



Over the past week, Canadians have been deeply saddened by the heartbreaking tragedy in Wainwright. This devastating event has touched hearts from coast to coast to coast, reminding us of the sacrifices made by those who serve our country.

My thoughts and prayers remain with the Canadian Armed Forces members involved, their families and loved ones, their fellow service members, and everyone affected by this tragedy.

I join our entire country in extending deepest gratitude to the emergency responders and rescue personnel who answered the call, along with the dedicated doctors, nurses and medical teams and the entire community of Wainwright who have worked tirelessly to provide care and support.

Our hearts are especially with the families and loved ones who have faced uncertainty and anguish during this difficult time. Please know that Saskatchewan and Canadians across the country continue to hold you close in their thoughts and prayers.

So many injured. We pray for comfort and strength to all those affected, and may the days ahead bring healing, hope and peace.

Premier Scott Moe, "Like many Canadians, I was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic incident at CFB Wainwright.

On behalf of the people of Saskatchewan, I extend my sincere condolences to the families who have lost loved ones and wish strength and healing to those who were injured.

This is a heartbreaking loss for the Canadian Armed Forces, the Wainwright community, and families across Canada.

Today, Saskatchewan mourns the loss of Private Shaun Farrell of Prince Albert. Shaun was a young man full of promise who chose to serve his country. His loss will be felt deeply by his family, friends, fellow service members, and all who knew him.

As we remember Shaun and the other service members who lost their lives, we also keep those injured and their loved ones in our thoughts.

We are grateful to the first responders, medical teams and emergency crews who continue to support those affected. Saskatchewan sent air ambulance

support on Saturday night and stands ready to provide additional resources as needed.

Flags at provincial buildings will be lowered to half-mast in honour of Private Shaun Farrell and the other service members who lost their lives.

To Shaun's family, to the families of the other fallen service members, and to everyone carrying the weight of this loss today, please know that Saskatchewan stands with you, and that you are in our prayers in the difficult days ahead."

80 NEW ACUTE BEDS NOW OPEN IN SASKATOON TO SUPPORT PATIENT CARE



Saskatchewan has reached an important milestone in expanding acute care capacity in the province's largest city.

A total of 80 new acute beds are now open across Saskatoon, reflecting the province's ongoing commitment to putting patients first and improving access to timely, high-quality care.

This expansion includes:

- 36 acute inpatient beds at Royal University Hospital;

- 24 acute inpatient beds at St. Paul's Hospital; and
- 20 additional medicine beds at Saskatoon City Hospital.

These beds add to the 40 medicine beds previously opened at Saskatoon City Hospital, bringing the total number of beds opened at Saskatoon hospitals in the past 12 months to 120.

"Expanding access to care means investing in the people, spaces and services that patients rely on," Premier Scott Moe said. "By increasing hospital capacity and supporting better patient outcomes, we are delivering on our commitment to put patients first and build a stronger health system for Saskatchewan families."



"Today is an important milestone for Saskatoon and for patients across Saskatchewan," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "With the opening of these 80 new acute care beds, we are improving access to high-quality care, reducing pressure on our emergency departments, adding capacity and ensuring patients receive the right care, in the right place as close to home as possible."

The 80 new beds are supported by a \$73 million investment this fiscal year to help reduce pressure on Saskatoon's emergency departments by reducing delays in hospital admissions and enhancing safety for both patients and staff.

The 2026-27 investment builds on the \$45 million invested over the past two fiscal years to expand acute care capacity at Saskatoon City Hospital and includes:

- \$54.2 million to continue the realignment of acute care services at Saskatoon City Hospital; and**
- \$19.5 million to add a total of 60 permanent inpatient beds at Royal University Hospital (36) and St. Paul's Hospital (24).**

The opening of these 20 medicine beds marks the completion of the planned expansion to 60 medicine beds at City Hospital. This forms part of the hospital's larger 109 bed acute care expansion, with the remaining 49 beds set to open by March 2027.

"The opening of new acute care beds in Saskatoon reflects our commitment to expanding capacity and improving access to care for patients in Saskatchewan," Saskatchewan Health Authority Chief Operating Officer Derek Miller said. "These additional beds will help us meet growing patient needs, support patient care throughout the health system, and enhance the care experience for patients and families."

