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



WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL FALL



Fall officially begins on Thursday, September 22, 2022

RARE EARTH SUMMIT LAUNCHES SASKATCHEWAN AS CONTINENTAL HUB FOR CRITICAL RARE EARTHS PROCESSING



It was a pleasure to bring greetings September 20th on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Honourable Jeremy Harrison at the Rare Earth Minerals Summit. The summit was presented by The Saskatchewan Research Council, Vital Metals and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Saskatchewan's leadership in rare earth elements (REE) production, research and education will debut today in Saskatoon as private and public sector collaborate to showcase three significant initiatives that are attracting international attention.



The Rare Earth Summit will focus on sites in the city's north industrial end, where Vital Metals Ltd. will unveil Phase One of its Rare Earth Extraction Facility, alongside the Saskatchewan Research Council's (SRC) \$55 million vertically integrated Rare Earth Processing Facility that will include processing, separation and metals stages - a first-of-its-kind in North America. Industry leaders from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Critical Minerals Council will meet in-person to discuss growing and securing ethically sourced responsible supply chains of critical minerals.

"I am extremely pleased that SRC is not only meeting, but exceeding, the Saskatchewan Growth Plan goal of being the first North American processing facility to deliver individual, high purity REEs and now magnet metals," Minister Responsible for SRC Jeremy Harrison said. "Building a rare earth hub and the much-needed supply chains required to meet net zero goals in Canada and around the world will need to be a collaborative effort - one that is being showcased through this Summit."

Rare Earth Summit Launches Saskatchewan As Continental Hub For Critical Rare Earths Processing |
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SASKATCHEWAN'S ECONOMY CONTINUES TO LEAD THE NATION



Province Remains Strong Across A Number Of Key Economic Indicators While Also Maintaining One Of The Lowest Unemployment Rates In The Country.

Saskatchewan is once again a national leader in several key indicators of economic growth, with recent reports by Statistics Canada showing Saskatchewan led in investment in building construction, manufacturing sales and wholesale trade in July 2022.

"Saskatchewan's economy has been leading the country for many months and these numbers show that that momentum is only continuing," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Combined with significant private sector investment, it is clear Saskatchewan has the food, fuel and fertilizer the world wants and needs and that is translating into good jobs and incredible opportunities for the people of our province."

Saskatchewan's Economy Continues to Lead the Nation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

GET YOUR SMILE COOKIE TODAY!



Every smile cookie makes a difference. I was pleased to join Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent and Tim Horton's franchise owner Janna Dutton and Debra Heinrichs, from the Saskatoon Public School Foundation Early Learner Tutor Program to decorate some cookies this morning.



The Smile Cookie Campaign runs until September 25th.

Sincere thanks to Saskatchewan Tim Hortons locations for supporting such great causes throughout our province.

SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES NATIONAL FOREST WEEK WITH FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 18 to 24 as National Forest Week, with the theme, *Canada's Forests: Solutions for a Changing Climate*. The week will highlight the important role that provincial forests play in Saskatchewan's environment and economy.

More than half of Saskatchewan is covered in forests, with 97 per cent of those on provincial Crown land. This renewable resource supports a thriving forest sector, which is an important economic driver in Saskatchewan.

"Forestry has, and continues to be, a crucial sector for our province," Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said. "Several new investments announced over the past year will add value to the economy and create thousands of jobs across the province. As a significant employer in the north and contributor to keeping our economy strong, we will continue to promote Saskatchewan as the best place in Canada to sustainably develop our natural resources including our forest sector."

Saskatchewan Celebrates National Forest Week with Focus on Sustainability and Opportunity | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

NUTRIEN SASKATOON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WALK WITH THE WIND GALA



Get your corporate table and tickets for the September 24, 2022 gala today:

Gala Corporate Tables and Tickets

Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Walk with the Wind Gala

Saturday, September 24, 2022

TCU Place

Reception and Dinner 5:30 pm

Program begins 6:30 pm and ends at 10:00 pm

Attire: Formal/Cultural

On behalf of our board, cultural advisors Eugene and Lorna Arcand, gala co-chairs Tracy Muggli and Lisa Mooney, and the gala committee, we invite you to attend the **Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Walk with the Wind Gala** on September 24. Come and enjoy a five-course meal, and witness the talent of many Saskatchewan artists, including dancers, spoken word artists, musicians, painters and more.

After water, fire, and earth, the fourth element, wind, cannot be seen but its power is felt.

