



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

Province Conducting Survey on Cannabis Legalization

The provincial government is conducting a consultation survey on cannabis from Friday, September 8 to Friday, October 6.

"The legalization of cannabis has been mandated by the Federal Government and represents a big change," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. ***"We want to take the time to listen to and consult with the people of this province to ensure we implement the parts of this legislation that are under our control in a way that works for Saskatchewan. We want to protect our children, and ensure safety in the workplace and in the operation of a motor vehicle"***

If you are 18 years of age or older and a resident of Saskatchewan, we invite you to complete the anonymous survey at www.saskatchewan.ca/cannabis.



Topics in the survey include parts of the federal legislation that have been left up to the provinces, such as:

- age limits on cannabis sales;
- public consumption;
- taxation on cannabis sales;
- distribution and wholesaling;
- potential retail models, locations and rules;
- regulatory compliance; and
- the enforcement of the modified impaired driving laws.

The survey results will provide valuable information to help guide Saskatchewan's ongoing approach to cannabis legalization.

Moody's Confirms Saskatchewan's Aaa Credit Rating

Moody's Investors Service has confirmed Saskatchewan's Aaa credit rating, the agency's highest rating for Canadian provinces.

In its credit opinion update, Moody's states, "*Saskatchewan's Aaa rating benefits from very strong debt affordability... Saskatchewan's fiscal planning is supported by comprehensive and transparent financial reporting,*" and also commends the province for multi-year fiscal planning.

"Saskatchewan received its first ever Aaa credit rating from Moody's under our government in 2014," Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said.

"And Moody's has confirmed that Aaa rating today. Some difficult choices had to be made this year as part of our three-year plan to get back to balance, but these decisions were necessary to keep our finances and our province strong."

Only two provinces in Canada enjoy a Aaa rating from Moody's, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Alberta used to be one of three provinces in the country with a Aaa rating but was recently downgraded.

Saskatchewan continues to have the second-highest overall credit rating among provinces behind only British Columbia, when the ratings of the three major agencies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's and DBRS) are considered.

"Saskatchewan's economy is performing well so far, and for the first time in two years is projected to post positive growth," Harpauer said.

"We will continue to work very hard as a government keep our economy growing because a growing economy benefits all people in Saskatchewan."

Southeast Saskatoon Officially Opens New Public School

Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre joined students, teachers, dignitaries and representatives from the Saskatoon Public School Division to celebrate the grand opening of Colette Bourgonje School in the Saskatoon Rosewood neighbourhood.

“Like all 21 new schools we’re celebrating in Saskatchewan this fall, opening Colette Bourgonje School was important for our government as we respond to the needs of students and families in this growing city and province,” Eyre said. ***“These will be great learning environments for students and early learners here in Rosewood for many years to come.”***

Colette Bourgonje, along with friends and family, also took part in the celebration. Bourgonje is a 10-time Paralympic athlete and a former teacher with Saskatoon Public Schools.

“We are proud to open a school named after an exemplary teacher and athlete,” Saskatoon Public Schools’ Board Chair Ray Morrison said. *“We know the Rosewood community will continue to grow with the school and make it the heart of the community.”*

“Our school has a unique opportunity because our namesake – a Paralympian and well-respected educator – has already visited our school and even raised the flags out front,” Colette Bourgonje School Principal Nicola Bishop-Yong said. *“We look forward to learning from Colette’s example, introducing her to our students and building our learning community together.”*

Colette Bourgonje School can accommodate up to 750 students at full design capacity. The school makes up one half of a joint-use school with St. Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic School.

It’s part of the P3 Joint-Use Schools Project that includes 18 publically owned elementary schools built at nine joint-use sites in Saskatoon, Martensville, Warman and Regina.

One of the innovative features that can be seen in many of the joint-use schools includes outdoor learning spaces that bring learning to life and integrate nature into the school. The gathering places incorporate seating, teaching platforms and natural elements to explore.

Since 2007, the Government of Saskatchewan has committed approximately \$1.5 billion toward

67 major school capital projects and numerous smaller projects such as portable classrooms and preventative maintenance and renewal.

Restaurant Signs

- *Open seven days a week. Closed Sundays.
- *Customers who find our servers rude ought to see our manager.
- *In a restaurant window: “Don’t stand there and be hungry, come in and get fed up”.
- *Bed and breakfast Inn: “Help! We need inn-experienced people!”
- *In a cafeteria: “Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria. Socks can eat any place they want”.
- *Parking for drive-thru customers only.
- *Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere.

One liners

- *For all the advances in medicine there is still no cure for the common birthday.
- *I’m a people person – but from a distance.
- *Whatever you do, always give 110 per cent. Unless you’re donating blood.
- *I use artificial sweetner at work. I add it to everything I say to my boss.
- *My performance review says I lack “passion & intensity”. Guess they haven’t seen me alone with a Big Mac.
- *I put something aside for a rainy day. It’s an umbrella.
- *Time is what keeps everything from happening at once.
- *Feeling pretty good about myself. The Sesame Street puzzle I bought said 3-5 years, but I finished it in 18 months.
- *I was addicted to hokey-pokey.....but thankfully, I turned myself around.
- *Some people cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.