



Flowers in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Regina, September 2022

Office of the Lieutenant Governor Province of Saskatchewan Annual Activity Report 2022-2023

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The Role of the Lieutenant Governor

Representing the Crown

Canada has a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy. His Majesty King Charles III is King of Canada and Head of State. The Lieutenant Governor is the King's representative in Saskatchewan, which is a non-partisan and apolitical position.

The Lieutenant Governor presides over the swearing-in of the Premier, the Chief Justice of Saskatchewan and cabinet ministers. The Lieutenant Governor summons, prorogues, and dissolves the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, delivers the Speech from the Throne and gives Royal Assent to acts of the Legislative Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor also signs official cabinet documents such as orders-in-council and special warrants.

Honouring Achievement

The Lieutenant Governor presents honours and awards to people who have demonstrated excellence, valour, bravery and dedication to service that brings credit to the province and the country.

Celebrating Saskatchewan

The Lieutenant Governor participates in commemorative ceremonies, provincial celebrations, and community activities across Saskatchewan. The Lieutenant Governor also hosts events at Government House in Regina and at other venues throughout the province.

His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty

Russ Mirasty was appointed Saskatchewan's 23rd Lieutenant Governor in July of 2019. Born and raised in La Ronge, Saskatchewan, a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and fluent Woodland Cree speaker, His Honour is the first person of Indigenous heritage to be appointed to the role.

Mr. Mirasty served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 36 years and was Director General of National Aboriginal Policing Services and Commanding Officer of "F" Division (Saskatchewan). He was posted to seven provinces, performed duties in every province and territory, and participated in an exchange with the Northern Territory Police Service in Australia.

Her Honour Donna Mirasty

Donna Mirasty was born and raised in the historic northern Saskatchewan community of Cumberland House. Her first language is Swampy Cree. One of eight children, Mrs. Mirasty's father was a trapper and fisherman, and her mother was a homemaker. Her father served in the South Saskatchewan Regiment during the Second World War.

Mrs. Mirasty studied nursing in Saskatoon and Nipawin and is a Licensed Practical Nurse. She is also a skilled seamstress and experienced quilter. Her Honour and her husband, Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty, have a home in La Ronge, and they have two children and two grandchildren.



Mandate of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor supports the Lieutenant Governor in fulfilling his constitutional and ceremonial duties and carrying out special initiatives by providing:

- advice and research regarding constitutional duties, events and meetings
- strategic planning
- itinerary coordination
- speech and message preparation
- media relations and event promotion
- event and project management
- Government House facility coordination
- management of the Saskatchewan Congratulatory Message Program

Staff (2022-2023)

Carolyn Speirs

Private Secretary and Executive Director

Donna Boyle

Communications Manager

Christopher Dove

Event Manager and Facility Coordinator

Lynette Konanz

Congratulatory Message Coordinator and Budget Officer

Jeffrey Sawatzky

Itinerary Manager

Part-time drivers

Al Kopelchuk, Tim Korchinski, Dan Pooler, Rick Slawson

25 aides-de-Camp in
Yorkton

Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Weyburn and

Activity Highlights

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, Lieutenant Governor Mirasty

- attended 257 events and hosted an additional 45 events
- gave 187 speeches
- provided 40 congratulatory letters and 20 video messages
- signed 1,242 greetings for milestone wedding anniversaries and birthdays
- presented 3,057 honours and awards
- delivered the Throne Speech on October 26, 2022
- signed 468 Orders-in-council

Honours and Awards

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty presented 3,057 honours and awards, including the following:

Association of Consulting Engineers and Geoscientists Lieutenant Governor's Meritorious Achievement Award

Canadian Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championship Medal

Corrections Exemplary Service Medal

Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal

Fire Exemplary Service Medal

Governor General's Academic Medal

Institute for Public Administration of Canada (Saskatchewan) Lieutenant Governor's Award

Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence for Northern Students

Lieutenant Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award for Sask Arts

Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan

Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan Volunteer Award

Police Exemplary Service Medal

Queen's Council Certificates

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan)

RCE Saskatchewan Sustainability Award

Regina Men's Bonspiel Championship Medal

Royal Canadian Humane Association Bravery Award

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service Medal

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee Award

Saskatchewan Junior Citizen of the Year Award

Saskatchewan Literacy Award of Merit

Saskatchewan Order of Merit

Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal

Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Medal

Honorary Patronage

Their Honours support the following 90 charities in the role of **Honorary Patron**:

