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



GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN WELCOMES NEW COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS



An agreement between the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee (GTBC) and the Teachers' Bargaining Committee has been signed by both parties.

The GTBC, comprised of representatives from the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and the Teachers' Bargaining Committee reached the new collective agreement following discussions after the release of an arbitrator's report in March.

"We appreciate the work and collaboration of the bargaining committees to achieve this result and are pleased to have a new agreement that provides certainty for teachers, students and their families," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "Our government recognizes the important role of teachers and we look forward to working on common goals in support of Saskatchewan's education system."

The agreement will be in effect retroactively from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2026.

#### SASKATCHEWAN LEADS CANADA IN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION



Members of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly on #GreenShirtDay raising awareness of organ and tissue donation. #LoganBouletEffect

Learn more and register your decision to be an organ and tissue donor at https://bit.ly/3E7a1IJ.

Saskatchewan will promote and celebrate National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month (NOTDAM) this April with a variety of activities, as well as commemorating Green Shirt Day (GSD) on April 7 to honor Logan Boulet, who died in the Humboldt Broncos bus crash and whose legacy inspired nearly 150,000 Canadians to register as organ donors.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority's Organ Donation Program has seen a remarkable 75 per cent increase in deceased organ donors in the 2023 calendar year compared to the previous year. According to the latest report from the Canadian

Institute for Health Information, for the first time ever, Saskatchewan has achieved the highest rate of deceased organ donors in the entire country, with 28.9 donors per million population.



"This is a remarkable milestone, considering that in 2014, the rate was just 7.2 donors per million," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "It is a testament to the growing awareness Saskatchewan residents have of organ and tissue donation and their commitment to saving lives. Increased participation in events like Green Shirt Day and the illumination of landmarks in green reflect the province's dedication to this vital cause."

#### SASK AVIATION LEARNED CENTRE EXPANSION



It was an honour to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Sask Aviation Learning Centre Expansion last Friday. I joined and congratulated SIIT on the expansion of the Aviation Learning Centre.

SIIT is playing a critical role in advancing Indigenous Aerospace training in our province helping Saskatchewan meet the goals outlined in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan and Labour Market Strategy.

The expansion of the Aviation Learning Centre will allow SIIT to help fill labour market gaps across the country and train more aerospace professionals in Saskatchewan.

On behalf of our government, I sincerely thanked Boeing Canada, PrairieCan and the Saskatoon Airport Authority for supporting SIIT in the expansion of the Aviation Learning Centre.

**DELIVERING FOR YOU** 

### Provincial Budget | 2025-26

# Delivering for **You**

- » \$2 billion in Affordability Measures
- >> \$8.1 billion for Health Care, up 6.4%
- >> \$3.5 billion for Education, up 5.5%
- \$362 million for Municipal Revenue Sharing, an increase of \$22 million

## Investing in School Infrastructure

>> \$191 million for school capital

Including two Saskatoon Willowgrove Schools:

- New Saskatoon East Joint-Use facility for a public and Catholic high school.
- Pre-planning for a new Saskatoon East Joint-Use facility for a public and Catholic elementary school in Brighton.

Learn more about the 2025-26 Provincial Budget visit saskatchewan.ca/budget

**Ken Cheveldayoff** *MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove* 



I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our constituency.

Your phone calls, letters, and emails help to keep me informed on the issues important to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone, or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call 306.651.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

If you are no longer interested in receiving this correspondence, please click the UNSUBSCRIBE option at the bottom of this newsletter.

#### COMMUNITY WELLNESS BUS PROJECT LAUNCHING IN SASKATOON



The province's third mobile wellness bus will open its doors April 9 in Saskatoon, offering residents a new way to access primary health care services.

Saskatoon is the most recent community to benefit from a mobile Community Wellness Bus. The launch is part of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$2.4 million investment for the purchase and retrofitting of three wellness buses, located in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert.

"It is wonderful to see the progress being made with primary care in our province," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Wellness buses provide another avenue for residents to receive the care they need closer to home."

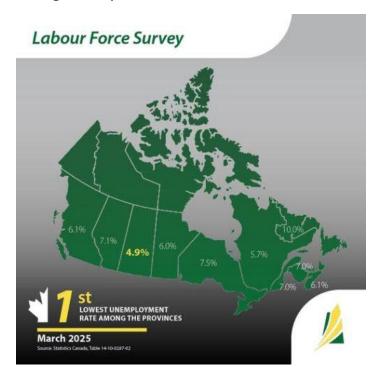
Read the entire link to see what services are offered: Community Wellness Bus Project Launching in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

# SASKATCHEWAN DELIVERS STRONGEST LABOUR MARKET IN CANADA WITH HIGHEST JOB CREATION AND LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Saskatchewan delivers the strongest labour market in Canada with the highest job growth rate, adding almost 20,000 jobs, and the lowest unemployment rate at 4.9 per cent.

