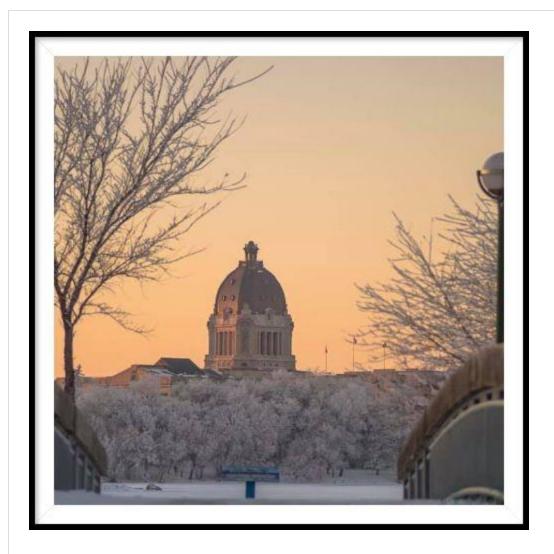
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



FALL SITTING OF THE LEGISLATURE FOCUSES ON AFFORDABILITY MEASURES AND STRONG ECONOMY FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE



With the conclusion of the Fall sitting of the Legislature today, Premier Scott Moe took time to highlight recent efforts to build a strong economy and bright future for all Saskatchewan residents, while delivering on the recent provincial election commitment to make life more affordable.

"We know affordability continues to be top of mind for many Saskatchewan residents," Premier Scott Moe said. "Which is why our government brought forward *The Saskatchewan Affordability Act*. It is the fulfillment of the commitment we made during the recent election campaign, and it aims to deliver long-term, sustainable support for all Saskatchewan residents and families."

Additionally, *The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Amendment Act*, 2024 fulfills the government's commitment from the recent provincial election to extend the carbon tax exemption on home heating. This is in response to the federal government's decision to stop charging the carbon tax on home heating oil, which

primarily benefits families in Atlantic Canada. Effective January 1, 2024, the removal of the federal carbon tax from residential SaskEnergy bills is saving the average Saskatchewan family approximately \$400.

During this sitting, the assembly unanimously passed two pieces of legislation:

- Bill 1: The Saskatchewan Affordability Act, offering the largest personal income tax reduction since 2008; and
- Bill 2: The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Amendment Act,
 2024 extending legislation to stop collecting the carbon tax on residential customers' natural gas bills.

During this sitting, the government introduced *The Saskatchewan Affordability Act*. The Act ensures that Saskatchewan maintains the status of the most affordable place in Canada to live, work, raise a family and start a business by implementing 13 affordability commitments including, the largest personal income tax reduction in the province since 2008 by raising the personal exemption, spousal exemption, child exemptions and the seniors supplement by \$500 a year, for the next four years.

Due to the expected increase in the carbon tax on April 1, 2025, from \$80 to \$95 per tonne, the continued removal of the federal carbon tax from residential SaskEnergy bills will save the average Saskatchewan family approximately \$480 in 2025.

"By passing *The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Amendment Act,* 2024, our government will continue providing Saskatchewan residents with real relief by keeping home heating exempt from the carbon tax," Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Jeremy Harrison said. "It was unfair for the Liberal-NDP federal government to provide carbon tax relief for people who live in one region of the country, and our government will keep fighting until the carbon tax is removed everywhere, on everything, for everyone."

Continuing to deliver on promises made during the election campaign, the government has also introduced the following legislation:

- Bill 3: The Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Amendment Act; and
- The Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act.

These key pieces of legislation are acting on the commitment to create safer neighbourhoods for all Saskatchewan citizens. *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods* (SCAN) *Act* to address challenges posed by abandoned properties that create a public nuisance and contribute to unsafe living conditions that

negatively impact the health, safety and economic wellbeing of area residents. These amendments provide provincial SCAN officers the legal authority to identify and target nuisance properties in communities, while still following their current mandate of responding to public complaints about buildings involved in illegal activities.

