

My Access

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All About Our Volunteers

At Access Communications Co-operative, we strive to make a difference in the communities we're privileged to serve. Our co-ordinate initiatives, community programming and charitable funding wouldn't be possible without the support of our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

"We appreciate everything you do – whether it's giving up your Labour Day to help us host a fantastic car show, answering the phones for TV Bingo winners across the province, helping us capture the stories of Saskatchewan on AccessNow TV, or any other Access event," said President & CEO Carmela Haines.

To celebrate our volunteers, Access held events across the province during National Volunteer Week (April 16-23). We also

created a touching appreciation video featuring many of our dedicated volunteers. To see the video, visit our YouTube channel (@myaccessca) or visit myaccess.ca/in-the-community/events/volunteer-week.

Interested in volunteering with AccessNow TV? Please visit myaccess.ca/accessnow/



Photos: Access volunteers and staff watch a volunteer appreciation video at an event in Regina (above); Longtime AccessNow TV volunteer Brett Pollard is all smiles in our Control Centre. Brett is celebrating 25 years as a volunteer with the co-operative (below).

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ACCESS
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.

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Our Day At The Legislature

A team comprised of board directors Karen Smith, Gina McGinn, Lorna Knudson, CEO Carmela Haines, and Access Communications managers spent a day at the Legislative Building on April 18. The group was visiting as advocates for the co-operative with a focus on building partnerships in the public sector and help bridge the rural-urban digital divide in Saskatchewan.

The day was a success, with many elected representatives agreeing that we share a common goal in enabling better connectivity to all parts of the province. Access is recognized as a service leader in Saskatchewan — connecting more communities to urban-like internet service speeds than any other provider.

Our Board of Directors are elected to serve the interest of your co-operative in many ways, including advocacy and government relations. Each director brings a unique expertise and perspective to the co-operative.

If you're interested in joining the Board of Directors, contact **Member Relations** (see left).



Access representatives at the Legislative Building.

Access Member Profile

Every newsletter, MyAccess profiles one of the organizational members and how they make a difference in Saskatchewan.

The Regina Humane Society is dedicated to helping our furriest community members, encouraging responsible pet ownership and offering compassionate, professional and caring services and programs. Their annual telethon on AccessNow TV raises money to make a difference in the lives of animals in need. You can learn more at www.reginahumanesociety.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. Scan the QR code to see the **2023 Annual Report**.



The Summer BBQ Tour Returns

Access Communications kicked off this year's summer BBQ Tour in Gravelbourg on May 24. The Tour will run for fifteen weeks, serving food and smiles in 50 communities across the province.

First launching in 2019 with 14 stops, our BBQ Tour has been a tremendous hit with our communities. It's one of the ways we thank the community members who support your co-operative.

Guests can enjoy complimentary burgers, hot dogs, water, and enter to win a weekly prize — an Amazon Fire Stick.

"The staff at Access love these BBQs, and it's not a surprise why. It's an opportunity to see more of our beautiful province and give back to our communities," said Tracey Mucha, Senior Manager of Community Engagement.

This year, we have added new communities to the tour, including Aberdeen, Birch Hills, Bruno, Cochin, Dundurn, Govan, Imperial, Muenster, Nokomis, Raymore, Simpson, Wolseley and Young.



The Town of Wolseley enjoying their BBQ.

We'd love to see our members (and your family and friends) at our BBQs. They are open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and you can find the full tour schedule at myaccess.ca/bbqtour.

In The Community: Warman



The Access Now crew is cheerful covering the Warman Classic.

The Warman Cheer Classic, Saskatchewan's largest cheer-leading and dance competition took place March 10-12, and Access provided the three-day live stream for viewers everywhere. The Warman Cheer Classic was held at the Legends Centre sports complex in Warman, and hosted over 200 teams, 3,000 athletes and 5,000 spectators.

Our AccessNow TV community producers covered the show, creating the live stream broadcast for each day of the event and hosting it right on myaccess.ca. It's a high profile event for the co-operative, drawing the attention of not only Saskatchewan but also the national cheer community.

