anesthesia and surgical care, benefiting both patients and anesthesiologists.**

**The new system will automate and integrate the anesthesia management information with the provincial surgical suite, creating a more complete digital patient record and a more efficient, connected, and patient-centered experience. By streamlining workflows and enhancing collaboration among care teams the system will optimize resources and improve patient safety.**

***"Our government is putting patients first by investing in technological advancements that improve access and outcomes for surgical patients in our***

***province," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "This new system will assist in the recruitment and retention of anesthesiologists and other specialists who want to work with the most modern and efficient tools."***

[Saskatchewan Putting Patients First by Modernizing Surgical and Anesthesia Records Systems](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

### **\$4.3 BILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN 2026-27 BUDGET**



**The 2026-27 Provincial Budget delivers a capital budget in Saskatchewan at \$4.3 billion, one of the largest total capital budgets in Saskatchewan's history.**

**Funding from this year's budget will invest in capital projects throughout the province to deliver essential infrastructure for Saskatchewan families and communities. This includes nearly \$1.8 billion in capital projects across Executive Government and over \$2.5 billion in capital projects by the province's commercial Crown corporations.**

**The 2026-27 Budget provides \$635.7 million to support infrastructure improvements in the health sector to ensure residents can access quality health care as close to home as possible. Funding will be invested in major**

capital projects.

Read about the investments here: [\\$4.3 Billion Capital Investment in 2026-27 Budget | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**INVESTMENTS THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO CARE IS HOW WE PROTECT  
SASKATCHEWAN**



**MS CANADA:** The Government of Saskatchewan has shared plans to establish an MS clinic in Regina, as part of the provincial budget. The new clinic will serve residents of Regina and southern Saskatchewan, who currently travel to Saskatoon for specialized MS care.

Thank you to our community, Dr. Shahab for his leadership, and the Saskatchewan government for making this happen.

There's a critical need for specialized MS treatment not only in Saskatchewan, but Canada-wide. Our work is not done. We'll continue to push governments to boost MS specialist care across the country.

Learn more about the new Regina clinic: [bit.ly/4bqy3Lm](https://bit.ly/4bqy3Lm)

## PROTECTING A STRONG ECONOMY

### *Protecting a Strong Economy*

Provincial Budget / 2026-27



Keeping the small  
business tax at **1%**



Investing **\$125 million** in  
**workforce development**



One of the largest  
**capital investments** in  
Saskatchewan history



**Saskatchewan is the most affordable place to live in Canada.  
The 2026 budget makes it more affordable by reducing taxes for everyone.**

AFFORDABILITY · PROTECTING YOUR WALLET

# \$500M

**SAVED BY REMOVING  
THE CARBON TAX  
FROM POWER BILLS**

OTTAWA WANTED TO KEEP IT.  
WE FOUGHT TO END IT.

SASKATCHEWAN PARTY SOURCE: GOVT OF SK BUDGET 2026

AFFORDABILITY · BUDGET 2026-27

# 65K

**TAX-FREE  
FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR**

THE HIGHEST TAX-FREE THRESHOLD IN CANADA

SASKATCHEWAN PARTY SOURCE: GOVT OF SK BUDGET 2026

**Budget 2026 includes a record investment in health care.**

**Our Patients First Health Care Plan will make sure every family has access to a primary care provider and everyone who needs surgery get it in a timely manner.**

**Right care, right place, right time.**

## ***\$2.5B in Annual Affordability Measures***

Building on the *Saskatchewan  
Affordability Act.*



**Ensuring Saskatchewan remains the most affordable place in Canada to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Learn more at [Saskatchewan.ca/budget](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/budget).**

