



*Our Plan for a*  
***Strong Saskatchewan***

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**Scott Moe** *and the*  
**Saskatchewan**  
**Party**



We faced the pandemic - **together**.

Then we reopened our economy - **together**.

And now, we will build and recover - **together**.

Our province is well positioned for a strong recovery. The Saskatchewan Party has the best plan to lead that strong recovery and the best plan to make life more affordable for everyone.

Our Plan for a Strong Saskatchewan will drive Saskatchewan's economic recovery and create jobs.

We will lower power bills for homeowners, renters, farmers and businesses.

We will help with the cost of home renovations.

We will build hospitals, schools, highways and other important infrastructure projects.

And we will reduce taxes on small businesses.






**Our Plan for a Strong Saskatchewan will make life more affordable for everyone - families, students, seniors, homeowners and others.**

And Our Plan for a Strong Saskatchewan will see the provincial budget balanced by 2024.

Today, Saskatchewan is much stronger than when the NDP was in government. The NDP drove people, jobs and opportunities out of Saskatchewan. They closed 52 hospitals, 176 schools, and 1200 long-term care beds for seniors.

Imagine how much worse the NDP would be for our economy now. Let's never go back to that.

The Saskatchewan Party has a plan for a strong recovery and a strong Saskatchewan. It's a plan for:

-  A strong economy and more jobs
-  Strong communities
-  Strong families
-  Building highways, schools and hospitals
-  Making life more affordable for families, seniors and young people

On Monday, October 26, join us in voting for a strong economy, a strong recovery and a **strong Saskatchewan**.



**Premier Scott Moe**

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# ***Our plan for a Strong Recovery***

The background of the page is a photograph of a construction site at sunset. The sky is a mix of light blue and orange, with soft clouds. In the foreground, several construction workers are silhouetted against the bright light. They are standing on a steel framework of a building under construction. Some workers are holding vertical rebar rods, while others are looking towards the camera or working. The overall mood is one of active industry and progress.

## **Highlights - Our plan for a strong recovery:**

- Reduce everyone's power bill by 10 per cent for one year.
- Reduce the small business tax rate for the next three years.
- Introduce a new Home Renovation Tax Credit to encourage home renovations and save homeowners up to \$2,100.
- Invest \$7.5 billion over two years to build hospitals, schools, highways and other important government infrastructure.

**“A STRONG ECONOMIC RECOVERY,  
MORE JOBS,  
AND MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE  
FOR SASKATCHEWAN HOMEOWNERS –  
IT'S PART OF OUR PLAN FOR A  
STRONG SASKATCHEWAN.”**

The Saskatchewan Party has a plan to build a strong economy, create jobs and lead our economic recovery.

Between 2007 and 2019, there were 75,500 jobs added in Saskatchewan.

Since 2007, Saskatchewan has had the second-best rate of job creation in the country. This is in stark contrast to the NDP who had the worst job creation record in Canada from 1995 to 2007.

Saskatchewan experienced economic growth of almost 25% between 2007 and 2019 - the 3rd highest growth in the country.

Our province has what the world needs. Since 2007, the value of Saskatchewan's exports increased by 50% to \$30 billion. We are Canada's 2nd largest exporter of agri-food products and sales of these products have doubled to \$12.9 billion.

**Since the economic downturn caused by the global pandemic, Saskatchewan proved to be one of the most resilient economies in the country.** In August 2020, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was 7.9%, the lowest in the country.

**Our employment rate is at 95.7% of the pre-COVID level - the 3rd highest in the country.** Saskatchewan's economy has continued to show promising signs including the highest wholesale trade growth and third highest increase in retail sales in the country.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to support, and invest in, the priorities of Saskatchewan people by ensuring we have a strong plan for the recovery and growth of the province's economy.**



## **SaskPower 10% Rebate**

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will introduce a one-year 10% rebate on electricity charges on power bills for all SaskPower customers as part of the Saskatchewan Party's plan to support Saskatchewan's economic recovery from COVID-19 and make life more affordable for Saskatchewan people.

The 10% rebate on the electrical charge on customer's SaskPower bills will come into effect on customer's December 2020 bills. Customers will receive monthly savings on their bills for 12 months starting in December 2020.




**Over the course of the 12-month period, the average residential customer will save \$215 through the rebate, and the average farm customer will save \$845.**

Customers on an equalized payment plan will see their installment payments reduced by 10% on their monthly bills.

Residential customers who utilize net metering and generate their own power (such as customers who generate solar power) are not billed monthly for energy usage by SaskPower. These customers will receive a rebate over the 12-month period of \$215 – the equivalent savings for the average residential household.

