

### REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



We will always stand up against divisive and damaging policies to ensure our province has sustainable growth for the future.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our province has been helping those impacted by senseless violence. Saskatchewan residents and businesses have made donations, opened their communities and helped hire Ukrainians who have arrived in our province. We should be helping as many people as we can, but Ottawa has diverted flights with newcomers away from Saskatchewan with no explanation. With the help of philanthropist Enrique Pineyro, our government organized a private flight to assist those who wanted to get to our province. A second humanitarian flight is being organized this month out of Warsaw.

We have the jobs and the capacity to assist these new residents, all while supporting a growing province. We know our province's needs and the labour market better than the Government of Canada. Their current approach does not align with the direction of Saskatchewan's growth.

To address our economic needs and gaps in the labour market, we need more autonomy and flexibility with immigration. With that in mind, our government has put forward a detailed proposal to give Saskatchewan similar authority over immigration as the Province of Quebec. Under the Quebec Accord, Ottawa reviews immigrants only based on national security concerns. Quebec then selects the applicants destined for that province. Saskatchewan is asking for the same rights so that our province is not limited to applicants who fit into economic categories deemed important by the federal government. We should also not be limited by caps on provincial nominee programs that Ottawa sets out. Saskatchewan will likely exceed our cap of 6,000 people under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program. Without an increase, international recruitment of employees will be delayed. A proportionate share of national immigration, as contemplated in the Saskatchewan Immigration Accord, would see, at minimum, 13,000 positions allocated to the province in 2022.

A Saskatchewan Accord similar to the Quebec Accord will enable our immigration strategy to meet the needs of Saskatchewan employers and improve the outcomes for our new neighbours. It could also speed up the process with current wait times reaching 40 months, something our province could help with. Currently, it takes Saskatchewan two to six weeks to process a request on the selection side.

Waiting on the sidelines to cause additional issues are the newly announced federal government's fertilizer emission reduction targets. This arbitrary goal wasn't even on the agenda when provincial and federal agriculture leaders met in July, yet the announcement came just days later. Provinces tried to push Ottawa to have a conversation about the targets but were disappointed to learn they were already set.

4R Nutrient Stewardship is a made-in-Canada approach that promotes environmental stewardship through best practices in science-based nutrient management. This innovative partnership is an example

of government, industry and farmers working together to achieve better environmental outcomes without reducing much-needed food production. Western Canada already accounts for almost all of the acres under 4R management in Canada. Saskatchewan farmers are stewards of the land, already producing the most sustainable agri-food products in the world. Our producers are being asked to supply the world with the food it needs but are being told to do it with less.

Saskatchewan is leading the nation in economic growth despite the roadblocks. We have the food, fuel, energy and jobs the world wants.





Late last evening, approximately 200 Ukrainian citizens will arrive in Regina after departing Warsaw, Poland to escape the ongoing war in their home country. The Ukrainian citizens will arrive on two charter flights after a short layover in Edmonton.

"Saskatchewan's approach to welcoming Ukrainian citizens is unique and speaks to Saskatchewan's character," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "I am extremely proud of the work that is being done to ensure Ukrainian citizens are safe and comfortable in our province - whether it be for a short time or if they choose to make Saskatchewan their permanent home."

Passengers will be provided with temporary accommodations in Regina to allow them access to key supports and information related to living in Saskatchewan. A settlement reception centre will be available and will include on-site personnel to answer questions and issue Saskatchewan health cards,

assist with setting up bank accounts, provide information about housing, employment, education, income assistance, community supports and more. All recent newcomers from Ukraine are welcome to visit the reception centre.



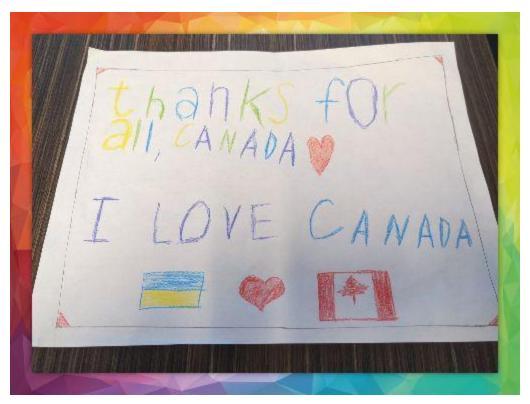
Saskatchewan is proud to partner with humanitarian organizations Open Arms and Solidaire on this initiative.

Information about programs and services is available to Ukrainian newcomers on an ongoing basis by calling 1-833-613-0485 (toll free), by email at <a href="mailto:ukrainesupport@gov.sk.ca">ukrainesupport@gov.sk.ca</a> or by accessing online resources at <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/saskatchewan-supports-ukraine">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/saskatchewan-supports-ukraine</a>.

