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# From a Provincial Point of View

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Wishing you all a **Happy New Year !**

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**KRISTOS RODYVSYA - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING UKRAINIAN  
CHRISTMAS**





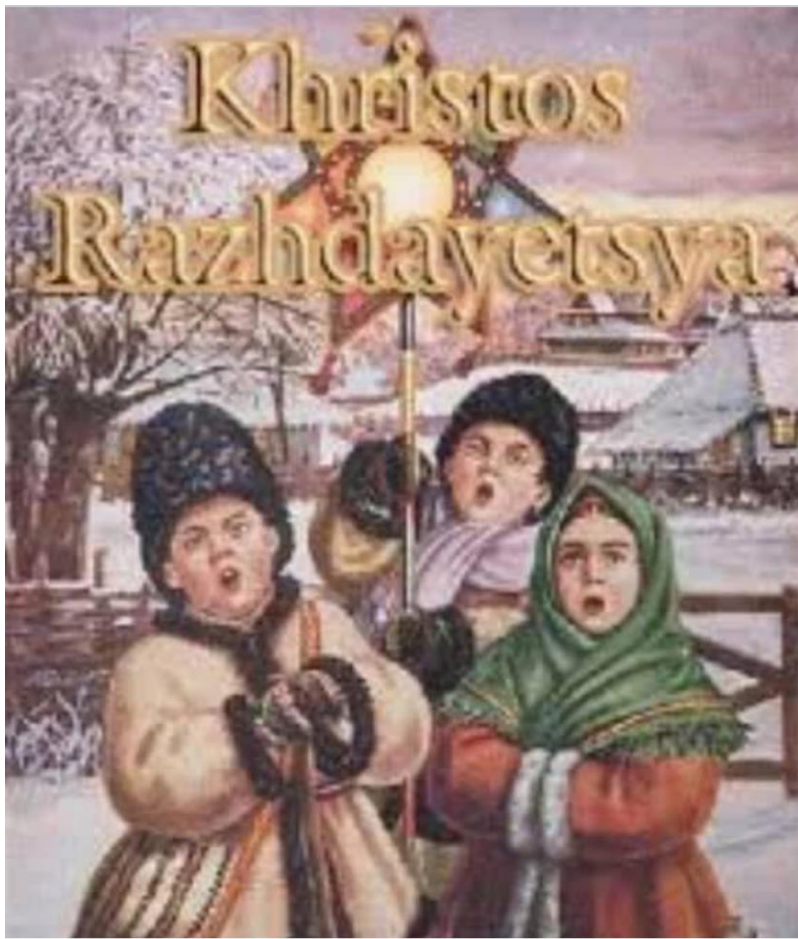
**For those following the Julian Calendar, this is a very special week in many homes across our province. I know last evening was a special time celebrating traditions around beautifully set tables.**





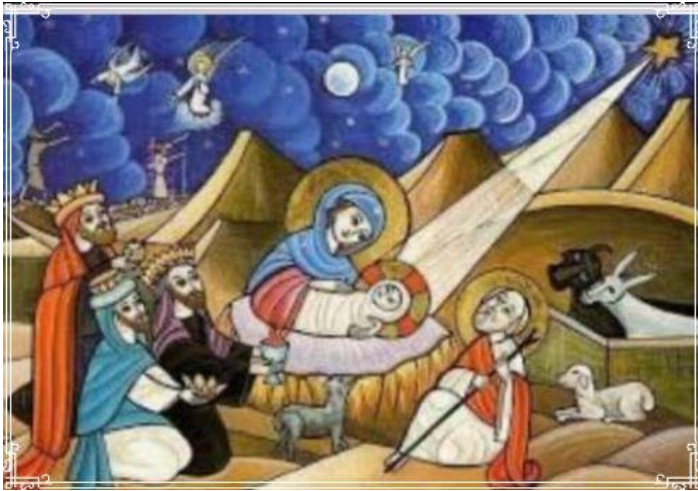
**Once again this year, we think of all Ukrainian friends and pray for peace in their country.**





