

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



Provincial Point of View

February 21, 2018



I appreciate the opportunity I have to help make a positive difference in our constituency, city and province. I enjoy visiting with you on your doorsteps and events in and around our community. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback 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 our office at 306.651.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

[NEW EDUCATIONAL KIDS PROGRAM AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE](#)



Kids aged four to 10 are invited to a magical learning adventure at no cost!

Join us on the
**third Saturday of
every month!**

Where's Jocko?

Spot Jocko the monkey hiding in the museum, and win a prize!

Jocko's Crafting Corner

Create a new keepsake each month to take home with you!

Jocko's Tales

Not your average story time — learn about Saskatchewan heritage and be part of the tale!

To register, email government.house@gov.sk.ca.
saskatchewan.ca/govthouse | 4607 Dewdney Avenue
Twitter: [@govt_house](https://twitter.com/govt_house) Facebook: [/governmenthouse](https://facebook.com/governmenthouse)



Children aged four through 10 are invited to join in the fun at Government (Club) House — a brand new, magical learning adventure that kicks off this Saturday, February 17 during the Family Day long weekend.

“Government (Club) House is a great way to teach our children about Saskatchewan history and heritage, as they make new friends in a National Historic Site,” Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Ken Cheveldayoff said. “It’s important to teach the next generation about our province in a fun and engaging way, and I think this program accomplishes that.”

There’s no cost to take part in the program, held on the third Saturday of every month from 1:30 -

3:30 p.m. It offers children physical activity as they take part in a scavenger hunt in the museum, hands-on crafting, and interactive story time featuring tales by Saskatchewan authors and illustrators.

“We’re launching Government (Club) House this weekend to kick off the start of Heritage Week, February 18 – 24,” Government House Manager Monique Goffinet-Miller said. “There is so much history and magic preserved here at Government House. We wanted to ensure that the little ones have a way to experience that magic as they read, play, and learn together.”

Due to overwhelming community support, registration for the first Government (Club) House is full. Registration for the next Government (Club) House on March 17 opens on March 1. To register, email government.house@gov.sk.ca.

2018 SASKATCHEWAN WINTER GAMES CELEBRATE WINTER'S BEST



Saskatchewan athletes from nine districts represented hundreds of communities at the 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games in the City of North Battleford on Sunday.

From February 18-24 athletes from across the province will compete as individuals and teams, gaining lifelong values like dedication and teamwork that participation in sport instills. The games will also leave a significant legacy in the host community and surrounding area through investment in infrastructure and equipment and through economic impact with North Battleford expecting an estimated visitor expenditure of more than \$4M.

“The Saskatchewan Games serve as an important stepping stone for our athletes,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Many of those participating in North Battleford over the next week will one day compete in the Western Canada Games, the Canada Games and even the Olympics. The Saskatchewan Games highlights the power of sport to bring communities together for our young athletes to develop important skills, promote fitness, and create lifelong friendships.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

GREAT NEWS - CONGRATULATIONS TO SASKATCHEWAN'S PROTEIN INDUSTRIES CANADA



Premier Scott Moe, "Congratulations to Saskatchewan's [Protein Industries Canada](#), a major recipient of the federal government's superclusters initiative, supporting crop breeding, production, value-added processing, and export development.

This funding will create \$700 million in new commercial activity, billions in new GDP, and 4,700 new jobs from our agriculture & value-added food processing sectors.

In a world with a growing population, especially in Asia, Saskatchewan and Canada have great potential to advance our role as a dominant secure supplier of quality high-protein food to many regions seeking these healthy improvements to their diet.

Thank you to the federal government for this important investment, and congratulations to the 120 private-sector companies, academic institutions, and stakeholders across western Canada on this key step forward today."

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES APPOINTS BUSINESS LEADER MURAD AL-KATIB TO THE FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



February 9th: Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. ("Golden" or the "Fund") is pleased to announce the addition of well-known Saskatchewan business leader, Mr. Murad Al-Katib, to the Fund's Board of Directors.

Mr. Al-Katib is the President and CEO of AGT Food and Ingredients, a company that put Saskatchewan on the map in the area of pulse specialty crops. He is the Founder, CEO, President, and Director of Alliance Pulse Processors Inc. and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Alliance Grain Traders Inc.

Mr. Al-Katib was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Special Crops Association (CSCA) and Pulse Canada and appointed to the Advisory Board for Small and Medium Enterprise for the Canadian Minister of International Trade.

Murad has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards including the 2017 "Oslo Business for Peace" Foundation Honoree, the 2017 Ernst and Young "World Entrepreneur of the Year" Award after being named 2016 Ernst and Young "Canadian Entrepreneur of the Year" and "Prairie Entrepreneur of the Year", the 2016 United Nations Association of Canada "Global Citizen

Laureate” Award, PROFITGuide Magazine’s “30 Most Fabulous Entrepreneurs of the Past 30 Years” list, the Globe & Mail “Canada’s Top 40 under 40” as well as the Western Producer’s list of “44 Innovators Who Shaped Prairie Agriculture”.

“We welcome Mr. Al-Katib’s vast business experience and broad corporate governance to the Board of Golden Opportunities Fund” says Grant J. Kook, President/CEO of Golden. “Murad’s knowledge, and business acumen, specifically in the agriculture sector, is well aligned with the Fund’s continued interest in the sector”.

Click [here](#) to read more about Golden Opportunities Fund Inc.

