



Highlights of recent news and public events from Saskatoon Southeast MLA Don Morgan

Scott Moe Sworn In as Premier of Saskatchewan, Appoints First Cabinet

February 2, 2018

Scott Moe was formally sworn in as Premier of Saskatchewan and President of Executive Council by Her Honour, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

"I am honoured to be sworn in as the Premier of Saskatchewan and commit to serve on behalf of all Saskatchewan people," Moe said. "As Premier, I will always stand with the people of our great Province."

"A few minutes ago, I was sworn in as Saskatchewan's 15th Premier, and I had the honour of appointing my first cabinet.

It's made up of hard-working, dedicated Saskatchewan Party MLAs, and it includes my colleagues that ran in the leadership campaign.

But, this great cabinet is only one part of our team. Our Saskatchewan Party caucus is strong and representative of Saskatchewan. I was proud to serve with them as an MLA, and am even prouder to lead this team now as Premier.

It's a team that is ready to stand with Saskatchewan, and ready to stand up for thousands of families, our economy, and job-creators. And it's a team that is ready to fight against the dated, backward, damaging ideology of the NDP."

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Scott Moe'.

Scott Moe

Premier of Saskatchewan



From left to right

Back row: Dustin Duncan (Environment); Warren Kaeding (Government Relations); Joe Hargrave (Crown Investments Corporation); Gene Makowsky (Parks, Culture and Sport); Paul Merriman (Social Services); Jim Reiter (Health)

Middle row: Greg Ottenbreit (Rural and Remote Health); Jeremy Harrison (Export and Trade Development); Lyle Stewart (Agriculture); Christine Tell (Corrections and Policing); David Marit (Highways and Infrastructure); Tina Beaudry-Mellor (Advanced Education)

Front row (seated): Bronwyn Eyre (Energy and Resources); Don Morgan (Justice); Premier Scott Moe; Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield; Deputy Premier Gordon Wyant (Education); Ken Cheveldayoff (Central Services); Donna Harpauer (Finance)



POSITIVELY PROVINCIAL . . .

Second Lowest Unemployment Rate in Canada

Released on February 9, 2018

Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent (seasonally adjusted) in January – tied for the second lowest rate among the provinces and below the national rate of 5.9 per cent according to Statistics Canada.

There were 560,100 people employed, 1,500 more jobs compared to January 2017, including an increase of 4,900 full-time jobs.

Employment in Saskatchewan was up 1,100 from the previous month (0.2 per cent), the highest percentage increase among the provinces (seasonally adjusted). There were 6,200 full-time jobs created month-over-month

Major year-over-year gains were reported for accommodation and food services up 2,300; public administration up 2,000; business, building and other support services up 1,700.

Signs of Progress: Historically Low Number of Traffic Deaths in 2017

Released on February 8, 2018

Fewest deaths on Saskatchewan roads since 1954

In 2017 Saskatchewan recorded the lowest number of traffic fatalities in more than six decades.

There were 102* deaths on Saskatchewan roads last year, a notable improvement from the 125 deaths in 2016 and the yearly average of 145 deaths in the previous decade (2007-2016).

The last time Saskatchewan recorded fewer traffic deaths was in 1954, when 74 people were killed. For context, there were less than one-third the number of registered vehicles in the province as there are today.

“We need to remember that traffic fatality statistics are so much more than numbers; each one was a real person who died needlessly, leaving behind a devastated family and loved ones,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “It’s terrible that the families of 102 people had to deal with a tragic loss last year. The fact that we saw 23 fewer deaths than the year before is an encouraging sign. The credit for this improvement has to go to every single person in Saskatchewan who has made the choice to drive more safely.”

Historically, impaired driving, distracted driving, speed, and lack of a seatbelt or occupant restraint are the top contributing factors in vehicle deaths.

While a significant reduction in the number of people killed or injured in traffic collisions is welcome news and a great start, one thing is clear: there is still a long way to go to achieve Saskatchewan’s goal of having the safest roads in Canada.

“Each of us can contribute to making our roads safer by planning ahead and taking simple actions behind the wheel,” Hargrave said.

Those actions include:

- Drive sober or plan a safe ride.
- Put the phone down and avoid other distractions.
- Obey speed limits and slow down when conditions warrant.
- Buckle up.

“Our message to drivers is let’s make sure that 2017 was just the start of a real, lasting change that will result in many lives saved in the years to come,” Hargrave said.