**"Kristos Rodyvsya" - Ukrainian for "Christ is born!" ... words that have been echoed last evening and again today across dinner tables throughout Saskatchewan as many families get together to celebrate Ukrainian Christmas. I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your rich heritage with family and friends!**





**Щасливого Різдва і щасливого Нового року to everyone that will be celebrating Ukrainian Christmas!**



**May 2025 bring peace and victory to Ukraine.**

**A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH CHIEF DARCY BEAR AND RIEL BELLEGARDE**





**As Minister of Advanced Education, it was a pleasure to visit the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies this morning . Chief Darcy Bear is Chair of the Board, and Riel Bellegarde is President and CEO. A proud Indigenous institution that contributes so much to our Province.**

**PROVINCIAL INDEXATION AND THE SASKATCHEWAN AFFORDABILITY ACT WILL  
MAKE LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE IN 2025**





*The Saskatchewan Affordability Act* and ongoing annual indexation are two ways the Government of Saskatchewan is taking action to ensure the province remains the most affordable place in Canada.

"Every year our government adjusts the provincial income tax brackets and basic tax credits to protect Saskatchewan citizens from the rising cost of inflation, which is also known as indexation," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Jim Reiter said.

"This provides safeguards against the inflationary pressures that would otherwise push taxpayers into higher tax brackets and reduce the actual value of tax credits. Given the current affordability concerns, it is important we take these steps to help make life more affordable for the people of Saskatchewan."

The level of indexation in 2025 will be 2.7 per cent, which matches the annual average national inflation rate from October 2023 to September 2024. In 2025, Saskatchewan residents will see \$40.5 million in annual tax savings from indexation.



**"A family of four will not pay any Saskatchewan income tax on the first \$63,200 of their income, the highest tax-free threshold for a family of four in Canada," Reiter said. "We have more than doubled this tax-free amount during our time in government, which continues to provide significant savings for people throughout the province and helps make life more affordable."**

**Indexation was also incorporated into *The Saskatchewan Affordability Act*, which was recently passed in the Legislative Assembly. The Act reduced personal income tax in Saskatchewan by increasing rates for the basic personal, spousal and child exemptions, as well as the seniors supplement, by \$500 a year for the next four years on top of annual indexation adjustments.**

**The Act provides significant benefits to pensioners and others who are on fixed incomes by indexing and increasing the rate of the Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit, while persons with disabilities, as well as their caregivers, will also benefit from increased tax credits.**

**The commitments in *The Saskatchewan Affordability Act* are in addition to the more than \$2 billion in affordability measures already included in each and every provincial budget.**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**





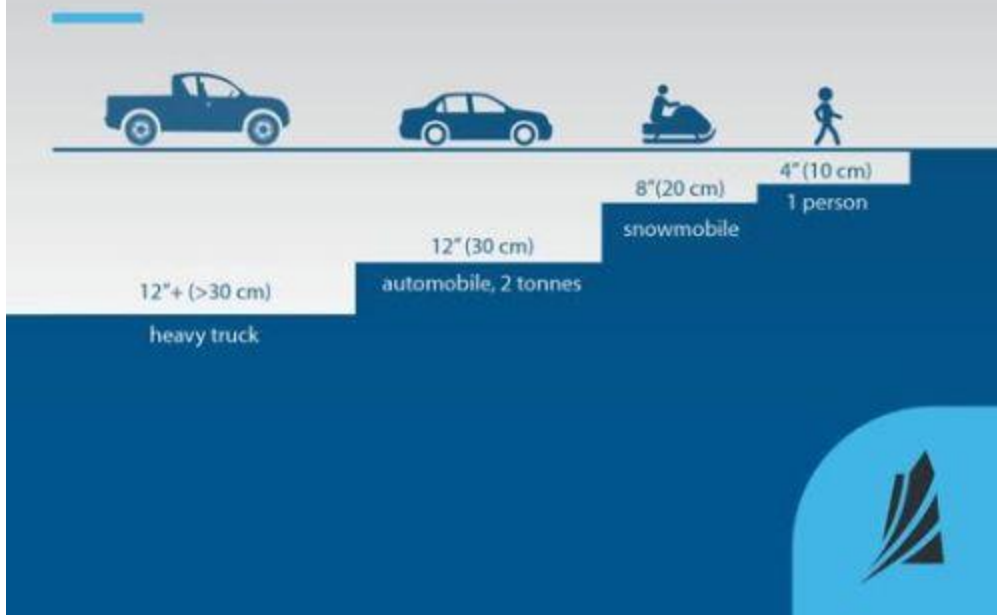
Just like that, the Christmas holidays are ending and the kids are back to school on Monday. Family Fun Saskatoon wanted to help parents out for the rest of our school year with a list of Saskatoon and Area School Division Calendars for 2025. Please note, all the Stat days off or PD days are not included in the list but we have added the link to the calendars. You can find it here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../saskatoon-and-area.../>

