

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



CANADA'S NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM THRILLS CROWD AT SASKTEL CENTRE



It was a pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Laura Ross and the Government of Saskatchewan at the Canada US National Women's Rivalry Hockey Series last Wednesday at SaskTel Centre.

An enthusiastic crowd saw the very best of women's hockey where Canada's National Women's Team plays the U.S. Women's National Team in the 2023-24 Rivalry Series.

There was lots to celebrate as Canada won the game 3-2. So many young girls and boys watching their heroes. The win was especially exciting for Saskatoon-bred hockey players as they returned home for Team Canada's rivalry game against U.S.

[Saskatoon-bred hockey players return home for Team Canada's rivalry game against U.S. \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-ca/sports/hockey/story/saskatoon-bred-hockey-players-return-home-for-team-canada-s-rivalry-game-against-u-s)

WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FAMILY FUN DAY THIS WEEKEND!



I and looking forward to seeing you at the WUHCA Winter Fun Day Saturday, February 10th at Wallace Park. Thank you to the many volunteers that have been working hard to organize this

great community event.

I invite you to stop at the Tim Horton's tent and join me for conversation and hot chocolate or coffee.

CITY REVEALS VISUALS, DESIGN CONCEPTS OF DOWNTOWN EVENT AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

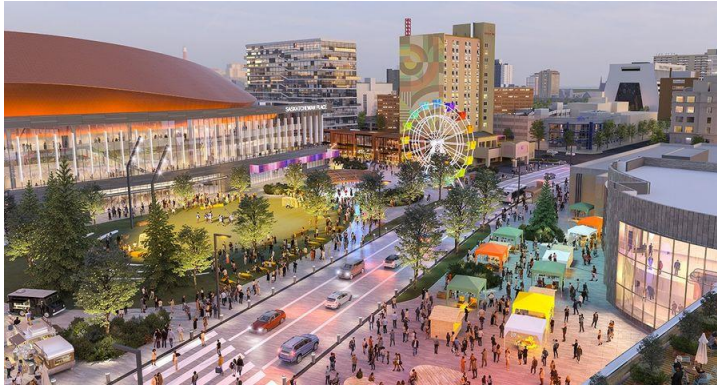


City reveals visuals, design concepts of Downtown Event and Entertainment District

The Governance and Priorities Committee of City Council will have the opportunity at its February 14th meeting to discuss the visionary opportunities of the Downtown Event and Entertainment District (District).

Included in a group of reports is a first look at the artistic renderings of what the area around the event centre/arena and convention centre could look like and the first look at the strategic directions for the District Plan outlining the template for a rejuvenated Downtown.

“These renderings really help illustrate that the District is much more than just an event centre and convention centre – it is to be a community gathering place in any season,” says Dan Willems, Director of Technical Services, Transportation & Construction Division. “They show the potential of the public spaces, with places for events, amenities and open areas where visitors and people from all parts of the city can meet and share unique experiences.”



The visuals show what the proposed event centre/arena and convention centre could look like, with a focus along a transformed 22nd Street. Both winter and summer scenes are captured, showing the potential for winter festivals, outdoor markets and summer activities.

“This is an opportunity for people in Saskatoon to really see how the vision for the District could become reality,” Willems says. “Up until now we have been talking about the District in very abstract terms, but these images help put context and meaning to the idea of an active space that is open to all. These are by no means the final designs of the area, but they are a great to help visualize the conceptual design and potential in creating a vital and dynamic Downtown, with economic impacts that will have a positive effect on Saskatoon and Saskatchewan.”

The District Plan, which is being developed simultaneously along with the plans for the event centre/arena and convention centre, takes a wider view of Downtown Saskatoon and looks at how the land can be best used to achieve a vibrant mix of residential, business, social and outdoor activity, while making the Downtown more accessible for everyone to get to and get around in. The District Plan will also work to create a cohesive strategy for the Downtown as a whole, ensuring that the entire area develops in a sustainable and productive way.

Additionally in this group of reports to GPC is a Decision Report on acquiring the YMCA building and its associated land. This acquisition, while currently part of the larger District project, is part of the larger strategy to have a contiguous area of land with significant redevelopment potential to accommodate future expansion of the convention centre and a new parking structure in the area of Idylwyld and 22nd Street.

For more information on the Downtown Event and Entertainment District, including the renderings, please visit www.saskatoon.ca/eventdistrict.

