

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Saskatchewan has re-enforced our place as a world leader in 2022. Despite the challenges of the last two years, our province has been leading the way in economic expansion and investment. A stable and prosperous economy allows our government to invest that hard work back into public programs and services.

Statistics Canada has reported that our province added over 18,000 new jobs between April 2021 and April 2022. For the 17th consecutive month, off-reserve Indigenous employment was up, with youth employment rising over eight per cent.

Between February 2021 and February 2022, we led the nation in year-over-year retail trade growth. The value of retail trade increased by 13 per cent to a total of over \$2 billion. Additionally, our province recorded the second-highest month-to-month growth in merchandise exports. The good news continued as wholesale trade increased by nearly 37 per cent over 2021, the highest among the provinces.

Meanwhile, Saskatchewan's manufacturing sector grew by nearly 40 per cent year-over-year, the highest growth in the country. We retained the distinction of being Canada's best jurisdiction for mining investment. We have also been named the second-best jurisdiction globally, just behind Western Australia. In 2021, Saskatchewan's mining sector generated \$8.6 billion in sales, the second-highest ever

recorded. Economic advancements of this nature lead to further private investment in our province, creating more jobs and supporting our growing communities.

While we celebrate the collective achievements as a province, our government is committed to continued, sustainable growth for future generations. With that in mind, we have focused on creating an economic environment that is attractive to investors, resulting in more jobs to support our communities.

One way to assist is by supporting job seekers as they enter the workforce or look for a new opportunity. Our government has provided \$1 million in support for Hospitality Saskatchewan to promote careers in the hospitality and tourism sector. Businesses were impacted by the global pandemic and are working through a labour shortage. The investment will assist in attracting, training and retaining employees. A further \$532,000 in one-time funding will provide training and support for Indigenous job seekers to develop skills needed for this industry.

Investing in Northern Saskatchewan is part of our Growth Plan as we promote the vast opportunities our province holds. Global investors are looking to us for the food, fuel, fertilizer and forestry products they need. Four forestry projects worth \$1 billion are underway and will create over 2,600 jobs for Saskatchewan residents, largely in the north.

As we work to advance reconciliation and promote economic development, our government has expanded our support for Indigenous resource development projects. Through discussions with business owners and Indigenous leaders, a lack of access to capital funds was identified as a barrier to investment. In response, legislation will create the Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation (SIIF). Loan guarantees are being offered to eligible First Nations and Métis communities and organizations to support investments in forestry, mining, oil and gas, energy production and value-added agriculture. This targeted investment will create more jobs and further strengthen our communities.

Statistics show the world is investing in Saskatchewan. We have more jobs, more investment and more opportunities in our province every day.

MAY IS MS AWARENESS MONTH



MS Awareness Month unites individuals and organizations from around the world to raise awareness and move us closer to a world free of MS. The theme for 2022 will be called "I Connect, We Connect" and the theme is building community connection, self-connection and connections to quality care.

PREMIER SCOTT MOE TELLING THE SASKATCHEWAN STORY



Premier Scott Moe, "Exports abroad create jobs at home in Saskatchewan. That's why it's so important for our province and our companies to be telling the Saskatchewan story in growing markets around the world.

The United Arab Emirates is Saskatchewan's 3rd largest export market for lentils and 4th largest for canola, making the relationship between our province and the UAE critical to our continued growth.

I look forward to strengthening our province's relationship with the UAE and to deliver the keynote speech at Global Pulses Confederation, the world's largest pulse industry event."

Photo:

Kyle Procyshyn, Saskatchewan UAE Office Managing Director

Jean-Philippe Linteau, Consul General of Canada to Dubai and the Northern Emirates

Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Trade and Export Development

PROVINCE MARKS NATIONAL NURSING WEEK, MAY 9-15



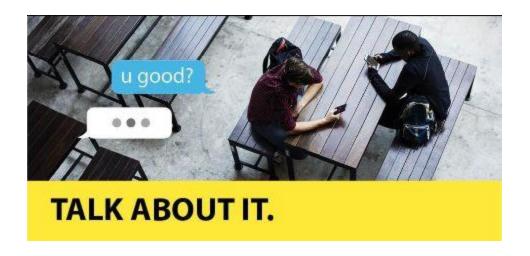
Government Continues To Invest In Training, Recruitment And Retention Of Nurses

In support of National Nursing Week, the Government of Saskatchewan recognizes the dedication and commitment of 16,900 nurses across the province for the incredible care they provide to residents every day. This year's budget included a variety of important initiatives, which demonstrates the government's commitment to supporting a robust nursing workforce.

