

Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View

September 3, 2014



I hope teachers, students and support staff had a great first week of the new school year!

Whether summer was jam-packed with activities or filled with complaints about being bored with nothing to do, kids often have a tough time making the back-to-school transition. I read an interesting article and wanted to share some important information with you:

- As with any new or potentially unsettling situation — like starting school for the first time or entering a new grade or new school — allow kids time to adjust. Remind them that everyone feels a little nervous about the first day of school and that it will all become an everyday routine in no time.

- It's important to talk to kids about what worries them and offer reassurance: Are they afraid they won't make new friends or get along with their teachers? Is the thought of schoolwork stressing them out? Are they worried about the **bully** from last year?
- We all have a critical role to play in building and promoting respectful and kind behaviour in our schools and communities. Acts of bullying, harassment, intimidation and violence have a profound effect on an individual's feeling of safety and self-worth. I encourage everyone to work together to prevent bullying in our schools, communities and online.
- To help ease back-to-school butterflies, try to transition kids into a consistent school-night routine a few weeks before school starts. Also make sure that they:

- get enough **sleep** (establish a reasonable bedtime so that they'll be well-rested and ready to learn in the morning)

- eat a healthy breakfast (they're more alert and do better in school if they eat a

good

- breakfast** every day)

- use a wall calendar or personal planner to record when assignments are due, tests will be given, extracurricular practices and rehearsals will be held, etc.

- have them organize and set out what they need the night before (homework and books should be put in their backpacks by the door and clothes should be laid out in their bedrooms)

REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

JUNE WAGES IN SASKATCHEWAN INCREASE YEAR OVER YEAR

The average Saskatchewan worker's weekly wages were \$980.11 in June 2014, an increase of 3.6 per cent compared to last June. Saskatchewan wages were the third highest among all the provinces.

"Strong economic conditions are helping drive wages higher," Minister responsible for Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Jeremy Harrison said. "This is another positive when it comes to recruiting and retaining skilled labour to the province."

On a monthly basis, wages in the province were up 1.9 per cent over last month, more than triple the national increase of 0.6 per cent.

Saskatchewan had the highest increase among the provinces.

“When you factor in inflation, wages in the province were 1.4 per cent higher in June on an annual basis, which means people are seeing real gains in take-home pay,” Harrison said. “Today’s report is good news. It demonstrates that Saskatchewan continues to lead the nation in terms of employment and opportunities.”

[June Wages in Saskatchewan Increase Year Over Year](#)

“LAST CALL” PROMOTION BEGINS AT CITY LEISURE CENTRES ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



Squeeze every last hour out of your day with Recreation and Sport’s new “Last Call” promotion. Beginning Monday, September 1, 2014, patrons can take advantage of the final hour of operation at any City of Saskatoon Leisure Centre fitness and exercise room, walking track, and open gym seven days a week for a \$3 admission!

The “Last Call” promotion is available at Cosmo Civic Centre, Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, Lakewood Civic Centre, Lawson Civic Centre, Saskatoon Field House and Shaw Centre.

For more information on the “Last Call” promotion and other Leisure Centre admission offerings, such as discounted Bulk Tickets and LeisureCards, visit www.saskatoon.ca/go/leisurecard.

["Last Call" Promotion Begins at City Leisure Centres on Monday, September 1](#)

RECORD SUPPORT FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

Thousands of Students Benefit from Government Investment

As students return to their post-secondary studies this fall, the provincial government is continuing to provide record support to help make their education accessible and affordable.

“Our government continues to invest in our post-secondary students and institutions to help grow our skilled workforce and economy in the province,” Advanced Education Minister Kevin Doherty said. “As we welcome students back to class, we are continuing to work to improve our programs and services to ensure students have the support they need to succeed.”

[Record Support for Post-Secondary Students](#)

NEW WEST PARTNERSHIP COMMITS TO REDUCE EXCEPTIONS

Premiers Brad Wall, Dave Hancock and Christy Clark agreed to review the list of exceptions to the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) to make trade in the New West even more open.

