



Message from the Minister

I am pleased to present the Office of the Provincial Capital Commission's 2011-12 Annual Report Highlights, which illustrates the Commission's most notable accomplishments in support of Government's vision and goals.

The Annual Report and Highlights also demonstrate how the Commission has contributed to the progress of our *Government's Direction for 2011-12: The Saskatchewan Advantage*.

For more information please see the Commission's 2011-12 Annual Report or visit our website at www.opcc.gov.sk.ca.

*The Honourable Kevin Doherty
Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission*

Mission Statement:

To instil shared pride and optimism in Saskatchewan through its provincial capital.

Mandate:

To promote, preserve and strengthen our distinctive Saskatchewan heritage and culture through the celebration and creation of opportunities for tourism and economic development within the capital city, with emphasis on educating youth about the history of our province.



Office of the Provincial Capital Commission 2011-12 Annual Report Highlights

The Saskatchewan Advantage



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Ministry Overview

The Office of the Provincial Capital Commission (OPCC) coordinates and participates in a number of initiatives with three key agencies - Wascana Centre Authority, Connexus Arts Centre and Saskatchewan Archives Board - and stakeholders to meet common goals and collectively pursue projects and opportunities that fulfill the Commission's mandate and objectives. This involvement encourages knowledge exchange, informs policy and program development, and promotes partnerships with other jurisdictions, governments and non-government agencies.

OPCC also oversees the operation and programming of historic Government House; a museum, National Historic Site and Provincial Heritage Property that provides education, tourism and hospitality functions while raising awareness of the history of Canadian governance, the Crown, the role of the Lieutenant Governor and First Nations and Métis People.

The Commission also provides support to the Honourable D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, in his role as the Provincial Military Liaison.



For more information on the Ministry, see www.opcc.gov.sk.ca or call 306-787-9261

Engaging and Educating Youth

- The 2011 Youth Mentorship Program provided 18 students from several northern communities the opportunity to meet the Lieutenant Governor to learn about our constitutional monarchy; Cabinet Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to learn about our democratic system of government; and with public servants to learn about careers in government.
- OPCC brought 100 Grade 7 and 8 students to the Legislative Building as part of its 100th Anniversary and provided an opportunity for them to sit in the Chamber, learn about our democratic system of government and ask questions of our province's leaders including the Premier, Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, MLAs and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
- Government House hosted 3,444 students in 2011-12 and continued to update and create new educational resources (ex: teacher resource guides) and programs.
- Government House partnered with Luther College to create a historic mural for its Education Room. Designed and created by Luther College students, the mural will be installed in the fall of 2012.

VISION

A secure and prosperous Saskatchewan, leading the country in economic and population growth, while providing a high quality of life for all.

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Our 2011-12 Significant Achievements

Sustaining Economic Growth...

- Government House is a diverse educational centre, an exciting tourist destination, and a historic hospitality facility. Visitation increased to 28,757 in 2011-12, a substantial increase from previous years as it accounts for almost 8,000 additional visitors compared to 2009-10.
- In order to identify collaborative opportunities and for overall promotion and awareness of the capital city and its attractions, the Commission continued to build and strengthen partnerships with the following organizations: Government House Foundation; Cameco; Government House Historical Society; Inter-ministry Committee of the 100th Anniversary of the Legislative Building; Parks Canada; National Capital Commission; Regina Regional Opportunities Commission and RCMP Heritage Centre.

Securing Saskatchewan...

- Bilingual Quick Response (QR) codes were introduced on all interpretation panels at Government House, allowing visitors to use their smart phones to access another layer of historical interpretation.
- Prepared and launched initiatives for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Building in 2012. This included a new 100th anniversary website, as well as a provincial high school video contest where the winners will receive a trip to Regina to attend a video production and editing workshop to make their own videos about the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Building.

Keeping Promises...

- Worked with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and National Defence, Domestic Operations, to organize the "Saskatchewan's Highway of Heroes" sign unveiling on Highway 1, a permanent tribute to Canadian Forces personnel from Saskatchewan who have lost their lives in service to our country.
- Developed the *Palace to Prairie* exhibit, to be launched in May 2012 as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. The new exhibit will explore Saskatchewan's connection to the Crown and will feature Saskatchewan's first interactive museum touch table.

Highway of Heroes



Financial Summary

2011-12 Budget (000s)	2011-12 Actual (000s)	Variance (000s)
\$10,966	\$10,957	(\$9)

Actual FTEs: 7.7

For detailed financial information, see the Commission's 2011-12 Annual Report.

