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BUDGET ADDRESS MARCH 19 - PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND!



You are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the Saskatchewan Provincial Budget by the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Finance

Date:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Time:

1:00pm - All guests seated

1:30pm - Question Period

2:00pm - Budget Delivery

Location:

Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber 2405 Legislative Drive, Regina SK

RSVP:

As soon as possible to Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or 306-651-7100

Invitations are limited so please let me know as soon as possible. I hope to see you there!

ADDITION OF OVER 100 ACUTE CARE INPATIENT BEDS AT SASKATOON CITY HOSPITAL



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Province investing additional \$15M into services, upgrades, renos at City Hospital

The Government of Saskatchewan is supporting the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) in continuing efforts to address the capacity pressures in provincial hospitals, with the immediate focus on Saskatoon City Hospital (SCH).

The province is investing an additional \$15 million this fiscal year to accelerate capital renovations, equipment upgrades and operations to expand acute care services at SCH. This will include the addition of over 100 acute care inpatient beds.



This funding builds on the \$30 million previously allocated in the 2024-25 budget to enhance hospital capacity and expand emergency and acute care services.

"The work we do today will have a lasting impact on the provincial health care system. We are working closely with our health care partners to improve capacity and deliver more effective, efficient services," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "These efforts are ongoing, and we are committed to ensuring Saskatchewan hospitals have the resources to provide high-quality care to every patient."

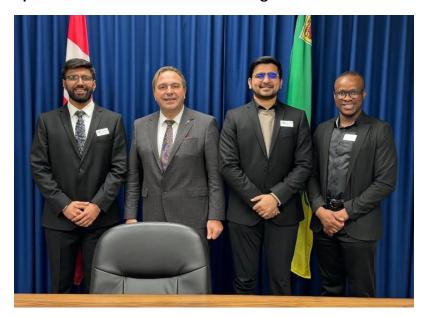
The Government of Saskatchewan committed the increased funding to support the work to ensure patients receive timely, high-quality care. There will be additional announcements in the upcoming provincial budget.

### RECENTLY ATTENDED EVENTS



A wonderful celebration took place in Regina this past Saturday at the 'Evening in Greece 2025 Gala'. The gala fundraiser supports the Hospitals of Regina Foundation.

I was joined by several MLA's in attendance supporting this worthwhile cause. Special thanks are extended to the organizers of this fantastic event.



It was a pleasure to meet with Krunal Chava, President of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Executive, and his team, including Moses Ahiabu, Vice President Operations and Finance, and Upkar Singh, Vice President Student Affairs. Elected student leaders possess a great vision for the future of our province.



I was joined by several MLAs as we hosted our second Saskatoon Minister consultation and collaboration day. We are meeting with representatives from Meewasin, the Food Bank, the YMCA CEO, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, AIM ED, and Saskatoon & Area MPs.



I was pleased to join Mayor Winder and the residents of the Town of Delisle, on behalf of the Honourable Eric Schmalz, Minister of Government Relations as we recognized the beginning of construction for a new sewage lift station and sewage main. The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to play a role in bringing this project to life.



**Melfort Meeting** 

Photos above and below are from a recently hosted Suncrest College Showcase, bringing together key government and municipal representatives to discuss opportunities on how we can build stronger communities through higher education. The events took place in Melfort and Yorkton, bringing together members of the Canadian Parliament and the Saskatchewan Legislature,

I was pleased as Saskatchewan Minister of Advanced Education to attend along with colleagues and area mayors.



**Yorkton Meeting** 

PREMIER SCOTT MOE ADVANCES SASKATCHEWAN ENERGY SECTOR AT CERAWEEK



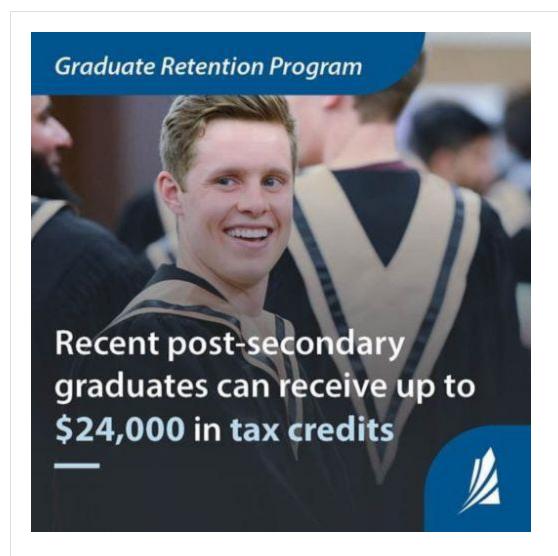
### The Province Takes its Energy Expertise to Houston

