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### MAY 19, 2022 - FROM A PROVINCIAL POINT OF VIEW

## SPRING SITTING OF LEGISLATURE HIGHLIGHTS SASKATCHEWAN'S PLANS TO GET BACK ON TRACK



As the Spring sitting of the Legislature concludes today, Premier Scott Moe highlighted how Saskatchewan is getting *Back on Track* with key investments and economic growth fueled by fostering strong trade relationships and an expanding energy and resource sector.

"Saskatchewan's economy and finances are back on track to help grow our province and provide jobs right here at home," Moe said. "With that growth comes significant opportunity to invest in services that residents expect and need like surgeries and schools."

During the spring sitting, the 2022-23 budget highlighted Saskatchewan's improving finances and provided a clear path to balance while making key investments in health care, education and mental health and addictions.

Significant investments in health care will provide for thousands of surgeries to reduce wait times, add new ICU beds to reduce pressure on the system, break ground on new Urgent Care Centers in Regina and Saskatoon, and work to train, hire and recruit more health care workers. As well, a targeted increase of \$8 million into mental health and addictions will fund initiatives that provide effective counselling and treatments and introduce further proactive prevention measures.

Work this session focused on addressing affordability issues, which in addition to \$2 billion of annualized measures includes new initiatives like:

- providing a \$100 SGI rebate to all Saskatchewan drivers to help offset higher fuel prices;
- charting a plan to increase the minimum wage to \$15 by October, 2024;
- reducing the cost of child care and adding over 1,200 new child care spaces; and
- announcing two Indigenous-led temporary housing initiatives in Regina and Saskatoon.

Significant focus was also placed on growing Saskatchewan's economy by charting a path to a balanced budget, expanding trade opportunities around the world and securing new investment in our energy and resource sector. The strength of Saskatchewan's economy could be seen with our nation leading increase in manufacturing sales and wholesale trade for April and May, and retaining the title of Canada's #1 jurisdiction for mining investment.

Key economic actions included:

- trade missions to the United Arab Emirates, India and the United Kingdom to ensure Saskatchewan can continue supplying what the world needs - food, fuel and fertilizer;
- partnering with Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick on the strategic plan for Small Modular Reactor deployment;
- creating the Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation to support Indigenous participation in the economy;
- partnering with industry on development work for a potential hydrogen hub;
- providing \$3 million to support the 2022 Grey Cup festival in Regina;
- an increased investment in the Creative Saskatchewan Production Grant; and

investing in helium liquification.

This Spring Session also highlighted the province's commitment to the people of Ukraine. On March 7, a motion was passed, with the support of the opposition, to support Ukraine and condemn Russia in the legislative assembly. As well, Premier Moe and MLA Terry Dennis both travelled to Germany to meet with Ukrainian refugees and offer support and assistance for anyone who may be looking to immigrate to Canada. It is estimated over 100 families have been supported with settlement services to date in Saskatchewan.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO RYAN MEILI FOR HIS SERVICE TO SASKATCHEWAN



Today, the last day of the spring legislative session, Saskatchewan NDP Leader Ryan Meili has resigned as Leader of the Official Opposition and as MLA for Saskatoon Meewasin, effective July 1.

It was a pleasure getting to know Ryan. I respect his passion for the people he served. Although we disagreed on various issues, we did agree on serving our constituents and people of this province to the best of our ability.

I thank his family for their sacrifice in sharing his time. My best wishes to his wife and two young sons, along with his parents and his entire family.

#### FRED SASAKAMOOSE STATUE UNVEILED



What a great day in Saskatoon May 18th as the statue of hockey legend Fred Sasakamoose was unveiled.

It was an incredible honour to attend this unveiling on behalf of Premier Scott Moe, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Laura Ross and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Fred was a hockey hero, a believer, a community leader. The special ceremony was a wonderful tribute to an individual who is revered for all that he accomplished and endured. A member of Atahkahkoop Cree Nation, Fred Sasakamoose was a trailblazer and helped break the racial barrier for Indigenous hockey players in the NHL. As a Residential School survivor, his legacy lives on today among thousand of First Nations hockey fans who saw the Fred Sasakamoose story as an inspiration.