Saskatchewan hockey player Emily Clark to make Olympic debut



Saskatchewan forward Emily Clark will be part of Team Canada when the puck drops in South Korea this month.

Dave Holland / Hockey Canada Images

Saskatchewan's [Emily Clark](#) is set to embark on a quest for Olympic gold.

The forward will make her Olympic debut on the Canadian women's hockey team in Pyeongchang, South Korea, during the Winter Games, which run from Feb. 9 to 25.

According to Clark, hockey was her life's first calling.

"A couple days after I was born, I was in the rink with my mom watching my brother, so it's all I've ever known," she said. "I definitely fell in love with the game at a young age."

Clark learned how to play hockey while growing up in Saskatoon and played three seasons with the Saskatoon Stars of the Saskatchewan Female Midget AAA Hockey League.

Her passion for the game and work ethic took her to the University of Wisconsin. She will finish her senior year next fall while studying economics.

Clark is the only player representing Saskatchewan on this year's team in South Korea.

"It's amazing. I take a lot of pride being from Saskatoon and Saskatchewan and it's a pretty special feeling knowing that you're the only one," Clark said.

"Definitely growing up playing in Saskatchewan, I learned a lot of traits that have gotten me here. Between my grit and my work ethic and looking at the history of hockey players in (the province), it's pretty special to know that I'm on the path to potentially being one of them."

Clark also credits the strong support she's received from her family and community.

"My family has been absolutely amazing through my whole journey and ... being the only one from Saskatchewan, I've received so much support from the community and people that I've never even met, but they're just so proud of me from being from there and representing them well," Clark said.

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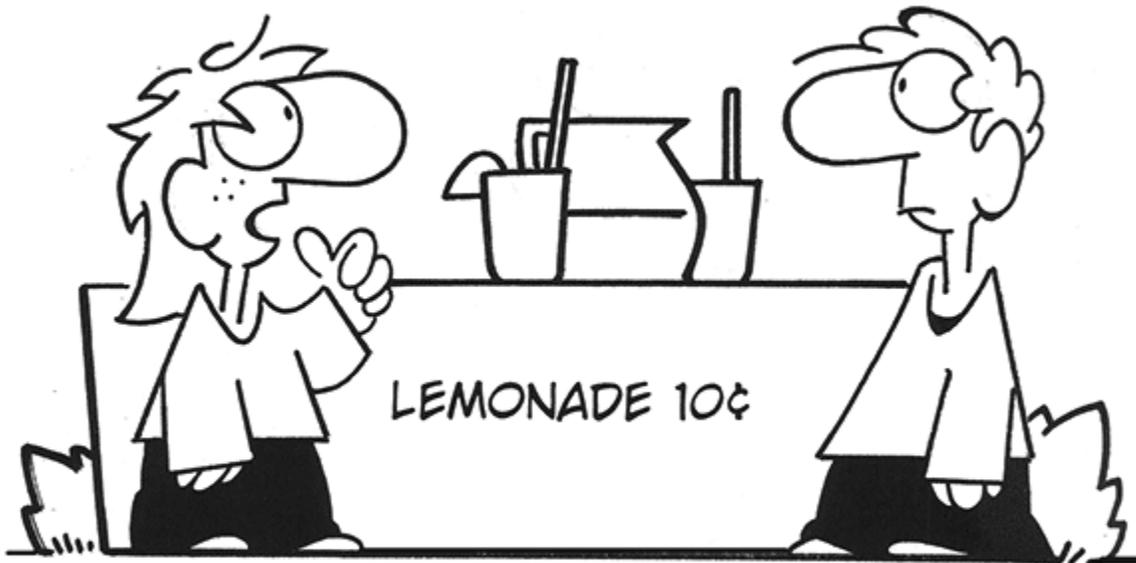
On The Lighter Side . . .

You may be living in Saskatchewan if:

- Your local Dairy Queen (ice cream shop) is closed from September through May
- Someone in a Home Depot offers you assistance... and they don't work there
- You've worn shorts and a parka at the same time
- You've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed the wrong number
- You measure distance in hours
- You have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again
- You install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked
- You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit
- You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction
- You have more miles on your snow blower than your car
- You find 2 degrees "a little" chilly

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**“My mom says I have to go inside to take a nap.
That’s the kind of over-regulation that
is killing small business!”**

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