Premier Scott Moe and Energy and Resources Minister Colleen Young are leading a mission to CERAWeek 2025, the world's premier energy conference. While in Houston, their focus will be on emphasizing the province's leadership in responsible energy development, sustainability and innovation.

"Saskatchewan is a world leader in energy innovation, and has the expertise needed to drive change in the global energy landscape," Moe said. "As a key energy partner to the United States, we are strengthening our integrated supply chains and emphasizing the long-term reliability of our energy sector across North America. CERAWeek provides a critical opportunity to reinforce the province's reputation as a stable and reliable partner in energy, responsible resource development, and sustainability with investors and industry leaders from across the world."

Premier Scott Moe Advances Saskatchewan Energy Sector at CERAWeek | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

INCREASED TAX CREDIT PROVIDES UP TO \$24,000 TO SUPPORT POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES



Post-secondary graduates building their careers in Saskatchewan can now benefit from up to \$24,000 in tax credits from the Graduate Retention Program (GRP). Saskatchewan has increased the lifetime GRP maximum by 20 per cent for students who graduate on or after October 1, 2024.

The GRP offers tuition rebates to graduates who live and file taxes in Saskatchewan after they complete their post-secondary program. Graduates receive the tax credits over a seven-year period and have up to 10 years after graduation to claim GRP or apply any unused credits.

"The Graduate Retention Program has been supporting post-secondary graduates for over a decade and we are proud to increase this incentive," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Post-secondary graduates play a pivotal role in supporting Saskatchewan's Growth Plan and Labour Market Strategyand we

encourage them to take advantage of this tax credit and build their lives here in Saskatchewan."

Eligible graduates will begin receiving the increased tax credit when they file their 2025 taxes in spring 2026.

Increased Tax Credit Provides Up to \$24,000 to Support Post-Secondary Graduates | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### INDIGENOUS STUDENTS FROM PINEHOUSE WELCOMED



I was pleased to welcome the Pinehouse students to Regina!

Indigenous high school students from the Northern Village of Pinehouse, Saskatchewan were welcomed today to the Petroleum Technology Research Centre in Regina by the Honourable Warren Kaeding, Saskatchewan's Minister Responsible for Trade and Export Development and Innovation Saskatchewan. Minister Kaeding will be joined by his cabinet colleague the Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister Responsible for Advanced Education.

"Saskatchewan's global leadership in sustainable energy and natural resources is creating significant economic and employment growth within these key industries," Minister Kaeding said. "Meaningful engagement with First Nations and Metis youth is essential to the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to increase Indigenous paKen Cheveldayoff, Minister Responsible for Advanced Education. rticipation in these sectors and ensure our next generation of innovators can embrace these opportunities and play an active role in our province's thriving future."

The Pinehouse students are in Regina for a three-day program to learn about different kinds of energy technologies, experiences, and careers. The workshop and activities – planned by the PTRC and Pinehouse Power – include presentations and a tour of the PTRC's new Energy Innovation Hub. Additional activities and experiments are on offer at the University of Regina and First Nations University of Canada. There will also be visits to the Saskatchewan Science Centre and the Government of Saskatchewan's Geological Core Lab Research Facility. "PTRC is honoured to be part of the planning and implementation of this program," noted CEO Ranjith Narayanasamy. "We continue to be committed to assisting and educating Indigenous youth on energy awareness and career opportunities." Indigenous communities, particularly those in Northern Saskatchewan, are closely connected with industries like uranium mining, which are important to the province's economic future. Assuring that Indigenous youth are provided with a solid background in energy literacy is crucial to the future of the province. The program and workshop at PTRC are supported by PrairiesCan and Indigenous Services Canada. "The Pinehouse community is pleased to see our students visiting PTRC to learn about Saskatchewan's diverse energy economy and career opportunities for them in this sector," noted Northern Village of Pinehouse Mayor Mike Natomagan. "Northern Saskatchewan is a vital region of our province. We just need more educational opportunities for our students." "I'm honoured to work with Pinehouse and PTRC on this initiative," said Rob Norris CEO of Pinehouse Power. "Indigenous participation in the energy industry is key to Saskatchewan's future prosperity." The Pinehouse students are in Regina for three days and head back north on March 13th.