PARDESSI BAZAAR CELEBRATES 14 YEARS OF SERVICE



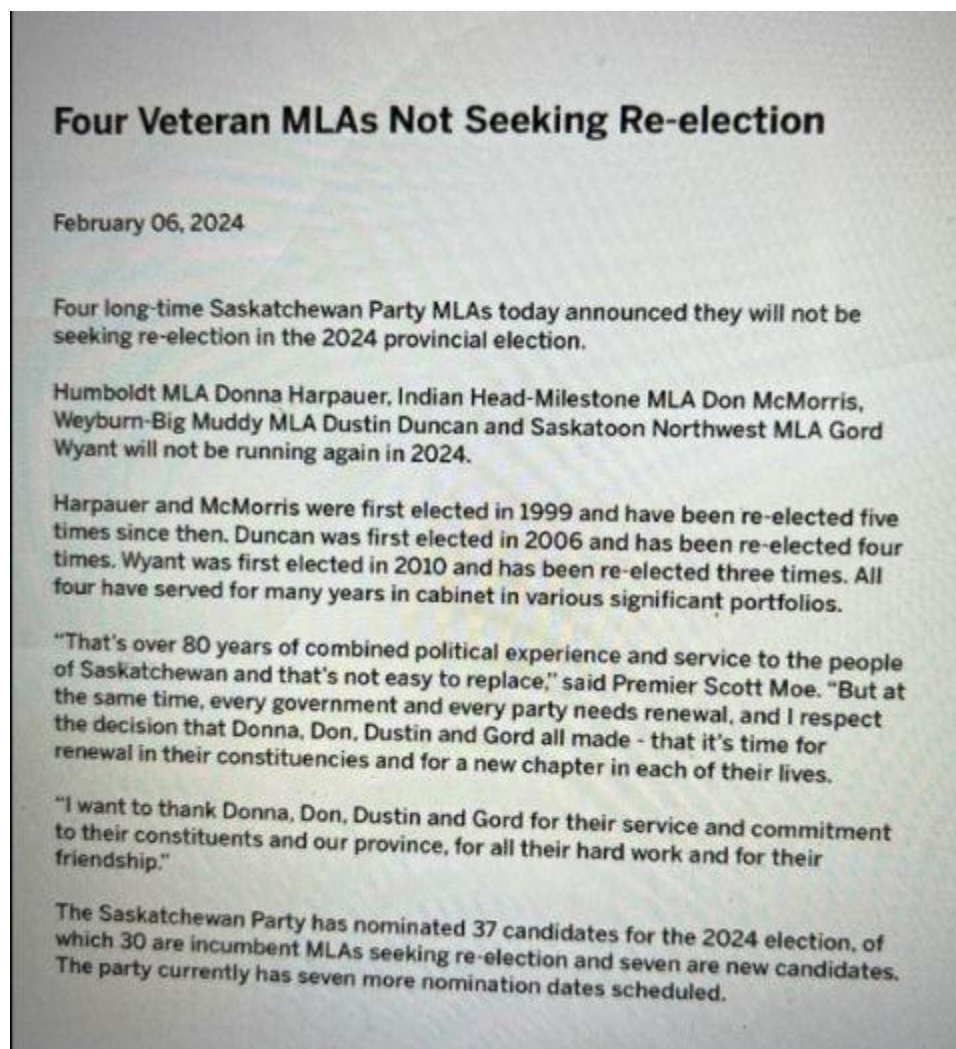
I was pleased to attend the 14th anniversary celebration of Pardessi Bazaar, a fantastic Indian grocery store stocking everyone's favourite Indian food. Stop in and say hello to store owner Rajwah Halari, a Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent.

Check out the great products available. Their store hours are 8 am to 10 pm daily. They are located at 3521 8th St East - units 107 and 108. Online shopping is also made easy with a wide range of groceries and home needs.