May 18th, Fred Sasakamoose Day, this amazing statue was unveiled for this hockey trailblazer outside of the Sasktel Centre. It commemorates and reminds people of the many contributions that he made to support people in our community. Fred's passion to create a better future for young people, in particular Indigenous youth, has had a lasting impact in our city and across the country. Fred left an important legacy by sharing his story with the book "Call Me Indian." It is a beautifully-told story that helps us understand Fred, and also our history as a country, in a powerful way. I would highly recommend reading it or listening to the audio book read by Wilton Littlechild.



**RIDES BY MARV'S BIKE PROGRAM** 



Great work by colleague, Marv Frieson, MLA, Saskatoon Riversdale for continuing this incredible program.

Rides By Marv's bike program is back for the 3rd year! Last year with all the support of the community and the province we received got over 200 bikes into the hands of those who needed them and are hoping to get over the 300 mark this year. This year there is an additional need with Ukrainian families coming in to the province.

Donate your new or gently used bikes at 3315 11th street west. There is a bike rack on the front lawn.

#### **STAND WITH UKRAINE**



Vyshyvanka Day is an international holiday that aims to preserve the original folk traditions of creating and wearing ethnic embroidered Ukrainian clothes called Vyshyvanka.

SASK PARKS 2022 CAMPING SEASON BEGINS THURSDAY,
MAY 19



After another successful campsite reservation launch, Saskatchewan's provincial parks are ready to welcome campers back to the parks starting this Thursday, May 19.

"The May long weekend has marked the start of a new camping season for many years now in our province," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "It's the weekend where seasonal campers set up their home away from home for the summer, and the weekend where many families get to enjoy their first campfire of the year together. We are looking forward to another busy but memorable season in the parks."

Sask Parks 2022 Camping Season Begins Thursday, May 19 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

#### NEW EMERGENCY WELLNESS CENTRE TO BE PILOTED



Through a partnership between the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Tribal Council and the City of Saskatoon, a new Indigenous-led 24/7 Emergency Wellness Centre will be piloted to provide supports and services to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Thanks to the continued leadership of the STC and Chief Arcand, this new centre will provide wraparound services through on-site support with programming to help break the cycle of homelessness in our province.

Our government remains committed to ensuring our most vulnerable have access to supports they need to meet the cultural, mental health, addictions and supportive housing needs of all our residents.

#### **CHECK OUT THE MOVE TO GROWN PORTAL**



The Move to Grow Week is coming to an end but this is a great model to use every week!

Attention daily commuters! Be extra mindful this week on the road as you may see an increase of students in crosswalks and on bikes. Saskatoon Public Schools will celebrate Move to Grow Week from May 16-20, encouraging families to join and inspire students to get active.

Check out the Move to Grow portal (<a href="https://www.spsd.sk.ca/.../movetogrow/Pages/default.aspx...">https://www.spsd.sk.ca/.../movetogrow/Pages/default.aspx...</a>) for ideas of where to start. There is also a calendar for the week to highlight a different active theme each day:

Move to Grow Monday Trekking Tuesday Walking Bingo Wednesday Bike to School Thursday Dance Party Friday

## AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE IN SASKATON FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

People with mental, intellectual or cognitive disabilities have improved access to affordable housing in Saskatoon.

May 13, Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, and Riversdale MLA Marv Friesen on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) Lori Carr, joined representatives from the National Affordable Housing Corporation (NAHC) to celebrate the grand opening of 14 new units in Saskatoon, which will house 19 individuals.

The governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are jointly providing \$460,000 through the Canada-Saskatchewan Bilateral Agreement.

Affordable Rental Units Available In Saskatoon For People With Disabilities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### 5 SASKATOON AREA ADVENTURES THAT ARE WORTH THE DRIVE



The Berry Barn - just to name one!

Check out this story written by Tara Dupuis. There are so many attractions in around our beautiful city!

Spring is in the air and if you are seeking a seasonal outing there are plenty of options for day trips in and around Saskatoon! Whether you are seeking an adrenaline rush or simply looking for a relaxing patio to kick back on, here are a few of our favorite Spring adventures to explore beyond the city limits.