### SASKATCHEWAN'S COMMITMENT TO SENIORS CONTINUES



The Government of Saskatchewan Continues to Focus on Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Seniors

Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr met with counterparts at the Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) Minsters Responsible for Seniors Forum in Moncton, New Brunswick on March 4 and 5 to discuss issues related to seniors and ways they can be best supported.

"Our government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of older adults in Saskatchewan," Carr said. "Working with my provincial and territorial counterparts was productive, as we learned about initiatives underway in other parts of Canada, and ways we can learn from each other to support seniors."

Saskatchewan's Commitment to Seniors Continues | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### SARM CONVENTION IN SASKATOON



We welcome everyone to the annual convention and trade show. This convention draws roughly 2,000 delegates and guests from across the province and provides SARM members the opportunity to gather as a whole to vote on and debate resolutions, discuss current issues, and participate in dialogue sessions with provincial and federal government officials.

The 2025 SARM Annual Convention and Trade Show is being held on March 11-13, 2025, at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

### MUNICIPALITIES, COMMUNITIES RECEIVING RECORD SETTING MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING



Municipalities, Communities Receiving Record Setting Municipal Revenue Sharing | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SASKATCHEWAN ICE SHELTER REMOVAL DEADLINE APPROACHING



### Shelters Must be Removed by March 15 and 31

As winter winds down, the Government of Saskatchewan is reminding anglers to remove their ice fishing shelters from provincial waterways before warming temperatures create unsafe ice conditions.

Shelters must be taken off the ice by March 15 in all areas south of Highway 16 and by March 31 in northern regions of Saskatchewan.

Spring weather can be unpredictable, and deteriorating ice conditions can make it dangerous to retrieve shelters later in the season. It is the responsibility of all anglers to ensure they remove their structures and any associated debris before these deadlines.

Saskatchewan Ice Shelter Removal Deadlines Approaching | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### STATEMENT FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE ON U.S. TARIFFS

# Statement from Premier Scott Moe on U.S. Tariffs

President Trump is just simply wrong when he says Canada has nothing the USA needs and Americans are about to find out he is wrong. American farmers need Canadian fuel and fertilizer to grow their crops. Trump's tariffs will drive up the cost of oil, potash and uranium and that will drive up the cost of groceries for every American family.

That's just one example. Prices will go up for US families immediately and jobs will be lost as a result of the Trump tariffs. This is a completely self-inflicted and unnecessary action by the American government.

Canada's response needs to be economically sound and reasoned. It should not result in the same kind of self-inflicted harm that Trump is imposing on his citizens.

To that end, our government is carefully considering Saskatchewan's response. Cabinet will meet tomorrow to consider all options.

As we have always done, our government will continue working to expand trade to other countries and expand trade within Canada by reducing interprovincial barriers and promoting the construction of necessary infrastructure, like pipelines. Further measures in response to the US tariffs will be announced in the days ahead.



SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TO BE A LEADER IN INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE



### **United We Trade**

With Saskatchewan's closest trading partner, the United States, putting tariffs on Canadian products, it's more important than ever that we have open trade within Canada.

Saskatchewan remains an advocate for open and free trade and has always been a national leader on this front. From joining the New West Partnerships Agreement to our participation in the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. Saskatchewan, along with other provinces and territories, aims to further reduce exceptions in the coming days and weeks ahead.