#### **ICE THICKNESS GUIDELINES**



## *Ice thickness guidelines*

**Test ice thickness and follow these guidelines for safety.**



You've got your angling licence and ice shacks ready. It's the long-awaited ice fishing season, and you're eager to get out there! 🎣 But before you step foot on the ice, take a moment to check the ice thickness and ensure it's safe for you to do so.

⚠️ **Avoid ice that:**

- looks slushy;
- has thawed, then froze again;
- is near open water;
- is layered, caused by sudden temperature changes; or
- has structures on it, such as pressure ridges.

Take care out there, anglers, and happy ice fishing season!



Visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../angling/anglers-extras...> for more information on ice fishing.

## Things to do to to reset for the New Year



### DIGITAL CLEANSE:

- unsubscribe from unnecessary emails
- unsubscribe from subscriptions you don't need or use anymore
- unfollow social media accounts that don't inspire you
- unfollow social media accounts that are negative and don't make you feel good
- delete apps you don't use anymore
- delete chats with people you don't speak to anymore
- delete the numbers of people you haven't spoken to in the last 5 months

### SPACE: CLEANSE

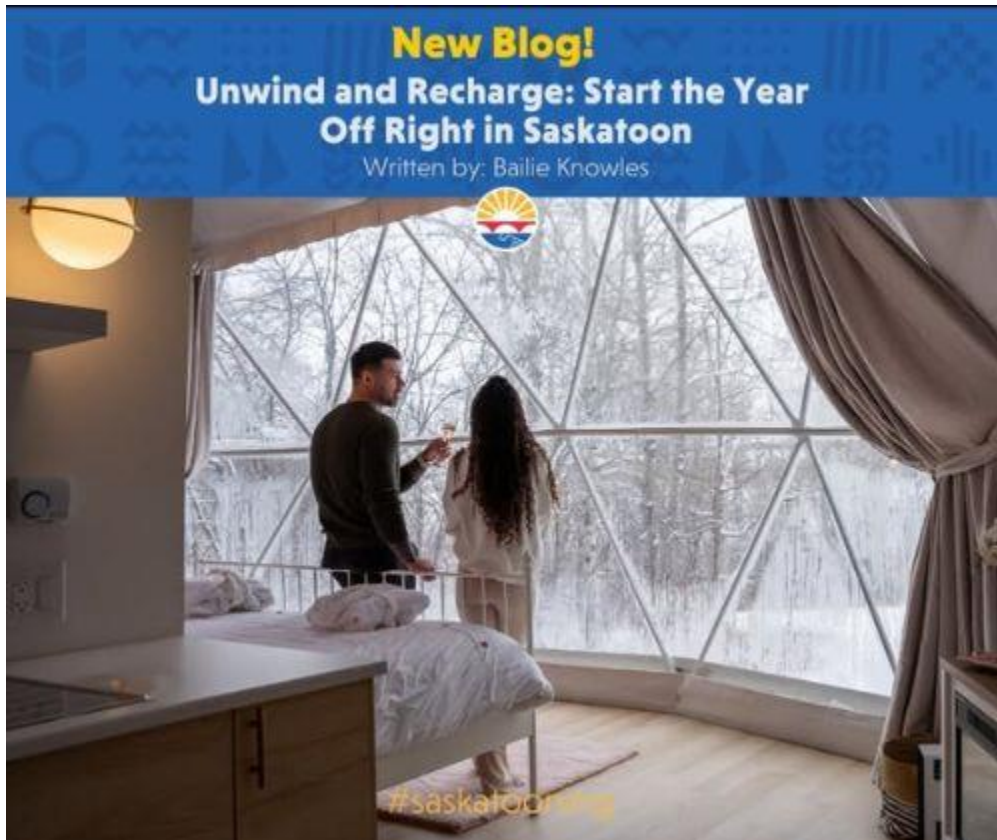
- declutter wardrobe and give items you don't wear anymore to charity
- deep clean the entire house/apartment
- check makeup and skincare 'use by date' and clear out
- re-organise your living space

