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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Saskatchewan moves to regulate non-lawyer legal agents

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The Saskatchewan government tabled a bill on Nov. 4 that would regulate non-lawyers who act as agents for clients in legal matters. The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2026 has been introduced but has not become law.

The bill targets agents who regularly appear in courts and tribunals for clients. The province says some legislation lets an individual agent assist a party in a specific matter, but that was meant for occasional representation. It was not meant to create a class of legal service providers with no regulator, according to the release.

Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C., said the changes are meant to ensure people providing legal services face "appropriate oversight and accountability."

The Law Society of Saskatchewan sets standards for education, licensing, conduct and competency to protect the public. The bill would also strengthen its oversight of the profession. Executive director Tim Brown, K.C., said the society welcomes the bill because it fills a gap in its authority over agents.

Limited licensees, a category of regulated providers, were created by a 2025 amendment to The Legal Profession Act, 1990. The new bill leaves those rules unchanged. It would make clear that agents who routinely provide legal services must meet the requirements in the Act.



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The bill would let the Law Society deal with providers whose health or capacity affects their ability to practise. At present, discipline is the only tool for those cases. The bill contains housekeeping amendments to the Act.

Source: Government of Saskatchewan.

BUSINESS / LOCAL ECONOMY

Saskatoon firm selected to develop rapid zebra mussel test

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Saskatoon biotechnology company PathoScan has been selected to develop a rapid zebra mussel test, winning the Aquatic Invasive Species Innovation Challenge. Innovation Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Environment announced the result November 3.

Zebra mussel monitoring in Saskatchewan now relies mainly on physical inspections and lab testing. According to the province, that can make early detection difficult.

PathoScan plans to adapt its PathoBox platform, first built to detect crop diseases. The test is meant to pick up genetic material the mussels release. The release says it can find larvae and mussels in hard-to-reach spots that visual checks may miss.

Inspectors and conservation officers would sample water from watercraft and roadside inspection stations. The release says results would come back on site in one to two hours.

PathoScan will get $30,000 and a 16-week residency with the Ministry of Environment. The work is meant to validate the technology further and prepare it for future operational use. The company received $75,000 from the Agtech Growth Fund in 2024, which helped develop its crop disease detection platform.

"Early detection can make all the difference when it comes to preventing the spread of zebra mussels," Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said.

PathoScan chief operating officer Ethan Done said the company wants to show how the rapid molecular testing can support invasive species detection and validate the technology for broader use.

Source: Government of Saskatchewan.

INCIDENT / POLICE

Youth released without charges after Pelican Narrows death

By Saskatchewan Herald · November 3, 2026 · Pelican Narrows



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A teenage youth who turned themselves in over the death of a 22-year-old man in Pelican Narrows was released without charges on November 1, Saskatchewan RCMP said.

The man was from Pelican Narrows. The RCMP have not released his name. He was declared dead in hospital.

According to the RCMP, the Homicide Investigation Unit has determined that at about 6:53 p.m. on October 29 the man approached two teenage youths and fired a gun toward them. One of the youths then fired a gun toward him.

About 7 p.m., the community's local RCMP detachment was told a man was hurt at a residence. Officers found him seriously injured, and EMS took him to hospital.

On November 1, one of the youths contacted the unit to turn themselves in and was arrested. Investigators reviewed video footage and consulted Crown prosecutors before the youth was released without charges. No one has been charged.

The RCMP say neither youth reported physical injuries. The unit is not looking for anyone else in connection with the death, and the RCMP continue to investigate the circumstances.

The RCMP first reported the death on October 30 and called it suspicious. Anyone with information can contact their local police service at 310-RCMP.

Source: RCMP F Division.

INCIDENT / POLICE

B.C. man charged in Regina drug trafficking investigation

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Regina police have charged an 18-year-old from Surrey, B.C., after an October 21 arrest and a search in the city turned up fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine and cash.

Mohammad Alali is charged with three counts of possession of a scheduled substance for the purpose of trafficking and one count of possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over $5,000. None of the allegations has been proven in court.

According to the Regina Police Service release, its Drug Unit began investigating in September 2026. Police say the inquiry concerned an adult male suspected of dealing fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine in Regina.



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Officers arrested an adult male on October 21 in the 2000 block of 12th Avenue. Police say they seized 78 grams of fentanyl and 33 grams of methamphetamine at the arrest.

Officers then searched a Hamilton Street residence in the 1800 block under a warrant. They seized 11 grams of fentanyl, six grams of methamphetamine, 24 grams of cocaine and $24,135 in cash.

The release lists the two seizures separately. Added together, they come to 89 grams of fentanyl and 39 grams of methamphetamine. That sum is the Herald's arithmetic, not a figure police published.

Alali's first court appearance on the charges was October 22 at Regina Provincial Court. The release does not say when he returns to court.

Source: Regina Police Service.