In addition, government introduced *The Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act.* The Act will allow municipalities and First Nations to opt in to new rules that regulate the possession, transportation and storage of items that may be used as street weapons, such as large knives, machetes or bear spray. This legislation builds on the Bear Spray Regulations (*The Wildlife Control (Capsaicin) Products Regulations*) passed earlier this year. The Act's rules will prohibit people from possessing and carrying large knives, bear spray and other street weapons in public spaces where a municipality or First Nation has chosen to opt in to the new rules. The rules will also prohibit people from defacing or altering street weapons in a manner that makes them easier to conceal.

"We know from talking to police and community leaders there is a need for strengthened resources to ensure each Saskatchewan resident enjoys a safe and flourishing neighbourhood," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod said. "There is no room for any form of violence in Saskatchewan. We are ensuring that these rules will give communities more options to address individuals that use street weapons to intimidate or harm people in public spaces, and empowering SCAN officers to actively respond to nuisance or dilapidated properties to address immediate safety concerns in an effort to create safer communities across Saskatchewan."

In the Speech from the Throne, the government committed to ensuring every Saskatchewan resident had access to a primary care provider by 2028. Recognizing that continued collaboration with all health sector partners is key to addressing staffing in health care facilities. Saskatchewan is investing \$1.1 million to launch a medical resident recruitment incentive targeting high demand specialties. Medical residents training in Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia and Diagnostic Radiology programs are now eligible for a new financial incentive of up to \$60,000.

A continued focus on infrastructure is key to expanding services to every region of the province, to that end, the government committed to expanding the Urgent Care Centre models to 4 additional cities, offering better access to immediate care for patients. The province was also pleased to announce the grand opening of the Martensville Primary Health Clinic, one of only two clinics of the kind in Saskatchewan offering publicly funded nurse practitioner led primary care.

The Throne Speech showed this governments continued support for increasing supports in our classrooms through our commitment to expanding the amount of

specialized support classrooms from eight to 200. These classrooms provide extra resources to students, who are experiencing behavioral challenges, with an additional learning space and additional staff. They empower students with regulation, communication and problem-solving strategies which they can utilize when they return to their home classroom. The high impact individualized supports offered by these classrooms have already produced positive results with divisions who are currently participating in the pilots.

The Government of Saskatchewan is developing a Saskatchewan student assessment program that will provide data on how students are doing in core subject areas, recognizing that reading levels from kindergarten to Grade 3 are a key indicator of educational success. The goals of assessment are to provide a fair and objective measure of how students are doing, help guide instruction and assist schools, divisions and government in improving student achievement.

As our government makes these investments and continues the work towards a strong economy and vibrant communities, I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to reach out to my office at kencheveldayoffmla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

BERNADETTE McINTYRE ANNOUNCED AS THE 24TH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SASKATCHEWAN



On December 6, the Prime Minister of Canada announced Bernadette McIntyre has been selected as Saskatchewan's 24th Lieutenant Governor. The Honourable Russ Mirasty, who has served with distinction since July 17, 2019, will continue in the role until the date of the official installation.

Bernadette McIntyre brings a wealth of experience, having served as Chief Executive Officer of Wascana Centre Authority and held senior positions with SGI and served on dozens of boards of directors and planning committees. She has also contributed to organizations like Access Communications, Regina Airport Authority, SaskSport, Canadian Curling Association, and the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. Her leadership was instrumental in the success of events such as the 2013 and 2022 Grey Cup Festivals.

To learn more about the role of the lieutenant governor,

visit https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../the-crown-and-lieutenant...

Bernadette McIntyre Announced as the 24Th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

HOPE FOR MALAWI



Attending the Annual Saskatoon Hope for Malawi Celebration at the Sheraton Top of the Inn last Sunday was a pleasure. The organization embodies the compassion,

generosity, and love in action that are hallmarks of our great city. Appreciation is expressed to Elaine Zakreski, her family, and the volunteers who contributed to the event.