### MENTAL CLEANSE

- reflect on the current year
- create a vision/prayer board for the new year
- creating a new reading list
- purchase a new gratitude journal
- restock on wellness supplies



## DISCOVER SASKATOON'S NEW BLOG



**Start the year right and say hello to 2025 feeling calm and rested.**

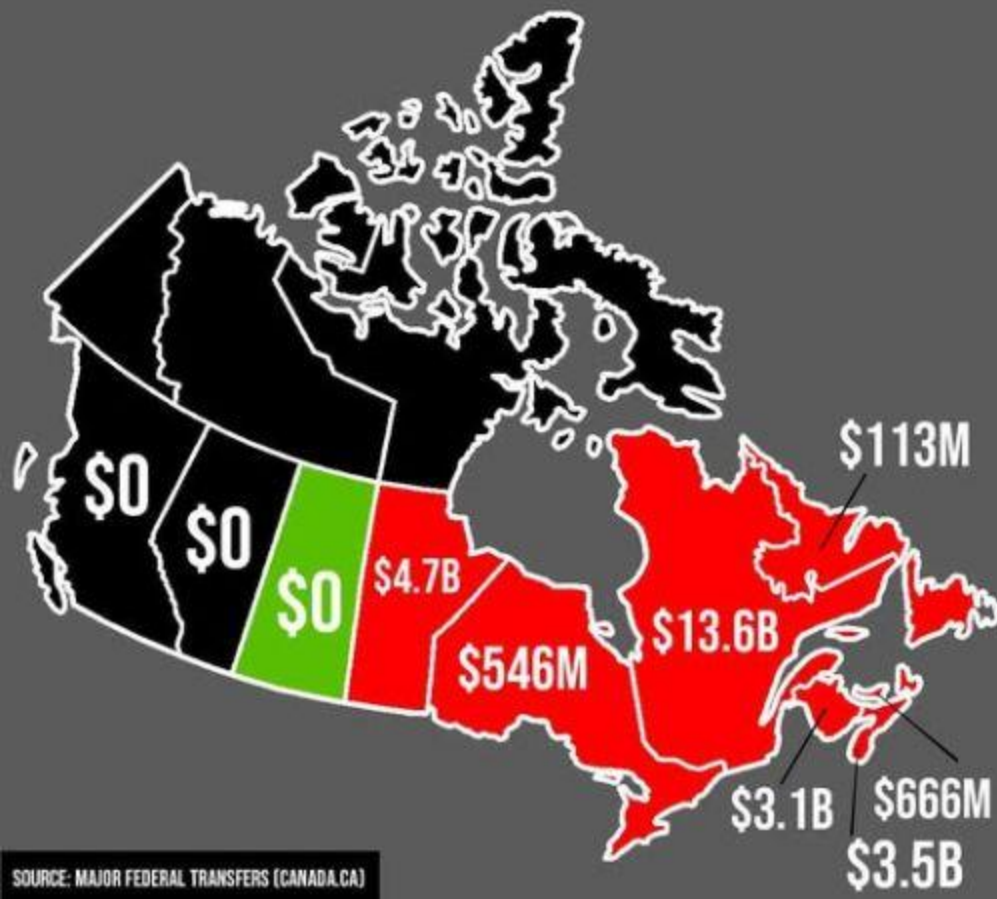
**Discover Saskatoon's latest blog highlights the best spots in Saskatoon to unwind, recharge, and treat yourself to some well-deserved relaxation.**

