

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



## Provincial Point of View

**September 25, 2018**

### **PREMIER RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL TRADE MISSION IN CHINA**

Premier Scott Moe has returned from his first trade mission to China. During the mission, Moe met with a number of industry leaders and government officials to enhance Saskatchewan's trade opportunities and showcase our food, fuel and fertilizer sectors.

"Over the last decade, China has been one of Saskatchewan's most important export markets," Moe said. "With the growing uncertainty in world trade, the Chinese market is becoming increasingly important to Saskatchewan. I was pleased to make important connections with government and industry leaders to communicate that Saskatchewan has the food, fuel, and fertilizer that China needs."

During the mission, the trade delegation from Saskatchewan met with current and potential investors in our value-added agriculture sector to encourage investment and thank them for investments that have been made. The Premier also met with Chinese government entities, including the Governor of Heilongjiang, the Chinese Ministry of Environment and Ecology, the Chinese Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology. These meetings focused on identifying opportunities to advance mutual interests in sustainable mineral and agricultural development, and environmental protection.

A number of key steps were made in sharing Saskatchewan's technical innovation, including supporting the signing of an MOU between the CCS Knowledge Centre and the China Petroleum University to advance our shared interest in using CCS for enhanced oil recovery.

The Saskatchewan delegation was also joined by more than 20 Saskatchewan companies at the STEP - Canada China Business Council Showcase focused on promoting Saskatchewan's exports to China.

Included in the business delegation was Cameco CEO Tim Gitzel, who accompanied Moe in meetings with a number of Chinese nuclear agencies, including the China Atomic Energy Authority, China National Nuclear Corporation, and China General Nuclear Power Group, to advance efforts to enable additional exports of Saskatchewan uranium to China, a vital economic interest to Northern Saskatchewan.

“As the world’s fastest-growing producer of nuclear energy, China is a critical market for Cameco,” Gitzel said. “It’s also a country where positive government-to-government relationships are important to commercial success. Premier Moe’s support in meeting with Chinese nuclear energy leaders was greatly appreciated and provided a big boost in Cameco’s efforts to grow our business in China.”

Moe was also joined by representatives from Canpotex and Mosaic at meetings and events that promoted the export and increased use of Saskatchewan potash, including meetings with major potash buyers and partners, including Beifeng Corporation and Sinochem/Sinofert.

“Our government will continue to advocate for Saskatchewan’s export reliant industries, and I would like to thank all Saskatchewan businesses that joined our delegation as we embarked on this important mission,” Moe said.

## CHINA IS SASKATCHEWAN'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATION FOR FLAXSEED



Premier Scott Moe, "We export more flaxseed to China than anywhere else in the world. So if flax is what you're after, Saskatchewan has what you're looking for:

- ✓✓ 82% of all flaxseed produced in Canada
- ✓✓ 76% of Canada's flaxseed exports
- ✓✓ 22% of the world's flaxseed exports

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE OF CANADA GAME COMING TO SASKATOON!



*Photo credit CJWW*

**NBL NEWS RELEASE:** National Basketball League of Canada is bringing the first western NBL game to the new The Merlis Belsher Place Friday, November 2nd, 2018, when the reigning Champion London Lightning take on the Halifax Hurricanes, a repeat of the 2018 championship finals.

"It is great to introduce the NBL to western Canada in this way," said Mark Lever league Chairman and Halifax Hurricane owner "we want to thank Tanya Toporowski, General Manager of the Merlis Belsher Place."

The Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff was on hand for Monday's announcement and is looking forward to seeing professional basketball in the province, "The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to

welcome the National Basketball League of Canada to Saskatoon. John Graham has a history of providing top level professional sporting entertainment for Saskatchewan fans and we look forward to this exciting event November 2nd."

Saskatchewan has a growing community of basketball fans, and the popularity of the sport continues to rise.

Both NBL teams are looking forward to visiting and it's a privilege to play in this beautiful new facility," said London Lightning owner Vito Frijia, "we also take great pride in being associated with the Red Cross of Canada Saskatchewan and having them involved."