"Saskatchewan has some of the fewest exceptions of any province within the Canadian Free Trade Agreement," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "We are conducting a thorough review of our remaining exceptions to ensure we remain the best jurisdiction in Canada for trade and investment. Our province will continue to lead by example and encourage other provincial and territorial leaders to further reduce their barriers on goods flowing freely across Canada in order to match Saskatchewan's low exceptions."

Saskatchewan Continues to be a Leader in Interprovincial Trade | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

**HHR ACTION PLAN - TRAIN** 



Are you interested in pursuing specialized training to kickstart a meaningful career in health care?

The <u>Government of Saskatchewan</u> reserves seats for students to study at institutions outside the province in a variety of high-demand health care training programs. You could study:

- Respiratory Therapy
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Electroneurophysiology
- And more!

See a full list of institutions with seats reserved for Saskatchewan students and learn more about these programs: <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../health-education-and.../">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../health-education-and.../</a>....



**RURAL ROADS TO HAVE MORE THAN \$34.4 MILLION OF IMPROVEMENTS** 



The Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) announced more than \$34.4 million for 32 road, bridge and culvert projects, which supports the export of goods and resources originating in rural municipalities.

Through the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) program, the Ministry of Highways will invest more than \$12.6 million toward the projects and rural municipalities (RMs) will fund the remaining more than \$21.7 million. The work will occur in the 2025 construction season.

"These projects will enhance the integration of rural roads and the provincial highway network so that farmers, ranchers, businesses and industries can ship their goods more efficiently," Highways Minister David Marit said. "This program recognizes rural municipal roads play a valuable role in Saskatchewan's exportbased economy."

Rural Roads to Have More Than \$34.4 Million of Improvements | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

**CLARE'S LAW** 



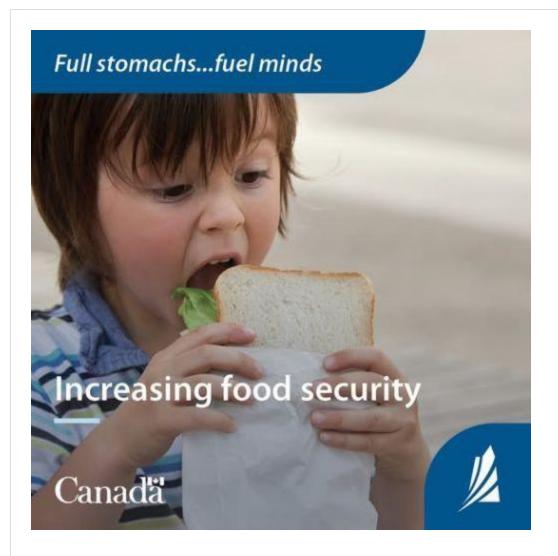
If you don't feel safe in a relationship, you may not be the first person to feel at risk. Pay attention to red flags for abuse. Talk to police or RCMP about Clare's Law.

If your partner has a history of violence known to police, risk information can help you stay safe.

Find out more at <a href="https://bit.ly/418612e">https://bit.ly/418612e</a>.



SASKATCHEWAN SIGNS ON TO THE NATIONAL SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM



The governments of Saskatchewan and Canada have signed a \$15.8 million threeyear agreement under the National School Food Program.

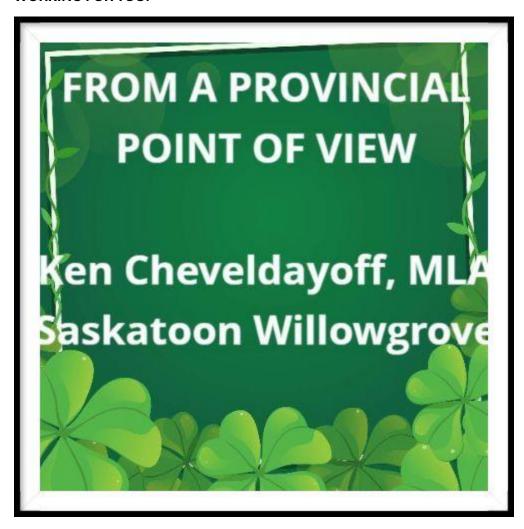
The federal investment is in addition to Saskatchewan's Child Nutrition Program, which in 2024-25 invested \$2.7 million to assist school divisions and community-based organizations in addressing child hunger, offer nutrition education and provide skill-building opportunities like cooking classes.