"This week we celebrate nurses in our province for their many contributions to the health and well-being of residents, especially through the past two years," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "I want to thank them for answering the call. Along with other health care providers, they are the foundation of our health system."

Province Marks National Nursing Week, May 9 - 15 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES MAKING PROGRESS ON SUICIDE PREVENTION WORK



Two-Year Anniversary of Pillars for Life: The Saskatchewan Suicide Prevention Plan

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to build partnerships to support individuals and families at risk of suicide as it marks the two-year anniversary of the release of *Pillars for Life: The Saskatchewan Suicide Prevention Plan*.

"The tragic loss of a person by suicide is felt by family, friends and the entire community," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "Today we are providing an update on what we've accomplished and where we're focusing our efforts this year, as we continue to make progress on the priorities in the *Pillars for Life* plan."

<u>Saskatchewan Continues Making Progress On Suicide Prevention Work | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

KEEP IN TOUCH



I hope you enjoy our newsletter. If you are no longer want to receive the newsletter,

please use the UNSUBSCRIBE button, located below. Thank you.

I appreciate the many opportunities I have to make a positive difference in my constituency. 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.

"From a Provincial Point of View" is an electronic message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR PET

I've lost my pet! What do I do?

Don't wait! Start the search right away

1

Call the shelter at 306-374-7387 to book an appointment to come look for your animal. If they are not here, keep booking regular visits.

2

Visit our Lost and Found Facebook page (Lost and Found at the Saskatoon SPCA) New animals are brought to the shelter daily and will be posted as resources allow. If you see your pet, call the shelter right away to book a

3

Check other lost and found pages on social media as well as kijiji regularly. 4

Spread the word!
Put up flyers, ask
your neighbors and
post to local groups.

Saskatoon SPCA - Accidents happen - pets sneak out!

Losing a pet can be devastating to a family. Time is of the essence when a pet is lost, so please - don't wait to start looking! The Saskatoon SPCA has a holding period of 72 hours. Unfortunately, we do not have unlimited space or resources to hold on to your pet indefinitely or actively search for owners - we rely on the owners themselves to come to look for their pet. The SPCA must ensure that the flow of animals leaving the shelter matches the incoming numbers, we cannot keep animals long term to wait for an owner. This means that from the time an animal arrives at the shelter, the owner has 72 hours to contact us – we want to reunite as many pets and families as possible but to do so, we need pet owners to actively search for their own pets as soon as they go missing. Please do not wait a few days or a week, start the search right away! Remember to have your pets licensed and microchipped.

Unfortunately, a high percentage of pets that reach the shelter do not have any type of permanent identification, this can delay or even prevent you from finding your pet. Below are 4 things to do IMMEDIATELY when you've lost your pet:

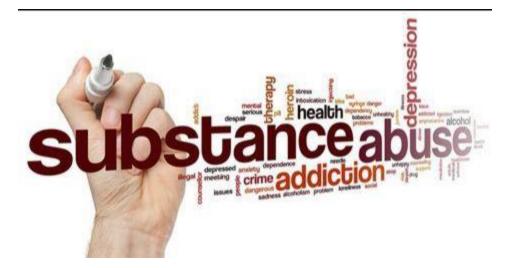
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- 2. Visit our Lost and Found Facebook page daily (Lost and Found at the Saskatoon SPCA). New animals are brought to the shelter every day and will be posted there each day as resources allow. If you see your pet, call the shelter right away to book a pound check.
- 3. Check other lost and found pages on social media as well as Kijiji regularly.
- 4. Spread the word! Put up flyers, ask your neighbors and post to local groups.

 Everybody thinks their pet will come back until they don't. Even if your pet has gotten out before and 'always' comes back, this time could be different. Every day counts when a pet is lost, please don't wait.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT UNIT LAUNCHED AT SASKATOON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE



A new Dedicated Substance Abuse Treatment Unit is being established at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre as part of the province's Gang Violence Reduction Strategy.

Dedicated Substance Abuse Treatment Units enhance community safety by providing supports and treatment to offenders dealing with addictions issues. The new unit will begin programming on May 16, and its first intake will include 25 inmates. The program is five weeks long and will run daily from Monday to Friday.