**Read more about some of the best places to reset for 2025: <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../unwind-and-recharge...>**

**\$0 FOR EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS FOR SASKATCHEWAN**



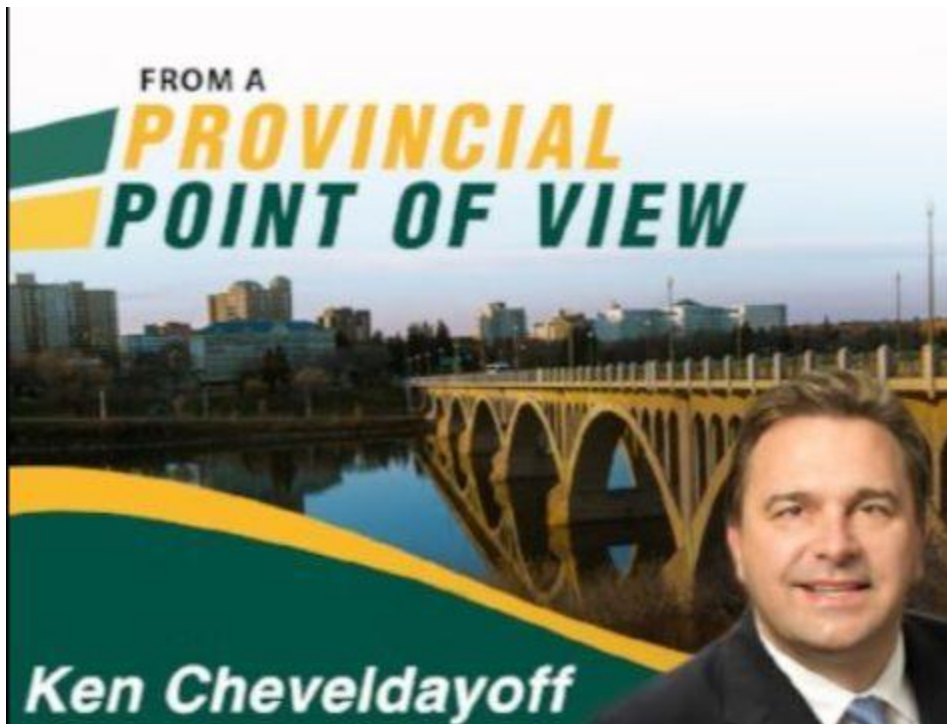
## 2025-26 EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS



The federal government has announced equalization payments for 2025 and once again, SK, AB and BC will be helping support the rest of Canada.

KEEP IN TOUCH





*Please reach out, I look forward to hearing from you.*

*I appreciate any 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.*

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## 7 Quick Happiness Tips

1. Don't listen to gossip.
2. Ignore what people say about you.
3. Design your own life.
4. Look for the good in every situation.
5. Develop an attitude of gratitude.
6. Laugh more.
7. Once it's past, let it go.