All required positions for the 60 medicine beds at Saskatoon City Hospital have been hired. The majority of the positions have been hired at Royal University Hospital and St. Paul's Hospital, with remaining positions undergoing the hiring process.

Over 150 permanent full-time positions were added at Royal University Hospital and St. Paul's Hospital to support the new inpatient beds. Additional physicians, nurses and a wide range of allied health positions are also being hired at Saskatoon City Hospital as part of the SHA's broader effort to staff over 450 new full-time positions to support the hospital's full acute care expansion.

The allied health positions include pharmacists, dietitians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and others; specialized lab and medical imaging staff; clinical support staff; and other essential staff needed to safely operate the expanded units.

Together, these investments support Saskatchewan's broader strategy to strengthen hospital capacity, reduce emergency department pressures and improve community-based health services.

INDIA-SASKATCHEWAN LEADERSHIP RECEPTION



Having just returned from India, it was especially meaningful to attend and speak at the India–Saskatchewan Leadership Reception in Saskatoon on behalf Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan.



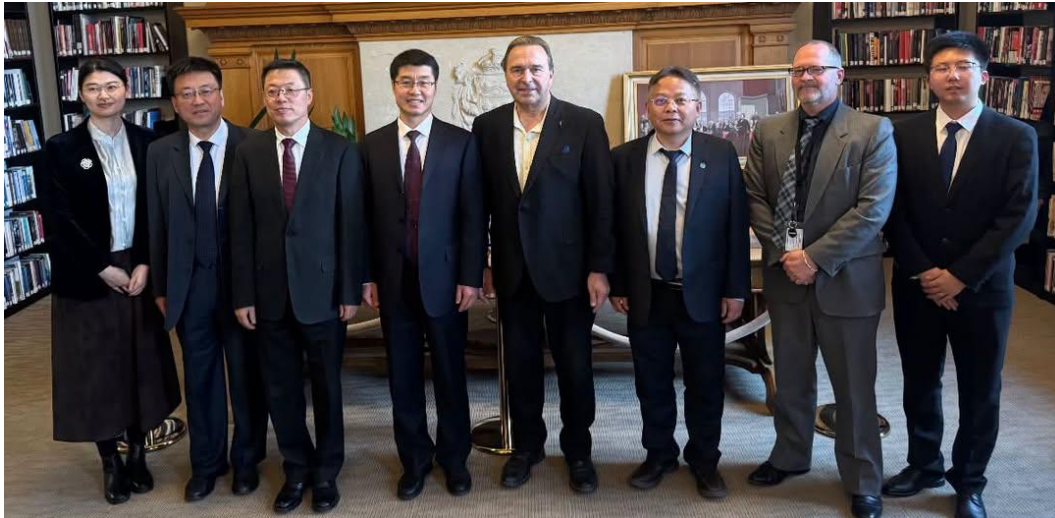
Also attending was Senator Tracy Muggli, and Brad Crassweller, MLA.

It was a pleasure to join His Excellency Shri Dinesh K. Patnaik, High Commissioner of India to Canada, and Mr. Masakui Rungsung, Consul General of India in Vancouver.

Thank you to ICCA Saskatoon and EnviroWay for bringing together leaders from government, business, and the community.

