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EDR's August Economic Brief focuses on rail service disruption

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August's Economic Brief is especially timely, taking a deeper dive into the rail service disruption. Canada's rail system is vital to the economy, moving \$380 billion worth of goods every year, with \$49.3 billion of that coming out of Saskatchewan.

Rail stoppages threaten the economy, worsening existing productivity issues and have the potential to lower GDP growth. They can also lead to shortages of key goods and higher consumer prices. Long-term impacts include damage to Canada's reputation as a reliable supplier in sectors like agriculture, energy, and mining, driving international customers elsewhere.

Regina, with its strong ties to agriculture, manufacturing, and logistics, could be hit hard by the labour disruption, affecting 4,100 workers and \$1.3 billion in sales annually.

Other highlights from this brief include:

- Employment growth continues. In July 2024, the Greater Regina Area (GRA) added 2,700 jobs, a 1.8% increase from July 2023. Job growth provincially stood at 22,900 jobs, up 3.9% from July 2023, while national growth was 318,900 (1.6%) over the same period.
- The average year-to-date Housing Price Index Benchmark Composite Price is up from \$310,300 in July 2023 to \$312,500 in July 2024, a 0.7% increase. Weak July job data suggests more rate cuts ahead, which could boost housing market activity and push prices higher.
- In July 2024, the average apartment rental price in Regina is \$1,413, up 19% from July 2023. This remains well below the national average of \$2,156.



UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

BEER-AUCRACY

Networking event featuring
guest speaker: Carla Beck,
Leader, Saskatchewan NDP
The Artesian
5 p.m. -- 7 p.m.



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BEER-AUCRACY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

TECHO TUESDAY

Networking event with
Rebellion Brewing
and Gringos Tacos
At Hillman Audio Video
4:30 p.m. -- 7 p.m.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

GLOW BOWLING

Networking event with an Hawaiian Theme
At Golden Mile Bowling Lanes
Registration: 5:30 p.m.
Bowling: 6 p.m.



For more information or to register for this outstanding Chamber event click [HERE](#)

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Volunteer opportunities available for QCM

The GMS Queen City Marathon is looking for a community group or business to assist with a water station on course on Sunday, September 8.

This is a great way to see the race and support those running the marathon. It is also a great way to promote a business or community group.



Five to 10 volunteers are required for the water station. QCM will supply all equipment required and will also provide a donation to a charity of your choosing on behalf of the business or community group. Support the runners, support a charity, grow as a team. It's a win, win, win situation.

Contact runqcm@hotmail.com for more details.

Organizers are also looking for course marshals.

They help manage the many intersections on course, assisting runners to stay on course, managing vehicle traffic to ensure runners are safe and gives you a chance to cheer on and celebrate the amazing achievement of each runner.

To register to volunteer - <https://runregina.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=85865>

PCSR meeting scheduled for September 12

Dr. Amjad MD, MBBS, DMRT, DCO, fFRCSEd, will be the featured speaker at the Prostate Cancer Support Regina meeting on Thursday, September 12.

Dr. Amjad is the current side Lead of Radiation Oncology at the Alan Blair Cancer Centre. He holds an academic position with the University of Saskatchewan and his special interest is prostate cancer.



His presentation is "Individual Treatment Strategies For Prostate Cancer." Dr. Amjad will address recent innovations in prostate cancer treatment that have revolutionized the way the disease is diagnosed and managed.

The hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency located at 141-4545 Parliament Avenue in Regina. A virtual option is available at the [PCSR website](#).

The presentation is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. with a Q&A session from 6:50 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.



Non-stop Flights to Kelowna Thursdays and Sundays

Mail-in-ballot applications now being accepted

Regina's Municipal/School Board Election is on Wednesday, November 13. Mail-in-ballot applications are now being accepted online. Residents can have their say in the next local election by voting from the comfort of their own home.

Visit Regina.ca/elections to apply for a mail-in-ballot. When applying through the online form, by email, mail or fax, ensure you include a copy of the front and back of your government-issued photo I.D. You can also apply in person with any of the acceptable forms of identification found on the [website](#).

Elections Regina will review all applications and if all criteria are met, eligible voters will receive their mail-in ballots delivered to their home in mid-late October. If the application does not include proper I.D. requirements, or is missing information, voters may be asked to submit their application in person.

Voters can still apply for a mail-in ballot in person at the Election Office at 1025 Park Street.

Ballots must be received at the Elections Regina Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 13, 2024. Voters are reminded to ensure adequate time is given for Canada Post to process their mail.

For more information, visit Regina.ca/elections or call 306-751-4479.

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