For cities that manage their own power utility – such as Swift Current and Saskatoon – the rate charged to the city by SaskPower will be reduced by 10%, with the expectation that the savings will be passed on to their municipal customers.

School divisions, post-secondary institutions and hospitals are expected to save approximately \$9 million through the SaskPower rebate, including:

-  Approximately \$4 million in savings for post-secondary institutions.
-  Approximately \$3 million in savings for school boards.
-  Approximately \$2 million in savings for the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

While cities will benefit from lower electricity costs from the SaskPower rebate, the 12-month reduction in electrical charges will also reduce revenue from the municipal surcharges which are applied on customers SaskPower bills. SaskPower will work with cities to ensure that the net impact of the rebate (cost savings from the rebate vs reduced revenue from municipal surcharges) is equal to the amount of revenue cities would have received from municipal surcharges prior to the introduction of the SaskPower customer rebate.

# Reducing Taxes on Small Businesses

Small businesses continue to be a significant contributor to Saskatchewan's economy: In 2018, Saskatchewan had the highest rate of small businesses per capita in Canada.

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will introduce a three-year reduction to the small business tax rate, as part of the Saskatchewan Party's plan to support Saskatchewan's economic recovery from COVID-19. This will help support Saskatchewan small businesses sustain operations, retain and hire new employees, and grow their businesses.

The small business tax reduction will benefit about 31,000 incorporated Saskatchewan small businesses, saving them over \$189 million in provincial taxes over the next three years – an average savings of over \$6,100 per Saskatchewan small business.

Our three-year reduction in small-business taxes will be implemented in three stages:

- Reducing the small business tax rate from two percent to zero, beginning October 1, 2020.
- Moving the small business tax rate to one percent beginning July 1, 2022.
- Moving the small business tax rate back to its current two percent, beginning July 1, 2023.
- The amount which small business can earn at the small business tax rate will remain at **\$600,000** – the highest in Canada.

*At 2%, Saskatchewan's small business tax rate is already tied with Alberta, BC, and Yukon for the **second lowest provincial tax rate in Canada.***

*By comparison, the federal tax rate on incorporated small businesses is 9%.*



# Home Renovation Tax Credit









A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will introduce a new Saskatchewan Home Renovation Tax Credit to make the cost of home renovations more affordable.

The Saskatchewan Home Renovation Tax Credit will allow Saskatchewan homeowners to claim a non-refundable 10.5% provincial tax credit on eligible home renovation expenses undertaken on their primary residence between October 1st 2020 and December 31st, 2022.

Saskatchewan homeowners taking full advantage of the program will be able to claim \$20,000 in home renovation expenses on their 2021 and 2022 income tax returns for a maximum non-refundable tax credit of \$2,100.

Between the Saskatchewan Party government's PST reduction on new home construction and the new Home Renovation Tax Credit, construction activity will increase in the province and help drive Saskatchewan's economic recovery.

## Examples of Eligible Expenses

-  Renovating a kitchen, bathroom, or basement
-  Shingling a roof or renovating outdoor fixtures to a home.
-  Installing new carpet or hardwood floors
-  Building an addition, deck, fence or retaining wall
-  Purchasing and installing a new furnace, water heater or solar panels
-  Painting the interior or exterior of a house
-  Resurfacing a driveway
-  Laying new sod



## *Investing Where It Matters Most*

As part of Budget 2020-21, our Saskatchewan Party government invested \$7.5 billion over two years to build hospitals, schools, highways and other important government infrastructure, including:

- \$150 million for the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program to support over 1,350 municipal infrastructure projects.
- Over \$715 million in highways construction, including \$250M for rural highway upgrades, twinning and passing lanes.
- Over \$150 million to construct new schools.
- \$100 million for health care infrastructure renewal.
- Over \$48 million towards construction of a new Prince Albert Victoria Hospital and a long-term seniors care facility in Meadow Lake.



Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested \$804 million to develop 11,903 housing units and repair another 4,705 homes across the province.

Our current focus is on affordable rental housing for people who are considered hard-to-house or at risk of homelessness: those with disabilities or mental health or addictions challenges.