"When kids are hungry, they can't focus - it's that simple," Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jenna Sudds said "That's why we're making sure more kids in Saskatchewan get healthy meals at school. Filling their bellies with nutritious food will set them up for success. It also helps parents save hundreds on groceries. It's a game changer for everyone."

"We recognize that basic nutrition at school contributes to positive student outcomes including improved academic work, initiative, class participation and problem solving," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "This funding will make a difference and allow us to continue to support the wellbeing of children and families who need it most across our growing province."

The National School Food Program was announced by the federal government in 2024 and, through a \$1 billion investment over five years, will provide meals to up to 400,000 children across Canada each year.

#### **WORKING FOR YOU!**



I hope you enjoy our newsletter. We aim to keep you informed on the latest government news. If you have any suggestions to make our newsletter more interesting or informative, I welcome your feedback.

If you have an event you would like us to feature, please let us know.



I am honoured to serve as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and will continue to work hard to serve you.

Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

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FAMILY FUN SASKATOON ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT GUIDE



ST. PATRICK'S DAY GUIDE | Green Activities. Green Crafts. Green Events! We are getting ready for some St Patrick's Day Fun! Do you have some family fun planned? Take a look at our guide here: <a href="https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/st-patricks-day/">https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/st-patricks-day/</a> and we hope you find the luck of the Irish!

HOME STYLES SHOW AT PRAIRIELAND PARK



HomeStyles connects with the public seeking information on building, renovating, and improving their indoor and outdoor spaces.

### About - HomeStyles

The Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association HomeStyles Home Show is the ideal place for homeowners and home dreamers to search for trusted professionals who can enhance how you live in your home. If you are searching for home maintenance services, home renovation professionals or products related to the home, they have you covered. Don't waste your time searching the internet endlessly or driving from showroom to showroom. Start with the professionals at the HomeStyles Home Show.

### SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POWERHOUSE SERIES



IF YOU KNOW OF A NEW BUSINESS IN SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE, LET US KNOW AND WE WILL HIGHLIGHT IT IN OUR NEWSLETTER



### **LIFECycle BRIGHTON OPENS MARCH 1ST!**

To celebrate the MARCH OPENING of our new INDOOR CYCLING STUDIO, we're offering an exclusive \$10 Single Drop-In—available to both new & returning spinners! Use it anytime in March at our brand-new space & experience the energy of LIFECycle Brighton for yourself. Grab yours now on the LIFECycle Spin App! We can't wait to spin with you, Squad!

Address: #10-120 Hawkins Crescent

Offer valid for March 2025 only!



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Saskatchewan to Support Municipalities in Addressing Derelict Buildings | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Federal Firearms Ban Wrong Approach for Enhancing Public Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Finalize a 10-Year Agreement for the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

March Proclaimed as Rendez Vous De La Francophonie in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan set to Receive Over \$700 Million in Canada's Historic Tobacco Settlement | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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Ice Road Openings Underway | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Province Invests \$3.5 Million to Support New Ronald McDonald House in Prince Albert | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



Grazing Lease Rate Formula Amended to Support Livestock Producers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan will be well Represented at Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Convention in Toronto | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan To Halt Us Alcohol And Procurement | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



<u>Saskatchewan Firearms Office and Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Sign MOU for Firearms</u> <u>Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Yorkton Family Receives Keys to Their New Habitat for Humanity Home | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



MAY LOVE AND LAUGHTER LIGHT YOUR DAYS, AND WARM YOUR HEART AND HOME.

MAY GOOD AND FAITHFUL FRIENDS BE YOURS, WHEREVER YOU MAY ROAM.

MAY PEACE AND PLENTY BLESS YOUR WORLD WITH JOY THAT LONG ENDURES.

MAY ALL LIFE'S PASSING SEASONS BRING THE BEST TO YOU AND YOURS!

## Lifeisa

Life is an opportunity, seize the day, live each day to the fullest. Life is not a project, but a journey to be enjoyed.

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