



## PCC NEWSLETTER | Spring 2022

Spring has sprung at the Provincial Capital Commission! After an exciting winter featuring the first ever Frost Regina festival, PCC staff are excited to share what we have coming to Wascana Centre and Government House this spring!

### PROVINCIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) Don McMorris and the PCC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Jenna Schroeder as Executive Director.

Schroeder began work with the PCC on April 1, 2022. She brings more than 12 years of experience in municipal planning, legislation, stakeholder relations and leadership to the role. She holds a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University. As a public servant in Saskatchewan since 2011, she has served municipalities across the province with an enthusiasm for community planning, land use and engagement.

Schroeder will lead the PCC team to continue promoting Wascana Centre and Government House as some of Canada's premier destinations. This will include growing the PCC's visitor services, environmental stewardship, historical preservation and accessibility.

"I am excited and honoured to accept the role of Executive Director of the Provincial Capital Commission. I was born and raised in Regina and appreciate the value Wascana Centre and Government House provide to residents and visitors. I look forward to leading the PCC team, as we develop our next Master Plan and implement new and recurring programs to serve the community," says Schroeder.

It is with great excitement that we welcome Jenna Schroeder to the PCC team.

## WASCANA LIGHTS UP FOR FROST REGINA

Wascana Centre was thrilled to be a hub for the inaugural Frost Regina winter festival!

From dog sledding to the Rink on Wascana, a signature light display on the gardens and tipis along the lake, Wascana was beaming with excitement and energy as we celebrated together. Thank you to everyone who made this such a memorable event.

View the video highlight here:

[FROST WASCANA HUB HIGHLIGHTS](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAYS IN WASCANA

This June we will kick off another summer of Thursdays in Wascana. New and improved for 2022, we will feature local food trucks, live entertainment and activities for the entire family every Thursday night in Wascana Centre.

Stay tuned to our website and social media for more information in May.

## CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE



This spring will be an exciting time for Government House as we celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee for 70 years of service. Planned celebrations include:

- **Platinum Jubilee Garden**

The Saskatchewan Platinum Jubilee Garden will be located at Government House in Regina and planted in the spring, with unveiling throughout the summer.

- **The Queen's Portrait**

From May of 2022 to March of 2023, Government House will host The Queen's portrait. This portrait was created to

celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. Its permanent home is at the official residence of Canada's Governor General, Rideau Hall in the ballroom.

- **Portrait In the Making**

From April 9, 2022, to March 28, 2023, Government House will host a unique art exhibit featuring images and information about artist Phil Richards' creation of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee portrait. Watch for information on the opening of this exhibit along with the screening of The Portrait, a documentary of the Phil Richard's process in the creation of this portrait.

- **Platinum on the Prairie: The Queen in Saskatchewan**

In May, Government House will launch a new interactive exhibit about The Queen's connections to Saskatchewan. Her Majesty and her late husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited our province on six occasions.

To learn about all the activities and new exhibits we have planned visit us at [www.governmenthousesk.ca](http://www.governmenthousesk.ca).