Saskatchewan's residents and businesses are encouraged to show their support for Ukraine by printing the attached poster and hanging it in visible locations. The hashtag #SKSupportsUkraine can also be used on social media.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has forced millions of Ukrainian people to flee their country in search of safety. With the arrival of this flight, more than 1,500 displaced Ukrainians have arrived in Saskatchewan since the conflict began.

# DRAWING FROM A UKRAINIAN CHILD WHO ARRIVED ON THE FIRST HUMANITARIAN FLIGHT TO SASKATCHEWAN



This drawing was made by a Ukrainian child who arrived on the first humanitarian charter flight that landed in Regina just over a month ago.

Today, more than 200 Ukrainians fleeing the war in their home country will land in <u>#Saskatchewan</u> and begin their new life. As these newcomers begin their settlement process in our province, residents and businesses are encouraged to give a warm Saskatchewan welcome and show their support for <u>#Ukraine</u>.

Print and hang this poster <a href="https://bit.ly/3QCjTL5">https://bit.ly/3QCjTL5</a> in a visible location and continue to use the hashtag <a href="#skSupportsUkraine">#SKSupportsUkraine</a> in your social posts.

## **MIRACLE TREAT DAY TODAY!**



Get your spoons ready to enjoy tasty Blizzard® Treats while supporting Saskatchewan kids like Nicko and his brother Sammy!

Miracle Treat Day is happening TODAY, Thursday, August 11th at all <u>Dairy Queen</u> locations across Saskatchewan! With each Blizzard® Treat purchase, net proceeds are donated to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, ensuring children and their families in Saskatchewan have access to the specialized care they need.

Stop by your local Dairy Queen for a Blizzard® Treat (or two!) tomorrow, August 11th for #MiracleTreatDay!

# APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-23 STUDENT LOANS AND GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE



Applications for 2022-23 Student Loans and Grants are now available. Here's how applying for a Student Loan can help you:

- √ The loan is interest-free while you're in school;
- √ You will also be considered for student aid from the Government of Canada; and,
- √ You can request grants-only funding.

 $More\ information: \underline{sask at chewan.ca/student loans}$ 

**DID YOU KNOW?** 



Check last week's newsletter for the full news release.

Premier Scott Moe, "Veterans have given so much to our province and our country, and one small way our government can support them is through the Veteran Service Club Support Program.

After providing more than \$900,000 for repairs, programming and upgrades during the last intake, this program is once again accepting applications to strengthen these centres in communities across our province."

The deadline for the second intake period is August 31, 2022 and you can learn more about the program by emailing: admin@sasklegion.ca

# GROWTH CONTINUES IN SASKATCHEWAN WITH INCREASED MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND BUILDING PERMITS



Big jumps in June 2022 for two key economic indicators as provincial economy continues to grow

Numbers released today by Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan's merchandise exports increased by 57.3 per cent in June 2022 compared to June 2021, the second highest increase among the provinces on a seasonally adjusted basis.

The value of Saskatchewan building permits in June 2022 also increased by 15.8 per cent from May 2022, ranking second in terms of percentage change among the provinces.

"The ongoing growth in both merchandise exports and building permits show how we are continuing to build a strong, autonomous Saskatchewan," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Exports abroad create jobs at home and investment flowing into our province leads to more infrastructure, buildings and homes being built here."



In the first six months of 2022, Saskatchewan's merchandise exports grew by 38.9 per cent compared to the same period in 2021, the second highest increase in the country. In the first six months of this year, the value of merchandise exports reached \$24.4 billion, with metal ores and non-metallic minerals, energy products and aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts leading this growth.

<u>Growth Continues in Saskatchewan with Increased Merchandise Exports and Building Permits | News</u> and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

# SASKATCHEWAN TO LAUNCH NEW MEDICAL ONCOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM



The <u>University of Saskatchewan</u>'s College of Medicine is launching the provinces first two-year oncology residency program starting July 2023.

Medical residents interested in cancer care will have the opportunity to train at home for the first time in Saskatchewan's history. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Medicine is launching a new residency program in medical oncology, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA), and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health.

This program is in collaboration with the <u>Saskatchewan Cancer Agency</u> and the <u>Government of Saskatchewan</u>'s Ministry of Health.

# STRONG JOB GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES IN JULY 2022



Unemployment rate to 4.0 per cent, second lowest among provinces and 24,400 jobs added year-overyear

August 5, job numbers released by Statistics Canada for July 2022 show Saskatchewan added 24,400 jobs, an increase of 4.4 per cent compared to July 2021, the third highest increase among the provinces. All of the growth was in full-time jobs.