2022 Saskatchewan Winter Games	Luther College High School
Air Cadet League of Canada (Sask)	Mackenzie Infant Care Centre
Army Cadet League of Canada (Sask)	McDowell Foundation
Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans in Canada	Meewasin Valley Authority
Autism Resource Centre	Monarchist League of Canada – South Saskatchewan Branch
Bridges Health - Conference and Gala	Mother Teresa Middle School
Canadian Club of Regina	Northeast Outreach and Support Services Inc.
Commissionaires South Saskatchewan	One Book One Province, SK Library Association
Concentus Citizenship Education Foundation	Ovarian Cancer Canada
Conexus Arts Centre	Phoenix Residential Society
CURLSASK	PrairieAction Foundation
Diabetes Canada	Prince's Trust Canada
Dominion of Canada Rifle Association	Ranch Ehrlo Society
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development
Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Canada - Saskatchewan Inc	RaiseHer
Embracing Life Committee	READ Saskatoon
Equal Voice - Saskatchewan Chapter	Regina Coin Club
Federation of Canadian Music Festivals	Regina Horticultural Society
Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre Pillars of the Force	Regina Little Theatre
Girl Guides of Canada Sask Council	Regina Lyric Musical Theatre
Globe Theatre Society	Regina Men's Bonspiel Association
Government House Foundation	Regina Multicultural Council
Government House Historical Society	Regina Summer Stage
Heritage Saskatchewan	Regina Symphony Orchestra
Hope for Malawi Foundation	Regina Transition House
Ignite Adult Learning Corporation	Rotary Club of Prince Albert
Inclusion Saskatchewan	Royal Canadian Humane Association
IODE The National Chapter of Canada	Royal Canadian Legion - Saskatchewan Command
IPAC - Saskatchewan Regional Chapter	Royal Regina Golf Club
Jaleta Pacers Running Club	Royal United Services Institute of Regina
Last Post Fund	South East Military Museum
Lifesaving Society	
Lung Association - Saskatchewan	

Honorary Patronage (continued)

Saskatchewan Association of
International Languages
Saskatchewan Book Awards
Saskatchewan Craft Council Saskatchewan
Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Services
Saskatchewan African Canadian
Heritage Museum
Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate
Association
Saskatchewan History & Folklore
Society, Inc
Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care
Association
Saskatchewan Library Association
Saskatchewan Military Museum
Saskatchewan Music Festival
Association
Saskatchewan Rett Syndrome
Association
Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
Saskatchewan Writers Guild

Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
SaskExpress
Save the Children Canada
Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan
Shevchenko Foundation
Société historique de la Saskatchewan
South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra
St. John Ambulance - Saskatchewan
Provincial Office
The Cheryl and Henry Kloppenburg
Award for Literary Excellence
Theatre Saskatchewan Inc.
Trans Canada Trail
United Empire Loyalists' Association of
Canada, SK Branch
United for Literacy
Victoria Hospital Foundation
Wascana Golf and Country Club
Wascana Winter Festival
Wounded Warriors Weekend
Foundation

