



From a Provincial Point of View

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NEW STADIUM VISION BECOMES REALITY

I had the opportunity to join Premier Brad Wall, Mayor Pat Fiacco, and Rider Chair Roger Brandvold at the Saskatchewan Roughriders' July 14 game against the BC Lions. It was a historic day witnessing the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for a new stadium that will be constructed on Evraz Place lands in Regina. It is anticipated the new stadium will be ready for use in early 2017.

"The current stadium has served us well for the past 100 years," Premier Brad Wall said. "But it's time the best fans in Canada and the best team in Canada have the best new stadium in Canada. The new stadium will not only provide a leading edge facility for the Riders, it will also support amateur sports in the province and will attract the attention of major concert and event promoters."



Rider Chair Roger Brandvold, Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Premier Brad Wall, and Mayor Pat Fiacco

The new stadium will be a state-of-the-art facility holding about 33,000 people with a spectator roof and open-air playing surface. The facility will be expandable so that it can host larger events such as a Grey Cup. It will be a significant upgrade from the current stadium and has potential to be one of the best facilities of its kind in Canada. The design will be roof ready to allow for the potential addition of a roof in the future.

The \$278 million required for the stadium will be funded through an \$80 million grant provided by the Government of Saskatchewan paid over four years, \$73 million through City of Regina funding, and the Saskatchewan Roughriders leading a process to accumulate \$25 million. In addition, the province will provide \$100 million in financing to the City of Regina. The loan will be fully repayable over a 30 year term, with interest. The \$100 million loan would primarily repaid through a \$12 facility fee on games and major events held in the new stadium, ensuring a significant portion of the stadium funding comes from users of the facility, primarily the amazing Rider Nation fans.

The City of Regina is in the process of planning and design concept work for the new stadium. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013, with completion in time for the 2017 Rider season. Council will consider approval of the MOU at a public Executive Committee meeting on July 18, and at the July 23 meeting of Regina City Council.

[New Stadium Vision Becomes Reality](#)

NEARLY NINE OUT OF 10 PATIENTS GET SURGERY WITHIN SIX MONTHS

Saskatchewan Aiming for 100 per cent by March 2013

About 89 per cent of patients waiting for surgery in Saskatchewan are receiving it within six months, wait times statistics show. The health system's goal for 2012-13 is to provide all patients an offer of surgery within six months.

"We are making progress. We all look forward to the day when long surgical wait times are a distant memory," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "I want to thank the health professionals, operating room teams, surgeons, the Ministry of Health, the health regions and everyone else involved in improving surgical care in Saskatchewan."

"There were 3,995 people waiting more than 12 months for surgery when the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was announced in April 2010. That number was down to 913 by May 2012," Duncan said. The number of cases with waits longer than six months dropped 55 per cent from 9,873 in April 2010 to 4,451 in May 2012," he added.

Since November 2007, the number of patients waiting more than a year for surgery has dropped 82 per cent. During that same time, the number waiting more than six months has dropped 58 per cent.

[Nearly Nine out of Ten Patients Get Surgery Within Six Months](#)

SUCCESSFUL PNWER SUMMIT

It was fantastic to see many people from across the country come to Saskatoon to participate in the annual Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Summit this past week. Formed in 1991, PNWER is a non-partisan, public-private partnership that includes the province of Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories in Canada; and the states of Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Montana in the United States.

The Honourable Lyle Stewart has been named the President of the PNWER Executive Committee, "This was a very productive summit that helped to underscore the important trade relationship that our province has with the United States," Minister Stewart said, "In our first opportunity to host a PNWER Annual Summit, we wanted to showcase the best of Saskatchewan and focus on issues that are important to our province. I feel that we did that."

Saskatchewan-based outcomes included the province's instrumental role in reviving the agriculture working group session, which will continue to look at ways to enhance agriculture trade through the Regulatory Co-operation Council (RCC). The New West Partnership, and economic trade agreement signed in 2012 by Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, was successfully profiled in a working group session. Summit keynote speakers, including our very own Premier, Brad Wall, and Saskatchewan-born Senator Pamela Wallin, raised the importance of Canada-United States energy and agriculture relationships, while policy tours highlighted the province's world class agriculture, innovation, manufacturing, energy, and natural resource industries.