In July 2022, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate of 4.0 per cent remained the second lowest among provinces, a decrease from 7.1 per cent in July 2021 and well below the national average of 4.9 per cent (seasonally adjusted).

"Saskatchewan continues to be a national leader, having one of the lowest unemployment rates and some of the highest job growth in the country," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Low unemployment rates, combined with the strong job creation numbers we have seen over the last year, will lead to further economic growth and prosperity that will benefit all residents of our province." <a href="Strong Job Growth">Strong Job Growth in Saskatchewan Continues in July 2022 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</a>

# MORE THAN \$50 MILLION WORTH OF PASSING LANES ON HIGHWAY 16



There will be 28 passing lanes and multiple intersection upgrades on Highway 16, which will improve safety along the major transportation corridor. The passing lanes extend on the Yellowhead east of Saskatoon from Clavet to Dafoe and in the Yorkton area from Springside to Saltcoats.

"Passing lanes have proven to be a safe and effective solution for heavier traffic volume areas and allow vehicles to pass slower moving vehicles safely, such as large trucks and semi-trailers," Highway's Minister Jeremy Cockrill said in Yorkton today. "The passing lanes will improve traffic flow supporting travellers as well as industry along this busy transportation corridor."

"We welcome these improvements to Highway 16, as passing lanes limit the risk of serious motor collisions when used correctly. They allow motorists to pass safely at posted highway speed limits," Owner of Crestvue Ambulance, Midway Ambulance and Shamrock Ambulance, Kelly Prime said. All of which serve communities along the Highway 16 corridor.

More than \$50 Million Worth of Passing Lanes on Highway 16 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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I hope you enjoy our newsletter. If you are no longer interested in receiving this newsletter, please use the UNSUBSCRIBE button, located below.

Thank you.

I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive difference in our 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.

### LEARN ABOUT IMMIGRANT SUCCESS STORIES AND MORE



We often get asked about immigrating, working and living in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Immigration YouTube channel has videos featuring immigrant success stories, employer testimonials, and more for those seeking these answers!

Visit and subscribe to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/SaskatchewanImmigration">https://www.youtube.com/c/SaskatchewanImmigration</a>
#Immigration #SKCareers #SaskJobs

## **GREAT SASKATCHEWAN STORIES**



More than 1.1 million people live, work, and play in Saskatchewan, each with a story to share.

Join in our stories at <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/our-stories">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/our-stories</a> and let us know about the ones that touched you. We've plenty to share!

**BE AWARE - NEW SCHOOL & PLAYGROUND ZONES** 



People in all neighbourhoods will be noticing new or updated signs around schools and playgrounds in preparation for changes that take effect next month. Starting September 1, 2022, school and new playground zones with maximum 30 km/h signs will change to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week.

The City encourages everyone who sees social media messages, billboards or hears about the reduced speed zone changes over the next month to share it with their family, friends and networks of people who aren't yet aware.

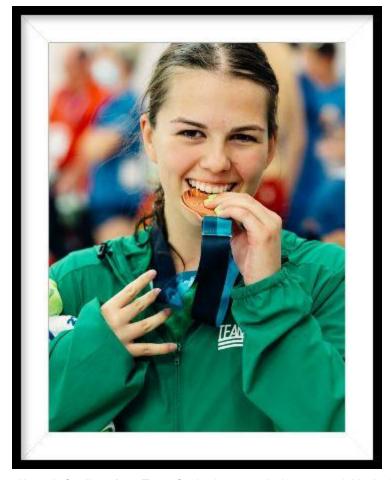
This is the last summer that school zones won't be in effect.

Some school and playground signs do not include a posted speed limit, such as around high schools and certain play areas. Drivers should treat the sign as a caution and pay close attention through this area.

U-turns are not permitted in school zones around elementary or high schools.

The new times will be shown on signs marking school and playground zones by the end of August and you can read more at <a href="mailto:saskatoon.ca/speedlimit">saskatoon.ca/speedlimit</a>.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO HANNAH QUELLETTE FROM TEAM SASK



Congratulations to Hannah Ouellette from Team Sask who earned a bronze medal in the Women's 14-26 50m fly multi-class Para (S1-7).

This was Saskatchewan's first medal at the 2022 Canada Summer Games!

Full story: http://ow.ly/OP9v50KgqEM

## STUDENT LOAN INFORMATION



Before you can receive funding from student loans and grants, your school must confirm you are enrolled in an eligible post-secondary program for the entire study period.