5 Saskatoon Area Adventures That are Worth the Drive (tourismsaskatoon.com)

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN



Thank you to all police officers working to keep our Saskatchewan communities safe each day. Our government is supporting this important work with approximately \$18.4 million in funding for 141 police positions and targeted police initiatives this year. Initiatives include the Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team, the Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team, and expanding the Internet Child Exploitation Unit.

The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to proclaim May 15 to 21 as National Police Week.

The theme for this year's week, *Connected to our Communities*, emphasizes how police officers are members of the community in which they live, as well as members of the policing community in which they work.

"I am pleased to take this opportunity during National Police Week to thank all Saskatchewan police officers for the work that they do to keep our communities safe," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said.

Celebrating National Police Week in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

## PROVINCE PROCLAIMS INNOVATION WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN



innovationsask.ca



The Government of Saskatchewan is recognizing May 16-20, 2022, as Innovation Week.

Innovation Week celebrates researchers, entrepreneurs, organizations, and companies that have shaped the research and technology landscape in the province. The week provides an opportunity to profile innovations that have made an impact and the importance of its role in our economy and everyday lives.

"Innovation is central to our province's economic growth and supporting the transformation and diversification of our key sectors," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Jeremy Harrison said. "Investing in innovation translates to more economic opportunities, prosperity, and improved quality of life for the people of Saskatchewan. It is important to celebrate the legacy of innovation in the province and to champion those individuals and organizations whose leadership and achievements have led to those made-in-Saskatchewan solutions that are making a difference in the province and the world."

Province Proclaims Innovation Week in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS WEEK HIGHIGHTS DYNAMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO SASKATCHEWAN'S ECONOMY



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The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed May 15 to 21 as Women Entrepreneurs Week, recognizing dynamic female business leaders and their contributions to many sectors in our economy such as agriculture, construction, manufacturing, health services, finance and technology, among many others.

"Women entrepreneurs are not only important economic drivers in many Saskatchewan communities, they are also bringing new ideas and innovations to the marketplace as they showcase our province's potential," Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Office Laura Ross, said. "The Status of Women Office supports their important work through multiple partnerships and funding initiatives. This year, the Status of Women Office commissioned a video showcasing three extraordinary women entrepreneurs who demonstrate drive, determination, and innovation - qualities we want to see flourish in Saskatchewan."

Women Entrepreneurs Week Highlights Dynamic Contributions To Saskatchewan's Economy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### MILL OPENING EXPECTED TO CREATE ALMOST 1,700 JOBS



Saskatchewan's economy is growing by leaps and bounds. We are seeing more private investment and that investment is creating jobs. The forestry sector has drawn significant attention with Paper Excellence converting a former pulp mill into a paper packing material plant, creating 1,700 jobs.

### SASKATCHEWAN FIRST IN MANUFACTURING SALES AND WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH



Province Leads Nation in Key Economic Growth Indicators

For the second month in a row, Saskatchewan is leading the nation in year-over-year growth in the two key indicators of manufacturing sales and wholesale trade.

"The strong Saskatchewan economy continues to grow and lead the country," Trade and Export Development Minster Jeremy Harrison said. "These significant double-digit growth rates in manufacturing sales and wholesale trade - and both by a wide margin over the provinces with the second highest growth rates - shows our province is open for business and we are poised to further increase our exports around the world."

Saskatchewan First in Manufacturing Sales and Wholesale Trade Growth | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan



May 15-21 has been proclaimed Victims and Survivors of Crime Week in <u>#Saskatchewan</u> to coincide with the nationally declared week.

It's designed to raise awareness about the issues facing victims and survivors of crime, along with the legislation and services available in the province.

The week is also an opportunity to thank the province's volunteer victim support workers and community board members who dedicated over 6,200 hours to support 14,215 victims and survivors of crime in 2021-22.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS INCREASE**



Saskatchewan continues to have strong indicators of a growing economy that is creating jobs and increasing opportunities for residents in our province.

Recently released building permit numbers shows Saskatchewan ranked #1 in the nation with a 20.2% increase in permits compared to February. In addition, building permits increased by an incredible 45% compared to last year.