"John Graham and his team have been a great partner to Canadian Red Cross in Saskatchewan and we're thrilled work once again with him to bring another exciting event to the City of Saskatoon," said Luc Mullinder, Manager of Corporate Partnerships for the Canadian Red Cross. "Like the previous NHL Preseason games and Saskatchewan's first international friendly between Valencia FC and NY Cosmos at Mosaic Stadium, the funds raised at this game will go a long way to support the Red Cross's Imagine No Bullying program."

Tickets go on sale on Saturday, September 29th prices range from \$10 to \$55 plus applicable fees.

## **A KNOCK ON THE DOOR...AND THE WORST NEWS A FAMILY WILL EVER GET**



If you open your front door to a knock, and a police officer is standing on the other side – you know the news may not be good.

“That knock on the door is something far, too many Saskatchewan people have had to experience,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “It represents the moment a family is torn apart, and it leaves a wound that will never fully heal. Impaired driving takes lives, breaks hearts and shatters families, and it’s why SGI is launching a new awareness campaign – to help save lives and prevent families from experiencing that unnecessary pain.”

There are two components to the campaign. One is a dramatic television spot “Knock on the Door” that shows a young family. Dad is home with three small children. It’s a typical busy day with playtime, supper and getting ready for bed. Mom is out, and she’s been gone longer than expected. Then, a knock on the door. Two police officers on the porch. And suddenly, a family is shattered.

“When the police officer came to our home to tell us Quinn had been killed, words can’t describe how painful that is,” Craig Stevenson said whose 17-year-old son was killed by a drunk driver in August 2013. “It changes your life in a way no one should ever have to experience.”

While “Knock on the Door” is a dramatization, it’s a message that hits home for the first responders and medical professionals who have to deliver next-of-kin notifications to the loved ones of people killed by impaired driving. It’s one of the hardest parts of the job, and no amount of training or experience makes it any less heartbreaking.

That’s why the second component of the campaign features videos of real-life testimonials from Saskatchewan police, firefighters and medical professionals who have seen and dealt with the carnage and resulting anguish caused by impaired driving.

Here are a few excerpted quotes from those testimonials: “You’re disrupting someone’s life in a way they’ll never forget.” -Sgt. Todd Gall, Regina Police Service

“I remember the mother asking me... looking at my face and saying, ‘He’s dead, isn’t he?’” -Dr. Jagadish (Jag) Rao, trauma surgeon

“It was just another crash. Until I saw the baby seat.” -Mitchell Lapchuck, volunteer firefighter

Impaired driving is still the leading cause of fatalities on Saskatchewan roads. In 2017, 39 people died and 357 were injured in impaired driving collisions. While those numbers represent an improvement over previous years, they are still much too high because impaired driving is completely preventable.

“This campaign is hard-hitting and heartbreaking, and it's necessary,” Hargrave said. “We need to make better decisions – to never drive impaired and plan a safe ride home every time, to prevent these senseless tragedies. We are grateful to the first responders who shared their stories in this ad, and to the families who continue to support our efforts against impaired driving.”

The province-wide campaign includes television, radio, theatre and online advertisements. It runs until the end of October. You can see the television ads and hear first-person accounts from first responders at [www.sgi.sk.ca/knock](http://www.sgi.sk.ca/knock).

SGI launches "hard-hitting and heartbreaking" campaign against impaired driving: Watch [here](#).



*Photo credit CBC News*

Bonny and Craig Stevenson are Saskatoon Willowgrove constituents. They have shown such strength in what they do each and every day to create awareness so no one has to face the heartbreak their family has dealt with. I encourage you to watch the powerful message Craig and Bonny delivered at the SGI Media Conference. Click [here](#) to view.

**CHINESE MID-AUTUMN BUSINESS BANQUET**





I was honoured to deliver greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the government of Saskatchewan at the Saskatchewan Chinese Entrepreneur Mid-autumn Business Banquet last Sunday. The evening was a wonderful celebration of a special time of year — a time to bring family and friends together and give thanks for the harvest or the year's bounty. We are very fortunate here in Saskatchewan. It truly is a great place to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life.

