

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following::

The Canadian Pediatric Society endorses the use of breast milk as the exclusive source of nutrition for the first six months of an infant's life. Breast milk-fed babies in neonatal intensive care are shown to have fewer severe infections, shorter hospital stays, fewer re-admissions, and better long-term outcomes. Unfortunately, illness and distance can prevent newborns from receiving their own mothers' milk directly. To help these babies, the Canadian Pediatric Society recommends that pasteurized donor human milk be available. Canada currently is limited to two milk banks; one in Vancouver which has continued to function since its establishment in 1974 and a second one opened in Calgary this year. Another milk bank is being re-established in Toronto. There are now a total of twelve human milk banks open in North America that provide a very limited supply of safe, pasteurized donor milk.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan lead an initiative in re-opening a donor human milk bank for use in Saskatchewan. This donor bank would a life-saving measure to support premature infants in this province and a resource to assist breastfeeding women to initiate exclusive breastfeeding.

Dated:

Name (print)

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