We have invested \$81 million to develop 862 units for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Saskatchewan Party government rolled out the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit in April 2020 to help people paying more than 50% of their income towards rent. Funding of \$6.8 million will be available for the program through 2020-21.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to investing in and providing affordable housing for the residents of Saskatchewan.**



A woman and a young girl are sitting together, smiling. The girl is holding a pink piggy bank and putting a coin into it. The woman is holding the piggy bank for her. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

***Our plan to make life more affordable***

## **Our plan to make life more affordable**

### **Highlights - Our plan to make life more affordable**

- Add 750 licensed home based childcare spaces.***
- Expand individualized funding for autism services to children under 12.***
- Restart the Active Families Benefit to make children's sports and cultural activities more affordable.***
- Increase the Seniors Income Plan benefit for low income seniors from \$270 to \$360 per month.***
- Reduce seniors' ambulance charges by 50% and eliminate charges for seniors for transfers between hospitals.***
- Hire 300 more continuing care aides to work in long-term care facilities and home care.***
- Cover the cost of insulin pumps for everyone living with diabetes and the cost of Continuous Glucose Monitoring systems for children under 18.***
- Increase the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship to \$750 per year to make post-secondary education more affordable.***
- Improve Deafblind services in Saskatchewan by funding more supports.***
- Restart the Community Rink Affordability Grant, helping communities keep ice rink activities affordable in over 600 rinks across Saskatchewan.***
- Increase financial support for veterans service clubs like the Royal Canadian Legion.***

Our Saskatchewan Party government is proud of our record of investment into education in our province.





**Provincial funding for K-12 education has increased by over 37% from \$1.41 billion in 2007 to \$1.94 billion in 2020. In the same period enrollment has increased 15%.**

Since 2007-08 for every 20 new students, we have added an additional educator position.

More than \$1.5 Billion has been invested to build 57 new or replacement schools and 28 major school renovations. We also allocated \$130 million from the capital plan for education infrastructure including four additional new schools and two major renovation projects. This is in addition to the seven new schools and three renovations announced in the 2020-21 Budget.

The Saskatchewan Party government also created the Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program to help school divisions with repairs and renovations. Since its creation, we have invested more than \$280 million into this program.

Since forming government, there are over 1,300 additional teachers and 100 more educational assistants working in our province. This includes:

-  24% increase in student support teachers;
-  27% increase in English as an Additional Language Teachers;
-  70% more counsellors; and
-  47% more speech language pathologists.

Funding for Pre-K programs in Saskatchewan has more than doubled since 2007, including increasing the number of licenced childcare spaces by over 8,225.

Investments in early years programming has increased by 92% since 2008 to over \$98 million in 2020.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to support the priorities of Saskatchewan families by investing in our students and education system.**



# ***Our plan to make life more affordable for families***

## ***Create 750 New Licensed Childcare Spaces***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will create 750 new childcare spaces in Saskatchewan by increasing the number of childcare spaces in new schools under development and increasing financial support to grow over 500 new licensed home-based childcare spaces over the next four years. 230 of the new childcare spaces will be in new schools being built over the next four years.

Funding to support childcare spaces will include:

### **New \$500 Start-Up Grants for Licensed Home-Based Childcare Providers:**

A Saskatchewan Party government will provide new licensed home-based childcare providers with an additional \$500 one-time start-up grant.

This is in addition to existing Start-up/ Fire, Health and Safety grants that are available to help new home-based childcare providers offset the up-front costs of opening their business. Existing grants range between \$3,000 and \$3,700, depending on the estimated cost of improvements.

### **Increasing the Monthly Nutritional Grant for New and Existing Licensed Home-Based Childcare Providers:**

The monthly nutrition grant for all (new and existing) licensed home-based childcare spaces will increase by \$20 per month/ per space – from \$60 to \$80 per month / per space.

This will increase the annual nutrition grant from \$720 to \$960 per childcare space for licensed home-based childcare providers.

### **Doubling the Annual Equipment Grant for New and Existing Licensed Home-Based Childcare Providers:**

The annual equipment grant provided for all (new and existing) home-based licensed childcare spaces will double to \$300 annually per childcare space.

### **Continuing to Provide the One-Time Play and Exploration Grant and Active Play Grant.**

Homes are eligible for a one-time Play and Exploration Grant between \$600-\$900 and a one-time Active Play Grant between \$500-\$750.

The Saskatchewan Party government released the Safe Schools Plan which includes eight components for safe learning as students and teachers return to school in the fall including:

- Safe access
- Safe attendance
- Safe activities
- Safe classrooms
- Safe facilities
- Safe transportation
- Safe alternatives
- Safe supports

Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions developed plans tailored to the needs of their schools and students to facilitate a safe school year.

These plans include procedures for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), quarantine protocols, transportation, cleaning of facilities, staggered arrival and recess times and contingency plans for virtual learning for students unable to attend in-person class.