Many in attendance were new to our beautiful province and it was indeed a pleasure to welcome and visit everyone in attendance. Saskatchewan is a place with friendly people, supportive communities, a vibrant and diverse culture, and an excellent quality of life. Here, there is potential for a prosperous life in a growing province. The success of our province is because of business people like those gathered at this special event. Their hard work, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit fuels our economy and makes Saskatchewan a place of opportunity.

I had the chance to let the crowd know that Premier Scott Moe went to China on a trade mission. He went there to showcase Saskatchewan goods and talk about further trade opportunities. Our

government understands the value of supporting Saskatchewan entrepreneurs that keep our economy strong and growing.

## RAIL SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



The Government of Saskatchewan and the Western Canadian Shortline Railway Association (WCSLRA) urge all drivers and pedestrians to be alert and cautious near tracks and trains during Public Rail Safety Week (PRSW).

“Rail transportation is vital in getting goods delivered here as well as exports to market,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr said. “Rail safety is everyone’s responsibility – only cross railway tracks at authorized and marked crossings, and always obey the signs.”

Saskatchewan has about 4,700 public crossings which is about 20 per cent of the crossings in Canada. The Government of Saskatchewan conducts routine safety inspections of the province’s 1,200 shortline rail crossings, regularly reviews shortline railways safety management plans and works closely with shortlines to make sure their operating rules and plans are up-to-date. Continue reading this news release [here](#).

**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2018**





A wet and cool week stalled most harvest operations in the province. Sixty-two per cent of the crop is now in the bin, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2013-2017) average is 53 per cent for this time of year. Twenty-six per cent of the crop is now swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Rain fell over the majority of the province, with the largest amounts being reported in the central and northern regions. Many areas in these regions recorded more than 30 mm of rain. Snow was reported in the northwest region.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwest region, where 86 per cent of the crop is now combined. The southeast region has 84 per cent combined, the west-central 57 per cent and the east-central region 55 per cent. The northeast region has 29 per cent combined while the northwest region has 17 per cent combined.

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

## **APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR SASKATCHEWAN VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE**

The Government of Saskatchewan is now accepting applications for the Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture Incentive (SVAI).

The SVAI aims to improve investment attraction and retention outcomes in the value-added agriculture sector. It offers a non-refundable, non-transferable 15 per cent tax credit on capital costs for newly-constructed or expanded value-added agriculture facilities.

“There is an increasing global demand for food, fertilizer and fuel, and Saskatchewan is well-positioned to be a global export leader in those sectors,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “This initiative supports rural growth, provides outlets for locally-produced crops, and creates more opportunities to attract entrepreneurial talent and foreign investment.”

Read more about this incentive [here](#).

## **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN APPROVES BLUE HILL WIND ENERGY PROJECT**



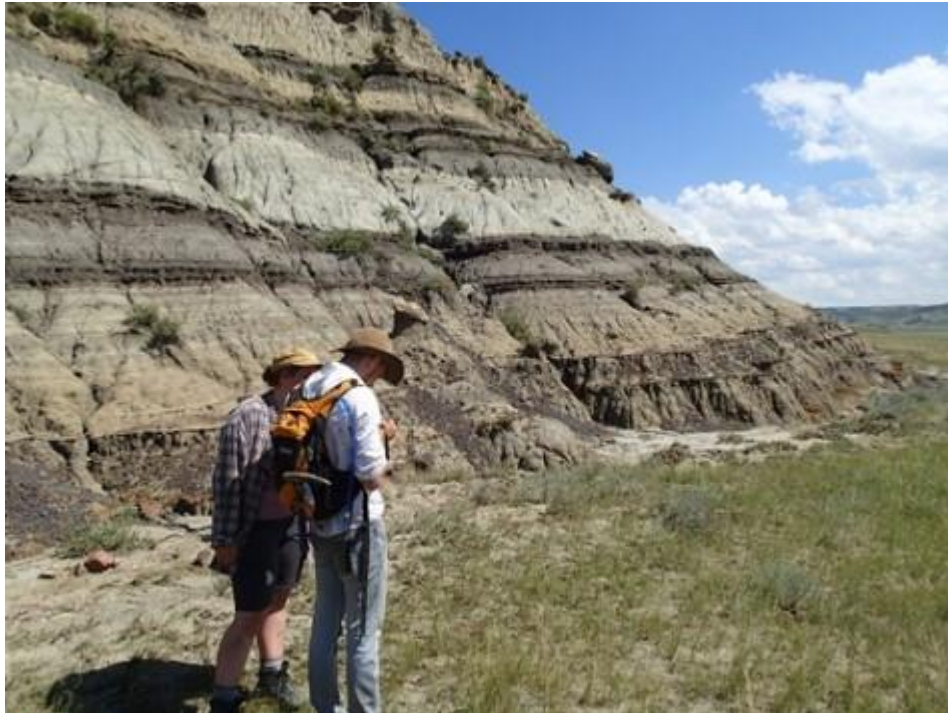
Environment Minister Dustin Duncan has approved a large-scale wind energy project in the province. This is the first large-scale wind energy project approved under The Environmental Assessment Act. Located south of Herbert, the Blue Hill Wind Energy Project will be developed and operated by Algonquin Power Co. (a subsidiary of Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.) and is expected to include up to 56 wind turbines. The turbines will add 177 megawatts of wind energy for SaskPower customers – enough energy to power more than 70,000 average Saskatchewan homes. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019, with possible service as early as 2021.