A PROVINCIAL RECORD

# \$8.5B

FOR HEALTH CARE  
IN SASKATCHEWAN

60

NEW HOSPITAL BEDS

5

URGENT CARE CENTRES

\$636M

INFRASTRUCTURE

PATIENTS FIRST · BUDGET 2026

SOURCE: GOVT OF SK BUDGET 2026

NEW URGENT CARE CENTRES 2026

## RIGHT CARE. RIGHT PLACE.

COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY

- MOOSE JAW
- NORTH BATTLEFORD
- PRINCE ALBERT
- REGINA
- SASKATOON

*Every family deserves care close to home.*

PATIENTS FIRST · BUDGET 2026

SASKATCHEWAN PARTY

WHAT WE'RE BUILDING · PATIENTS FIRST 2026

# HEALTH CARE CLOSER TO HOME

- 60 NEW PERMANENT HOSPITAL BEDS IN SASKATOON
- 5 NEW URGENT CARE CENTRES ACROSS SK
- LARGEST NURSE PRACTITIONER EXPANSION IN SK HISTORY
- 200 NEW ADDICTIONS TREATMENT SPACES
- \$636M IN HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE

PATIENTS FIRST · PROTECTING SASKATCHEWAN

BUDGET 2026

**NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SUPPORTS STUDENTS INTERESTED IN HEALTH  
CARE CAREERS**



**High school students in Saskatchewan have a new pathway to explore careers in health care with the launch of Health Careers 20L, an innovative course giving high school students early exposure to potential career opportunities in the province's health care sector.**

**Developed for high school students by Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) in direct collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Virtual Health Hub and Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Health Careers 20L will give high school students insight into what today's health care professionals do in the field and allows them to make informed decisions about future post-secondary education options and career plans.**

***"The launch of Health Careers 20L responds to growing interest among young people in health care professions and provides opportunities for them to***

***make career discoveries early on,” Minister Responsible for Sask DLC Everett Hindley said. “This course is about helping students get their best start to post-secondary education, and supports long-term workforce awareness by introducing the diverse roles available in the sector here in Saskatchewan.”***

[New High School Course Supports Students Interested in Health Care Careers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**APPLY BY MARCH 31**



**The new Youth Partnership Council is seeking members ages 14–20 who want to share their perspectives and help guide programs that support young people across the province.**

**Youth from all regions, cultures, genders and life experiences are welcome.**

**Apply by March 31: <https://forms.office.com/r/V5M7JqQ6Nu>**

## **NURSING TASKFORCE FRAMEWORK FINALIZED**

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**After extensive joint efforts since the Nursing Team Taskforce was first announced, the partners are pleased to share that a Task Force Framework has been finalized.**

**The Framework establishes a structure, as well as the core principles that have been developed to guide this important work. Areas of shared commitment include:**

**Stabilizing and enhancing retention and recruitment, support for nursing team members (Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Continuing Care Assistants) through mentorship, and the reduction of violence in patient care settings. Additionally, there is a shared commitment to prioritize effective teamwork and ensure that all members are working at the top of their scope of practice. These priority areas for collaboration are intended to be impactful for both retaining the province's nursing team professionals, and ensuring patients/residents/clients receive accessible, high-quality care.**

**Next steps will include joint efforts to further refine priority initiatives and determine impactful, funded opportunities. This also recognizes that in addition to the work of the Task Force, ongoing collective bargaining is underway and some of these items may be better referred to those discussions.**

**The partners look forward to working together to develop meaningful health care solutions.**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO FEATURE IN THIS NEWSLETTER**



## GARDEN SCAPE



From March 27–29, get inspired for the season ahead at [Gardenscape](#) at [Prairieland Park](#), featuring ideas, experts, and everything you need to welcome spring.

## DISCOVER SASKATOON - NEW BLOG

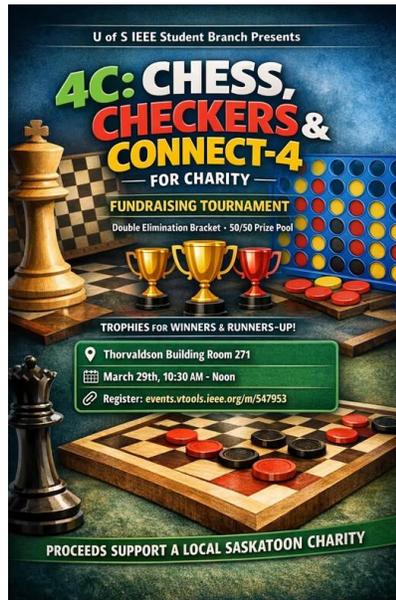


Spring has arrived in Saskatoon, and April is packed with ways to enjoy it 🌷 From Easter events to Rush games, there's plenty happening around the city next month.