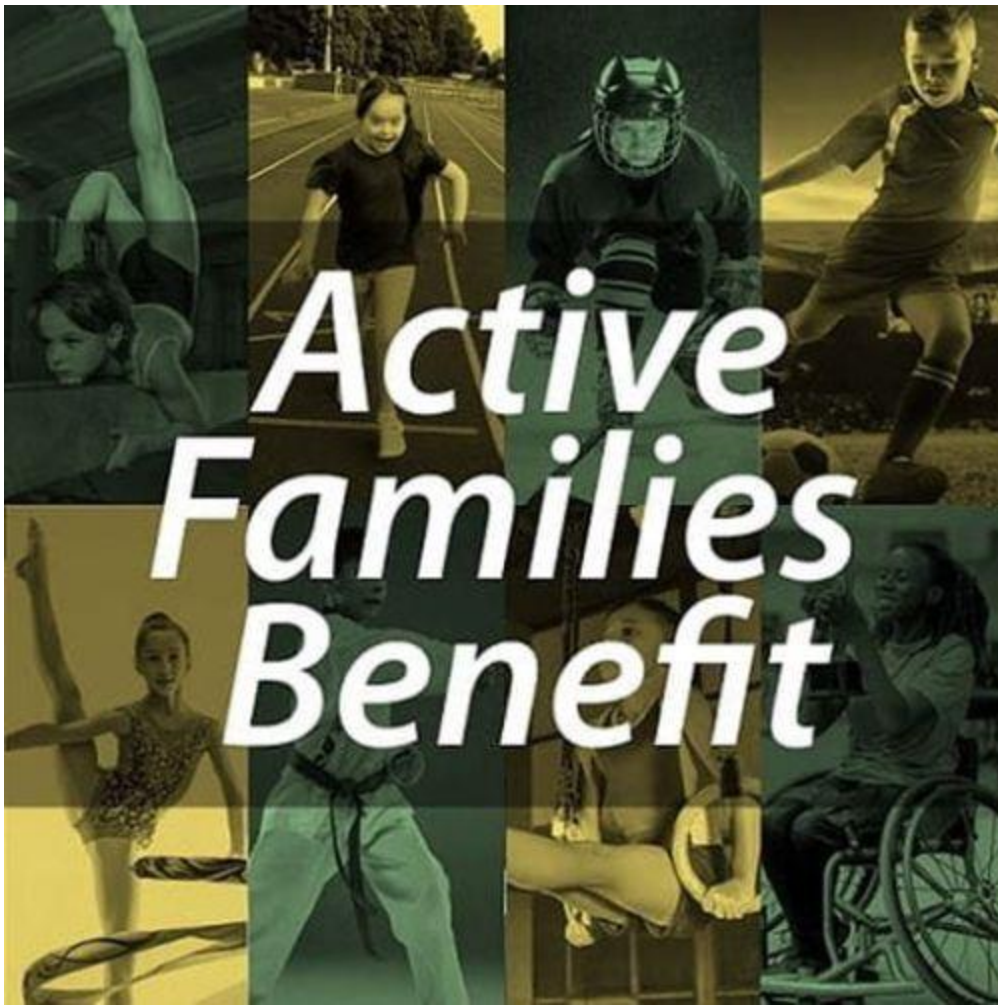
Check out their products available at [Order groceries Online. Save time and money on your Grocery shopping – pardessi bazaar](#)

FOUR VETERAN MLAS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTIONS



I join Premier Scott Moe, constituents and the general public in thanking these four individuals, Donna Harpauer, Don McMorris, Dustin Duncan and Gord Wyant for their many years of commitment and service to our province. They have all made such significant contributions to our province. They will be missed.

MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE WITH THE ACTIVE FAMILIES BENEFIT



With tax season around the corner, the Government of Saskatchewan is reminding families with children and youth participating in sports, culture, and recreation that they can access the Active Families Benefit when they file their 2023 taxes.

The benefit is available to families with an annual income up to \$60,000. They can receive up to \$150 per year, for each child 18 years or younger, or \$200 per year for children who are eligible for the federal Child Disability Tax Credit. Eligible families claim the benefit when they file their taxes.

Making Life More Affordable with the Active Families Benefit

Families with children participating in sports, culture and recreation activities can access the Active Families Benefit when filing their 2023 taxes.



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"The Active Families Benefit is a tax credit that helps make activities more affordable and accessible for Saskatchewan families," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "For parents who enrolled their children in sport, culture and recreation activities in 2023, they should hang onto their receipts, in order to claim the benefit when they do their taxes later this spring."

[Making Life More Affordable with The Active Families Benefit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

NSBA NETWORK LUNCHEON WITH TIM GITZEL



Photo above: VP Jonathan Wilkinson and Tim Gitzel

I was pleased join several others at the NSBA Luncheon fireside chat featuring Tim Gitzel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cameco held at the Sheraton Cavalier.

