

# My Access

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## Faster Internet in Saskatchewan

Access customers across the province have more choices than ever for their TV, internet, phone, security, smart home and business solutions. This year, we expanded AccessHyperSpeed 1 Gig to 49 additional communities, meaning even more of our customers have the fastest internet we offer anywhere in the province. This means we now offer urban-like services in more than 100 communities in Saskatchewan, improving 4K streaming, gaming and connectivity.

We also expanded our rural wireless network footprint at Access, launching seven additional towers and faster internet speeds. Over 100 seasonal areas, small towns, and First Nations now have access to 50 Mbps download speeds, and 26 seasonal areas, small towns, and First

Nations can now access 100 Mbps speeds. This means fast, reliable internet to even more of Saskatchewan.

To see the latest services available in your community, visit [myaccess.ca](https://myaccess.ca).



**Photos:** AccessHyperSpeed 1 Gig launches in new communities; Ryley Boyle, Manager of Wireless Operations, leads the construction and upgrades of our rural internet towers.

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COMMUNICATIONS CO-OPERATIVE

## OUR MISSION & VALUES

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We are a community owned co-operative dedicated to providing exceptional communications and entertainment services and unique opportunities for local expression.

### OUR VALUES

#### Integrity

We live by our belief in honesty, respect, and trust in everything we do.

#### Employee-Centered

We enable everyone's involvement, growth and contribution in a challenging, safe and fun environment.

#### Customer-Focused

We deliver extraordinary value reliably, dependably and consistently.

#### Community-Oriented

We are an integral part of the communities we serve, contributing to their energy and progress.

#### Innovative

We create and embrace change that enhances customer service, the community and our organization.

#### Member-Driven

We are guided by committed and supportive members.

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Save the Date: AGM

Our co-operative's annual general meeting will be held simultaneously across the province on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. All members are invited to attend. In order to meet quorum for the meeting, it is important that our voting delegates, individual and organizational, plan to attend. This year's meeting will include board, management, and financial reports and an election for board directors.

#### AGM Locations:

- 2250 Park St, Regina
- 120 10th Ave SE, Weyburn
- 1126 6th St, Estevan
- 1192 99th St, North Battleford
- 22 6th Ave, Yorkton
- 712 Finlayson St, La Ronge

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

For more, contact **Member Relations**.



## In Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Wendy Whitebear's family and friends. Wendy served as a community producer and host for *The Four* on AccessNow TV, and her energy and passion were truly inspiring.



Wendy Whitebear

## Access Member Profile

Every issue, MyAccess will profile one of our organizational members and how they make a difference in Saskatchewan.



BGC Battlefords provides a safe place to go, positive role models, and quality recreational and educational activities. They help youth experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build relationships and develop confidence for life. "We rely on support from the community, and we're grateful to Access for sponsoring our Race for Kids event and Annual Gala," said Nicole Combres, Executive Director. You can learn more about this member at [www.bgcbattlefords.ca](http://www.bgcbattlefords.ca).



Our co-operative is all about bringing you the technology you want, the service you deserve and helping our province be the best it can be. [Click here](#) to download the **2023 Community Report**.

# Co-op Week Celebrations

Access Communications joined co-operatives around the country in celebrating National Co-op Week October 15-21. We are proud to be a not-for-profit, community-owned co-operative. Our business is guided by fundamental co-operative principles like Concern for Community.

One of the ways we celebrated was by covering the Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards on AccessNow TV. These annual awards honour individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to co-operatives and credit unions.

This year's award recipients included Jim Deane, former President and CEO of Access Communications, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was well-deserved for an individual who dedicated his career to the advancement of co-operative values and principles over his 42-year career with Access Communications.



Fran Moran, Jim Deane, Kim Schmidt

Access Communications was well-represented at the event. In addition to Jim, previous award recipients Fran Moran, our Community Relations Manager, and Kim Schmidt, our Digital Communications Consultant, were on hand. They both won the Co-operative Young Leader award (in 2019 and 2021, respectively). To learn more, visit [www.sask.coop](http://www.sask.coop).

## In the Community: Weyburn



Ron Irvine, Regional Manager (right) at Weyburn Co-op Week

Access Communications partnered with Weyburn Credit Union and Prairie Sky Co-op for a weeklong Co-op celebration and contest. One of our authorized dealers, Absolute Computers, was the Day 3 station where community members could enter the contest – a chance to win up to \$1,500 in the Weyburn Credit Union Cash Cage. The winner was Niki Nagy, who scooped \$910 in Co-op Cash.

## Children's Fund Corner

The Access Communications Children's Fund has made an incredible difference in the community this year, with over \$726,000 donated to over 65 nonprofit organizations with programs supporting youth that are at risk, in need, or most vulnerable.

Year-round fundraising efforts, like TV Bingo, support our Children's Fund. And this year, our charity is a recipient of the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival. The festival gathers many local choirs to raise

spirits and funds for Regina charities.

These charities include the Salvation Army, Regina Food Bank, Access Communications Children's Fund and the Knights of Columbus Foundation Coats for Kids Programs. Tune in live on December 11 and 12 from 7-9 pm on AccessNow TV.

Knights of Columbus  
**Carol Festival**  
December 11 - 12, 2023  
Knox Metropolitan United Church  
2340 Victoria Ave | Regina, SK  
7 - 9 PM  
FREE ADMISSION • DONATIONS ACCEPTED • EVERYONE WELCOME  
December 11 & 12 on AccessNow TV

# Green Economy Canada



At Access, we strive to make our communities better places to live – and that means prioritizing sustainability in our organization. Access Communications has engaged Green Economy Canada (GEC), a national non-profit specializing in assisting companies with reducing their carbon footprints. Access and GEC are working to collect data and determine what drives emissions within our business.

Learn more about GEC at [greeneconomy.ca](http://greeneconomy.ca).

## Spirit of Community

It's the season of giving, and Access Communications is proud of the staff doing their part to support our community. One of the ways Access does its part is with the Pumpkin Patrol safety program, run in 11 communities across the province.

The AccessNow team worked hard, producing two live broadcasts for successful community telethons. The 47th United Way Estevan Telethon aired on October 13 and 14 and raised over \$357,000, and the 42nd Annual Weyburn Communithon aired on October 27, raising over \$100,000.

Access staff also held their own fundraising campaign. The staff held their annual Oktoberfest meal and employee pledge campaign and raised \$3,566 for United Way in Saskatchewan.

You can learn more about these initiatives at [myaccess.ca/in-the-community](http://myaccess.ca/in-the-community).



Pumpkin Patrollers in Regina

## Member Benefits: Co-operators

Access Communications Co-operative members enjoy many benefits, including this newsletter! But did you know that our members save on insurance products at Co-operators?

It's true! Access participates in the Co-operators' Member Benefits Program, which means our members are eligible for home, auto, business, farm and travel insurance discounts.

[Click here](#) to learn more or call **1-844-770-9138**.

A graphic for the Member Benefits Program. It features a photograph of two women smiling and talking. The background is a dark blue gradient. The text "Member Benefits Program" is written in white. Below it, in a larger white font, is the text: "Access Communications Co-operative Limited members get more with Co-operators".

Member Benefits Program

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