"Addictions is one of the major root causes of crime and gang violence," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "We know from experience that treating offenders' addictions issues and related mental health concerns can reduce their involvement with the criminal justice system, and make Saskatchewan a safer place for everybody."

<u>Substance Abuse Treatment Unit Launched At Saskatoon Correctional Centre | News and Media |</u>
<u>Government of Saskatchewan</u>

FUNDING BOOST FOR CHILD CARE INCLUSION GRANT WILL BENEFIT FAMILIES WITH VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND CHILDREN LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



The governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are working to support families with young children by creating new opportunities to make child care more inclusive. Funding from a child care inclusion grant available through the *Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care*Agreement and the *Canada-Saskatchewan Bilateral Early Learning and Child Care Agreement* will go to three Saskatchewan programs aimed at improving inclusion initiatives in child care. A total of \$856,000 is allocated to the implementation of these initiatives.

A total of \$184,000 is allocated to Hope's Home to embed staff with skills specific to caring for children with medically complex needs under the age of six. This is in addition to the nearly \$3 million Hope's Home receives from the Ministry of Education.

Early Childhood Intervention programs in Regina and Saskatoon will receive \$136,000 each for a total of \$272,000 to fund two developmental consultant roles in each location to help build skills in licensed child care facilities. The third program funded allocates \$80,000 for each of five child care facilitator positions in Early Years Family Resource Centres across the province.

"We know that programs like Hope's Home, Early Childhood Intervention Programs and Early Years Family Resource Centres make a positive impact on Saskatchewan families," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. "This funding enhances the services available through these critical programs, to continue to support families with vulnerable children and children living with a disability."

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Saskatoon Police Service: The notifyNow app is an important tool for any Saskatoon resident. NotifyNow can give accurate and timely information, potentially reducing the amount of calls to 9-1-1 dispatchers, freeing up the phone lines for people who need assistance.

The SPS encourages citizens to download and subscribe notifyNow here: www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/fire-emergency/notifynow

HEALTH RENEWAL FUNDING PROJECTS BENEFIT PATIENTS



Patients, families, and health care staff across the province are benefitting from a \$100 million investment in health renewal projects. This is part of the government's \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate the province's economic recovery.

"It is great to see infrastructure improvements proceeding within our healthcare facilities," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "We are committed to moving forward with facility upgrades and improvements to ensure patients and staff have safe spaces for the best possible care."

Health Renewal Funding Projects Benefit Patients | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

RECORD INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION SPENDING



The Government of Saskatchewan is once again providing record investments in education spending. A total of \$17.5 million in operating grants is being provided to Saskatchewan's 21 independent schools and four Historical High Schools for the 2022-23 school year.

This includes an increase of \$2.6 million to support increased enrolment and the creation of a new funded independent school category.

THANK YOU TO OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS



Early Childhood Educators support our families with quality experiences during the most critical time of a child's development. Saskatchewan's \$5.2 million Early Childhood Intervention Program is a free service for families with children aged newborn to six who experience disabilities or delays. Thank you for your dedication!

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 3 TO MAY 9, 2022



Seeding progress is still slower than average but more producers were able to get out over the past week. Provincially, 14 per cent of crops are now seeded, up from one per cent last week and behind the five-year average (2017-2021) of 23 per cent. Crops that were seeded over the past two weeks should be emerging if moisture conditions are favourable. In areas of the southwest and west-central regions where conditions are very dry, germination could be uneven.

The southwest region has 34 per cent of their crop seeded, followed by 20 per cent in the west-central, seven per cent in the southeast, five per cent in the northwest, three per cent in the east-central and one per cent in the northeast. Many fields in the eastern half of the province are still too wet to allow producers to seed, full-scale seeding is still a week away in some parts of the province.

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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF VIRTUAL CARE IN SASKATCHEWAN



May 15 is your last day to provide feedback on your experience with virtual care.

The information gathered will be used to develop a long-term provincial strategy around virtual care.

Go to virtualcare.saskatchewan.ca to participate.

Participation opportunities close this Sunday.

FRAUD ALERT





fcaa.gov.sk.ca

Fraud alert!

Scammers have been contacting the public and acting as officers from financial authorities or law enforcement to access their computers.

Asking someone to download an app, grant access to a computer, or to pay money to recover stolen funds are all red flags.