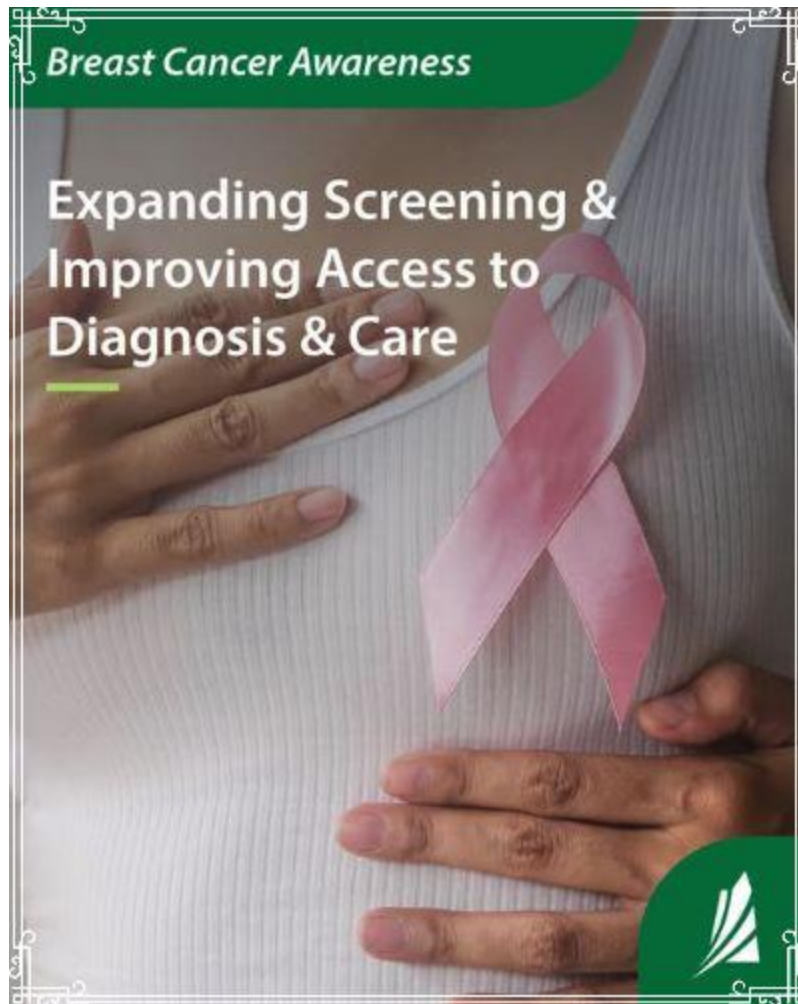
Saskatchewan and India have exciting opportunities to strengthen trade, investment, innovation, and community partnerships. Building on the connections made through engagement in India and here at home will be important to advancing shared prosperity and future growth.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHINA



A pleasure to meet with representatives from Jilin, China, this week. As Saskatchewan's sister province, Jilin has shared a longstanding relationship with Saskatchewan, with trade agreements dating back to 1984. We look forward to building on this strong partnership and continuing to strengthen our ties for years to come.

SASKATCHEWAN OBSERVES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH TO HIGHLIGHT AVAILABLE SCREENING SERVICES AND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS



DID YOU KNOW? Saskatchewan has expanded screening eligibility to women aged 40 and older, provides mobile mammography services in 42 rural and northern communities, and continues to improve diagnostic capacity and specialized care. More than \$15 million has been invested since 2023-24 in breast health initiatives to help more women receive timely care closer to home.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity to encourage regular screening, promote early detection and highlight the programs and services available to support breast health across Saskatchewan.

The Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) continue to work together to improve access to timely, high-quality breast health services, closer to home.

"Our Patients First Health Care Plan is focused on ensuring patients receive the right care, from the right provider, at the right time and as close to home as possible," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "By expanding screening eligibility, increasing diagnostic capacity and investing in specialized breast health services, we are helping more women access the care they need when they need it."

[Saskatchewan Observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month to Highlight Available Screening Services and Program Improvements | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW SASKATOON CANCER PATIENT LODGE