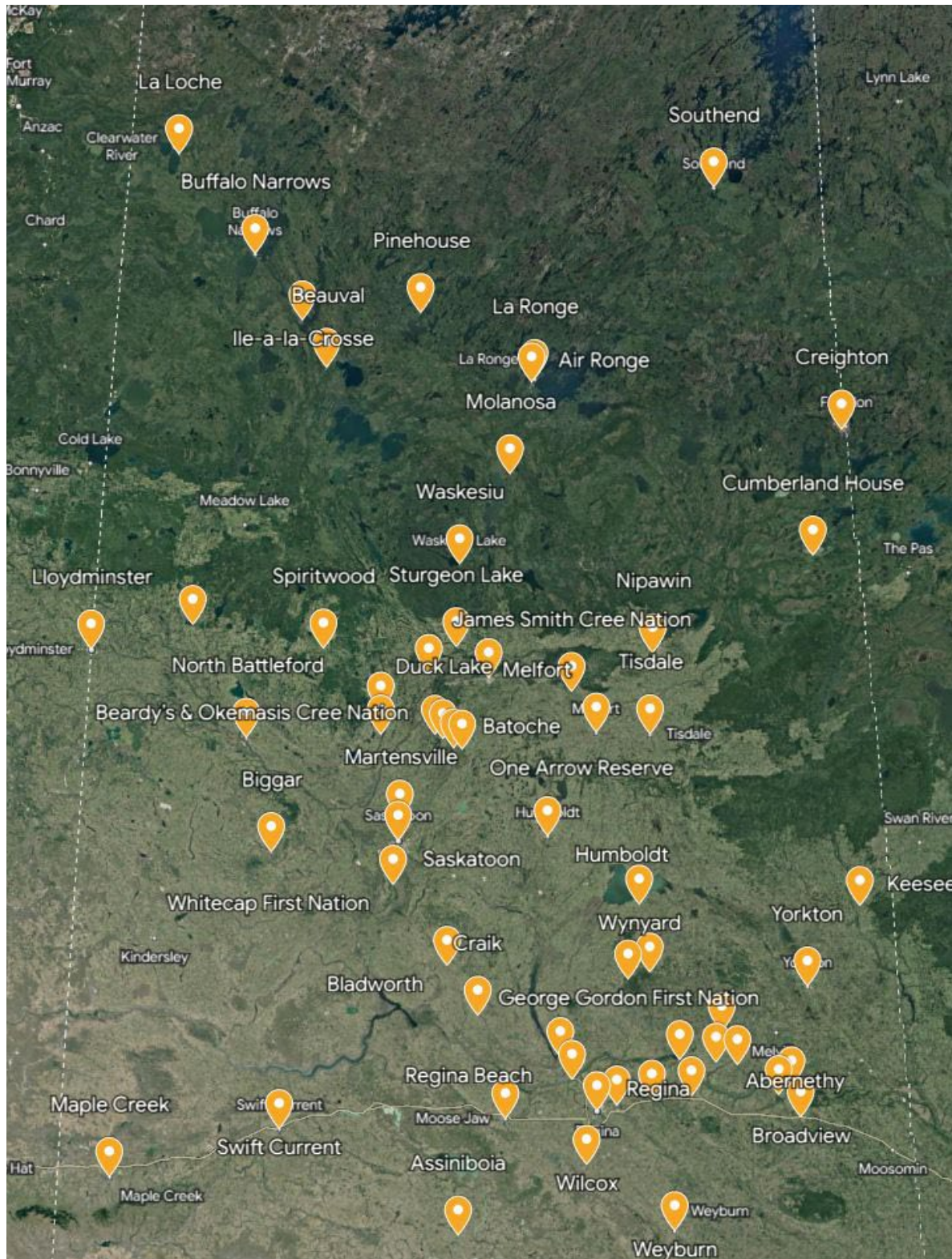


July 21, 2022

Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty
reads to children at Sturgeon Lake
Cree Nation at the United For
Literacy Summer Literacy Camp

Community Celebrations Map

Since the start of his term on July 18, 2019, Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty and Donna Mirasty have visited sixty Saskatchewan communities.



Community Celebrations Photographs



May 11, 2022

ReconciliACTION,
Swift Current



May 19, 2022

Unveiling of the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee Portrait
with artist Phil Richards

Government House



June 23, 2022

Saskatchewan's
Outstanding Young
Farmers

Government House



July 1, 2022

Lieutenant Governor's
Canada Day Celebration
returns after pandemic
cancellations with the
highest event attendance
to date!



July 22, 2022

Back to Batoche 50th
Anniversary



July 25, 2022

Tony Cote First
Nations Summer
Games Lance Run

LG Russ Mirasty
entering the Stadium
with youth athletes

Saskatoon



August 11, 2022
Bold Eagle Graduation
Wainwright



September 30, 2022
Brad Bellegarde
concert on National
Day of Truth and
Reconciliation
Saskatchewan
Residential School
Memorial
Government House



October 4, 2022

LG Award of
Excellence

Ministik Community
School

Cumberland House



November 1, 2022

Vice-Regal
Conference

Cape Spear
Newfoundland

Saskatchewan Residential School Memorial

On June 21, 2022, Their Honours hosted a dedication ceremony for the ***Saskatchewan Residential School Memorial***.

The province created the memorial in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #82. Lieutenant Governor Mirasty met with Indigenous leaders, Knowledge Keepers and Elders, residential school survivors and their family members. The Memorial was created based on these discussions.

The Memorial includes all-natural elements, including a large central stone featuring a map of the province with the locations of each residential school, four benches constructed of reclaimed wood and plants native to the region.



The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan)

In March of 2022, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the creation of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan).

The new commemorative medal was created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's accession to the Throne. Beginning with the inaugural ceremony in August of 2022, 7,000 medals were distributed throughout the year. The Lieutenant Governor presented thousands of medals at ceremonies around the province.

The Lieutenant Governor's Office managed nominations for 500 recipients and hosted 8 ceremonies in La Ronge, Saskatoon and Regina.



Transition of the Crown

On September 8, 2022, the Governor General notified the Lieutenant Governor that Her Majesty The Queen had passed away. This announcement set into motion plans that had been in place for many years in preparation for this day.

The Lieutenant Governor's Office issued a statement from the Lieutenant Governor, sent a message of condolence to the King on behalf of the province and hosted a Book of Condolence for members of the public to sign. His Honour attended memorial services in Regina and Prince Albert and an Aide-de-Camp represented His Honour at a service in Saskatoon. The Office had previously purchased black mourning lapel pins and distributed hundreds of pins to elected and senior provincial government officials to be worn during the mourning period.

On September 10, 2022, the Lieutenant Governor presided over an Accession Proclamation Ceremony at Government House where the province proclaimed King Charles III as King of Canada and Saskatchewan.