## WINTER RECAP - COFFEE, TEA, AND MORE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

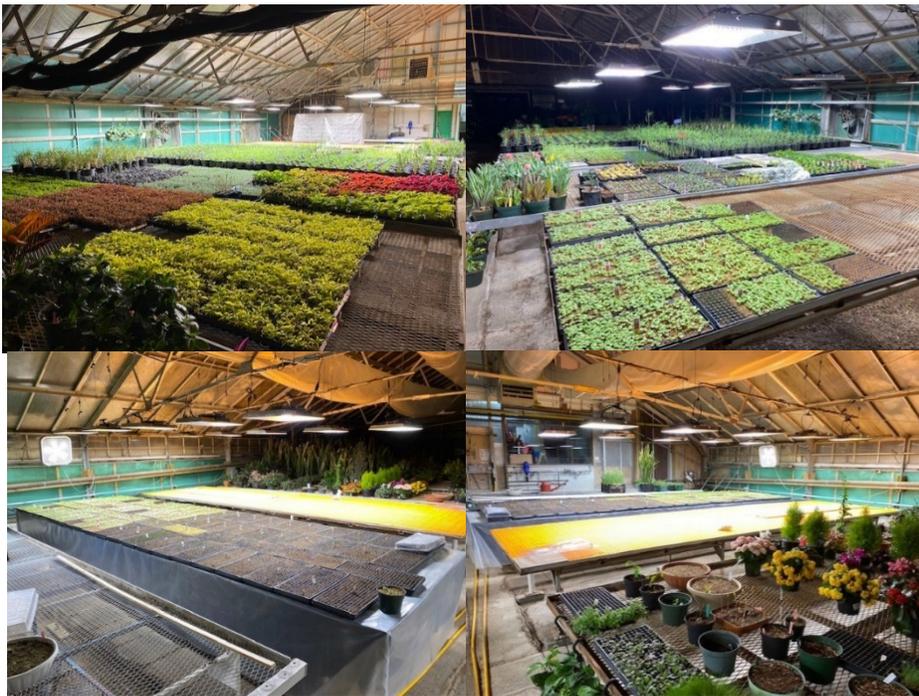


From January to April Government House partnered with the Government House Historical Society (GHHS) to kick off a new initiative called “Coffee in the Conservatory.”

Guests were able to enjoy a treat and coffee or tea in our lush and relaxing Sylvia Fedoruck Conservatory. It was an overwhelming success! Each month sold out fast with a very long wait list. Thank you to the GHHS volunteers for their hard work on this excellent project.

We also had a full house with fun-filled Family Day activities in February. Families enjoyed puppet shows, board games and scavenger hunts throughout the museum. In March, Government House and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor co-hosted a presentation to celebrate International Women’s Day that featured a presentation and readings by Merle Massie, author of *A Radiant Life: The Honorable Sylvia Fedoruk Scientist, Sports Icon, and Stateswomen*. It was an excellent way to recognize the contributions of women by showcasing a very influential woman from Saskatchewan!

## GREETINGS FROM THE GREENHOUSE



It is an exciting time for our horticulture team as planting season is underway! We started with grasses and begonias in January and geraniums in February, and then smaller numbered items like ageratum, celosia, and impatiens in the weeks in between.

Planting of the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens, and all areas of Wascana Centre, will begin in late May. We will be sharing our progress with you on Wascana Centre’s social media.

## GOATS IN WASCANA CENTRE

Our ecology team is excited to welcome goats and sheep back into Wascana Centre!

Beginning in May a pilot grazing project will be conducted with sheep and goats to help manage the invasive plant species at Douglas Park Outlook and surrounding area. The goal is to remove invasive plants such as Absinthe and Canada Thistle and restore the area to a functioning native prairie grassland. Grazing will occur in May before the plants mature, targeting younger, softer vegetation. A second grazing will occur in early August before the plants go to seed.

If you are around the Douglas Park area during these dates, we encourage you to stop and say hi to these sheep and goats hard at work. However, please keep dogs on a leash to avoid any conflicts.

## **PARK SAFETY CONTINUES SEAMLESSLY AS COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS FULLY TRANSITION TO PROVINCIAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

On October 27 of last year, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the reorganization of provincial enforcement agencies through the creation of the Provincial Protective Services (PPS) Branch within the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.

The PPS Branch unites conservation officers, highway patrol officers, safer communities and neighborhoods (SCAN) officers, prisoner transport and court security deputy sheriffs, as well as our community safety officers ensuring public safety and security in Wascana Centre.

The branch formally began operations on April 1, 2022. For us, the community safety officers have the same resources and numbers as before and continue to work out of Wascana Place.

Not only will this increase efficiency in ensuring the protection of Saskatchewan people, infrastructure and natural resources, over time it will also free up other policing resources throughout the province. In short, your friendly community safety officers are still ensuring the same duties in the park. Feel free to say hi when you see one.

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The PCC is committed to working with our partners, stakeholders and the public to achieve our vision of inspiring pride and fostering connections to Saskatchewan's capital city. As always, we value your feedback and look forward to sharing more news from the [Provincial Capital Commission](#). For more information on the upcoming public participation dates and to learn how you can get involved check our website for more information.