\$3M In Donations

The Access Communications Children's Fund recently approved its latest round of applications, and the funding crossed a significant milestone: our Children's Fund has now donated over \$3 million to support programming that helps children at risk or in need in Saskatchewan. In 2023 alone, 46 nonprofit organizations have received funding for programs in one of three focus areas: health and wellness, education and literacy,

and social inclusion.

Our charity's TV Bingo program is our primary fundraising initiative, and its success makes a difference in lives across the province. We're grateful to our Bingo crew, volunteers, and players for making it possible.

To learn more about our Children's Fund charity and how to apply, visit myaccess.ca/childrensfund.



Volunteers Shelly and Rudy ready for the next call.

Improving Service In Saskatchewan



Visit the Access booth at Canada's Farm Show on June 20.

Access is constantly upgrading its network and service offerings, delivering more channels, faster internet speeds and phone and security services to more communities.

This year Access has launched gigabit internet service and streaming television in several new communities, including Imperial, Osler, Simpson, and Young. And Access launched enhanced television services in Denare Beach.

Our rural wireless network is also getting a boost with the launch of AccessHyperSpeed 100 to seven towers (with more towers to come).

Earth Week Recycling Event

Our Earth Week Recycling Event was a huge success, with over 5,000 lbs of electronics dropped off. Staff, customers, and community members were encouraged to bring in their old electronics to all Access retail locations to be safely sorted, recycled and repurposed in exchange for a reusable grocery bag. Access Communications believes in making Saskatchewan a better place to live, and that also means being greener.

We're grateful to the group of environmentally-passionate Access employees known as the Green Team for planning this event and their commitment to sustainability.

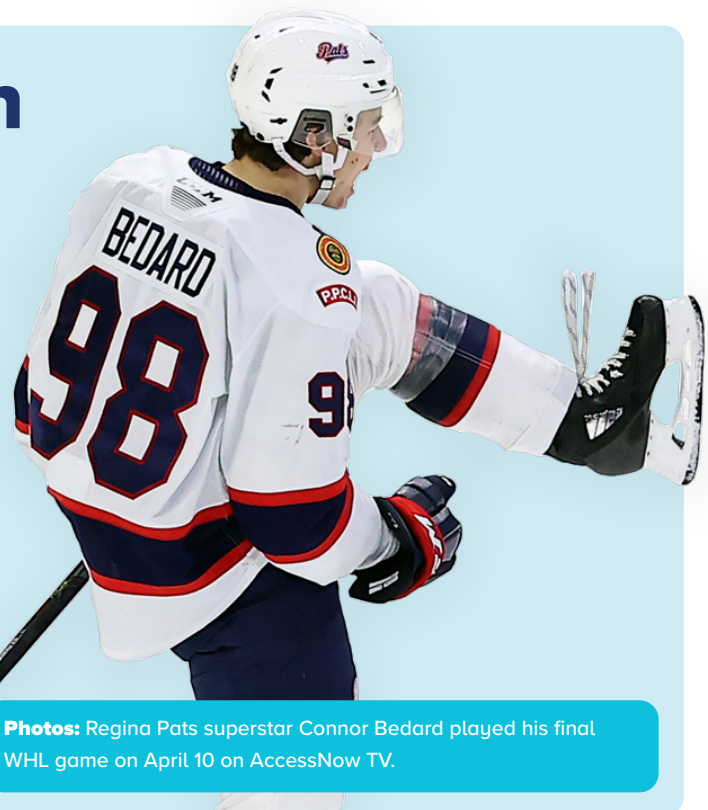
Did you know: Access offers battery recycling all year long? Drop your old batteries off at your nearest Access retail location.



Pats Playoff Passion



AccessNow Sports team caught playoff fever, broadcasting the entire seven game first-round series between the Regina Pats and the Saskatoon Blades. Although the Pats were eliminated, the atmosphere in the community was electric, and we know fans can look forward to more exciting coverage of the team next season.



Photos: Regina Pats superstar Connor Bedard played his final WHL game on April 10 on AccessNow TV.