#### SGI REBATE CHEQUE UPDATE



SGI has begun to mail out 603,000 rebate cheques to customers across Saskatchewan. Rebates of \$100 per registered vehicle are being sent in random order between now and May 30. Yours should arrive your mailbox by mid-June. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.sgi.sk.ca/rebate">https://www.sgi.sk.ca/rebate</a>.

## CELEBRATE HER MAJESTY'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE



The Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) invites you to a series of one-of-a-kind events starting May 20 at Government House to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

"The Victoria Day weekend is the perfect opportunity to learn about Saskatchewan's connection with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II," Minister Responsible for the PCC Don McMorris said. "As we celebrate this special occasion, I encourage everyone to visit Government House, where they are offering unique exhibits and experiences that demonstrate our connection to the Crown."

Celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee at Government House | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### PROVINCE SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS TO ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PRIORITIES



Advanced Education Minister Gene Makowsky signed a renewed Cooperation Agreement with the SaskAlliance which includes representatives from the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the Regional Colleges.

The SaskAlliance will work collaboratively to advance international priorities in the province's new International Education Strategy and meet the commitments outlined in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan to position the province as a destination of choice for research, education, innovation, sustainability, immigration and trade.

"Our government is grateful for the strong partnerships we have with our post-secondary institutions and this agreement further demonstrates this commitment," Makowsky said. "Together we can continue to advance international priorities and position our province as a destination of choice for international students while building opportunities for Saskatchewan students to study abroad."

<u>Province Signs Cooperation Agreement With Post-Secondary Institutions To Advance International</u>
<u>Education Priorities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

**BE BEAR AWARE** 



Be Bear Aware | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

In Saskatchewan, we share our landscape with wildlife. Be bear aware!

If you live, work or spend time in bear country please take precautions to avoid safety risks for yourself, your community and the bears.

Here's what you can do:

- Store garbage in a secure building or buy a bear-resistant container. Only put the bin out on the morning of collection.
- Wash all recycling items and regularly clean garbage or recycling bins.
- Avoid leaving pet food accessible to wildlife store it inside or in a bear-resistant container.
- Only use bird feeders in the winter when bears are hibernating.
- Do not add fish, meat, fat, oils, unrinsed eggshells or any cooked food to backyard compost bins.
- Thoroughly clean and store barbecue grills after each use.

If you have an aggressive encounter with a bear, and/or if public safety is at risk, call the Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line at 1-800-667-7561 or from your SaskTel cell phone at #5555.

#### **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.

HELP YOUNG WILD ANIMALS BY LEAVING THEM ALONE



The Ministry of Environment has a simple message for well-meaning people who want to rescue what appear to be orphaned young animals: please don't touch them.

Many animals leave their young alone for long periods while they forage for food, or to protect them from predators. During these times, the young can be vulnerable to children, pets, or even well-intentioned adults.

While "saving" the animal may seem like the right thing to do, contact with humans can significantly decrease a young animal's chances for survival.

Help Young Wild Animals by Leaving Them Alone | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

#### ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



Government of Saskatchewan Continues to Invest in Community Airports | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Saskatchewan Releases Latest Oil and Gas Emissions Report | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Crop Report for the Period of May 10 to May 16 2022 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Province Proclaims Sexual Violence Awareness Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Government Funded Technology Helps Locate Stolen Property | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Amendments Introduced To Allow Municipalities And Authorities To Permit Alcohol Consumption In Outdoor Public Places | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan is Going Blue | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Affordable Housing Units To Support People Recovering From Addictions | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan

Amendments Introduced To Allow Municipalities And Authorities To Permit Alcohol Consumption In

Outdoor Public Places | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>More Highway Safety Improvements West of Prince Albert | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Animal Health Control Area Order Extended Due to Avian Influenza Risk | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

2022-23 Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship Recipients Announced | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

T. Rex Discovery Centre Welcomes Back Visitors For 2022 Season | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Celebrating Women in Policing | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Victims and Survivors of Crime Week Proclaimed in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>



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

#### ANOTHER GREAT EVENT TO SUPPORT UKRAINE



Robin Bellamy invites everyone to come out on Friday, May 20 to support their barbeque for Ukraine. Stop by anytime between 10 am and 4 pm. The event will be held at Canadian Tire, Preston Crossing.