Currently, the NWPTA provides the most open trading environment in Canada. Premiers are asking Ministers responsible to implement further improvements.

Specifically, Ministers are to:

- implement a bid protest mechanism by November 2014; and
- review exceptions to determine if there are other possible improvements to liberalize trade, particularly in the area of occupational health and safety by March 31, 2015.

“While exceptions can be important in areas like occupational health and safety, it makes sense to review these from time to time to harmonize those that create unnecessary barriers to trade,” said Premier Christy Clark. “For example, if we can all adopt the highest standard among our jurisdictions for things like first aid kits that will make trade across the region easier.”

The New West Partnership has undertaken significant work to make it easier for businesses to operate across the region by harmonizing trucking rules and regulations, creating a single window for business registration, and ensuring consistent rules across the three provinces.

“In today’s businesses environment companies and workers often cross provincial borders,”

Premier Brad Wall said. “We all have a strong interest in ensuring worker health and safety and it makes sense to have a common set of rules for businesses and workers to uphold these safety objectives.”

[New West Partnership Commits to Reduce Exceptions](#)

CITY INVESTS \$10.6 MILLION UPGRADING WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE



Crews have not only been busy improving the roadways this construction season; the City is also spending \$10.6 million on water and sewer infrastructure upgrades.

“We are actively taking steps to improve our network,” says Chris Hallam, Director of Construction and Design. “We give priority to those water and sewer mains that have a high break history, in an effort to minimize the potential for future breaks.”

[City Invests \\$10.6 Million Upgrading Water & Sewer Infrastructure](#)

STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND MILITARY DUAL CREDIT

Thanks to an agreement between the Government of Saskatchewan, the 38 Canadian Brigade Group, Regina Public Schools and the Regina Catholic School Division, high school students in the Regina area now have the opportunity to receive military dual credit recognition through the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve Co-op Program.

This addresses one of the goals in the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth that by 2015 there will be an expansion of alternative credentials for high school completion through partnerships with school boards, teachers, training institutions, business and industry.

“Our government has deep respect for our Canadian Armed Forces and their commitment and dedication to serving our country and our youth,” Education Minister Don Morgan said. “The Primary Reserve Co-op Program will help students learn valuable life and leadership skills and I encourage other school divisions to explore similar dual credit opportunities.”

[Students can Receive High School and Military Dual Credit](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

... the City has completed 65% of the 2014 Road Rehabilitation and Preservation program, resurfacing 119 lane kilometres to date.

... Saskatchewan joins B.C. and Manitoba in offering direct access to Canadian wines, and is an example of the growing consensus towards liberalizing internal trade.

... the Tribute to Youth sculpture in Kiwanis Park, featuring five children forming a sphere, was sculpted by the renowned Saskatchewan artist, the late Bill Epp. It was unveiled in 1989 to commemorate the 1989 Jeux Canada Games.

JUST THE LINKS

September 2, 2014 - [New Consumer Protection and Business Practices Act in Effect](#)

August 29, 2014 - [B.C. and Saskatchewan Remove Barriers on Canadian Wine and Craft Spirits](#)

August 28, 2014 - [Duck Mountain Provincial Park Receives Upward of \\$230,000 for Road Work in Popular Areas](#)

August 28, 2014 - [Crop Report for the Period August 19 to 25, 2014](#)

August 28, 2014 - [Saskatchewan to Cover Kalydeco](#)

COMING EVENTS

Fall Fun Fair

Date: September 7

When: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Erindale Alliance Church

The Mom Show

Date: September 11

When: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Holy Family Cathedral

WUCHA Fun Day in the Park

Date: September 13

When: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Willowgrove Square

Silverspring Community Association - Fun Day in the Park

Date: September 14

When: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Park TBA

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The object of golf is not just to win. It is to play like a gentleman, and win.

~Phil Mickelson

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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.

"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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