Tim spoke about energizing a clean-air world - Cameco's story in today's world.

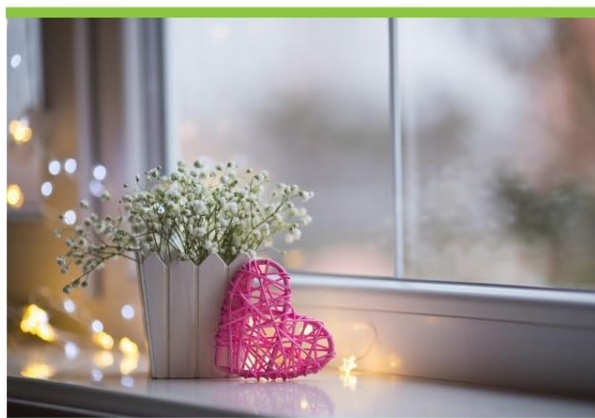
**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY
14TH - CHECK OUT IDEAS IN SASKATOON FOR VALENTINE'S
DAY**



I hope everyone enjoys a Happy Valentine's Day. February 14th is a great day to remind us to show those we care about how much they mean to us.

Family Fun Saskatoon has an excellent guide for Valentine's Idea's in Saskatoon. Whether you're looking to dine out on fine food with your sweetheart, celebrate as a family, or are on the hunt for a little adventure, they have got you covered! Check out their handy list of date night ideas

[Valentine's Date Ideas in Saskatoon | Family Fun Saskatoon \(familyfuncanada.com\)](http://familyfuncanada.com)



DATE NIGHT

A few fun facts about Valentine's Day:

- In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.

- On Valentine`s Day every year, there are at least 36 million heart shape boxes of chocolates sold.
- The red rose was the favourite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.
- Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. That was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."
- Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- Probably the first greeting cards, handmade valentines, appeared in the 16th century. As early as 1800, companies began mass-producing cards. Initially, these cards were hand-colored by factory workers. By the early 20th century even fancy lace and ribbon-strewn cards were created by machines.

ICE ROADS PROVIDE A VITAL LINK TO NORTHERN COMMUNITIES



The Wollaston Lake and Stony Rapids to Fond du Lac ice roads have opened for the 2024 winter season.

Typically, ice roads open in mid-February and close at the end of March, weather permitting.

An unseasonably warm start to winter delayed the start of roadbuilding but crews have been assisted in recent weeks by colder weather.

"Ice roads connect the north to the rest of the province, so people can travel for work, school and medical appointments," Highways Minister Lori Carr said. "They also permit the transport of critical supplies like food and fuel. I'd like to thank the workers who build and maintain these routes for their friends and neighbours in northern communities."

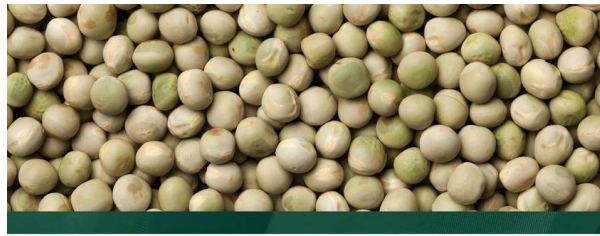
[Ice Roads Provide a Vital Link to Northern Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

MAJOR PEA PROTEIN PRODUCTION PLANT COMING TO SASKATCHEWAN



Louis Dreyfus Company's New Facility is Expected in 2025

The Government of Saskatchewan welcomed Louis Dreyfus Company's (LDC) announcement of a new pea protein isolate production plant at the site of its existing industrial complex in Yorkton.



Major Pea Protein Production Plant

coming to Saskatchewan

This new facility, paired with other recent pulse processing announcements, puts the province on track to meet its pulse processing goal from Saskatchewan's Growth Plan.

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“Louis Dreyfus Company’s newest investment shows how Saskatchewan continues to be the best place to invest and do business,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “As we work to create even more opportunities and jobs, we are fortunate to have a strong partnership with LDC. Today’s announcement takes us one step closer to achieving our goal of processing 50 per cent of the pulse crops produced in Saskatchewan. This announcement is great news for the Yorkton community and pulse growers across the province.”

