

## QUEEN'S BATON IN SASKATOON

The Queen's Baton, which is the Commonwealth Game's equivalent to the Olympic Torch, will be in Saskatoon today.

The Baton relay started March 14 at Buckingham Palace in London and carries a message from Queen Elizabeth II to the Games, which will be held in Victoria Aug. 18-28. The baton arrived in Canada on April 11 and has been on a cross-country tour since.

The Saskatoon leg of the baton relay starts at 11:30 a.m. at the boat launch in Victoria Park. The route goes from the boat launch across the Victoria Bridge, across Cosmopolitan Park, across the University Bridge and through Kiwanis park to the bandshell for the official ceremony at noon. There, it will be presented to Lt. Gov. Sylvia Fedoruk.

A total of 19 sports and community groups will be participating in the relay. They are: Special Olympics, Wheelchair Sports, Saskatchewan Athletics, the Riverside Badminton and Tennis Club, Saskatoon Gymnastics, Saskatoon Cycling Club, Bridge City Cosmo Aqualenes Synchronized Swimming Club, the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre, SaskPower, Wanuskewin, the RCMP, Saskatoon police and fire departments, the Phantoms squirt girls' softball team, YMCA Lasers swim club, Century Track Club, Meewasin Foundation, the Partnership and CJWW radio.