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## Provincial Point of View July 17, 2014

### ALL TIME RECORD EMPLOYMENT IN SASKATCHEWAN

For the second consecutive month, job numbers in Saskatchewan hit an all-time high. In June of 2014, there were 576,900 people working in the province; the highest ever. There were 8,700 more people working in June 2014 when compared with last June, according to Statistics Canada.

“The last two months of record job numbers are consistent with the high level of economic activity taking place in Saskatchewan,” Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said on behalf of Associate Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison. “We have one of the best economies in Canada, a competitive business environment, innovative entrepreneurs and above all, a skilled and hard-working labour force.”

Other records set in June included full-time employment, reaching 480,700 and the labour force totalling 596,400.

“There is a lot of good news in today’s report - jobs are growing in our key sectors, unemployment remains the lowest in the country, and full-time jobs are at record levels.” Minister Reiter said. “At the half-way mark in 2014, we are maintaining the course of more jobs and more opportunities for working people.”

Saskatchewan’s unemployment rate was 3.9 per cent in June (seasonally adjusted), the lowest in Canada. This was the 18th consecutive month that the province has recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the country. On a national basis, unemployment was 7.1 per cent in June.

#### Other highlights:

- Full-time employment was up 9,600 on a year-over-year basis, while part-time was down 900;

- Regina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.6 per cent and Saskatoon was 3.8 per cent – the lowest and second lowest unemployment rate among major Canadian cities;
- Youth unemployment was 8.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted), the lowest among the provinces and well below the 13.4 per cent posted nationally;
- Private sector jobs were up 8,900;
- Construction jobs up 6,200 (+12.9%); finance, insurance, real estate and leasing up 2,600 (+8.9%), trade up 2,400 (+2.8%); forestry, mining, oil and gas up 1,700 (+7.0%); and utilities up 1,700 (+30.9%)

[All Time Record Employment in Saskatchewan](#)

### **NEW POLICE DETACHMENT OPENS**



Following a decade of of planning, Wednesday, July 16th was another exciting and historic day in Saskatoon. Police Chief Clive Weighill officially locked the door of the old police station on 4th Avenue and joined the parade to the new state of the art headquarters on 25th Street.

The sound of bagpipes and drums led several Police Officers and Detectives to the new headquarters! This incredible facility will be home to the many officers that serve us so

honourably.

An opening ceremony and the unveiling of a plaque officially opened the station. Public tours will be available soon.

### **MANUFACTURING SALES BREAK RECORDS IN MAY**

Saskatchewan's manufacturers continue to impress in the global marketplace after another thriving month of sales according to reports issued by Statistics Canada.

Shipments for May hit a record-breaking \$1.5 billion (seasonally adjusted). This was a 2.4 per cent increase over April 2014 and the second highest growth rate among the provinces.

"Communities across this great province are reaping the benefits of a growing manufacturing sector," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "Every time a manufacturer starts production and sees that product through the development process and into the marketplace, we are all benefitting from the economic growth and prosperity it generates."

[Manufacturing Sales Break Records in May](#)

### **ZOO ATTENDANCE BEST EVER!**



I am pleased to share some amazing statistics with you. Since 2010, summer attendance at the Saskatoon Zoo has grown from roughly 112,000 to over 142,400 visitors. That is a 27% increase! This has led to a corresponding increase in admission revenues - up 42% in 2013 compared to 2010.

Thanks to remarkable donor support from individuals and corporations, the Zoo has been able to build beautiful new facilities, as well as make improvements to wildlife exhibits, visitor facilities and signage throughout the Forestry Farm.

The Zoo's transformation is a reality because of the dedication of the Zoo Foundation Board of Directors, the volunteers, the generosity of supporters, all those that visit the park and the dedicated staff. We are so fortunate to have a community that appreciates this incredible facility.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo a wonderful attraction for those of us who live here and everyone visiting our great city!

### **ADVISORY PANEL TO MAKE MS RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS**

The provincial government has named an advisory panel of medical experts, multiple sclerosis (MS) patients and family members and research and health provider groups to recommend options for advancing the science of MS for the benefit of patients. After reviewing MS-related research opportunities, the panel will submit recommendations to the Ministry of Health in early

2015.

“This advisory panel is an excellent way to engage people with MS and their family members or caregivers in the process of recommending options for MS research and support for patients in Saskatchewan,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “The personal experience and knowledge of people with strong interests and expertise in this area will inform our consideration of future opportunities for government support.”

[Advisory Panel to Make MS Research Recommendations](#)

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

...SK had the lowest unemployment rate in the country at 3.9%, below the national average of 7.1%.

... The newly formed MS panel will make specific recommendations on opportunities to enable Saskatchewan patients to participate in clinical trials that focus on improving the condition of patients and relieving symptoms.

... Tests on water samples taken Monday have confirmed that levels of E.coli at all public beaches tested have dropped to a level considered safe for swimming and in-water recreational activities.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

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### **COMING EVENTS**

**Taste of Saskatchewan**

Date: July 15 - 20

**When: 11:00 am to 10:30 pm**

**Where: Kiwanis Memorial Park**

**Cameco Family Day at the Zoo**

**Date: July 20**

**When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Where: Forestry Farm Park and Zoo**

**Living History Young Pioneer Camp**

**Date: July 21 - 25**

**When: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Where: Western Development Museum**

**Saskatoon Dragon Boat Festival**

**Date: July 25 - 26**

**When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Where: Rotary Park**

**PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival**

**Date: July 31 - August 9**

**When: Daily**

**Where: Broadway District**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“Self-esteem comes from being able to  
define the world in your own terms  
and refusing to abide by  
the judgments of others.”  
~ Oprah Winfrey**

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