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**NEWSLETTER**  
**June, 2006**

**Don't Miss our Next Upcoming Event!**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

*Crisis Nursery  
Charitable Golf Tournament & BBQ*



*See the last page of the newsletter for the Registration Form and details  
Donations of door prizes warmly welcomed!*

**National Transportation Week Banquet**

A big THANK YOU to John Kimpinski and his many helper's for putting on, once again, an outstanding banquet! Even our Honorable Highways & Transportation Minister was humbled by the excellent presentation John Cross, Chairman of Philom Bios Inc., provided! John Cross stressed the opportunities available in this great province and he also made us proud to be involved in such a dynamic and important industry. Tom Liske provided humorous entertainment and it appears everyone enjoyed themselves. Our event has helped raise funds to support the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame. We thank YOU for your support of this annual event.

Also, we extend our sincere congratulations to the award recipients:

**Award of Valor**

*Constable Tim Bayly, Saskatoon Police Service*

**CITT Scholarship Recipient**

*Ms. Laurie Krentz of Dawn Foods*

**Hall of Fame Inductee**

*Mr. Dennis Goll, President & CEO, West Wind Aviation Inc.*

Check it out on [www.saskatoontransportationclub.ca](http://www.saskatoontransportationclub.ca) !!

**Congratulations**

The Saskatoon Transportation Club extends its congratulations to member company – Container Port of Saskatchewan--- on their SABEX award for Exports!

## President's Message

Well, summer has finally come and I hope everyone is ready to spend some quality time with family and friends. We all have to keep a life and work balance and this time of year "life" can more easily take precedence because of our beautiful Saskatchewan weather.

If you didn't attend the National Transportation Week Awards Banquet you missed a great show. The guest speaker, John Cross, Chairman of Philom Bios Inc., was very dynamic and comedian Tom Liske was very entertaining. Look in this issue for more information on the award recipients. Thanks to John Kimpinski for all his work and Clay Dowling for acting as Chairperson, plus all the other volunteers.

While at the banquet I had the pleasure of talking with the Minister for Highways and Transportation, Hon. Eldon Lautermilch. During our conversation he mentioned the recently unveiled "Transportation for Economic Renewal - A Multi-Year Plan". It is exciting that our province is finally acknowledging the fact that we need to invest in our transportation infrastructure. This issue includes the Government's three page document which includes one of the first initiatives - expansion of the primary weight highways in Saskatchewan. Hope you find this information useful.

Hope to see you all at our annual golf tournament on August 26th. While you enjoy the next couple of months remember to play safe and be smart!

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## 2006 Calendar of Events

<i>Executive Meeting</i>	August 15 <sup>th</sup> (evening)
<b>Crisis Nursery Golf Tourney &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>August 25</b>
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	September 12 <sup>th</sup> (noon)
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>September</b>
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> (evening)
<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	November 14 <sup>th</sup> (noon)
<b>Membership Renewal/Newsletter</b>	<b>November 30<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	December 12 <sup>th</sup> (evening)
<b>Salvation Army Ring the Bells</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	January 9, 2007

Newsletter submissions are always welcome! We also welcome website link requests. For a nominal, one-time administration fee of \$60 (plus GST) you can show your support of the Saskatoon Transportation Club.

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**REMINDER**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saskatoon Golf & Country Club**

**2006**  
**SASKATOON TRANSPORTATION CLUB**  
**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & BARBEQUE**  
**In Support of the "Saskatoon Crisis Nursery"**

Our annual Golf Tournament and barbeque will take place on Friday, August 25, 2006. We are golfing at the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club, West Course, 865 Cartwright Street West. Again this year our Texas Scramble will have a shotgun start at 12:30PM. The golf fees include a riding cart. Our barbeque will be held this year in the Golf Cart Tent behind the clubhouse on the West Course. The cash bar will be open at 5:00PM with our steak barbeque starting approximately 6:00PM followed by your prize selections.

**Registration Form**

NAME	GOLF ONLY	BBQ ONLY	GOLF & BBQ	AMOUNT
Total Amount Enclosed				

<b>COST:</b>	<b>MEMBERS OR GUESTS</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>\$53.00</b>
<b>B.B.Q</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Golf &amp; B.B.Q.</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>

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Please note if a receipt is required:                    \_\_\_Yes                    \_\_\_NO

If you are interested in sponsoring \$100.00 a hole with signage included during the tournament, please call Wayne Piper at Canadian Freightways at 242-0303.