Check out our latest blog post for all the details:

<https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this...>

## GAMES FOR CHARITY



Join the U of S IEEE Student Branch for a fun and competitive fundraising tournament! Test your skills in Chess, Checkers, or Connect-4 — or compete in all three for a chance at the 50/50 prize pool.

🏆 Trophies awarded to winners and runners-up

❤️ All proceeds support a local Saskatoon charity

📍 Thorvaldson Building, Room 271

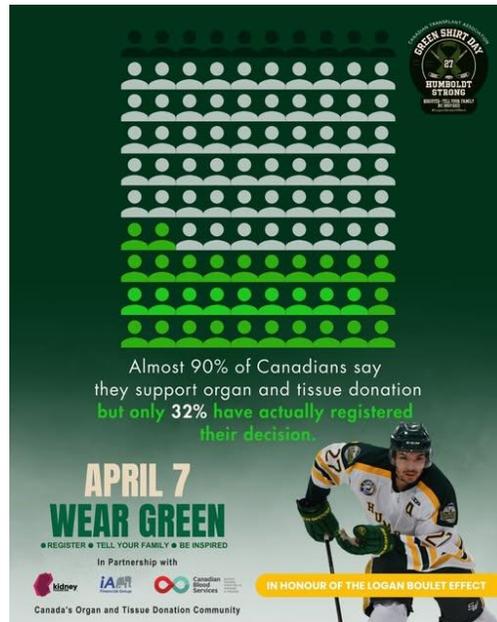
📅 March 29 | 🕒 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

🔗 Register here: <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/547953>

**Important: Bring your own device (laptop, tablet, or phone). Free parking available in Lot F near the Education Building.**

**Come compete, have fun, and support a great cause!**

**GREEN SHIRT DAY APRIL 7**



**One decision could save a life. Or many.**

**Nearly 90% of Canadians say they support organ and tissue donation—yet only 32% have registered their decision.**

**Every year, about 250 Canadians die while waiting for a life saving transplant. Registering is simple. It takes just a few minutes—but the impact can last a lifetime.**

- ✔ Register your decision
  - ✔ Talk to your family
  - ✔ Give hope to those waiting
- ♥ Register today: <https://greenshirtday.ca/register>

**SUMMER EXPRESS SUMMER CAMPS**



Let your kids dance and sing through summer at **SaskExpress Studio Summer Camps**. Whether your children are just beginning or more advanced in performance, dance, drama and singing, [SaskExpress Saskatoon](https://www.saskexpress.com) offers competitive and non-competitive programming. Ages 8 – 19 can try out for the Summer Performance Intensive: Mary Poppins JR. The Preschool Camps are sure to keep your 3-5-year-old kids busy! Summer Stage Programs are week-long programs for ages 6-13 - every week has a new theme that campers will love, from Swiftie Sensations, to K-Pop Theatre Hunters, to Triple Threat Olympics and more! Register before May 1, 2026, and receive \$10 off.

**JUST THE LINKS**



[Government of Saskatchewan Announces Detailed Changes to the 2026 AgriStability Program | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Amendments to the Income Tax Act will Double First Responders Tax Credit and Extend Chemical Fertilizer Incentive | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[New Transmission Project Will Link Northern, Southern SaskPower Grids | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Celebrates the Grand Opening of Francophone Elementary School in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Changes to Non-Resident Game Bird Licences in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Secondary Highways in Southern Saskatchewan to Begin Spring Weight Restrictions Friday to Protect Infrastructure | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Protect Our Elms: Don't Prune from April 1 to August 31 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Highlights Protections Against Immigration Fraud | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Protecting Saskatchewan's Environment | News and Media | Government of](#)

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[Angling Licence Renewals and New Angling Habitat Certificate | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Calls on Ottawa to Give Provinces a Real Voice in Appointing Judges | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

A KIND  
WORD  
— is like a —  
SPRING  
DAY



*Be thankful for today.  
You only see it once.*



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