



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

STATE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD FOR THE HONOURABLE W. THOMAS MOLLOY

A state memorial service is planned to recognize and honour the contributions made by Saskatchewan's 22nd Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable W. Thomas Molloy, throughout his public service and professional career.

The public is invited to attend the service, which will take place on Saturday, July 13 at 1 p.m. at Merlis Belsher Place, 2010 College Drive, Saskatoon. Doors will open at 12:15 p.m.

Members of the public wishing to express condolences to Molloy's family may do so by signing a book of condolence at the Legislative Building or Government House in Regina, or at City Hall in Saskatoon. Online condolences can be sent through the official website of the Lieutenant Governor's Office at www.ltgov.sk.ca.

Molloy was installed as Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on March 21, 2018. He died July 2, 2019 following a battle with pancreatic cancer.



POSITIVELY PROVINCIAL . . .

2018-19 FINANCIAL RESULTS SHOW REVENUE UP, DEFICIT LESS THAN BUDGETED

Final results for the 2018-19 fiscal year show notable improvements in Saskatchewan's finances. The province finished the year with a deficit of \$268 million—\$97 million lower than budgeted, \$112 million less than what was forecast at third quarter, and \$35 million less than the prior fiscal year.

"Our year-end actuals show that Saskatchewan's fiscal position and financial outlook continue to improve," Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "Our government's plan to return the province to balance remains on track."

In 2018-19, total revenue was \$14.45 billion—up \$206 million, or 1.4 per cent, from budget, and up \$430 million, or 3.1 per cent, compared to the prior fiscal year.

"These improved results over budget were largely the result of increased revenue from non-renewable resources," Harpauer said. "Potash revenue recorded the most notable increase, due to both higher prices and higher sales volumes."

In 2018-19, non-renewable resource revenue was up \$253 million, or more than 17 per cent, compared to budget and up \$277 million, or 19 per cent, compared to the prior fiscal year. Potash revenue was \$536 million in 2018-19, up \$228 million, or 74 per cent, compared to budget, and up \$227 million, or nearly 74 per cent, compared to the prior fiscal year.

Total expense was \$14.72 billion in 2018-19—up \$108 million, or 0.7 per cent, compared to budget, and up \$395 million, or 2.8 per cent, compared to the prior fiscal year.

As in previous years, about 72 per cent of government expense in 2018-19 went toward investment into health care, education, and social services and assistance. Looking ahead, Harpauer said the government remains committed to returning the province to balance in 2019-20.

“Each fiscal year has its own set of unique factors that impact our budget,” Harpauer said. “Weather, natural disasters, global commodity prices, financial markets and interest rates can all affect the province’s bottom line, and we will continue to manage these risks and variables responsibly on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan.”

PARKS WEEK 2019 – SO MUCH TO DO IN SASKATCHEWAN’S PROVINCIAL PARKS

In celebration of Saskatchewan Parks Week from July 14 to 20, 2019, a variety of activities, events and contests are taking place all week long.

“This week will offer something for everyone,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Whether you plan to take in a park for the very first time or you are an avid park user, a trip to one of our many Saskatchewan Provincial Parks will not disappoint.”

Kicking off Parks Week, visitors to provincial parks are encouraged to take advantage of the free fishing weekend on July 13 and 14. The free fishing weekend is an opportunity to fish without purchasing an angling license.

During the month of July, Tourism Saskatchewan and Sask Parks will be giving away free fishing lures during Sask Parks programming at many provincial parks. All summer long, recipients are encouraged to take a photo with their catch and new lure for a chance to win a prize!

Before the end of August, contest participants can submit their photos to the SaskParks Facebook page for their chance to win a \$200 Cabela’s giftcard.

Saskatchewan Parks will be hosting a “Take a Hike” Challenge in all provincial parks on July 20, Canada Parks Day. Participants are encouraged to track their steps using a pedometer and then submit a screenshot of their total steps to the SaskParks Facebook page for a chance to win one of three prize packs.

The Sask Parks Learn to Fish program is back by popular demand and offers an opportunity for new or interested anglers to learn the art of fishing from Jeff or Jason Matity, two local Saskatchewan fishing experts and hosts of Matity’s GetFishing.com and YouTube channel. This program will be offered at Moose Mountain, Duck Mountain, Saskatchewan Landing and Buffalo Pound Provincial Parks.

New to Sask Parks this year, performer Terrance Littleton will perform in Meadow Lake Provincial Park during this week of celebration. Terrance is an accomplished grass and hoop dancer and will be sharing his gift of dance, song and narrative during Parks Week and throughout the summer.

Returning to Sask Parks, Saskatchewan Express will be performing their timeline series "Reel Music", a show packed with the most iconic soundtracks from Hollywood's best films including Jaws, Titanic and A Star is Born. During Parks Week, Saskatchewan Express will be performing in Cypress Hills, Good Spirit and Greenwater Provincial Parks.

For more information on activities in specific parks, visit www.saskparks.com. To learn more about or to participate in the "Take a Hike" Challenge and to keep up to-date with activities and events, follow SaskParks on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/saskparks/>.

Saskatchewan Provincial Park visitors are encouraged to use #saskparksweek when posting photos in parks during Parks Week.

The purchase of a Saskatchewan Provincial Parks Annual Permit is a great way to enjoy park activities and events all year round.

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA SET TO HEAR CARBON TAX CASE ON DECEMBER 5

The Supreme Court of Canada has notified the Government of Saskatchewan that Saskatchewan's challenge of the federally imposed carbon tax has been tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2019.

The Government of Saskatchewan previously announced the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada following the 3-2 split decision delivered by the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in May.

"While our government was disappointed with the split decision from the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, we believe that the federal government has violated the constitutional jurisdiction of the provinces through the imposition of the federal carbon tax," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "Our government looks forward to

standing up for the hardworking people of Saskatchewan against the frivolous and ineffective carbon tax in the Supreme Court of Canada on December 5.”

Saskatchewan's Constitutional Law Branch is currently developing the province's factum which is due to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada by July 26, 2019, 60 days following the notice of appeal.

SASKATCHEWAN ELIMINATING PERSONAL IMPORTATION LIMITS FOR BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

Effective immediately, Saskatchewan residents will no longer be subject to limits when they bring beverage alcohol home with them from another province or territory within Canada for their own personal use.

“Our government is committed to the removal of unnecessary trade barriers to allow the free flow of goods between provinces for the benefit of industry and consumers,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “This change will mean Saskatchewan residents can bring beverage alcohol home with them from another province or territory in Canada for their own personal use without restrictions.”

Most Canadian provinces and territories have limits on the volume of alcohol residents can bring home with them from another province or territory. With this change Saskatchewan joins Alberta, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia as provinces with no limits on the volume of alcohol that can be brought into the province for personal use.

The changes only apply to interprovincial importation limits. No changes have been made regarding the alcohol duty free allowance when Canadians bring back alcohol from another country. The federal government establishes those limits.

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of people in this world



"OMG I need
to fill up!"

"I got this"

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