“This new wind energy project demonstrates our government’s commitment to renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reductions, both clear goals in our comprehensive provincial climate change strategy,” Duncan said.

Prairie Resilience, the province’s made-in-Saskatchewan climate change strategy, is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare for changing conditions, and protect people and communities through resilience and readiness.

Click [here](#) to read more about the strategy to reduce emissions from electrical power generation by 40 per cent by 2030.

## **DINO DIGS - RSM SCIENTISTS REVEAL THE FOSSIL HITS OF SUMMER 2018**



Field research by scientists at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum continued to reap a harvest of fresh new fossil discoveries throughout the summer of 2018.

“Saskatchewan is becoming better known as having one of the great fossil resources in Canada and indeed the world,” Parks Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Each summer brings another opportunity to realize new, untouched fossil sites and the potential for scientific discoveries of international importance.”

To read more about the "Hits: of Summer 2018, click [here](#).

## **MORE GRADE 3 STUDENTS EXPERIENCE READING SUCCESS**



The number of Grade 3 students reading at or above grade level continues to rise province-wide. School division data from 2018 shows 75 per cent of Grade 3 students now reading at or above grade level, compared to 65 per cent in 2013.

This increase represents approximately 1,200 more Saskatchewan students reading at or above grade level compared to five years ago.

“A commitment to early literacy is important as it is a strong indicator of future academic success,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “It is encouraging to see our collaborative efforts paying off so that more students continue to form this essential foundation for all future learning.”

Read more [here](#).

**ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM COMMEMORATES ORANGE SHIRT DAY**





The Royal Saskatchewan Museum is hosting several events to recognize national Orange Shirt Day, which commemorates the experiences of residential school victims and honours the survivors and their families.

“Our province is committed to achieving reconciliation, and Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to reflect on the past and ensure these stories are passed on to future generations,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “The events at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum will give people a stronger understanding of the hardship and suffering that many children experienced.”

Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, an Indigenous woman who was not able to wear her orange shirt in the fall of 1973. She was six years old when she was stripped of her shirt on her first day of school in Williams Lake, BC. Since September 30, 2013, Canadians have been wearing orange on this day as a symbol of support and hope for those impacted by the lasting effects of residential schools and to serve as a reminder that every child matters.



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

## FARM SAFETY



Agriculture is one of Saskatchewan's largest and most hazardous industries. Incidents occur more often between seeding and harvest, and can cause needless suffering and consequently reduce farm revenues.

On average, 13 people are killed on Saskatchewan farms each year. Of these fatal injuries, 75% involve machinery such as grain trucks, semis, tractors and combines. Most incidents occur in the farm yard and of all serious injuries that happen, 14% involve youth.

*(Statistics provided by the Saskatchewan Farm Injury Surveillance Program at the University of Saskatchewan.)*

Everyone can do their part to help make Saskatchewan farms safer. Read more about some safety tips [here](#).

**GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CELEBRITY DINNER!**



The Knights of Council 8215 invite you to come help us raise money for the Saskatoon Children's Hospital by buying a ticket for the Celebrity Dinner Saturday, October 27.

Plan to attend the 2018 dinner and help support the Saskatoon Children's Hospital. The dinner takes place at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. The dinner will feature Randy Ambrosie the CFL Commissioner, and Grey Cup champion and MVP, smiling Henry Burris. Purchase a ticket now! Its going to be a great evening.

Check out more about the dinner by going to the Knights of Columbus 8215 website:

<https://knightsforcolumbus8215.com/>

## Who Do I Contact When?



Feeling unwell? Not sure where to go/what to do for advice or care? There are a number of options depending on your circumstance.

## HIV PRENATAL CARE HOME OPENS IN SASKATOON

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with the City of Saskatoon, Sanctum Care Group and Stewart Properties, officially opened Sanctum 1.5, a new 10-unit affordable rental housing project that will help support pre- and post-natal women living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Sanctum 1.5 is unique in Saskatchewan and Canada, filling a gap of housing and support, and improving health outcomes. This will be the first housing project in Saskatchewan geared toward the needs of pregnant women who are struggling with polysubstance use, and are HIV-positive or at risk of contracting HIV.

To see some quick facts and read the remainder of this news release, click [here](#).

## BIOTECH WEEK PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN



*Photo credit File / Global News*

Agriculture Minister David Marit has proclaimed September 24 to 30, as Biotech Week in Saskatchewan. The purpose of the week is to celebrate the benefits of biotechnology and to raise awareness of the important and growing role biotechnology plays in agriculture and the life sciences.

“Biotechnology is truly a Saskatchewan success story – it has allowed us to create very specialized crops and to develop new industrial uses for those crops,” Marit said. “GM canola has reduced tillage and simplified weed control, saving producers money and fuel. As the home of roughly one-third of Canada’s agricultural biotechnology sector, Saskatchewan is a biotech leader.”

Biotech Week in Saskatchewan coincides with the national and global biotech weeks. In Saskatchewan, Biotech Week activities are being co-ordinated by Ag-West Bio, the province’s bioscience industry association, and include several events in Regina and Saskatoon.

Read the news release [here](#).

## YOUNG WORKERS READINESS CERTIFICATE



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Readiness Certificate before  
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## **\$600,000 IN ANNUAL FUNDING FOR SANCTUM 1.5 TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES**





Pregnant women living with HIV and substance abuse issues now have an enhanced suite of supports available through Sanctum 1.5, a 10-unit supportive housing facility in Saskatoon.

Health Minister Jim Reiter and Social Services Minister Paul Merriman joined project partners and local representatives for the grand opening today.

“Substance abuse and HIV are often the product of complex social factors,” Reiter said. “Sanctum 1.5 will help women facing these challenges ensure a better future for themselves and for their children by providing the support they need throughout the course of their pregnancy.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

## CHIEF MISTAWASIS BRIDGE OPENING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2



You're Invited!



The Bridging to Tomorrow Project, which includes the construction of the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, extension of Central Avenue and McOrmond Drive, and replacement of the Traffic Bridge is nearly complete!

Please join in on Tuesday, October 2 for the official opening ceremony on Chief Mistawasis Bridge followed by a Traffic Bridge Party!

More information is within the attachments below:

[Bridging to Tomorrow - News Release](#)

[Bridging to Tomorrow - Poster](#)

[Bridging to Tomorrow - Chief Mistawasis Bridge Event Map](#)

The Chief Mistawasis Bridge and Central Avenue and McOrmond Drive extensions will open to vehicular traffic later in the day on October 2. The Traffic Bridge will open to vehicular traffic on October 3.

## **SASKTEL TO IMPROVE WIRELESS SERVICE TO SEVEN MORE RURAL SASKATCHEWAN LOCATIONS**

Today, SaskTel announced plans to improve 4G LTE cellular services in seven addition rural communities, bringing the total to 50, throughout Saskatchewan by deploying a small cell site solution. The communities of Pennant, Carievale, Waseca, Val Marie, McTaggart, Macoun and Laird will see enhanced wireless services by March 31, 2019.