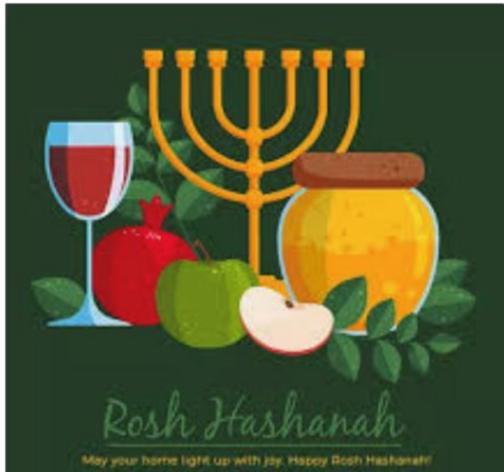
Like seeds carried by the wind, the experience of reconciliation is shared through walking with the wind.

The need for reconciliation has never been greater and the winds of change are stirring our community to act for future generations.

We are committed to continuing to walk together, with our many corporate partners and supporters, to build on the growth and shift in our community: the desire to learn, to be bold, and to make systemic change.

By embracing the powerful winds of change, we will continue this vital work together, toward a vibrant future where everyone belongs.

ROSH HASHANA 2022 / ראש הַשָּׁנָה

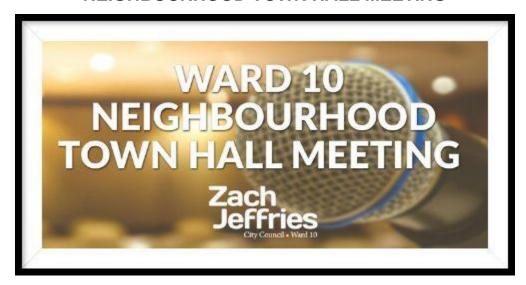


Best wishes to everyone celebrating the Jewish New Year

Rosh Hashana for Hebrew Year 5783 begins at sundown on Sunday, 25 September 2022 and ends at nightfall on Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew: ראש השנה), (literally "head of the year"), is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the High Holidays or Yamim Noraim ("Days of Awe"), celebrated ten days before Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is observed on the first two days of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. It is described in the Torah as יום תרועה (Yom Teruah, a day of sounding [the Shofar])

NEIGHBOURHOOD TOWN HALL MEETING



A reminder to join City Councilor Zach Jeffries and Mayor Clark next week for a town hall meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

PROVINCE ACCEPTING WATER, WASTEWATER AND OTHER GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS UNTIL NOVEMBER 29



Saskatchewan communities and eligible organizations may start submitting funding applications for proposed water, wastewater and other projects under the last intake in the province for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

"We encourage applicants to provide their project submissions as early as they are able to so communities can put shovels in the ground as soon as possible," Government Relations Minister Don McMorris said. "Our provincial government will continue to invest in infrastructure to create jobs, position communities for growth and continue to build a stronger Saskatchewan."

<u>Province Accepting Water, Wastewater And Other Green Infrastructure Project Applications Until</u> November 29 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA RENEW PARTNERSHIP IN MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE FIGHT



The Government of Saskatchewan recently approved up to \$1 million to fight mountain pine beetle in Alberta. The funding supports the third year of a three-year agreement with the Government of Alberta to work together to keep the beetle from spreading into Saskatchewan's northern forests.

"The mountain pine beetle outbreak in Alberta continues to be the most significant insect and disease threat to our northern pine forests and the northern Saskatchewan economy that depends on them," Environment Minister Dana Skoropad said. "This funding builds on the long-standing and successful cooperation between our provinces, acting as an investment that ensures our forests stay healthy, while continuing to protect Saskatchewan's forestry sector."

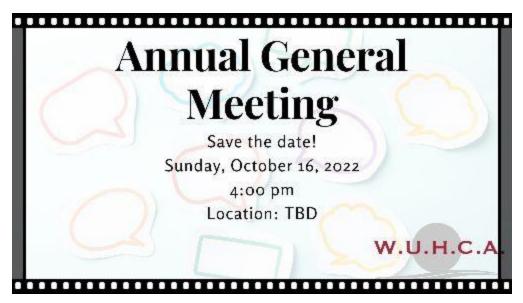
Saskatchewan and Alberta Renew Partnership in Mountain Pine Beetle Fight | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan

CONNECTING WITH INDIGENOUS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES



Health Human Resources Action Plan: Furthering connections with schools such as Gabriel Dumont Institute, First Nations University of Canada and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies. Find out more at https://www.saskatchewan.ca/hhr

WUHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Save the date! October 16 Willowgrove University Heights Community Association (WUHCA) will be having their AGM and would love to see you there!

They have multiple open positions that they need to fill to keep the association running. Location to be announced.

