



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



HAPPY 150TH CANADA!!



MLA Don Morgan serving donuts at the June 22 Grand Opening of the new Tim Hortons at Rosewood Boulevard W and Ledingham Drive in Rosewood. It is the eighth Tim Hortons restaurant opened by Lou and Joni Seamans of Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan's Minimum Wage Will Increase in October

The minimum wage in Saskatchewan will increase to \$10.96 an hour, from \$10.72 an hour on October 1, 2017.

The increase was calculated using an indexation formula that has been in use since 2011. The formula is based on changes to the consumer price index and the average hourly wage for the previous year. There are approximately 49,900 minimum wage and low wage earners in Saskatchewan.

New Housing Project for Seniors Opens in Saskatoon

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with Elim Lodge Inc. officially opened Hyde Park View on June 22, a new, 140-unit housing project for seniors in Saskatoon.. Fifteen of the units are affordable rental units for seniors with low to moderate incomes.

“We are pleased to have been a part of the Hyde Park View project to provide Saskatoon seniors with a safe, quality home that meets their respective needs,” Deputy Premier Don Morgan said. ***“Everyone needs a place to call home, and today’s event demonstrates what we can achieve when we work together. Our government is committed to supporting those in greatest housing need, and helping to provide seniors an opportunity to live in a safe, stable community environment.”***

“The City of Saskatoon is pleased to partne on this investment that will help Saskatoon seniors have secure housing and a greater sense of community,” Mayor Charlie Clark said.

Of the 140 units, 15 are rental units, 25 are personal care suites, and 100 are life-lease units.



Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Hyde Park View on June 22. The facility, located at 333 Slimmon Place in Rosewood, is a project of Elim Lodge Housing Group. The facility offers age-in-place accommodation for 50-plus adults and includes rental and life-lease suites as well as assisted living services. Left to right is Gordon Pierce, chair of the building team, Earl Kotlar from CMHC, Mayor Charlie Clark, Bev Dubois, city counselor for ward 9, MLA Don Morgan and Douglas Tuomi, chair of the board of directors.

Where Did the Money Go

Since the provincial budget was released a couple of months ago, the question has been asked, “where did the money go?” In this time of lower government revenues and a very difficult budget, this is a fair question.

Here is the answer: it went back to the people of Saskatchewan.

The money went to \$6 billion in tax relief. It went to take 114,000 low-income people off the tax rolls. It went to \$1.4 billion worth of new healthcare infrastructure, including a new Children’s Hospital, a new Moose Jaw hospital, a new mental health hospital in North Battleford, and to 15 new long-term care facilities.

The money went to 800 new teaching positions, and 40 new or replacement schools. It went to 750 more doctors and 3,000 more nurses of every designation.

It went to 6,000 new childcare spaces, and to \$4 billion worth of support for people with disabilities.

That’s’ where the money went.

The Real Meaning of Plant Catalogue Terminology

- *”A favourite of birds” : means to avoid planting near cars, sidewalks or clotheslines.
- *”Grows more beautiful each year” : means looks like roadkill for the foreseeable future.
- *”Zone 5 with protection” : is a variation of the phrase ‘russian roulette’.
- *”May require support” : means your daughters’ engineering degree will finally pay off.
- *”Moisture-loving plants” : are ideal for landscaping all your bogs and swamps.
- *”Carefree” : refers more to the plant’s attitude than to your workload.
- *”Vigorous” : is code for ‘has a Napoleonic compulsion to take over the world’.
- *”Grandma’s Favourite” : until she discovered free-flowering, disease-resistant hybrids.

Thoughts and reflections

*Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a donation towards a local swimming pool.

I gave him a glass of water.

*I totally take back all those times I didn't want to take a nap when I was younger.

*Nothing sucks more than those times during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

*I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

*I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.

* Did you ever notice: the Roman numerals for forty (40) are XL?

*The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

*Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

*I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

*The biggest lie I tell myself is...." I don't need to write this down; I'll remember it."

*Low self-esteem support group will meet Thursday 7:00 p.m. Please use the back door.

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