Hope for Malawi was established as a Foundation in 2008 by Peter and Elaine Zakreski, a couple from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and is a registered Canadian Charity. Hope for Malawi functions in direct partnership with Malawians with 100% all monies raised going directly towards approved projects. This unique structure was made possible through a chance meeting on an airplane between the Zakreskis and a local woman who was then living in the US, traveling back from a visit where she was trying to help her village with the building of a much-needed medical clinic and shelter for children.

Hearing about the project, the Zakreskis decided to put their trust in a near stranger, providing her with the funds needed to fulfil her dream to help her people. The couple then returned to Malawi the following year to see the completed projects for themselves. Meeting the local people and seeing the huge difference they were making, Peter and Elaine were encouraged to do more and this was the genesis of Hope for Malawi.

Since Peter Zakreski's passing in February 2020, Hope for Malawi carries on with Elaine and the guidance of a board, many committed volunteers that visit regularly. The future is secured by volunteers, Elaine and Peter's children and grandchildren, who are also active within the foundation.

BE CAUTIOUS OF SCAMS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Don't let scammers take advantage of your generosity this holiday season.



Make sure your donations go to real causes and not a scammer's pocket.



To learn more, visit: https://bit.ly/3VtRcoB

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS



Student loan forgiveness is available for nurses or nurse practitioners working in rural or mid-sized communities.

You may be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 in Saskatchewan Student Loan forgiveness.

Learn more at https://bit.ly/3ds0U4S

MAKE MEMORIES, NOT WASTE: YOUR GUIDE TO A LOW WASTE HOLIDAY



As the holiday season approaches, the Ministry of Environment encourages everyone to embrace the true spirit of the holidays by gifting shared experiences this year.

"As we head into the holiday season, it is important to remember the choices we make can have a lasting impact," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "I encourage everyone to explore ways to responsibly manage and be mindful of waste this Christmas season to ensure a more sustainable future for all Saskatchewan families."

Curious about waste reduction in Saskatchewan? The 2023-24 Solid Waste

Management Strategy Annual Report is available at Solid Waste Management Strategy

Saskatchewan Waste Management | Government of Saskatchewan.

Make Memories, Not Waste: Your Guide to a Low Waste Holiday | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

REFLECT AND ACT TO END GENER-BASED VIOLENCE



We observeD the White Ribbon Campaign which coincides with the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on December 6.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the tragic events at École Polytechnique in Montreal, where 14 women were murdered in an act of gender-based violence. On this day we remember these young women. We honour their memories and work towards a day when violence no longer exists in our society.

Ending gender-based violence is a shared responsibility, together we can create a safer future for all.

ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS ... PLEASE CONSIDER SHOPPING LOCAL!





Saskatchewan is home to many small businesses. Small businesses provide vital jobs, products and great services contributing to growth that works for everyone.

As you consider your list of gifts to purchase, please consider supporting our many small businesses and craft shows this holiday season. You will be supporting your friends and neighbours and helping your local economy.



Looking for the perfect gift for everyone on your list?



Don't stress! Discover Saskatoon's latest blog highlights Saskatoon's best local gems to help you find the perfect gift for your special people.

Check out our Saskatoon Gift Guide here 👉



: https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatoon-gift-guide

2 BILLS PASSED



December 5th marked an important day in the Legislature as government passed our first two bills, fulfilling our election commitments to make life more affordable by reducing income taxes and keeping home heating. carbon tax-free.

Speech from the Throne 2024

Keeping Carbon Tax Off Home Heating

Extending the federal carbon tax exemption on natural gas for residential SaskEnergy bills will save Saskatchewan households about \$480 in 2025.



Saskatchewan Party Caucus

Our government will continue to advocate for the carbon tax to be eliminated completely. But until that happens, we will continue to protect Saskatchewan families' ability to affordably heat their homes this winter and ensure carbon tax fairness for everyone.

TIS THE SEASON TO ...