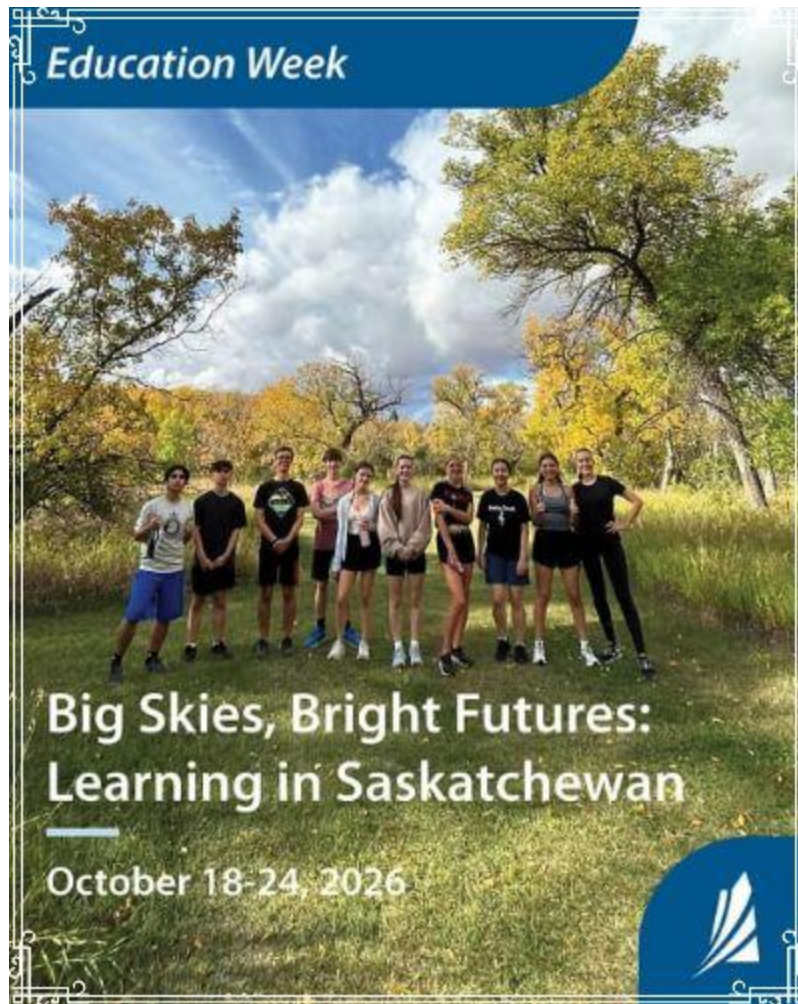
In conjunction with the federal Build Communities Strong Fund announcement, the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) held a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off construction for the new Saskatoon Cancer Patient Lodge at 1036 College Drive in Saskatoon.

The Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada, through the [Build Communities Strong Fund](#), will each invest over \$7 million (M) towards construction; while the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan is contributing \$10M.

“The new Saskatoon Cancer Patient Lodge is an important investment to putting patients first and ensuring high-quality cancer care is available in the right place, at the right time,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “This facility will provide patients with a modern, supportive place to stay close to care, helping them focus on their health and recovery. I want to thank the Saskatchewan Cancer Foundation and its donors for their ongoing generosity and commitment to patients and families across the province.”

[Construction Begins on New Saskatoon Cancer Patient Lodge | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

EDUCATION WEEK: CELEBRATING STUDENTS, STAFF AND BRIGHT FUTURES



As Education Week begins, schools across Saskatchewan come together to recognize student success and the hard work and dedication of education professionals across the province. From teachers and educational assistants to school administrators, caretakers, school division staff and bus drivers, each person plays an important role in helping students learn, grow and thrive.



Since 1987, Education Week has featured a unique theme celebrating the diverse educational landscape. This year's theme is "Big Skies, Bright Futures: Learning in Saskatchewan" highlighting that the sky is the limit when it comes to learning, growth and development for Saskatchewan students.

"Education is about opening doors and helping students see what is possible," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "During Education Week, we celebrate the incredible students and those who work behind the scenes and in our classrooms every day. Whether they are teaching a lesson, supporting a student, preparing a school for the day or safely driving children to and from school, their dedication helps create bright futures for Saskatchewan students beyond the walls of the classrooms."

[Education Week: Celebrating Students, Staff and Bright Futures | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**YOU'RE INVITED - PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE BY END OF DAY FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23**



*The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan
Her Honour the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre
will formally open the Third Session of the
Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
in the Assembly Chamber at two p.m. on
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
on which occasion you are invited to be present*

**INVITATION MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE CHAMBER ENTRANCE
NOT LATER THAN 1:20 P.M.**

Seating is limited and subject to availability
Chamber floor and/or gallery seating is not guaranteed

***Tickets are limited. Don't miss your chance to attend the opening of the Third
Session of the Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.***

***Contact our office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100
to reserve your spot. You will receive confirmation and instructions once
your invitation is secured.***

I hope to see you Tuesday, October 27th.

**THE GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PREMIER'S PANEL
NOVEMBER 6TH**



The Saskatoon Chamber is presenting the Premier's Panel on Business and Economy featuring the provincial ministers shaping the economies of our city and province.