[tinybuddha.com](http://tinybuddha.com)

**CHECK OUT THE EACCA NEWSLETTER**





## ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

VISIT US ONLINE AT [WWW.ERINDALEARBORCREEK.ORG](http://WWW.ERINDALEARBORCREEK.ORG)

WINTER 2025

### Quinn Stevenson Memorial Rink is Now Open!

**Family/Public Skate times:**  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm  
Saturdays 10am-12pm.

#### Rink Rules:

- Have fun and be respectful.
- No sticks during family/public skating times or learn to skate programs.
- Respect the rink skating schedule as posted.
- Spend a few minutes scraping the ice.
- Shovel snow OVER the boards. When shoveled snow is left against the boards, it turns ice solid and the volunteer crew is getting too old to shovel hard now.
- Always leave the place cleaner than you found it. Don't leave garbage and if you see some, please pick it up. There are garbage cans outside and inside the warm-up rink.
- Children and inexperienced skaters should use an approved helmet while on the ice to prevent injuries.
- Do not use the rink during unusually warm weather.
- Stay off the ice surface while it's being resurfaced.

Parents, please share these rules with your kids if they frequent the ice as few follow our Facebook page.

Thank you!

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Winter Program Registration Runs January 2-6th  
See Page 2 for Details

**Happy New Year From the  
EACCA Board Members**

### VOLUNTEER WITH US

Our EACCA board is an energetic group of community members. We organize events and activities with the goal of making Erindale & Arbor Creek the BEST place to live in Saskatoon. If you want to make a difference in your community, consider volunteering with us.

#### Positions currently open:

- President
- Vice President
- Website Coordinator

Help guide the direction of your community association. Without a full board, it will be difficult for the EACCA to provide a full schedule of programming.



FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES AND  
UPCOMING EVENTS:

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INSTAGRAM: @EACCASK

EACCA Winter 2025

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The Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association Newsletter is out! Thank you for the opportunity to share a message in this newsletter.

Check it out <https://www.erindalearborecreek.org/newsletter>






## FIRE SAFETY



Reminder: test your smoke alarm

[saskpublicsafety.ca](http://saskpublicsafety.ca)

Saskatchewan  
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

-  This is your monthly reminder to test your smoke alarms.
-  Take a few seconds to press the test button and listen for a loud beep. This simple step could save you and your loved ones.
-  Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years or sooner if they are expired or faulty.





## Close Before You Doze

50 per cent of home fire deaths happen between **11 p.m. and 7 a.m.** Closing your bedroom door at night can be a lifesaver.

[closeyourdoor.org](https://closeyourdoor.org)



### Close Before You Doze!

Fires spread faster than ever due to synthetic materials. Did you know that 40 years ago it took 17 minutes for a fire to engulf a room, but today it's just 3 minutes?

Research shows that closing doors can make a huge difference during a fire – it could mean 38 degrees Celsius vs. 538 degrees Celsius!

For more information, please visit <https://closeyourdoor.org/>

**PROTECT YOURSELF IN COLD WEATHER**





**The windchill can dramatically impact your comfort and safety outdoors.**

**Protect yourself. Make sure you are covering up as exposed skin can freeze in minutes.**

**Learn more about Cold Temperature**

**Exposure:** <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/.../healthlin.../colde...>



# 12 things to always remember.

1. The past can't be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Judgements are not about you.
5. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
6. Happiness is found within.
7. Your thoughts affect your mood.
8. Smiles are contagious.
9. Kindness is free.
10. It's okay to let go and move on.
11. What goes around, comes around.
12. Things always get better with time.

PROCUREMENT BEGINS FOR SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC JOSEPH A. REMAI  
SASKATOON CAMPUS





**The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement and Saskatchewan Polytechnic have issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure a new Skilled Trades and Technology (trades) building.**

**The new trades building is using a Design-Build procurement model for its delivery as the first building planned as part of the new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon campus.**

**"This is an important next step in building the new Saskatoon campus," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister David Marit said. "We are pleased to work with our partners to make this happen. The Request for Qualifications shows our focus is on creating a top facility for students and industry. Starting this process will help us find the right team to build the new Skilled Trades and Technology building for Saskatchewan Polytechnic."**

**The new trades building is the first building planned as part of a new and consolidated campus in Saskatoon. It will be built on a green field site, located at Innovation Place Saskatoon, adjacent to the University of Saskatchewan.**

**"Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions are crucial in positioning the province as a global research leader, further solidifying our reputation as a hub for innovation," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Warren Kaeding**



said. "This new campus will open more opportunities for Saskatchewan students and aim to attract top talent to cultivate our future innovation leaders."