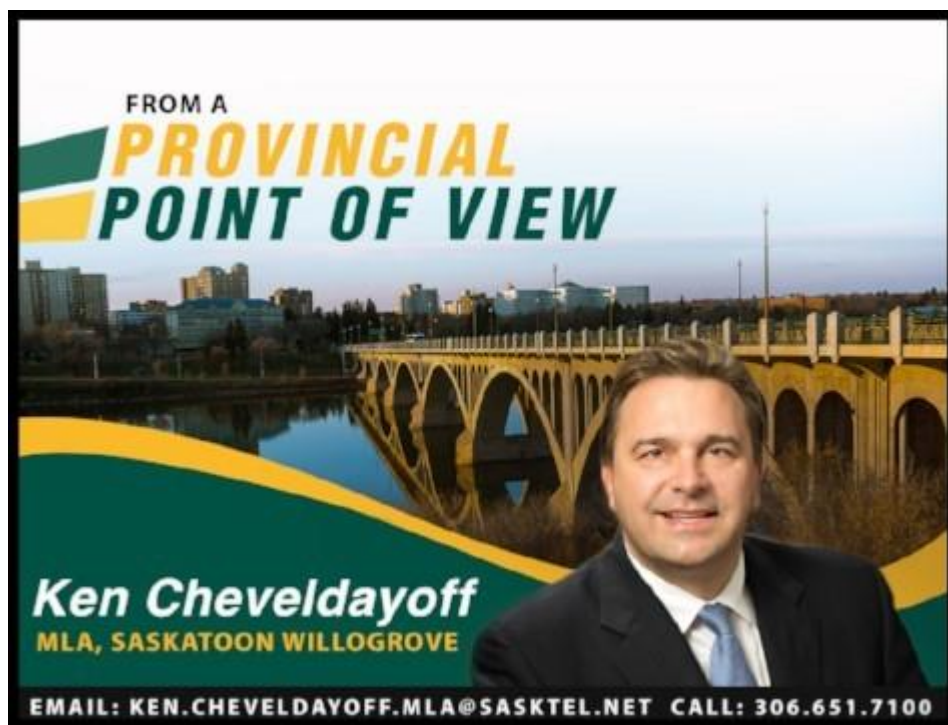
“Our government had a vision of providing reliable communications services to more rural areas in Saskatchewan and today’s announcement takes us one step closer,” Minister Responsible for SaskTel Don Morgan said. “This most recent round of wireless upgrades from SaskTel will greatly benefit many residents, and businesses in small communities across Saskatchewan.”

“Delivering enhanced wireless services to rural Saskatchewan is a key focus for SaskTel and we are on track to complete these first 50 locations by the end of March 2019,” SaskTel Acting President and CEO Doug Burnett said. “Our team has worked hard to deliver on this initiative and we’re pleased to be able to deliver world-class cellular services to more rural areas of the province.” Read the entire news release [here](#).

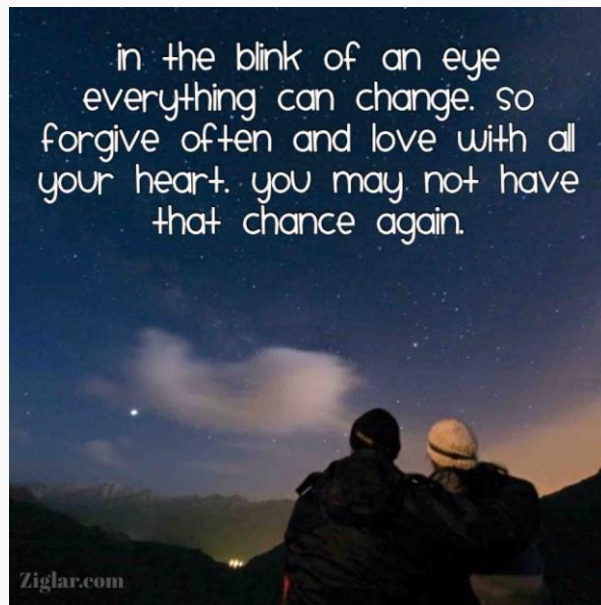
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**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT  
IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

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### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

**I appreciate the many opportunities 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.**

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