The Saskatchewan Party government recently approved \$51 million from the education COVID-19 contingency fund for additional costs related to ensuring the safety of students and staff through the pandemic including:

- \$19.1 million for sanitation, including 191 staff
- \$6 million for equipment and furniture
- \$13.2 million for immunocompromised students, including 150 teachers and staff
- \$9.5 million for additional distance learning capacity, including 102 teachers and staff
- \$4 million for technology upgrades

Through a combination of funding, including \$40 million from the province, there is more than \$150 million available to support our Safe Schools Plan.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to see our students return safely to school, and thanks the hard work of parents, educators and school divisions in our communities.**

## ***Expand Individualized Funding for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to Children Under the Age of 12***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will expand eligibility for individualized funding for autism services to children under the age of 12 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Currently available to children up to the age of six, children who have been medically diagnosed with ASD up to the age of 12 will be eligible for an annual individualized funding benefit of \$6,000, providing parents with the flexibility to choose from a range of therapeutic interventions and supports that will most benefit their child.

### ***Promise Made, Promise Kept!***

Our government introduced individualized autism funding for children under six in 2018, fulfilling a commitment we made in the previous election campaign. In the 2020-21 budget, our government expanded that benefit to \$8,000 per year for children under six.

**“MORE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND THEIR PARENTS IS PART OF OUR PLAN FOR STRONG FAMILIES AND A STRONG SASKATCHEWAN.”**



In Saskatchewan, personal and business taxes continue to be among lowest in the country giving the province a significant advantage in attracting new business investment, creating jobs and keeping life affordable.

Saskatchewan families are paying less personal income tax now than a decade ago. The Saskatchewan Party government reduced the personal income tax rate by a half-point, providing approximately \$126.3 Million in income tax savings for residents in 2020.




**Lower taxes means more money in the pockets of Saskatchewan families.** Since 2007, basic and spousal exemption amounts have nearly doubled and child exemption amounts have more than doubled.

The 2020-21 Budget re-introduced full indexation of the Personal Income Tax system, beginning with the 2021 tax year, to help make life more affordable for Saskatchewan families. Indexation protects taxpayers from bracket creep, or automatic increases in tax caused by inflation.

A family of four in Saskatchewan now pays no provincial income tax on their first \$51,675 of income - one of the highest tax-free threshold in Canada.

**Total provincial taxes for a family of four earning \$50,000 are now \$2,351 per year less than in 2007.**

A family of four making \$75,000 in Saskatchewan pays **\$1,712 less** in provincial taxes in 2020 than they did in 2007. The Saskatchewan Party government's reduction in personal income tax has:

-  Removed almost 112,000 Saskatchewan residents from provincial income tax roll entirely.
-  Provided more than \$614.3 Million in annual income tax savings to Saskatchewan residents.
-  Provided almost \$6.187 Billion since 2007 in personal income tax savings for Saskatchewan residents.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains firm in its commitment to keep taxes low and make life affordable for Saskatchewan families.**



## ***Active Families Benefit***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will make it more affordable for low to moderate income families to enroll their children and youth under the age of 18 in sports, recreation and cultural activities by restarting the Active Families Benefit.

Families with an income of under \$60,000 will be eligible to claim the benefit.

The previous Active Families Benefit had an average claim of \$268 per family.



The Saskatchewan Party government has made supporting seniors a priority by creating a Minister Responsible for Seniors in August 2019 in order to represent seniors and advocate for their needs.

Since 2007, our Saskatchewan Party government has constructed 15 new long-term care facilities in communities across the province. Funding for long-term care has increased by 45% since 2007 to a total of nearly \$760 million annually.

**There are over 700 more frontline staff working in long-term care facilities since 2007 including 346 more Licensed Practical Nurses.** The NDP eliminated 1,200 long-term care beds and had the worst doctor and nurse retention rate in Canada.

**The Saskatchewan Party government kept our 2016 election promise by creating the Seniors' Education Property Tax Deferral Program.** This program helps eligible seniors with their costs of living by providing a repayable loan for the education portion of the property taxes on their home.

Since 2007, over \$43 million has been invested to create over 526 housing units for seniors. We work with various community partners to provide over 12,100 affordable units for seniors across the province. The Life Lease Program offers seniors with moderate incomes the opportunity to live in an affordable apartment-style home in exchange for a deposit and a monthly occupancy fee.

Life has been made more affordable for seniors through the following government initiatives:

- Under the Seniors Drug Plan, eligible seniors pay a maximum of \$25 per prescription;
- The Seniors Income Plan has tripled since 2007, from \$90/ month to \$270/ month;
- Road ambulance fees are capped at \$275/trip for seniors 65 and older; and
- Our government introduced the Personal Care Home Benefit in 2012 to help seniors pay for the cost of living in a licensed personal care home.