Government policy — from regulation to investment to taxation — plays a critical role in making it easier, or harder, to do business here. This is your opportunity to hear directly from the ministers driving that agenda, ask the questions that matter most to your business, and get a firsthand briefing on the policies and priorities shaping the road ahead. Whether you're a small

business owner, an entrepreneur, or an industry leader, this is a rare chance to connect directly with the decision-makers shaping our economic future.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF SASKATCHEWAN'S ECONOMY



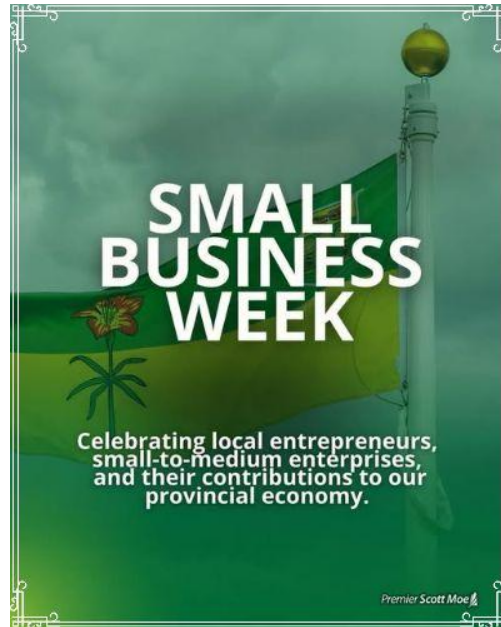
Province is Home to 156,850 Small Businesses, Ranking Second Nationally Per Capita

The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to recognize October 19 to 25, 2026, as Small Business Week. To celebrate the impact of the sector, the Ministry of Trade and Export Development has released this year's

Saskatchewan Small Business Profile. The report highlights the important contribution of Saskatchewan's small businesses to employment, economic activity and communities across the province.

"Saskatchewan's entrepreneurial spirit is strong," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Our small businesses create jobs, support families and contribute to the economic vitality of communities throughout Saskatchewan. Small Business Week is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and determination of our entrepreneurs and the important role they play in building a strong and prosperous province."

[Small Businesses are the Backbone of Saskatchewan's Economy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



Premier Scott Moe, "Behind every small business is someone willing to take a chance, put in long hours, and invest in their community.

During Small Business Week, let's celebrate and thank all of our small business owners who create opportunities, support their neighbours, and contribute to a strong, steady Saskatchewan."

REGIMENTAL COLOURS RETURNED TO LEGISLATIVE BUILDING



The Royal Regina Rifles' Regimental Colours were returned to their original home in the Saskatchewan Legislative Building. First displayed in the building's Rotunda, the Colours will once again be publicly displayed where they will serve as a visible reminder of Saskatchewan's military heritage and the generations of Saskatchewan soldiers who served their country.

“The return of the Royal Regina Rifles’ Regimental Colours to the Legislative Building is a proud and meaningful homecoming,” Premier Scott Moe said. “These Colours honour Saskatchewan soldiers who served with courage and made great sacrifices in defence of our freedoms. Presented as gifts from the people of Saskatchewan and first displayed in this building, they stand as a lasting tribute to those who served and a reminder of the debt we owe them.”

CELEBRATING WASTE REDUCTION WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

2025 Statistics



1,648 tonnes of grain bags were collected and recycled.



506.9 million beverage containers were collected and recycled.



1,935 tonnes of electronics were collected and recycled.



132.7 tonnes of batteries were collected and processed.



38,556 tonnes of printed paper and packaging were collected and processed.



365,518 litres of paint were collected and managed.



926,122 tires were collected for processing.



17.9 million litres of used oil and antifreeze were collected and processed. 1.6 million used oil filters were collected and recycled.



11,432 litres of flammables, corrosives or toxic household waste and 22,204 units/containers of aerosols and other physically hazardous products were collected and responsibly managed.

The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to recognize Waste Reduction Week, taking place from October 19 to 25, 2026. Waste Reduction Week highlights the importance of reducing waste and making the most of our resources to support a sustainable future.

"On average, about half of the materials placed in garbage bins can be diverted through recycling, composting and other waste reduction programs,"

Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said. "Waste Reduction Week is a great time to remember that even small, every day actions can make a big difference in helping keep materials out of our landfills."

[Celebrating Waste Reduction Week in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS NUCLEAR SCIENCE WEEK
OCTOBER 19-23**



The photo above is students of the only post-secondary institution in the province with a nuclear simulation lab, the U of R is already preparing students for careers in the nuclear sector. At the same time, our researchers are getting ready for two new test loops, with the first expected to begin operating in early 2027. And that's just the beginning!