Statistics Canada's latest labour force numbers show continued growth in Saskatchewan with 19,800 jobs added year-over-year in March, leading the nation with a 3.4 per cent job growth rate. Saskatchewan also had the lowest unemployment rate among provinces at 4.9 per cent, well below the national average of 6.7 per cent.



"Saskatchewan continues to have one of the strongest labour markets in Canada,"
Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Career Training Jim Reiter said. "Our
government has made Saskatchewan the first carbon tax free province in Canada
which will ensure that we remain the most attractive jurisdiction in the nation for
businesses looking to create jobs and opportunities for our residents."

Saskatchewan Delivers Strongest Labour Market in Canada with Highest Job Creation and Lowest Unemployment Rate | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

#### **DRUG ALERTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**



Text JOIN to 1-833-352-7233 for toxic drug alerts in your community

STUDENTS COMPLETE WORK ON 2024-25 POST-SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL



The 2024-25 Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council has successfully completed its second year, with 24 students providing insights on financing post-secondary education, enhancing student success and improving specific ministry tools.

"The student council is an important resource for government to hear directly from current post-secondary students on their experiences studying in Saskatchewan," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "I had the pleasure of meeting several of this year's council members and I am impressed by their aspirations and passion for post-secondary education."

The 2024-25 Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council has just wrapped up its second year!

Through the council, students have the chance to connect directly with government to provide feedback and insights on a variety of post-secondary related topics.

This year's council focused on topics including:

- Financing post-secondary education
- Enhancing student success
- How to improve ministry tools such as the Advanced Education Student Portal and the Saskatchewan Graduate Outcomes Survey

Learn more at www.saskatchewan.ca/student-council.

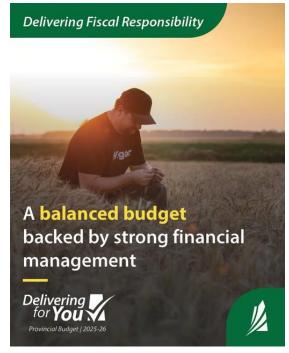
# THE 2025-26 BUDGET DELIVERS MORE AFFORDABILITY MEASURES FOR SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS



The 2025-26 Budget delivers affordability for the people of Saskatchewan. In this year's budget, record investments are being made in health care, education and community safety, in addition to delivering more affordability measures than ever before.

"This budget follows through on our promise to ensure Saskatchewan remains the most affordable place in Canada to live, work, raise a family and start a business,"

Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Jim Reiter said.



The taxation changes introduced in the 2025-26 Budget, including the initiatives in *The Saskatchewan Affordability Act*, provide over \$250 million in tax savings this year. This is in addition to the more than \$2 billion in affordability measures in each and every budget.

The 2025-26 Budget Delivers More Affordability Measures for Saskatchewan Residents | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE? THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS!



I would be happy to feature your Saskatoon Willowgrove business in one of our upcoming newsletters. Small businesses are the backbone of our communities so let us know .... we have the perfect spot for you to spread the word!

**RENOVATIONS MADE EASIER** 



The Home Renovation Tax Credit is Back!



Homeowners can now save up to \$429, and seniors and save up to \$525 on home renovations. Time to upgrade your space and keep more money in your pocket - a part of our commitment to creating a stronger, more affordable Saskatchewan.

**GRADUATE RETENTION PROGRAM** 

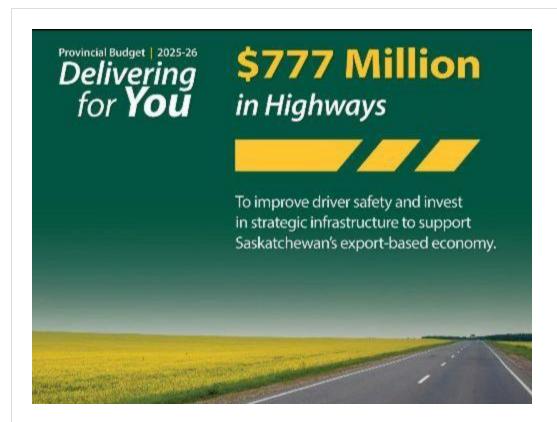


Are you about to graduate from post-secondary? You may be eligible for up to \$24,000 in tax credits from the Graduate Retention Program (GRP)!

Students graduating with a certificate, diploma, undergraduate degree or journeyperson certification from an approved post-secondary program may be eligible for the GRP.

For more information on eligibility, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/grp.

**IMPROVING SASKATCHEWAN HIGHWAYS** 



The budget delivers on improving our transportation network to build an even better Saskatchewan for all who call it home. Our government's ongoing work will help families, businesses and industries reach their destinations safely.

**SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS** 



Small business is one of the backbones of our province. Our government is committed to keeping life affordable for small businesses.

By permanently maintaining the small business tax rate at 1%, we're helping over 35,000 businesses save more than \$50 million in corporate taxes annually.

A stronger, more affordable Saskatchewan starts with small business success.

MEETING WITH BOB AND RAJ BEHARI, SASKATOON ENTREPRENEURS



It was a pleasure to welcome Saskatoon Entrepreneurs Bob and Raj Behari, along with Honourable Rob Norris to the Saskatchewan Legislature this past week.

Stay tuned for an exciting announcement involving the Saskatchewan Roughriders!

SASKATCHEWAN LAUNCHES AMERICAN PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT CAMPAING



Advertising Campaign Targets Medical Professionals from the United States

The Government of Saskatchewan is kicking off a digital recruitment campaign today in partnership with the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency (SHRA) encouraging physicians from the United States to consider practicing in Saskatchewan.



"We want to showcase to Americans why Saskatchewan offers them a new direction by being an excellent choice for physicians who want to practice in a secure, stable and supportive environment," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "We are committed to ensuring that physicians in Saskatchewan are well-compensated for their hard work, enjoy career fulfillment and have a positive work-life balance with a lower cost of living."



The campaign highlights current career opportunities, upcoming physician-focused information webinars, and will promote the many benefits such as competitive compensation, lower cost of living, work/life balance and stability offered in Saskatchewan. Acknowledging the uncertain political climate in the United States, the advertisements note the stability and security doctors, and their families can experience here.



Saskatchewan Launches American Physician Recruitment Campaign | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



**CALL HEALTHLINE FOR ANY MEASLES QUESTIONS** 



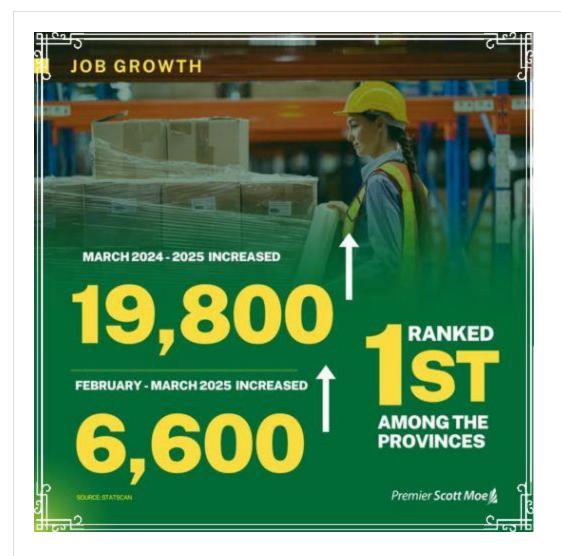
Measles is highly contagious and can be serious. The measles vaccine is effective, safe and free.



For the most up-to-date information on measles in Saskatchewan, visit  $\frac{https://bit.ly/4llUMg4.}{}$ 

Call HealthLine at 811 for any measles questions 24/7.

STRONG, STEADY, SASKATCHEWAN



In the middle of all the turmoil caused by US and Chinese tariffs, Saskatchewan's strong and steady economy continues to create thousands of new jobs.

While the rest of Canada lost jobs in March, Saskatchewan led the country in job growth, with 6,600 new jobs created in the last month and 19,800 new jobs in the past year.

Our unemployment rate also fell to 4.9 per cent, the lowest in Canada.

Strong. Steady. Saskatchewan.

**EXPANDING COVERAGE FOR GLUCOSE MONITORS** 

# **Expanding Coverage for Glucose Monitors**



Full coverage for Continuous and Flash Glucose Monitors has expanded to seniors aged 65 and older and young adults aged 18 to 25.

Our government remains committed to providing Saskatchewan residents living with diabetes the support they need to live an active lifestyle. This expansion will provide coverage for approximately 9,000 seniors and 700 young adults.

SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGIES UPCOMING COURSE



Ready to give your career a power-up? Check out <u>Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies</u> Power Line Technician Preparation course starting this June. Apply now!

SASKATCHEWAN TECHNOLOGY FUND



The Saskatchewan Technology Fund helps industry cut emissions with innovative technology and practices.

A recent \$12.5 million investment is supporting a new carbon capture system at Strathcona's Meota East Thermal Facility.

Once it's up and running, the system is expected to capture 90 per cent of the site's emissions, reducing  ${\rm CO_2}$  by 200,000 tonnes every year.

This project shows how carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) drives real results. Captured  $\rm CO_2$  can be stored underground or used in enhanced oil recovery, which emits 82 per cent less than conventional methods. This helps reduce emissions and supports sustainable economic growth.

#### To learn about Saskatchewan's climate change strategy,

visit http://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../a-made-in-saskatchewan....

