



SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION HEALTH AND EVALUATION RESEARCH UNIT



## INTERACT launches study in Saskatoon

This summer (June-July), the Saskatoon INTERACT team designed and conducted a small pilot study to examine the impact of route changes on transit use, wait times, rider satisfaction, and more.

Though the sample size was small (N=35) the study helped the team to refine data collection tools, participant recruitment methods, and gave the research team a small look into the impact of service changes on riders.

This September, the baseline for the main 5-year cohort study is

being conducted. The team aims to recruit 500 participants into the cohort. Residents of the city are eligible if they fall into one of two groups: (1) are a current regular bus rider; and/or (2) live within an 800m buffer of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit lines.

To find out more about the project and to sign up if you are interested in participating, visit [teaminteract.ca/saskatoon](http://teaminteract.ca/saskatoon).

INTERventions, Research, and Action in Cities Team (INTERACT) is studying how proposed changes to Saskatoon's transit system might impact residents'



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Saskatchewan, check out [#usaskMaori](https://twitter.com/usaskMaori).

## Maori delegates at uSask

SPHERU staff were at Wanuskewin Park on August 30 as part of the Creating Relationships: Indigenous Knowledge Sharing event with delegates from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

It was an excellent day at Wanuskewin. We were privileged to listen and participate in discussions on Indigenous health research in New Zealand and Canada.

For more about the Maori delegates' visit to the University of

## Student wins Gerry Donovan Scholarship

Daniel Fuller's student Melissa Tobin was presented with the Gerry Donovan memorial Scholarship for 2018 on July 22.

The scholarship is awarded to a student in Newfoundland and Labrador who is an active athlete, who volunteers within the community. These qualities reflect and honour the memory of Gerry Donovan, a well-known builder, volunteer and triathlete who passed away in January 2016.

INTERACT will be launching a study in Saskatoon this fall. The study will be looking at how proposed changes to the city's transit system might impact residents' physical activity, social interaction and wellbeing.