The partnership is an important one for the province. It is committed to regional collaboration, enhanced competitiveness, economic growth, and the reduction of trade and regulatory barriers.

[Annual Summit Provides Forum for U.S.- Canada Collaboration](#)

GOVERNMENT WELCOMES SIGNING OF URANIUM PROTOCOL WITH CHINA

Saskatchewan is the world's second-leading producer of uranium and the Athabasca Basin contains the world's largest high-grade uranium deposits. Uranium production in the province is expected to nearly double by 2017. Currently more than 40% of workers in Saskatchewan mines are aboriginal.

Minister Responsible for Energy and Resources, Tim McMillan applauded the signing of a supplementary protocol to the existing Canada – China Nuclear Co-Operation Agreement. The protocol will enable Saskatchewan's uranium companies to increase their exports to China.

"This is great news for our province and our uranium producers," McMillan said. "Our companies are well positioned to supply product to an expanding market and to a country that has the fastest growing nuclear energy program. This agreement means new jobs and prosperity for the workers and communities the industry supports."

[Government Welcomes Signing of Uranium Protocol with China](#)

MOVING SASKATCHEWAN'S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES FORWARD

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced the details of the consultation process for the creative industries. The consultations are designed to gather ideas for creating of a comprehensive strategy to advance commercial objectives of the creative industries including the adoption of new and emerging digital technology.

"Our government is committed to working with industry leaders to grow the creative economy," Parks, Culture, and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "Through the consultations, we want to engage people and businesses in creative industries such as commercial music and sound recording, writing and publishing, craft and visual arts, film and multi-media including animators and game developers and theatre and dance businesses."

Minister Doherty will lead the consultations with the support from the Ministry of Economy. Consultations will start with the release of a discussion paper and key questions. I encourage you to go online to <http://www.pcs.gov.sk.ca/culture> to review the two documents. You will be able to leave your feedback online at this website and from the online discussions a series of focus groups will follow starting in late August and continuing into the fall. The consultations will focus on exploring concepts like pulling all the creative enterprises under a common umbrella, new uses for the production studios, a non-refundable tax credit and other ideas such as how to create a critical mass, how to collaborate and innovate using digital technology and how to partner and make sustainable investments in the future.

[Moving Saskatchewan's Creative Industries Forward](#)

GRADUATES RECEIVE SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

Eighty high school graduates with career aspirations in the skilled trades were each awarded \$1,000 from the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) Industry Scholarship Program.

The scholarships provide financial benefits to the graduates and motivate them to explore careers in the skilled trades.

The scholarships were initiated in 2009-10 by industry partners and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC). To date, 32 industry partners, including business owners, labour organizations, and two provincial government agencies have contributed \$677,000 to the scholarship fund.

"These scholarships are a wonderful example of a public-private partnership that brings immediate and widespread benefits to Saskatchewan youth," Economy Minister and Minister responsible for the SATCC Bill Boyd said. "I congratulate the scholarship winners and I commend Saskatchewan industry for its

initiative and foresight in supporting graduates to access careers that are well paying, in high demand, and key to the continued prosperity of Saskatchewan's economy."

Congratulations to two graduating students from schools in the constituency! Jordan Adilman, Centennial Collegiate, Electrician – Breck Scaffold Solutions and Sean Majeran, St. Joseph High School, Welder, Electrician or Plumber – United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #179 Scholarship. If you know these two outstanding students I encourage you to congratulate them on this great achievement.

[Graduates Receive Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry Scholarships](#)

SUMMER IN SASKATOON

As late-July rears its head, fall is in the foreground. Every summer many of us make a point of trying to enjoy the many festivals and activities around Saskatoon in the summer. As there is only one and a half months left of the summer season Saskatoonians have a lot of festivals and activities to fit into their schedule.