TIPS FOR TRAVEL INSURANCE



If you are planning a trip and thinking about purchasing travel insurance, the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) wants you to understand the coverage before you pay for it.

“We’ve all heard the horror stories of people who went away on vacation, something happened and they thought they had medical coverage, but didn’t,” Insurance and Real Estate Director Ian McIntosh said. “We want to make sure people understand their coverage before they get on the plane.”

Here are some tips to consider when purchasing travel insurance:

- Purchase the coverage you need - make sure you know what types of coverage you want. There are different coverage options available and not all of them may be suitable for your needs. Carefully read the policy to understand what you are agreeing to.
- Understand the exclusions and pre-existing conditions clauses – you are required to fill out an application when applying for coverage. It is your obligation to provide the insurer

with an accurate response to the questions. If you have questions about the application, contact your insurance agent or insurer. If you have questions about your medical history, contact your doctor. If you fail to provide the health and medical information requested or provide inaccurate information, your future claim may be denied.

- Read your policy – even though insurance policies and documents may be lengthy and complex, make sure you take the time to read these documents so you know what type of coverage you have and what types of exclusions may apply. If you have questions, ask the provider before you purchase the insurance.
- Understand the claims process – before you purchase insurance make sure you understand the claims process, what is required and who to contact.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATOON AND REGINA LEAD THE NATION IN POPULATION GROWTH



Photo credit Global News

Premier Scott Moe, "Saskatoon and Regina are both leading the nation in populations growth. Our two largest world-class cities are increasingly full of innovation, new businesses and opportunity. Saskatchewan has gone from the place to be from, to now the place to be.

Read the Global News Story here: <https://globalnews.ca/news/4022964/saskatoon-and-regina-are-the-two-fastest-growing-metropolitan-areas-in-canada-report/>

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD PUT
SASKATOON ON YOUR 2018 TRAVEL LIST!**
(taken from the Huffington Post)



Photo credit: Tourism Saskatoon

Huffington Post: Every January, the *New York Times* puts together its ultimate [travel list](#) of places to visit for the year. This prestigious list is filled with destinations from around the world, all offering something new and unexpected for its visitors. New Orleans topped the list with its yearlong calendar of parties to ring in its 300th Birthday in true Nola style. Following New Orleans in the top five is Colombia, Basilicata in Italy, the Caribbean and Vierwaldstättersee in Switzerland.

One city to make this list, which surprised many Canadians, was [Saskatoon](#). This city was the only Canadian destination to do so, and managed to make the top 20, coming in at number 18. So, we decided to take a closer look at what this Saskatchewan city has to offer!

I encourage you to click [here](#) to read the entire article, but I will list some of the top reasons listed to visit Saskatoon:

- The Remai Modern

- The opening of the Remai Modern last year put Saskatoon on the map as a world class destination for modern art.
- **The Broadway District**
 - The cultural centre of Saskatoon where you can find some of the city's trendiest bars and restaurants along with local artist shops, friendly coffee shops and vibrant street art.
- **The stunning nature**
 - The South Saskatchewan River is known to locals as the heart of Saskatoon. Seven bridges span the river.
- **Award winning food**
 - With 44 per cent of Canada's farmland in Saskatchewan, it's no wonder that the culinary scene in Saskatoon is bursting with flavour and farm to fork goodness.

Saskatoon is a great place for art, food, drink, nature and countless other features that are worth your time.

SASKATOON SERVICES FOR SENIORS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY



If you're a senior or have friends or family that need assistance with various tasks, I encourage you to check out Saskatoon Services for Seniors. I am including the link for their newsletter which is loaded with valuable information for seniors.

Saskatoon services for seniors programs are listed in their newsletter. From helping you with your grocery list and arranging volunteers to buy and deliver directly to your home to arranging for spring clean up such as weeding, planting, moving etc. depending on your needs. You can also access support for cleaning services, get help with your income tax and more! To find out more about these services and the cost, contact Cheryl Loadman, Executive Director at

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Hey Saskatchewan – Heritage Week is on NOW through to February 24! There are many local museums across the province.

What better way to stay connected with the stories and people of our past than with a visit to your local museum? [#ExploreSK](#)

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH



Heart Month is the Heart and Stroke Foundation's key opportunity to reach millions of Canadians in February and alert them to the risks of heart disease and stroke. Volunteers are the face and the voice of the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Heart Month is a critical time when they work hard and count on all of us to share their message.

Thanks to the many volunteers and media outlets in our city that are fundraising and creating awareness during Heart Month. Through the generosity and compassion of caring people, the Heart and Stroke Foundation is able to help Canadians prevent heart disease and stroke. Click [here](#) for information regarding the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Saskatchewan.

GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS APPROVED PRIVATE SERVICE HOME WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

The province has proclaimed February 19-25, 2018 as Saskatchewan Approved Private Service Home Week to recognize approved private service home providers and families who support and care for people with disabilities.

Approved private service homes and approved mental health homes are private homes in communities which provide support for people with intellectual disabilities or mental health needs. These homes make it possible for residents to experience family living in a community setting. There are currently 202 approved private service homes and 180 approved mental health

homes in Saskatchewan.

The Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan identifies supportive housing as a priority to help secure better outcomes for people living with complex mental health and addictions issues.

“Mental health approved homes provide an important service to individuals living with complex mental health needs,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “We recognize their commitment to their clients, and thank them for their good work.”

To read the entire news release, click [here](#).

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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