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□ NDP calls for potash review

NDP Leader Dwain Lingenfelter says record second quarter earnings from PotashCorp, combined with the company's positive outyear projections, strengthens the case for an independent review of the province's potash royalty structure.

Lingenfelter says with all signs pointing to increased demand in worldwide markets and higher prices, Saskatchewan people deserve to know if they are receiving the maximum benefit from the potash resource they own.

"PotashCorp has once again proven itself to be a well-run company with record profits and a future that bodes well for both it and the people of Saskatchewan," Lingenfelter says. "But we see these numbers today as a prime example of the fact Saskatchewan families could be getting more from this strategic resource and could use that money to improve the lives of every Saskatchewan citizen in a very material way."

Lingenfelter noted that PotashCorp's second quarter update indicated profits of \$840 million, 81 per cent higher than the same period last year. Added to its first quarter numbers published in April, the corporation has seen profits for the first half of 2011 of over \$1.5 billion.

"The world very much needs what we have in abundant supply... There has never been a better opportunity for the people of Saskatchewan to review the royalties they charge big corporations for the extraction of their resource to ensure a fair approach."

□ City extends lease

The city has extended a lease agreement with one of the province's phone, television and internet providers.

Council has agreed to a five-year land lease extension with Rogers Communications for land at the southwest part of the city.

The property being leased is 8.26 acres and is occupied by a communications tower and building.

The extension will also see the city benefit from a slight increase in rental charges as Rogers agreed to up its yearly rent for the land from \$2,700 to \$3,000. The extension comes into effect March 1, 2012.

□ Canada Beef Inc. launched

The newly-formed Canada Beef Inc. (CBI) is undertaking the task of marketing Canadian beef in the domestic and international markets.

The recent meeting in Calgary saw the inaugural board of directors of CBI elect its chair and officers. Brad Wildeman, a feedlot operator from Lanigan, Sask, and co-chair of the Beef Implementation Team tasked with getting CBI up and running, was elected as chair.

"Our job now is to pursue prosperity for the Canadian cattle and beef industry," he says. "We have a strong and capable organization, a renewed focus on increasing sales of Canadian beef in both the domestic and international markets — and a goal of positioning Canadian beef as the first choice in high quality beef around the world. With Canada Beef Inc., I believe it's a goal that's within reach."

Other board members represent organizations such as Manitoba Cattle Producers, Association, XL Meats, Albert Beef Producers and Cargill.

□ CWB schedules meetings

The fate of the CWB after the federal government imposes major, irreversible change will be the focus of six producer meetings to be held across the Prairies this month.

Two meetings will be held in each of the three Prairie provinces. Saskatchewan meeting will be in Regina Monday at 7 p.m. in the Travelodge at 4177 Albert St., and in Saskatoon Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Saskatoon Inn at 2002 Airport Dr.

"As farmers, we are at the 11th hour and facing a monumental change," says CWB board chair Allen Oberg. "In a matter of weeks, the government intends to introduce legislation that will permanently remove the single-desk marketing structure for wheat and barley. As elected directors of the CWB, we have a duty to ensure that our stakeholders - the farmers of Western Canada - are as fully informed as possible, so we can all face the future with eyes wide open."

Oberg said the fate of a multi-billion dollar organization, specifically designed to benefit producers, is being unilaterally decided by government with no analysis of the impacts and no vision for how farmers will be served in its absence. The government has done nothing to inform producers about the implications, nor even give them a say in whether the CWB single desk should be removed at all, he said.

"We want to clarify exactly what is going on and discuss the implications for the future. We also want to answer farmers' questions. We know there are many questions, given the misinformation circulating about what will or won't happen if the single desk is removed."

Ag & Business

Couple offers rental alternative

A new business in Melville will be offering a 'cozy' rental alternative for city visitors.

The Cozy Nest executive guesthouse opened its doors to the public Thursday and owners Brian and Shannon Tressel are hoping their unique idea will thrive in Melville.

"One thing I've learned is instead of being competitive it's better to be creative," Shannon told The Advance of the guest house which is a mix between a 'hotel house', no-host bed and breakfast, and a 'penthouse on the ground'.

"This is something no one else has really done so we're taking a chance. I think Melville will like it once they get used to it."

The guesthouse features a bedroom, full kitchen, full bathroom, living room and a sunroom. It also has three beds including one hanging bed, a phone, big screen television, DVD player, air conditioning and heat, off-street parking, internet access and cable.

With all the amenities considered, the Tressels still feel the guesthouse's selling point will be its condition and the privacy it offers.

The couple has been in Melville since May renovating the guesthouse at 319 Third Avenue W, which they say was in a poor state when they took it over. Since then they have changed everything except the studs including its floors, walls, roof, plumbing, heating and insulation.

The results have the house becoming a modernized and well-furnished property.

"If you want good customers you have to treat



COZY NEST owners Brian and Shannon Tressel tidy up one of the guest beds at their new guest house in Melville. The home, located at 319 Third Avenue W., is designed to act as a 'penthouse' rooming for Melville visitors or couples during special occasions such as their wedding night.

them well and that's why we've put so much effort into making this house look the way it does now," Brian - son of former Melville resident Christina 'Teenie' Tressel - says of the effort put into renovating the home.

The Tressels have a five-year history with other real estate in the city as well, already owning one commercial and three residential rental properties in Melville.

With those ventures all proving to be successful the couple looked at op-

portunities in the hotel business in Melville, but "it was kind of out of the price range" they were considering.

That's when the couple came up with the idea to try the private guesthouse in the city.

"We're a little bit different than them, but I think the bed and breakfasts have done amazingly here," Shannon says. "They've done a really good job and they have proven it's needed in Melville."

The Tressels say the

guesthouse will be a perfect, private getaway for anniversaries, honeymoon, special occasions, people visiting the city or even for Melville newlyweds to spend the night in the city.

Anyone interested in renting or finding out more about the home can contact the Cozy Nest's manager Wendy Cherneski at 728-2359. The couple also plans to have a website created by month's end.

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