[Procurement Begins for Saskatchewan Polytechnic Joseph A. Remail Saskatoon Campus](#)  
[| News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## NEW RECRUITS JOIN THE SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COLLEGE



The Saskatchewan Police College (SKPC) welcomes 40 new recruits who are taking their first step toward a career in policing. For 50 years, the SKPC has been the official institute for the provision and co-ordination of training and education for municipal and First Nations police officers in Saskatchewan. This group of recruits represents the 90th class trained at the SKPC since its inception in 1974.

Training at the SKPC, located at the University of Regina, is delivered by experienced police officers, legal experts and staff with backgrounds in education and instructional design. Training for new recruits includes (but is not limited to): communication, de-escalation, use of force techniques, comprehensive legal studies, cultural and diversity awareness and officer wellness and mental health.



The program is designed to help recruits develop the knowledge, skills and abilities required to excel as police officers.

"Congratulations to the new recruits starting their career at the Saskatchewan Police College, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2024," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod said. "The College has shaped generations of police officers and prepared more than 2,100 officers for frontline policing positions since 1974. We thank the Police College staff, management and recruits for their commitments each year to the safety and security of our province."

[New Recruits Join the Saskatchewan Police College | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

#### DO YOU HAVE A CIVIC ADDRESS?





The Civic Address Registry is designed to help emergency services like police, fire, and EMS locate Saskatchewan residents more efficiently.

Help emergency responders find you faster!

The Civic Address Registry (CAR), managed by the SPSA, is designed to help emergency services like police, fire, and EMS locate Saskatchewan residents more efficiently.

The SPSA urges all communities to take advantage of this program. CAR enables community authorities to manage location data in a geographic database, ensuring quicker response times.

⚠️ Outdated addresses can delay 9-1-1 response times without community support.

🏠 Urban and rural addresses are determined by road networks.

🔍 Civic addresses provide a more accurate location than legal land descriptions.

❗ Please note, this registry is not for mail or personal information.

For more information please visit: [www.saskpublicsafety.ca/communities/car](http://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/communities/car)

CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW - YOUR GUIDE TO FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

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# GOVERNMENT

Find how the Government of Saskatchewan governs and serves the province.



## I want to...

- Read recent news releases
- Search the telephone directory
- Find a government ministry
- Contact the Office of Residential Tenancies
- Contact Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
- Become an Early Childhood Educator
- Find health care provider resources

**Find and Apply for Jobs, Services, Employment Standards, Services and more:** [Government of Saskatchewan](#) / [Government of Saskatchewan Directory | Government | Government of Saskatchewan](#) / [Government | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS WINTER PROGRAMS ARE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!**





**Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Winter Program Registration**



**Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association Winter Program Registration**





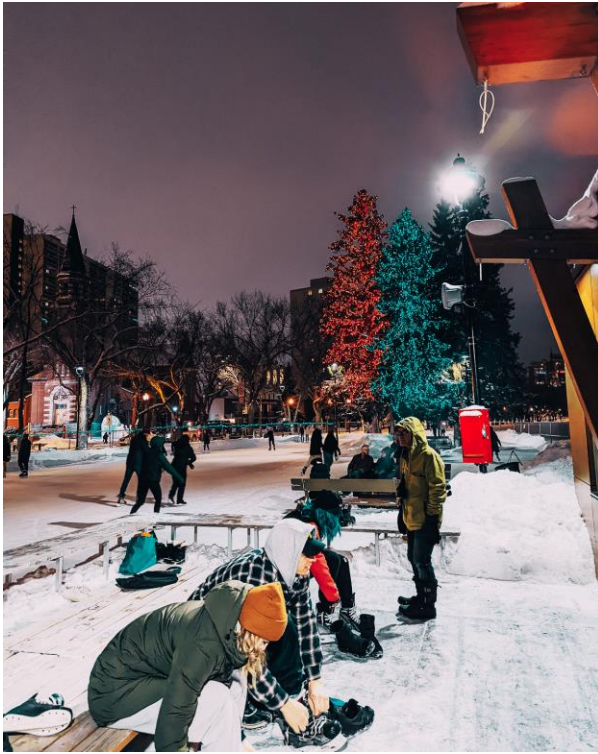
## COMING EVENTS





**Meewasin's Sip & Skate is Back!**





**SIGN UP** and visit the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink at Nutrien Plaza in downtown Saskatoon and join us in the magic of winter! ❄️

Get your tickets at [meewasin.com/sipandskate](https://meewasin.com/sipandskate)

Come enjoy a skate and learn about Meewasin's efforts to conserve the valley.

Cap your evening off with a Sweet Fireside S'mores Box from the [The Prairie Grazer](#)

and a warm drink with [LB Distillers](#) spirits served in a take-home Meewasin mug!

**Optional Add-Ons:** Add a savoury charcuterie box from [The Prairie Grazer](#) and/or an extra beverage to your ticket. (charcuterie boxes available by pre-purchase only)

And if you book a ticket to Sip & Skate, you get a 15% discount on your next stay at the [Delta Hotels by Marriott Bessborough](#)!

📍 **Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink at Nutrien Plaza**

🕒 **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

📅 **14 Saturday, January 4**

📅 **14 Saturday, January 18**

📅 **14 Saturday, February 1**

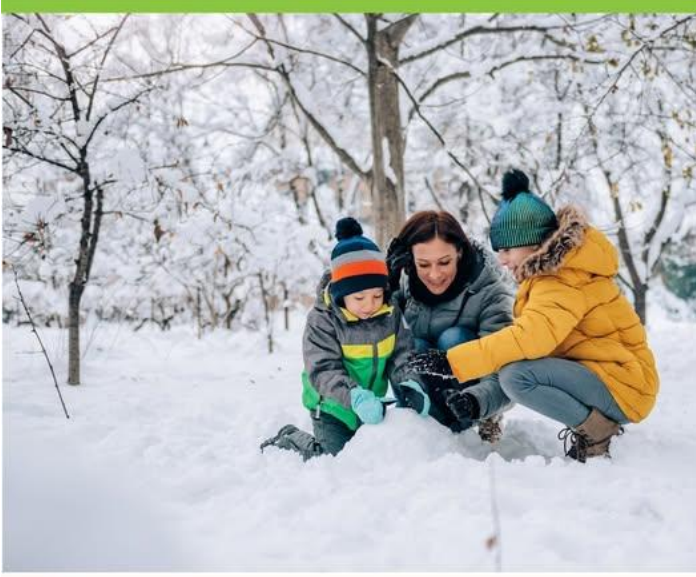
📅 **14 Friday, February 14 (Valentine's Day Edition)**

📅 **14 Saturday, February 15**

All proceeds from this event support Meewasin's conservation and education programs, creating a meaningful and sustainable experience.

**January Event Guide**





## JANUARY EVENTS

**JANUARY EVENT GUIDE | It's a brand new year! We've got the January Saskatoon Event Guide ready for your family. The month after a crazy holiday month has arrived. There's no better time to enjoy some cozy time with the family and get out and make the best of beautiful Saskatoon.**

**Find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/january-events/>**

**St. John Ambulance Course**





**Register at** <https://www.erindalearborcreek.org/pages/registration.html>

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



Enjoy this moment, even if it's not perfect. Tomorrow is not promised. Live with a grateful heart. Spend time with those who matter most. Take care of your amazing body that has done so much for you. Enjoy the beauty of this Earth. Stay kind, even when you have every reason not to.

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