The confirmation of enrolment request is sent to your school 21 days before the first day of your program. Once the confirmation is completed, a portion of your funding may be sent directly to your school for your tuition. Make sure to monitor the status of your student aid by logging on to your National Student Loan Service Centre (NSLSC) account.

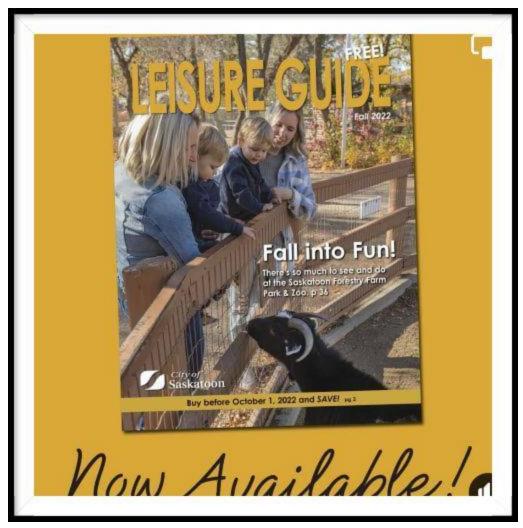
Learn more: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../aft.../receive-your-student-loan

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022** 



Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture & Sport, "Congratulations to the nine athletes and four support staff competing at the 2022 Commonwealth games in Birmingham, England. Every four years, athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations compete in 25 different sports for a place on the podium. Your hard work and dedication to your craft is admirable, and we are excited to watch you represent Saskatchewan. I'd like to thank all those involved, as events like these would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the athletes, staff, and volunteers. Good luck to all!"

SASKATOON FALL LEISURE GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE



The Fall Leisure Guide is now available online at <u>saskatoon.ca/leisureguide</u> or pick up a copy at any City Leisure facility, Saskatoon Public Library or over 120 retail locations throughout Saskatoon and limited surrounding areas that the Saskatoon StarPhoenix is sold.

## **HIGHWAY 5 CONSTRUCTION**



The resurfacing and construction of passing lanes on Highway 5 east of Saskatoon continues. Please slow down and watch for hazards and workers near the roadside.

You can also avoid delays by planning an alternate route!

Check the Highway Hotline: https://bit.ly/3uDAp2B



### **SASKATOON EXHIBITION - ON NOW!!!**

When: August 9 - 14

Information: www.SaskatoonEX.com.



### **ERINDALE SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM**

When: July 4 - August 25



Monday to Thursday 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM Friday 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM July 4th - August 25th







City of Saskatoon Play Program Leaders offer activities for children ages 2 to 12 years. This site has a spray pad. Drop in for free waterplay, sports, crafts, games, music and much mare!

For other summer play locations, visit saskatoon.ca/play.





### **MIRACLE TREAT DAY**

When: Thursday, August 11

Dairy Queen Locations across Saskatchewan



#### SHAKESPEARE ON THE SASKATCHEWAN

Information and showtimes: <a href="https://www.shakespearesask.com/">https://www.shakespearesask.com/</a>



#### **SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY - INVESTIGATION STATIONS**

When: every Wednesday to Sunday in July & August

10 am - 3 pm

Where: Lion's Event Pavilion in the Zoo
Free with zoo admission



#### **ECO-ADVENTURE CAMPS**

Where: Beaver Creek Conservation Area



#### ADULT NIGHT AT NUTRIEN WONDERHUB

When: August 18th - 7-10 pm

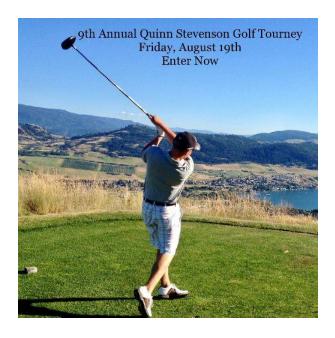
Information: <a href="https://shop.wonderhub.ca/SelectEvent.aspx?eventid=1001814">https://shop.wonderhub.ca/SelectEvent.aspx?eventid=1001814</a>



#### 9TH ANNUAL QUINN STEVENSON ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Friday, August 19

Where: Moon Lake Golf and Country Club



#### **UKRAINIAN DAY IN THE PARK**

When: August 27
Details to follow



### **CARE FOR KIDS - A COMEDY CABARET**

When: September 24 Where: Prairieland Park

Information: Care For Kids | Saskatoon Events | Fundraiser Saskatoon

(careforkidsbywiegers.ca)



### **SABEX AWARDS**

When: October 13 Where: TCU Place

Information: www.sabexawards.ca



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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