[Major Pea Protein Production Plant Coming to Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

TEACHER'S BARGAINING UPDATE



The teachers' union has said they would like the same salary formula that MLAs have and that they will return to the bargaining table if the government offers a new mandate.

On Wednesday, February 7, that very deal was offered.

[Watch Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill explain the new offer.](#)

REMINDER - TIPS TO PREVENT FALLS



Falls can have immediate and lasting health impacts. When daily temperatures fluctuate wildly, and we get some wind/rain/snow, every day activities can suddenly be an icy mess.

Tips to prevent falls:

- ❄ Always look where you step
- ❄ Slow down
- ❄ Walk slower and with wider gait
- ❄ Wear shoes with good tread
- ❄ Put down de-icer/sand as needed

DID YOU KNOW?



These fruits will be your best buys this month! Don't forget to check out frozen and canned produce which are just as nutritious and can be a great option to help stretch your food dollar.

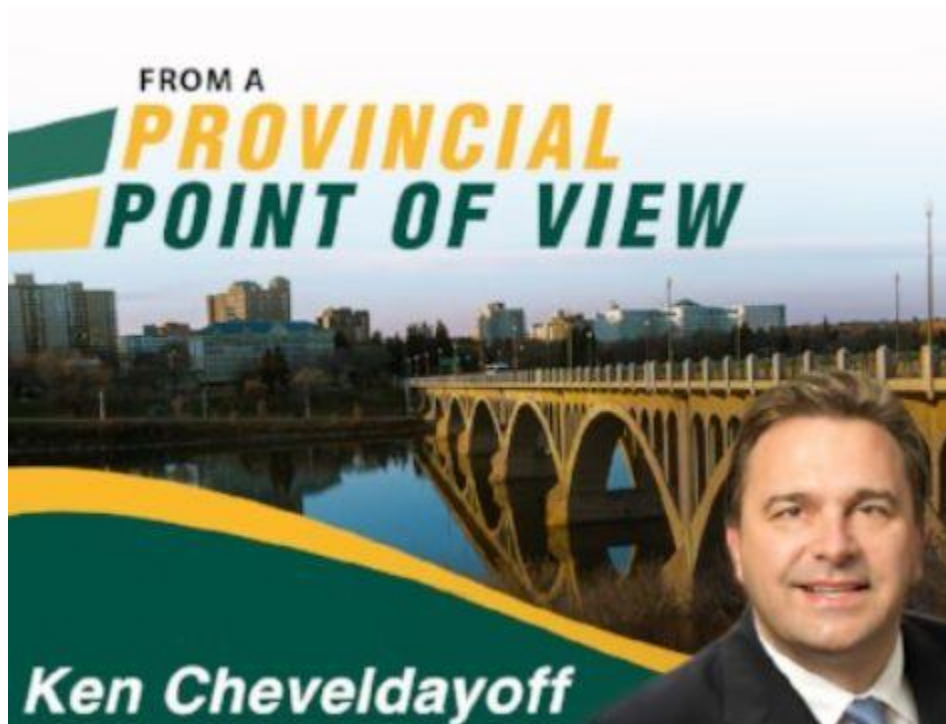
ATTENTION - UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



Students pursuing graduate or post-graduate studies at the [University of Regina](#) or [University of Saskatchewan](#) can apply for \$20,000 scholarships!

Apply for the Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarship and the Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship by February 28!

Learn more: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../scholarships.../scholarships>



***IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS
NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!***

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please
email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

**RECORD AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS FOR FOURTH
CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

Agri-Food Exports

Saskatchewan exported a record **\$20.2 billion** of agri-food products in 2023.



Saskatchewan's agriculture industry has posted a fourth consecutive year of record agri-food exports, with shipments totaling \$20.2 billion for 2023.

The leading agri-food export commodities in 2023 were non-durum wheat, canola seed, canola oil, durum, lentils and canola meal. The top five international market destinations were the United States, China, Japan, Mexico and Algeria.

"Strong export numbers demonstrate the world-class sustainability and reliability of our province's agriculture sector," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "As we have already surpassed our 2030 Growth Plan target of \$20 billion in agri-food exports, this milestone not only reflects the dedication of Saskatchewan farmers, but also the global demand for the high-quality agricultural products that they consistently deliver."