PROVINCIAL GRANTS ANNOUNCED TO HELP SENIORS LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

Saskatchewan is taking steps to help seniors living independently in their own homes and communities.

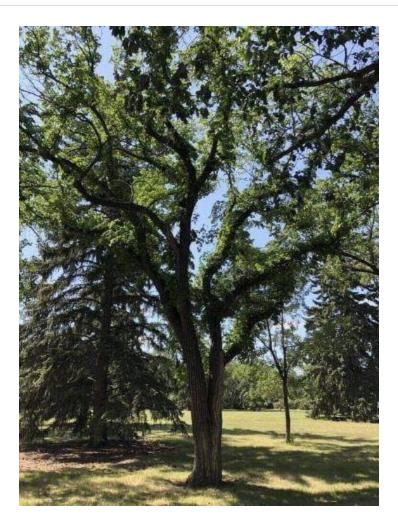
The provincial government has invested \$250,000 in one-time grant funding for senior-serving organizations, community groups, and other interested organizations.

Facilitating Independence of Older Adults in the Community granting program encourages the development and testing of new ways of supporting seniors to maintain independence in their own homes, with the goal of using these approaches in other communities throughout the province. The program is led by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) in partnership with the Ministry of Health.

"The provincial government is committed to improving the health and well-being of Saskatchewan seniors," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "Working with the SSM, we are pleased to offer these grants to support innovative ways to help Saskatchewan seniors live independently for a longer time in their communities."

<u>Provincial Grants Announced To Help Seniors Live Independently | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION CELEBRATES NATIONAL FORESTRY



The Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) will recognize this year's National Forest Week from September 18 to 24 by offering a series of events rooted to educate at Wascana Centre and Government House in Regina.

"The PCC is home to a rich ecosystem of exotic trees, plant species, wildlife and food sources for animals and provides a rich history of horticulture and forestry in Canada," Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Don McMorris said. "Join the PCC in celebrating National Forest Week by learning how plant-life throughout Wascana Centre and on the grounds of Government House bring enjoyment and environmental sustainability to Saskatchewan's capital city."

<u>Provincial Capital Commission Celebrates National Forestry | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

THANK YOU TO SASKATOON MLA MARV FRIESEN FOR HIS WORK WITH RESTORING BICYCLES



You've read about the great work Marv Friesen, MLA for Saskatoon Riversdale has done with his bicycle program, "Rides by Marv" in our newsletter previously.

Marv Friesen uses donated or old bikes and parts to build the bikes and sometimes from scratch back into working shape for kids of varying ages and provides the bikes to underprivileged youth.

Well, once again Marv has done an incredible job lending his skills to his friend who is working tirelessly to help Ukrainian families. Marv is happy he was able to help with bicycles. He credits his friend Vitaly for delivering furniture and helping make the transition to Saskatchewan easier for Ukrainian families..

ECONOMIC GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN IS REMARKABLE



Premier Scott Moe, "The economic growth taking place in all corners of Saskatchewan is remarkable!

Ranking 1st in the nation, investment in building construction grew by a massive 81.8% between July 2021 – July 2022.

With economic indicators continually ranking 1st and 2nd in the nation over the last number of months, there is no doubt Saskatchewan is moving full steam ahead."

SASKATCHEWAN FINE ART FAIR THIS WEEKEND



What are you doing this weekend? This is an excellent opportunity to check out what over 300 artists have been up to.

The Art Now Fine Art Fair starts on Thursday, September 22nd, with an opening night reception and runs until Sunday, September 25th in Saskatoon.

Get your tickets for Thursday here https://www.artnow.ca/tickets, or stop by Hall E at Prairieland Park on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Free admission all weekend long.

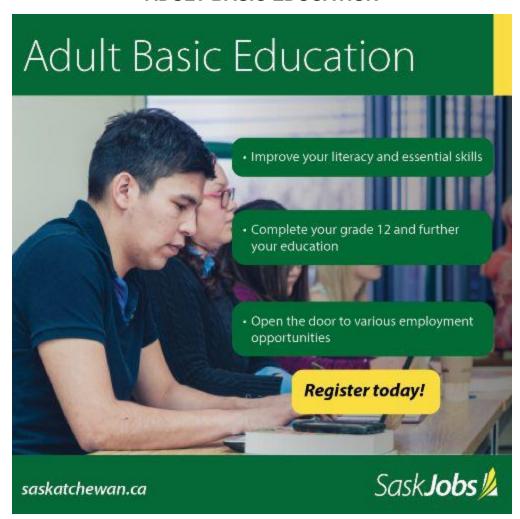
SASKJOBS CAREER SERVICES



Thinking of starting a new career? Not sure where to start?