GIVE
BELIEVE
SPARKLE
BE JOYFUL
SING CAROLS
PARTY. PARTY
DECK THE HALLS
BE MERRY & BRIGHT
KISS UNDER MISTLETOE
BE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES
INDULGE IN HOLIDAY TREATS
DREAM OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS
MISS THOSE WHO ARE FAR AWAY
CREATE MEMORIES FOR YEARS TO COME
HUG YOUR LOVED ONES A LITTLE TIGHTER
REFLECT ON THE YEAR THAT IS BEHIND US

DID YOU KNOW?



Traditional smoke alarms may not provide adequate warning for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Thankfully, there are specialized alarms and alert devices designed to help:

- Visual Alerts: Strobe lights flash when smoke alarms sound.
- Vibration Alerts: Bed or pillow shakers can wake individuals during sleep.
- Sound Alerts: Loud, mixed low-pitched devices respond to smoke alarms for those who are hard of hearing.
- install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and all levels of your home.
- For more information, download our fact sheet. https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/125093

SASKATCHEWAN LEADS THE NATION IN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORT GROWTH



Saskatchewan Ranks First Among the Provinces for Month-Over-Month Merchandise Export Growth

Today, Statistics Canada released figures showing strong growth in Saskatchewan's international merchandise exports, which increased 21.7 per cent in October 2024, compared to September 2024. This is the highest month-over-month increase among the provinces.

"These export numbers show that Saskatchewan is providing the food, fuel, fertilizer and critical minerals that the world needs," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Thanks to our competitive business environment and international engagement efforts, we continue to see record exports and private

investment which is creating more jobs and a bright future for Saskatchewan people."

Saskatchewan Leads the Nation in International Merchandise Export Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SRC DELIVERS \$887 MILLION IN VALUE IMPACTS TO THE PROVINCIAL ECONOMY IN 2023-2024



The Saskatchewan Research Council's (SRC) latest economic impact assessment shows it has contributed more than \$15.5 billion in combined economic and employment impacts in Saskatchewan since it began assessing such in 2003 - including a combined impact of \$887 million in this latest fiscal year.

"The Saskatchewan Research Council is dedicated to growing and strengthening Saskatchewan's economy through research, development, and demonstration through the transfer of innovative technical solutions, applications and services," Minister Responsible for SRC Warren Kaeding said. "SRC's work is making an incredible impact on the province's economic growth and is creating thousands of jobs for people across Saskatchewan."

"At SRC, we are dedicated to strengthening Saskatchewan's economy with quality private sector jobs and a secure environment," SRC President and CEO Mike Crabtree said. "This is why our economic impact assessment is so important, as it truly demonstrates the value we can generate from the province's investment in us." SRC Delivers \$887 Million in Value Impacts to the Provincial Economy in 2023-2024.

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HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THE ADVENT OF KINDNESS THIS MONTH?



GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN'S \$25 MILLION INVESTMENT IN EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECTS DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



The Government of Saskatchewan celebrated the success of the Saskatchewan Technology Fund today, highlighting its \$25 million investment in 13 emissions reduction projects.

The Technology Fund is a key component of the province's Output-Based Performance Standards (OBPS) program for industrial emitters. Through a competitive application process, the fund redirects compliance contributions from industrial emitters back into projects that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"These projects showcase Saskatchewan's leadership in innovation," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "They position the province as a hub for sustainable economic growth while delivering environmental and economic benefits to residents."

Government of Saskatchewan's \$25 Million Investment in Emissions Reduction Projects

Driving Sustainable Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

BEFORE HEADING OUT, BE SURE TO HAVE A WINTER EMERGENCY VEHICLE KIT

Winter Emergency Vehicle Kit

Keep the essential supplies in your vehicle this winter.







powerbank



sand/cat litter



blanket



snow shovel



first-aid kit



jumper cables



flashlight

saskpublicsafety.ca



Winter in Saskatchewan can be unpredictable, so it's crucial to be prepared for any situation on the road.

A well-stocked emergency kit can make all the difference in staying safe if you get stuck in the cold.