This year Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival is featuring As You Like It and Hamlet (for more information or tickets visit <http://www.shakespeareonthesaskatchewan.com>). The Fringe Festival takes place August 2 – August 11 and as always will be full of unique and interesting street shows and vendors. The Canada Remembers Air Show runs from August 4 – August 5 and is a perfect way to spend the day taking in the amazing flight skills of our nation's finest. The Saskatoon Exhibition is another one of the great activities that no one can miss, running from August 7 – August 12. This year's Exhibition will begin with the Annual Parade on August 7 and continue with various concerts and shows next to the rides and games. To showcase Saskatoon's cultural diversity Folkfest highlights the different aspects of culture including dance, craft, and most importantly food! Folkfest takes place August 16 – 18 at various locations around the city.

For more information on these or other events happening in Saskatoon and around the province visit www.tourismsaskatoon.com

MEET OUR CONSTITUENCY ASSISTANT

I invite constituents to stop by our office any time and meet Constituency Assistant, Megan Sylvester. Megan grew up in the Saskatoon Silver Springs Constituency, graduating from Father Robinson School in 2000 and from St. Joseph High School in 2005. Megan was accepted into the University of Saskatchewan and attended focusing on history until 2008. In 2008, she decided to narrow her field and attended Memorial University of Newfoundland with a focus on Irish History. Megan graduated this past May with a Bachelor in Arts from Memorial University.



We are pleased that Megan decided to come back to Saskatchewan following her education. Feel free to call or stop by the office. Megan is always willing to have a chat with constituents and assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

LOCAL LACROSSE TEAM HEADING TO NATIONALS

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Peewee Lacrosse Team for successfully qualifying for the 2012 Nationals! This year's national championships are taking place August 4th in Whitby, ON. Noah Gould and Jordan Boyenko, who live in the constituency, are two of the team members participating in the event.

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring this team in their pursuit of the National Title, please contact our office and we will pass on your information to the team Manager.

SASKATOON SUMMER - TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN WRAP UP



This year's Taste of Saskatchewan saw over 100,000 visitors in its 16th year. Even with the heat and rain, the event was a great success. Scott Ford, director of marketing and events for Credit Union Centre and the spokesperson for Taste of Saskatchewan said, "We are really happy with the turn out. We have had lots of smiling faces." I hope many of you were able to get out and enjoy the amazing tastes Saskatoon has to offer.

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE LOOKING FOR TIME CAPSULE SUGGESTIONS

As part of the 100th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, a new time capsule is being produced. A committee is accepting suggestions from Saskatchewan citizens as to what should be included in the time capsule before it is placed in the cornerstone on October 11, 2012. The deadline for suggestions is September 15, 2012.

For more information call (306) 777-9261 or visit www.opcc.gov.sk.ca/leg100

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT – HONOURING CITIZENS

Do you know someone who has enriched the lives of others and helped build a better society? These individuals deserve to be recognized for their achievements and contributions to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the province and its residence.

For further information on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, please visit the website at www.ops.gov.sk.ca/Protocol.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Famed theorist/physicist Albert Einstein played goalie for the Canwood Canucks one winter while sojourning north to Canada to "find peace and silence" for his work on the Theory of Relativity. He had played hockey in his younger yrs. in Germany.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- July 16, 2012 – [Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Saskatchewan Parks Week](#)
- July 16, 2012 – [Major Economic Summit Begins in Saskatoon](#)
- July 16, 2012 – [Saskatchewan and Yukon Forge Closer Ties](#)
- July 18, 2012 – [Check Construction Update Before your Vacation Road Trip](#)
- July 19, 2012 – [Government of Saskatchewan Congratulates Chief Atleo](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

2012 Junior National Diving Championship

Date: July 18 – 22

Where: Saskatoon

When: all day event

For schedule information please visit: www.saskatoondivingclub.ca

Cameco Family Day at the Zoo

Date: July 22

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

When: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan

Date: July 4 to August 19, 2012

Where: Shakespeare Tent on the Saskatchewan

When: Various times

If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

*Live now. Make now always the most precious time.
Now will never come again.*

-- Captain Jean-Luc Picard, U.S.S. Enterprise

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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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