



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

Government seeks feedback on Workers' Compensation Act

The Government of Saskatchewan is asking stakeholders to provide feedback on the Workers' Compensation Act Committee of Review report, which contains 57 recommendations for changes. Consultation began in mid January and will conclude on March 5, 2012.

"I appreciate the efforts of those individuals and organizations that participated in the Committee of Review's public hearing process and assisted the Committee to develop their list of recommendations," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. ***"The government believes that stakeholder feedback is an important component of determining how to proceed with the recommendations. To this end, the ministry is seeking input from all interested parties, including injured workers, employers, employees and the general public."***

Feedback on the recommendations can be sent electronically to cor-consultation@gov.sk.ca or can be mailed to:

Committee of Review Consultations
c/o Central Services Division
Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
300 – 1870 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4P 4W1

Visit www.lrws.gov.sk.ca to view a copy of the Committee of Review report.

Don Morgan in Charlottetown to discuss justice and public safety issues

Saskatchewan Minister of Justice and Attorney General Don Morgan was in Charlottetown January 27, 2012 as federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for justice and public safety met to discuss areas for future collaboration.

A broad range of issues were discussed including violence against Aboriginal women and girls, amendments to the Criminal Code, mental health, addictions and justice, policing services, legal aid, crime prevention, and justice system reform.

“I anticipate that one of the more lasting benefits of our Charlottetown meeting will be agreement to collaborate on achieving justice system reform and crime prevention. We agreed to form two committees – one to focus on prevention and rehabilitation the other to focus on access to justice and justice system reform.”



Charlottetown Conference of Ministers of Justice and Public Safety.

Front row centre, co-host P.E.I. Minister of Environment, Labour and Justice Janice Sherry. On her left is federal Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews and on her right is Rob Nicholson, federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada. Don Morgan, Saskatchewan Minister of Justice and Attorney General, is second from the right, back row.

Premier announces spring session of the legislature

Premier Brad Wall announced on February 2 that the spring session of the Legislative Assembly will begin on Monday March 5 with the 2012-2013 provincial budget to be delivered on Wednesday, March 21.

Premier Wall said the provincial budget will focus on keeping the government's election commitments while maintaining fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget.

“Saskatchewan’s economy is leading the nation,” the Premier said. ***“We have a growing population, low unemployment, the second-highest average wages in the country and a great quality of life in our province. Saskatchewan people have worked hard to create the Saskatchewan advantage and this budget will be about keeping the Saskatchewan advantage.”***

Saskatchewan small business optimism remains high

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) recently released its January 2012 Monthly Business Barometer survey results, which reveals a spirit of business optimism for the year ahead.

Provincial highlights of the survey include:

- 55 per cent of businesses in Saskatchewan say the overall state of business is good (42 per cent nationally).
- 18 per cent of Saskatchewan businesses plan to increase full-time employment in the next 3-4 months (16 per cent nationally).
- The shortage of skilled labour (49 per cent) was identified as the main operating challenge.
- The main cost pressures for small businesses include: fuel/energy costs (61 per cent), wage costs (53 per cent) and tax/regulatory costs (44 per cent).

Malik appointed to human rights commission

The Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission has a new commissioner. He is Nasser Malik, a resident of the Saskatoon Southeast constituency. Nasser, who immigrated to Canada 25 years ago from Pakistan, has been appointed to the Commission for a five year term. Nasser is a supervisor at PotashCorp's Cory mine, has lived in Saskatoon since 2007 and is a volunteer at Saskatoon's Ahmadiyya Muslim community, a movement that spans 190 countries and promotes tolerance and peace.

“Mr. Malik will make an important contribution to our discussions and deliberations, particularly given his community roots, cultural background and his experience as a newcomer to Canada,” said David Annot, chief commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

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