#### **DELIVERING ECONOMIC GROWTH**



Strong and steady Saskatchewan is focused on building, connecting, and growing the province's key sectors, ensuring that we continue to lead the nation in economic growth, making it the best place to live, work, and invest.

**ACTIVE FAMILIES BENEFIT TAX CREDIT DOUBLED** 



The Active Families Benefit tax credit just doubled!

Now \$300 per child, with a higher income threshold of \$120,000 — helping more Saskatchewan families get their kids involved in sports, arts, and recreation.

**LOTS OF GREAT EVENTS** 



**WEEKEND GUIDE** 





### **WEEKEND GUIDE**

The weekend is near and it is going to be full of fun!

If you're looking for family-friendly theatre, this weekend will be a delight!

- \* Grab your tickets to discover why the production of Luna by <u>25th Street Theatre</u> is so special.
- \* Join <u>Wide Open Children's Theatre</u> for SQUARE, an interactive show where a simple box can transform into endless possibilities.

If you want some outdoor fun, we have some ideas for that as well!

- \* Join a Signs of Spring Birding Tour
- \* If you're a teacher, check out <u>Wanuskewin Heritage Park</u> for a Teacher's appreciation weekend (with fun inside and outside!)

If you're feeling crafty, we've got you there too.

- \* Bring your kids (aged 5-12 years) to Home Depot for a FREE kids' workshop. (You need to register in advance!)
- \* Or take in a Craft Market to see the local crafts and products.

Find out more about these and more on our

website. https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/

#### **NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK**



It's National Tourism Week from April 7–11! What better time to highlight the importance of tourism, showcase our destination, and share stories that make Saskatoon shine.

Check out our latest blog to learn

more: <a href="https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../discover-saskatoon...">https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../discover-saskatoon...</a>

**WUHCA SPRING CLEANUP** 



WUHCA asks you to join the Spring Cleanup Day!
Help refresh our community by picking up litter and caring for our local spaces.
Meetup location - Willowgrove Square
Saturday, April 26 - 10am to 2 pm

**FAMILY FUN SASKATOON SCHOOL BREAK EVENTS** 



Spring has sprung (again), and Easter break in Saskatoon is just around the corner! If your family will be spending the break in Saskatoon and looking to have a bit of fun, you won't be disappointed! We're adding to the list as we find them. Check out some ideas here: <a href="https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/easter-break/">https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/easter-break/</a>

#### **EASTER EVENTS**



Hop into Easter Fun in Saskatoon! Saskatoon and the surrounding area have some eggcellent Easter events to look forward to! Check out our list of Easter adventures for you and the family here:

https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/easter/

MAIFEST 2025



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE EACCA SPRING GARAGE SALE



The Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale is happening Saturday, May 10, 9am-3pm – rain or shine!

If you want to have your garage sale listed, please send the following information to EACCAgaragesale@gmail.com

- 1.Your Name
- 2.EACCA Member ID
- 3. Address
- 4. General description of what your selling Dont have your EACCA membership?

Head to <a href="https://registration.erindalearborcreek.org/">https://registration.erindalearborcreek.org/</a> and SIGN UP!

The map, a list of items houses are selling, and a Google map link are below in this post. Please share this post or share the event page

#### **ZOOGALA 2025**



Zoogala is a one of a kind Saskatoon fundraising event that takes place at the unbeatable setting of the Saskatoon Zoo.

ZOOGALA is every food lover's dream come true, featuring exquisite cuisine created by the best Saskatoon Chefs. The evening also promises amazing entertainment, wonderful prizes and the true stars of the show, the resident animals. We invite you to wander around the beautiful Saskatoon zoo grounds, visit with the animals and enjoy a truly unique evening. Tickets go fast so get yours early. 19+ event.

**Tickets:** ZOOGALA - Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo Tickets, Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 6:15 PM | Eventbrite

**ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES** 



<u>Legislation Introduced to Support Municipalities with Pilot Framework for Safe Disposal of Derelict Structures | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Saskatchewan Showcased at Food, Fuel, Fertilizer Global Summit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Making an Impact at 2025 North American Strategy for Competitiveness Continental Reunion | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Applications Open for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls+ Community Response Fund | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



<u>Autobody Learning Camp Provides Sask DLC Students with Practical Hands-on</u>

<u>Experience from Industry Experts | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

April Oil and Gas Public Offering Nets \$12 Million in Revenue | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

2024 Recipients of Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal Announced | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



Spring Runoff Underway in Parts of Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

#### Guardians of The North Celebrates Season Three | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



Investor Alert: RCF Investments Is Not Registered | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



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#### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



Life is full of surprises.

When your day is wonderful, cherish it. When it becomes difficult, stay strong.

There are no guarantees how many days you have left, so be grateful for each and every one of them.

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