[Record Agricultural Exports for Fourth Consecutive Year | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CHOOSE THE BETTER SIDE OF LIFE

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.
Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends.
Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth.
Negative has 8, so does Positive.
Under has 5, so does Above.
Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy.
Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy.
Right has 5 letters, so does wrong.
Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal.

It means life is like double edged sword... So transform every negative side into an aura of positivity... We choose the better side of the life.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION UPDATE

Health Human Resources Action Plan

Recruit • Train • Incentivize • Retain

PROGRESS TO FEBRUARY 2024

Saskatchewan physicians
ratified a **new four-year
contract**.



Health system navigators
have assisted 41 individuals
transition to SHA employment.

191 applications received
for the Final Clinical
Placement Bursary.



The SHA is in the process
of issuing **letters of offer**
to **nine psychiatrists**.

**A total of 178 Internationally
Trained Health Care
Professionals** have arrived
from the Philippines.



saskatchewan.ca/hhr

Saskatchewan

A [newly ratified contract](#) between Saskatchewan physicians and the Government of [Saskatchewan](#) marks a significant achievement in the latest Saskatchewan Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan update.

Highlights of the new, four-year contract include:

- An overall average general rate increase of 2.5 per cent per year (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026).
- A competitive market rate adjustment applied to the first year of the agreement.

- Increased funding to support long term retention, parental leave and continuing medical education.

The agreement will help in the effort to retain and recruit physicians in Saskatchewan and works to provide patients in the province with enhanced access to primary health care.

The new contract also introduces funding to address gender pay inequity in physician fee codes, as well as funding to support physician training and awareness related to equity, diversity, racism, and truth and reconciliation.

“Continued investment into our physicians allows Saskatchewan to remain desirable for family doctors and specialists to live and work,” Health Minister Everett Hindley said. “Our new agreement will ensure continued retention of our quality doctors as well as incentivize more professionals to choose Saskatchewan.”

[Physician Recruitment and Retention Update](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN DOCTORS RATIFY NEW 4-YEAR CONTRACT



Premier Scott Moe, "Saskatchewan physicians have ratified a new four-year contract.

The new contract includes an average general rate increase of 2.5% over four years, a competitive market rate adjustment for the first year of the agreement, and increased funding to support long term retention.

I want to thank all the hard working doctors who play a critical role in providing high quality,

accessible patient care to residents across our province.

[Saskatchewan Doctors Ratify New Four-Year Contract | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

STUDY RESPIRATORY THERAPY



Study Respiratory Therapy

- Seats reserved for Saskatchewan students at SAIT
- Incentives available for working in Saskatchewan after graduation
- Jobs available across the province

[saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/hhr-train)

Apply by February 29

Saskatchewan

Are you or do you know someone looking for a hands-on health care training opportunity? Seats are reserved for [#skstudent](#) to study Respiratory Therapy at the SAIT!

This three-year program helps students develop skills through practical and classroom learning. Students can also complete their clinical placements here at home, helping connect them to jobs in Saskatchewan after graduation.

Respiratory Therapists are in high demand in Saskatchewan. Graduates have the potential to earn approximately \$45/hour and may qualify for a variety of incentives and tax credits while working in the province.


Apply by February 29. Visit <https://www.sait.ca/programs.../diplomas/respiratory-therapy>.

IT CAN BE FRIGHTENING WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL

Flu and Colds

Most respiratory illnesses, like influenza and colds are caused by viruses. They usually last 5 to 7 days. Symptoms include runny nose, sneezing, red eyes, sore throat, cough, headaches, body aches, fever and loss of appetite.

- Give fluids, such as frequent sips of water, popsicles, broth or breastmilk/formula
- Rest, rest and more rest
- Over the counter medicine like Children's Tylenol or Advil can help with discomfort
- Do not give cold/cough medicine to children under 6




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If you are unsure, call HEALTHLINE 811

Fever

A fever in a child is anything above 38°C. If a fever does not go away on it's own within 72 hours seek medical care. Fevers are not usually harmful but can make your child feel more uncomfortable, and can be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Seek emergency medical attention if your child is:

- Less than 3 months old
- Having trouble breathing
- Too dehydrated to make pee
- Has a rash that looks like small bruises
- Has other signs of a serious illness like headache, neck pain, light sensitivity or repeated vomiting
- Is difficult to wake up or confused - an irritable child who can't be consoled
- Your child is becoming increasingly unwell after several days of illness