The Government of Saskatchewan is proclaiming the week of October 19-23, 2026, as Nuclear Science Week in the province. This week highlights Saskatchewan's growing leadership in nuclear technology, built on decades of excellence in uranium production, continued innovation and strategic investments that are helping strengthen energy security and economic growth.

"Nuclear Science Week is an opportunity to recognize Saskatchewan's strengths and the exciting future ahead for our province," Crown Investments Corporation Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With world-class uranium resources, a skilled workforce, a strong mining industry, leading research institutions and growing nuclear expertise, Saskatchewan has what it takes to be a leader in Canada's nuclear future. Our government is committed to building on these advantages to advance nuclear energy, create new opportunities for Saskatchewan people and strengthen energy security for generations to come."

[Government of Saskatchewan Proclaims Nuclear Science Week October 19-23 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CANADA'S LARGEST HELIUM PURIFICATION FACILITY OPENS IN SOUTHWEST SASKATCHEWAN



Canada's largest helium purification facility has begun operating in southwest Saskatchewan, strengthening the province's position as the nation's largest producer of helium.

The new facility, located near Stewart Valley, will produce approximately 73 million cubic feet of helium per year. This additional production will increase Saskatchewan's annual output by more than 40 per cent. Helium is used in important industrial processes in the medical, defence, space exploration and advanced manufacturing sectors.



"We are pleased to see the scale of investment North American Helium has made in southern Saskatchewan, particularly in the southwest, over the last number of years," Energy and Resources Minister Chris Beaudry said. "Facilities like this will be crucial to helping Saskatchewan reach 10 per cent of the global helium supply by 2030, following through on the commitments outlined in our government's Helium Action Plan."

[Canada's Largest Helium Purification Facility Opens in Southwest Saskatchewan](#)
[| News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CAMECO TOUCHDOWN FOR DREAMS HELD LAST WEEKEND



CEO Tim Gitzel proudly displays pink gear that was sold at last weeks game to help make dreams come true for Saskatchewan families. Thanks to Cameco, the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan and volunteers! Every purchase made helps support the program, which is celebrating 15 years of creating memorable moments and experiences for women living with a life-threatening cancer diagnosis.

Fifteen years. 119 dreams. A lasting impact.

SASKATCHEWAN BUILDS ON CONSTRUCTION MOMENTUM



Building Construction Investment Reaches \$621 Million in August

Latest data from Statistics Canada shows investment in building construction in Saskatchewan increased by 17.3 per cent in August 2026 compared to August 2025 (seasonally adjusted).

"Investment we are seeing in new homes, schools, factories and commercial buildings reflects confidence in Saskatchewan's economy and supports the needs of our province," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "The benefits from building construction does not stop at the work site - they ripple throughout local economies, creating jobs, supporting

***local businesses and helping build strong communities across
Saskatchewan."***

[Saskatchewan Builds on Construction Momentum | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THANK YOU TO ALL BUS DRIVERS



As we celebrate Education Week across the province, we also want to recognize the more than 1,300 bus drivers throughout the 27 school divisions that keep Saskatchewan children safe while going to and from school.

Between icy streets and road closures, bus drivers handle more than just transportation. They often go above and beyond their job descriptions and provide a welcoming and supportive start and end to each school day!

October 19, we celebrated all school bus drivers! Thank you - we will continue to celebrate you every day!

CHECK OUT SOME OF THE COMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON



EACCA 2026 ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 26



What: EACCA Annual General Meeting

When: [Monday, Oct 26, 2026](#)

Time: 7 pm

Where: École Father Robinson (library)

Address: 530 ROGERS ROAD SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN S7N 3Z3

(Childcare and evening refreshments are available)

View Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jQsvaDQbazn8czPUA>

FAMILY FUN WEEKEND



It will be a weekend of Halloween fun, theatre and more. Here are a few things you can find on our weekend guide:

🎭 The Golden Anniversaries at [Persephone Theatre](#) opens this weekend.

👻 [WDM Saskatoon](#) invites you to Boo Town. Step into the past and check out WDM's Boo Town! It opens up this weekend.