# A GREAT CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT TEDDY BEARS ANONYMOUS!

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Teddy Bears Anonymous BBQ for Bears Cook-Off Saskatoon vs Regina Regina has challenged Saskatoon to a BBQ Cook-OFF Raise \$2,500.00 May 28th 11-3 PM at the Saskatoon Coop Circle and 8th St. May 28th 11-4 PM Regina Sherwood Co-op Food Store 5875 Rochdale Blvd.



Mark May 28th on your calendars! To support this great effort stop by the Saskatoon Coop located at Circle and 8th Street May 28th between 11 am and 3 pm.

The goal is to sell 500 hot dogs and raise \$2,500. to gift 500 teddy bears to sick children in Saskatchewan Hospitals, EMS, Air Ambulance and Air Medevac Services.

NUTRIEN WONDERHUB GALA FUNDRAISER



What's for Dinner? is Wonderhub's Signature Gala Fundraiser, and is back in person on June 2. Though we are not quite ready to let you know what's on the menu we are excited to be able to tell you who will be preparing it. Our returning veteran Chef from the <u>Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre</u> is Jeff Hicks. New this year we have Chef Karl Cantrelle Jr. from <u>Southern Roots Authentic Cajun & Creole Cuisine</u>, Chef Michael Page from <u>Talayah's Southern Grill and Authentic Soul Food</u>, and Chefs Nicola Lawson, Krista Fehr and Mike McKeown from PickNic's Catering.

If you haven't been to What's for Dinner? before, how the event works is that you don't know what the menus are until you show up, and if you want to be able to choose which Chef's food you want to eat, you can bid on it or leave it up to a random draw.

Find out more about What's For Dinner? at: <a href="https://wonderhub.ca/whats-for-dinner/">https://wonderhub.ca/whats-for-dinner/</a>
Get your tickets now at <a href="https://shop.wonderhub.ca/SelectEvent.aspx?eventid=1001671">https://shop.wonderhub.ca/SelectEvent.aspx?eventid=1001671</a>

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**



A one of a kind Saskatoon fundraising event that takes place at the unbeatable setting of the Saskatoon Zoo.

ZOOGALA is every food lover's dream come true, featuring exquisite cuisine created by the best Saskatoon Chef's. The evening also promises amazing entertainment, wonderful prizes and the true stars of the show, the resident animals. We invite you to wander around the beautiful Saskatoon zoo grounds, visit with the animals and enjoy a truly unique evening. Tickets go fast so get yours early.

For More Information, tickets & For Zoo Gala Sponsorship Opportunities contact <u>Saskatoon Zoo Gala is Saskatoons Premier Anual Fundraising Event</u> (saskatoonzoofoundation.ca)

## TAKE NOTE OF THE COMING EVENTS BELOW THAT WERE FEATURED IN OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS



#### **SUM Theatre Saskatoon - Theatre in the Park**

When: Friday, May 20 - Forest Grove's Les Kerr Park

Thursday, May 26 - Silverspring Park

both shows begin at 7 pm

**Information:** https://sumtheatre.com/shows/wahkotowin/

#### **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



#### **Erindale & Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale**

When: Saturday, May 28th from 9 am - 3 pm Information: erindalearborcreek.org



#### **Quinn Stevenson 18U Memorial Baseball Tournament**

When: May 27-29 Contact: Carla @ 306.717.7458



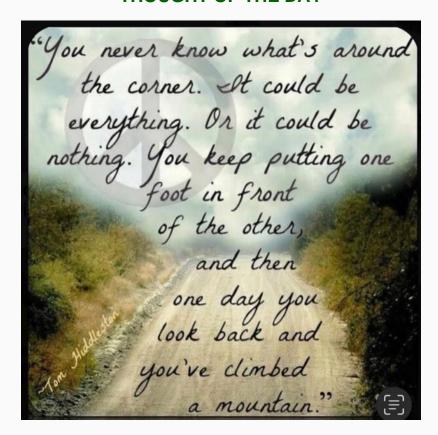
#### **Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Annual Walk**

When: May 28

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



#### THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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