Some suggested items to include in a kit are:

- Blanket to stay warm
- Flashlight & Batteries for visibility
- Jumper Cables A lifesaver for dead batteries
- Snow Shovel to dig yourself out
- Phone Charger/Power Bank to call for help when needed.

What's in your winter kit?

EXPLORING DIVERSITY



Celebrating the rich cultural holidays in Saskatoon. 🦻

Our latest blog highlights must-see events and unique celebrations happening this holiday season.

Here is a list of just a few holiday cultural events happening in

Saskatoon: https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../exploring-diversity...

What cultural event do you attend?



Indigenous Artisan Holiday Market

Manuskewin Heritage Park

📅 Saturday, December 14 - Sunday, December 15

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

International Christmas Feasts at the Berry Barn

Parn Berry Barn

📅 Saturday, Dec 7 - Sunday, Dec 8; Saturday, Dec 14 - Sunday, Dec 15; Saturday, Dec

21 - Sunday, Dec 22

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For more information on these and other related events, please visit our

website: https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/calendar-events

FAMILY FUN SASKATOON DECEMBER EVENT GUIDE





DECEMBER EVENTS

DECEMBER GUIDE | Did you know every month we do an event guide with a few events coming up? If you're looking for some fun ideas, we've got our list up and ready for some festive fun. Find our list

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/december-events/

ENJOY THE WINTER - CHECK OUT THESE GREAT EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FEATURED



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AND SHOWS IN SASKATOON



Fa la la let's get the season rolling with some fabulous Christmas Concerts and

Shows in Saskatoon! It's Christmas time in the city! There's something for every artistic taste in Saskatoon so bundle up and get your Christmas-on at these fantastic shows. We've got a list ready for you to check out

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../christmas-concerts.../

SANTA SIGHTINGS





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Whether it's a stop at an event or if he and the elves are stationed at a permanent location, we've got a lot of fun ideas for Santa visits. Find out more

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/santa/

OPTIMIST HILL IS OPEN!



The snow is here, and it's your turn to hit the slopes! Optimist Hill is open for the season. Information: Optimist Hill - Go Play Outside!

FESTIVAL OF TREES



<u>Festival of Trees, Saskatoon</u> is on now at the WDM Saskatoon. For information on Festival of Trees, including hours, general admission, and special event tickets visit https://www.festival-of-trees.com/

BHP ENCHANTED FOREST



Event November 16, 2024-January 5, 2025

The BHP Enchanted Forest, a special holiday event of the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park. Open November 16, 2024- January 5, 2025. This unique partnership has provided the citizens of Saskatoon and visitors from throughout Saskatchewan and beyond with the spirit of the Holiday Season for over 25 years. Saskatoon is proud of the BHP Enchanted Forest, one of the longest-running and best Christmas light shows in Canada. The Foundations and our Sponsors invite you to enjoy the light show from the comfort and safety of your own vehicle again this special holiday season.

GLOW SASKATOON



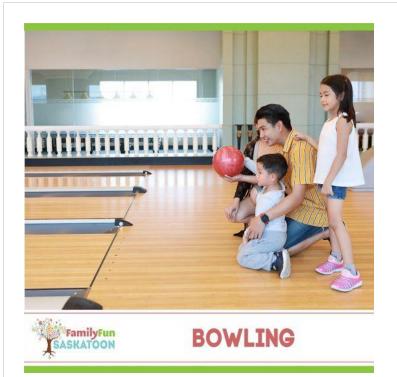
Don't miss this incredible event!

YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SASKATOON'S HOLIDAY MARKETS



Check out the many holiday markets in our city! Your Ultimate Guide to Saskatoon's Holiday Market Magic | Discover Saskatoon

BOWLING IN SASKATOON - A GREAT FAMILY OUTING!



With the Christmas rush upon us and the chilly weather here, give your family a fun break at one of Saskatoon's awesome Bowling Alleys. Have some laughs with your kids and enjoy a nice break from the cold. Find our list here:

https://www.familyfuncanada.com/sas.../bowling-in-saskatoon/

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