🎃 Welcome to the [Gather Local Market](#) Pumpkin Festival! This family-friendly afternoon includes pumpkin carving, lawn games, a movie and more. \$10 per ticket or \$35 per family.

👤 [Exit 24](#) presents Asylum. They will have Kid's Afternoons on October 25.

You can find all the details for these events and more ideas on our website:

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

FAMILY FUN SASKATOON HALLOWEEN EVENTS



Halloween event guide:

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

PUMPKINS AFTER DARK



Is your family ready to go big or gourd home at Pumpkins After Dark?
Saskatoon's Halloween tradition returns with even more family fun, new features and more displays. Start your spooky 2026 season with a one-of-a-kind walk-through experience featuring over 10,000 hand-carved pumpkins that will light up the night. [Pumpkins After Dark Saskatoon](#) is a magical experience for all ages, from toddlers to grandparents, as they watch the Jack-o'-lanterns at Canada's award-winning outdoor Halloween event come to life. Tickets are available now, and for an extra 15% off, use the code: **FAMILYFUN. Find out how to grab your tickets**

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/sask.../pumpkins-after-dark/>

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FAMILY FUN - WHATS HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

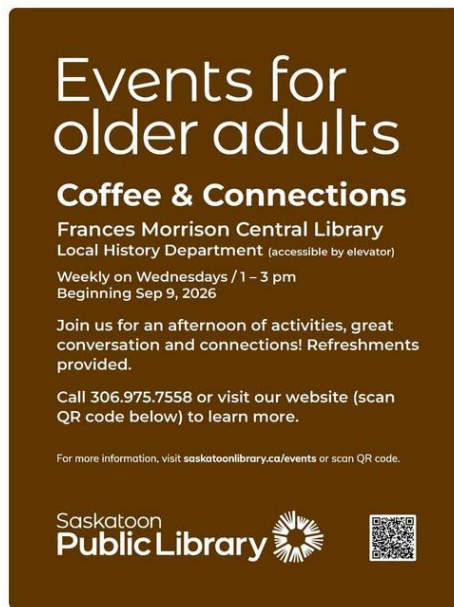


Are you excited for what's in store in October! It's the month of all things orange, spooky, fun, and pumpkin-y!

If you're looking for things to do with your family in October, make sure to check out our guide! We're also adding to the calendar all the time.

The link is here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/october-events/>

SHARING WUHCA EVENT FOR OLDER ADULTS



Each Wednesday from 1 - 3 pm at the Saskatoon Public Library

SASKATOON & DISTRICT KINETTES HOST FALL FAMILY BINGO NOVEMBER 1



Fall Family Bingo
Sunday, November 1st
2:00 PM start

Sutherland Hall (1112 Central Ave), Saskatoon, SK.

Games, prizes, raffles, AND concession snacks & bevies!

👉 Please bring a warm winter item for donation (toques, gloves, scarves, etc.)

ST. PAUL'S 37H ANNUAL MISTLETOE BALL PRESENTED BY NUTRIEN



November 14: The 37th Annual Mistletoe Ball, presented by Nutrien

Be a part of something beautiful! Join us for Saskatoon's premier black-tie gala and kick-off the holiday season in style. With all proceeds supporting St. Paul's Hospital & Foundation, you have the chance to make a difference in your community. For tickets and more information, please visit <https://trellis.org/mistletoeball>. Tickets are going FAST!

READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS



[Improved Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability Program Delivers Increased Support to Clients | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Highlights 2026 Operational Season | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Ministers Promote Saskatchewan's Leadership in Nuclear Energy, Mining and Agriculture in Philippines and Japan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Youth Helping Shape FUSION Plus as Program Moves Closer to Opening | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Buffalo Pound Dam Upgrades Support Reliable Water Supplies for Saskatchewan Communities and Industry | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Expands Ewīkiwiyāhn Program to Improve Community Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Crop Report for the Period October 6 to October 12, 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Twelve New Sober Living Spaces Open in Prince Albert | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[New Heart Function Clinic in Yorkton Improves Access for Patients in East-Central Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Spooktacular October Programming at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**You don't need
to make the most
of every day.**

**Some days it's enough
to just get through
what needs to be done
and find a little
something to enjoy
along the way.**

We're here to help

you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

Ken Cheveldayoff

MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove



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