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Gastroenteritis

Gastroenteritis, or the stomach flu, is an infection of the intestines caused by a virus or bacteria that can cause diarrhea and vomiting. Most cases of gastroenteritis get better within a few days. Encourage tiny frequent sips of fluid. Seek emergency medical attention if your child is:

- Extremely tired or irritable and can't be consoled
- Is difficult to wake up or confused
- The inside of their mouth is dry
- They don't pee for about 12 hours
- Vomiting that is getting worse after the first day and they cannot keep down small frequent sips of fluid
- Stomach pain which is constant, getting worse, and doesn't ease off after a few hours
- Has dark-green vomit or there is blood in their poop




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Dehydration

Dehydration happens when there is a loss of water and salt from the body. Symptoms include dry mouth, no tears when crying, no wet diapers or child hasn't peed in 12 hours.

- Give small sips of water, even if they don't want to drink
- Give child oral rehydration solution, such as half water/half apple juice
- Give child popsicles or broth
- For babies, breastfeed more often or give additional bottles



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It can be frightening when your child is ill. We encourage everyone to protect themselves and others from illnesses like COVID-19, RSV and Influenza (get immunized, wash hands regularly, stay home if you/your child feels ill) and seek help if you need it. HealthLine 811 is available 24/7.

SASKATOON OFFERS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AND INDOOR RETREATS



In winter, Saskatoon offers a unique blend of outdoor adventures and cozy indoor retreats. Explore scenic trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, glide across outdoor skating rinks, and savor comforting cuisine in local cafes.

Snowy pic taken by <https://www.instagram.com/jolakedraart/>

**CONGRATULATIONS STARS! - FIRST EVER HELICOPTER
NEONATAL TRANSPORT**



STARS recently completed its first ever helicopter neonatal intensive care transport in Saskatchewan.

This first of its kind mission was carried out by veteran STARS flight crew members Mike Rogers, Greg Chorney, and Ryan MacMillan and the NICU specialty team from the Regina General Hospital.

To read more about this mission, visit: <https://stars.ca/.../stars-completes-first-ever.../>

SAVE THE DATE - CONCERT FOR A CAUSE



The Saskatoon Academy of Music is putting on a staff benefit concert with proceeds going to a local non-profit. This year, they would like the [Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre](#) to be their beneficiary.

**SEE EVENTS BELOW THAT HAVE BEEN LISTED IN PREVIOUS
NEWSLETTERS -**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE
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UPCOMING EVENTS

WUHCA WINTER FUN DAY

WUHCA Winter Fun Day

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
1- 4 PM
WALLACE PARK (BEHIND WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL)**

- Hot chocolate
- Sleigh rides
- Ice skating, sledding
- Kick sleds, snowshoes
- Face painting
- Lots of family fun!



NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES



Wintershines is from February 17-24. Find out more
here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/wintershines/>

WINTER ZOO CAMP

Winter Zoo Camp

February 20-23
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ages 7-12
\$250



 **SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY**

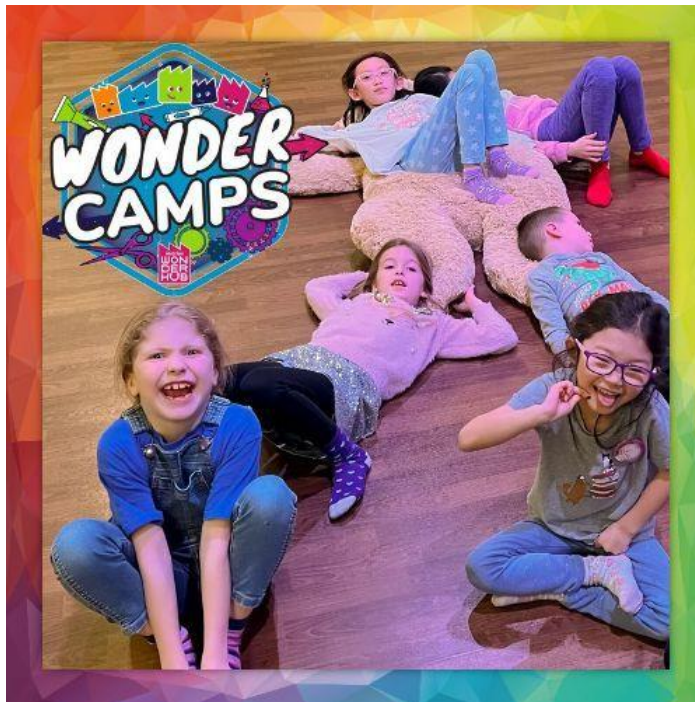
Registration open!
saskatoonzoosociety.ca/camp-activities