\*\*\*\*A member will be calling you for prize collections as well, so please keep that in mind and put a few items away for August.\*\*\*\*



# Transportation for Economic Renewal A Multi-Year Plan

## Background

Saskatchewan's prospects for economic development now and into the future are inextricably linked to transportation. Exports generate two-thirds of provincial GDP and the output of all the province's key industries is ultimately destined for markets outside of Saskatchewan. Shipping costs often comprise a high percentage of the final delivered price for many of our exports, meaning transportation has a direct impact on the competitiveness of Saskatchewan exporters.

Saskatchewan's 26,000 km highway system is the most extensive per capita in the country, providing a vast network of primary weight and national highways linking to the broader national and international transportation system.

Record investments in transportation - \$2.8 billion in the last ten years – have resulted in significant improvements to this network, including upgrades to 1,500 km of thin membrane surface (TMS) highways, twinning on Highways 1 and 16, rehabilitation of strategic north-south corridors to the U.S., and the development of a growing shortline rail network.

Despite these investments there are gaps in the system where the highway network is not properly aligned to handle the volume and type of traffic it carries, and adequately capture the economic development opportunities that have transformed the provincial economy in industries such as energy, mining, forestry, manufacturing, processing and tourism.

## ***Transportation for Economic Renewal***

To meet the challenges of a growing and changing economy, Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation has developed a long-term strategy: ***Transportation for Economic Renewal – A Multi-Year Plan***.

This strategy will have a profound impact on economic development in the province by realigning and renewing transportation infrastructure and enhancing safety and connectivity to the broader national and international transportation systems. Furthermore, it is consistent with the province's rural development strategy and the

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities' (SARM) *Clearing the Path* initiative.

***Transportation for Economic Renewal – A Multi Year Plan*** has four components:

- Investing in Rural Economic Corridors
- Investing in Urban Economic Connectors
- Investing in Northern Economic Infrastructure
- Support for the Development of Shortline Rail

## Investing in Rural Economic Corridors

As part of investing in Rural Economic Corridors the province is **expanding the primary weight system**. The primary weight system allows industry to haul heavier weights resulting in hauling efficiencies.

The expansion of the system includes immediate expansion of 1,190 km and a vision for future expansion through strategic investment in major pavement preservation and capital construction projects.



The new primary weight framework will include:

- the creation of a Weight Advisory Committee to be represented by major stakeholder groups (SARM, SUMA, Area Transportation Planning Committees and other economic development interests) to guide future expansion initiatives;
- an enforcement strategy to provide stewardship, and;
- a research and study plan to enhance our understanding of the science and to encourage innovative and creative thinking in the management of the system.

Investment will also be focused on **Strategic Economic Development Routes**, targeted to corridors where the nature of existing infrastructure is not consistent with the level of investment that is occurring along the corridor and is sited as a major impediment to economic growth in the region.

## Investing in Urban Economic Connectors

- Investing in **Urban Economic Connectors** integrates economic transportation corridors with urban transportation mobility to ensure seamless and safe connectivity through urban areas. The department is finalizing a policy and investment framework consistent with our legislative authorities using the level of provincial interest in urban highway connectors to guide decisions on these matters.



## Investing in Northern Economic Infrastructure

The **\$65.5 million Northern Economic Infrastructure Strategy, Roads to Prosperity**, was announced by Premier Lorne Calvert on November 23, 2005.



Under this plan the province will provide \$65.5 million for an improved transportation network by building new roads, upgrading existing roads and creating employment opportunities. The goal of *Roads to Prosperity* is to provide a transportation system that supports the vast economic potential of northern Saskatchewan, serves the economic development and social needs of northern residents and ensures isolated communities are given access to the broader network.

Of the total \$65.5 million, \$30.5 million will be invested to improve and build new highways in the Athabasca Basin including the La Loche to Fort McMurray highway; community access roads to Wollaston Lake and the south shore of Lake Athabasca (which will improve the link to Fond du Lac); and upgrading the Athabasca Seasonal Road to an all-weather surface.

A further \$35 million has been committed to upgrade existing economic corridors and community access roads throughout the North. This plan considers the priority projects identified by local Area Transportation Planning Committees.

## Support for Shortline Rail

Since 1989 nine community and farmer-owned shortline railways have been established totalling 1,322 km with the technical and financial assistance of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation. Many farmers, industries and communities consider shortline rail as a viable solution to retain the existing railway infrastructure to transport products.

Viable shortlines can stimulate the rural economy by providing an alternative mode of transportation and creating a competitive marketplace for transportation services. Over the last eight years, significant industry investment has occurred along shortline corridors and producers shipping on shortlines realize \$2.5 million in direct benefits annually.

The department is committed to supporting communities and groups interested in pursuing the development of viable shortline railways in the province.

# Provincial Primary Weight Highways

- Secondary Weight Highways
- Current Primary Weight Highways
- New 9-Month Primary Weight Highways  
(Primary Except: April, May & June) (1,190.05 km)