Let SaskJobs Career Services Professionals guide you on your quest to employment!

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION



Are you interested in a career opportunity but need your grade 12? Your local training centre can help!

For more information on the Adult Basic Education program and available training centres across Saskatchewan please visit: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/adult-basic-education

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES



Managing a new course load, school or living situation can be stressful. Mental health resources are available to help you in any situation.

View a list of mental health resources available through the <u>Government of Saskatchewan here: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../mental-health-services</u>

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, call 911 immediately.

THANK YOU SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS



I join with the Premier in wishing Saskatchewan farmers a safe and bountiful harvest.

Premier Scott Moe, "Harvest is well underway in Saskatchewan.

Producers from all over our province are working long days and late nights harvesting some of the most high-quality products in the world.

I wish all Saskatchewan farmers a bountiful harvest and thank you for putting food on the tables of families across the globe."





It is always good to hear from readers of this newsletter. Your input is helpful and your suggestions for content are appreciated. A reader reached out to my office and asked that we highlight hunting and trapping seasons as they are open / opening across the province.

This activity is certainly popular in Saskatchewan and several people engage in these activities. Not only are these popular recreational pursuits, they contribute substantially to the Saskatchewan economy. From purchasing vehicles, clothing, equipment to contributing to the hotel accommodations, restaurants and service stations ... all contribute to the benefits, as do guides and outfitters. Thousands of people are employed directly and indirectly.

Of course, the shooting sports are not limited to hunting. Throughout the year, recreational target shooters, competitive shooters and Olympic class shooters use Saskatchewan's outstanding ranges to pursue their sports. These all accomplished with a stellar safety record.

The hunting community put a great emphasis on safety and we thank them for their contribution to our economy. Those who enjoy the sport are very conscious of safety in everything they do.

I encourage you to check out the Saskatchewan Hunting site to see the latest information on hunting

licences, opportunities, big game draw along with the 2022-23 Hunters and Trappers Guide: <u>Hunting | Hunting | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Some additional links you may be interested in include:

Saskatoon Wildlife Federation <u>www.saskatoonwildlifefederation.com</u>
Saskatchewan Trappers Association <u>www.saskatchewantrappers.com</u>

Ducks Unlimited Canada www.ducks.ca
Canadian Shooting Sports Association www.cssa-cila.org
National Firearms Association www.info@nfa.ca

FREE COMPOST LESSONS



Home composting is a great way to turn trash into treasure but getting started can be intimidating. Luckily, the Saskatoon Compost Coaches are here to help. Send them a message, and they'll send one of their volunteers to give a quick backyard lesson, right at your home! Whatever your compost questions, the Saskatoon Compost Coaches can help. Contact them at (306) 931-3249 or compost@swrc.ca to set up a free visit today! @saskwastereduction

YOUR OPPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY!



The **online survey** to provide feedback on the **two potential locations for a Downtown event centre/arena** is open to the public until end of day Monday, October 3. Intercept surveys to hear from residents across Saskatoon will also be taking place during this time.

The City is looking for the public's views on the opportunities and challenges of the two potential sites under consideration -- Midtown Shopping Centre North Parking Lot (Site A) and the North Downtown/City Yards

Take the online survey (less than 8 minutes): https://bit.ly/3BFyXmR.

Full background information on the project, including artistic illustrations, technical information, and historical context, can be found at saskatoon.ca/eventdistrict.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASING TO \$13



Employers and workers in Saskatchewan are reminded that the province's minimum wage will be \$13 an hour effective October 1, 2022.

In May of this year the province announced the increase, which marked a departure from the indexation formula that had been used to calculate changes. At the same time, it was announced the minimum would increase to \$14 on October 1, 2023 and \$15 on October 1, 2024.

The minimum wage has increased 63.5 per cent though a total of 14 increases since 2007, when it was \$7.95.

For more information about minimum wage and the payment of wages in Saskatchewan, visit saskatchewan.ca.

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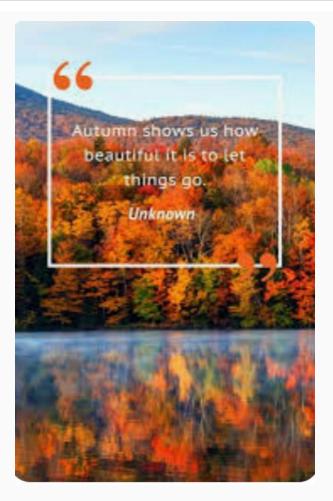
Thank you.

I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive difference in our 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.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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