NUTRIEN KÔNA WINTERFESTIVAL AT WANUSKEWIN



<https://fb.me/e/4QPooDM8g>

WONDER CAMPS



- February 20-23, 2024, Build It, Ages 5-7 & Ages 8-10 (spots are limited)
- March 4, 2024, Marvelous Math, Ages 5-9

Book your spots for these camps and find all our spring camps at shop.wonderhub.ca

SASKTEL JAZZ FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

THE WINTER WARM-UP
A SASKTEL SK JAZZ FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR OUR INAUGURAL WINTER WARM-UP, AN EVENING OF JAZZ YOGA, WINE & COMMUNITY!

WHAT: 1-HOUR ALL LEVELS JAZZ YOGA CLASS PRESENTED BY GROUND YOGA, FOLLOWED BY SNACKS AND A CASH WINE BAR

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7:00 PM

WHERE: BRICK LOFT EVENT CO. IN SASKATOON, SK

COST: \$35 PER PERSON LEARN MORE AND REGISTER NOW AT SASKJAZZ.COM!

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GROUND YOGA

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ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2024/february/09/saskatchewan-starting-2024-strong-12900-jobs-added-yearoveryear--unemployment-rate-falls-to-47>

[Saskatchewan Applying to Intervene in Legal Challenges to Federal Firearms Ban | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[February Oil and Gas Public Offering Raises \\$10 Million | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

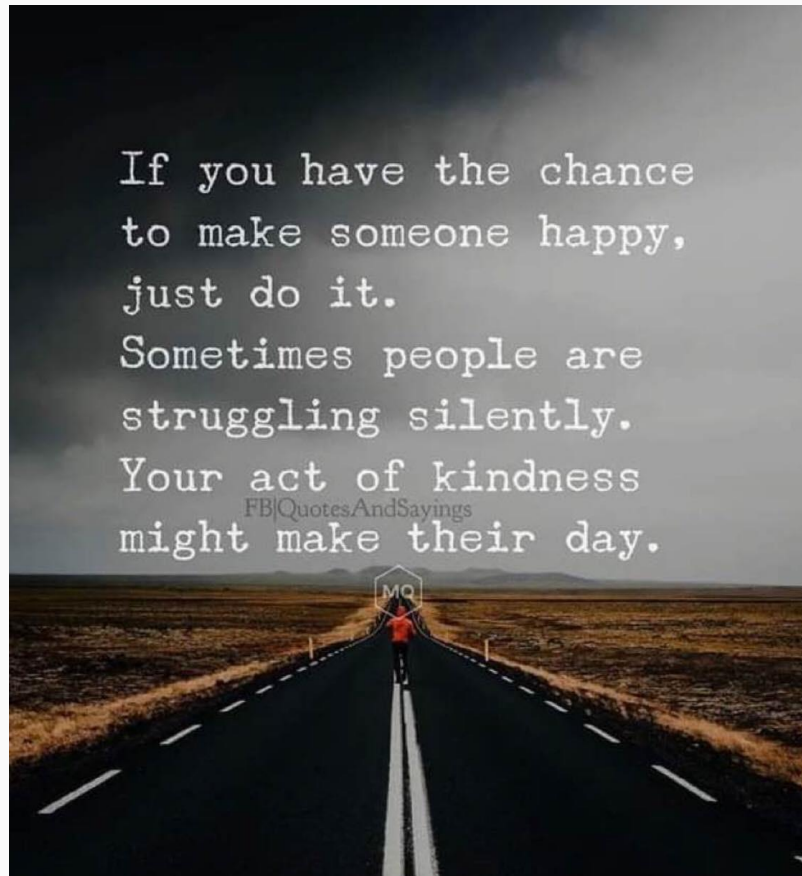
[February 4th to 10th is the 19th Annual Archives Week in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SIRT Investigating Officer-Involved Shooting in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Doctors Ratify New Four-Year Contract | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Celebrate Megamunch's Retirement at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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