The FCAA will never make these types of requests.

Learn how to protect yourself: https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consumers-investors.../investorss



Let us know if you have an upcoming event you would like included in this newsletter

ERINDALE & ARBOR CREEK ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



EACCA is excited to announce the return of the Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 28th from 9am-3pm.

EACCA board members will be setting up a table in the neighbourhood to hand out maps and complimentary coffee!

If you are an EACCA member and would like your address added to our Community Garage Sale map, please email the following information to EACCAindoorprograms@outlook.com -

- 1. Your membership number
- 2. Your address

3. The primary items you will have for sale (ie. baby clothes, toys, skates, furniture, electronics, etc.) EACCA memberships are \$10/household and renewed annually thru our website erindalearborcreek.org under the On-line Registration page.

For only \$10.00 per household per year, you have the benefits of:

- An opportunity to participate in Indoor Programming through the Fall and Winter, as well as sports programs through the Spring. There are programs for all ages and a variety of interests.
- Participating in community events, such as family fun day and movie nights.
- A vote at the Annual General Meeting: have your say on how your community association operates.
- Supporting your friends and neighbors, as they volunteer their time and talents to: organize and offer the many athletic and recreational programs to all members of the community; organize and present community events; maintain the ice rink, and produce the newsletter and maintain the website to keep the community informed about things that affect them.



Here are some tips on what you should start doing now in preparation:

- Start by taking a tour thru your home, gathering all the goods you no longer want from every room — old indoor and outdoor furniture, electronics, housewares, garden tools, appliances, clothing, and the like. If you have a storage area like the basement or garage that is overflowing with stuff, start with sorting. As you're unearthing all of those tennis rackets, clothes and old board games, sort them into three basic categories: Keep, Sell and Trash. Once your piles are made, pull out all of the items you sorted to sell.

- Stock up on supplies. You can buy simple pricing stickers and blank labels at the dollar store or any office supply store. Or if you're wanting to be really budget friendly, just pick up a permanent marker and masking tape and get to pricing your items. It's a good idea to have a table and chairs so you can have a designated area to cash people out (and stay comfortable) on garage sale day.
- You're going to need some space to show off all the one-of-a-kind items you're selling. You can set out tables, blankets, boxes and storage containers or even lay a board over two sturdy boxes. Whatever you do, make sure breakable items are supported on a stable surface.
- When it comes to pricing, you've got to put yourself in the shoes of the buyer. What would you pay for that item at a similar garage sale? What would be too much? What would be so cheap you felt like you stole it? Make prices visible. Bundle items! Price to sell!
- Once you have a good idea of what you'll be selling, your last step is to email EACCAindoorprograms@outlook.com to get your address on the Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale map. Include your membership number, address and a list of the primary items you will have for sale (ie. baby clothes, toys, skates, furniture, electronics, etc.). If you don't have a current membership, you can renew thru our website erindalearborcreek.org under the On-line Registration page.

SUM THEATRE SASKATOON - THEATRE IN THE PARK



Save the date! Sum Theatre Saskatoon has started their Theatre in the Park tour early this year to beat the heat! On Friday, May 20th, they'll be performing in Forest Grove's Les Kerr Park and on Thursday, May 26th, they'll be performing in Silverspring Park - both at 7pm. This year's offering is a family friendly show about the kinship between all things. We have all felt the affects of the past two years. Connections between relations have become more important to mend or hold close. What happens when the connections break? When the community is fractured? How do we

rebuild what's broken? Join them in public parks for "wâhkôhtowin" You can visit their

website https://sumtheatre.com/shows/wahkotowin/ for more information.

COMING EVENTS FEATURED IN OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Wesk Summit

When: Thursday, May 26
Where: Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
Learn more below!

https://wesk.ca/wesk-summit-and-gala/gala/





YWCA Women of Distinction Awards

When: Thursday, May 26

Information: Women of Distinction | YWCA Saskatoon



Quinn Stevenson 18U Memorial Baseball Tournament

When: May 27-29

Contact: Carla @ 306.717.7458



Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Annual Walk

When: May 28

Where: River Landing Park at the Amphitheatre Information: events@alzheimer.sk.ca.



ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES

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Saskatchewan Legislative Accessibility Certification Plaque Unveiled | News and Media |
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Saskatchewan Supports Provincial Capital Commission with \$7.3 million Investment | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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