**The Saskatchewan Party government remains committed to providing our province's seniors with the best quality of care and dignity that they deserve.**

# ***Our plan to make life more affordable for seniors***

## ***Increasing the Seniors Income Plan***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will increase the Seniors Income Plan from a maximum of \$270 per month to a maximum of \$360 per month.




When the increase is fully implemented the Saskatchewan Party government will have quadrupled the benefit for low income seniors over 16 years in government – a sharp contrast from the previous NDP government which didn't increase the benefit at all for 16 years.

Approximately 14,000 Saskatchewan seniors receive the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) Benefit.

Approximately 2,800 seniors (20% of seniors enrolled in the program) currently receive the maximum benefit under the Seniors Income Plan and will see the full benefit of the increase. Other seniors enrolled in the program will also receive increases to their monthly benefit, depending on their income.

**The average benefit under the program will increase from \$164 per month to \$218 per month or an average increase of almost \$650 annually (from \$1,968 annually to \$2,616 annually) once fully implemented.**

The increase to the Seniors Income Plan will be phased following the 2021-22 Budget:

-  The maximum monthly payment will be increased by \$30 per month for seniors in 2021-22
-  The maximum monthly payment will be increased by \$60 per month for seniors in 2022-23
-  The maximum monthly payment will be increased by \$90 per month for seniors in 2023-24

## ***Reducing Charges for Senior's Ambulance Calls by 50 Per Cent and Eliminating Inter-Facility Ambulance Transfer Charges for Seniors***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will make ambulance services more affordable for seniors by eliminating charges for inter-facility ambulance calls for seniors and reducing the maximum cost of other senior's ambulance calls by over 50 per cent – from a maximum of \$275 per call to a maximum of \$135 per call.




Eliminating inter-facility ambulance charges for seniors will result in seniors no longer being charged for an estimated 24,100 ambulance calls annually, for a total savings to seniors of \$6.6M annually or an average of \$275 per inter-facility transfer by ambulance.

Reducing the maximum cost of other senior's ambulance calls (not involving facility transfers) from \$275 to \$135 per call, will save approximately 13,000 seniors \$1.8M annually – or an average of \$140 per call.

## ***300 More Continuing Care Aides***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will support Saskatchewan seniors by **hiring 300 more continuing care aides to deliver home care services and support seniors residing in long-term care facilities.**

The 300 new continuing care aides include:

-  One new care aide for every 50 residents of long-term care facilities – resulting in 180 new continuing care aides to support seniors in long-term care facilities.
-  63 new continuing care in the health care system to strengthen home care services for Saskatchewan seniors across the province.
-  57 new continuing care aides targeted towards expanding home care services in rural and remote areas, including providing after-hours and on-weekend services.

The new positions will be added following the 2021-22 Budget.



The Saskatchewan Party government invested a record \$5.8 Billion in healthcare in 2020-21 - a 67% increase since 2007.

Our plan for keeping healthcare strong and delivering the services that Saskatchewan families deserves includes making the largest historical investment of \$435 million for mental health and addictions services. Since 2007, our government has invested over \$3.4 billion into mental health and addictions including the construction of the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford.

We have invested more than \$1.7 billion into healthcare infrastructure since forming government. This includes the construction of four new hospitals, including opening the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, and announced the development of three more. There are nearly 900 more doctors and 3,800 more nurses of every designation working in our province since the Saskatchewan Party was elected in 2007. This is in stark contrast to the NDP who closed 52 hospitals and lost 450 nurses and 173 doctors.

Since 2007, our Saskatchewan Party government has constructed 15 new long-term care facilities in communities across the province. Funding for long-term care has increased by 45% since 2007 to a total of nearly \$760 Million annually. There are over 700 more frontline staff working in long-term care facilities since 2007 including 346 more Licensed Practical Nurses. The NDP eliminated 1,200 long-term care beds and had the worst doctor and nurse retention rate in Canada.

The Saskatchewan Party government invested \$141 million this year for medical imaging services - a 68% increase since 2007. These investments into MRI services have increased our capacity by 12% since 2016. The 2-for-1 system has allowed for 2,300 scans to be provided to individuals waiting to receive an MRI from 2,300 privately paid scans.

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency will receive their highest budget ever with an additional \$18.4 million invested this year, to bring their annual grant to \$196.4 million. This funding will ensure Saskatchewan patients have access to enhanced cancer care services.

**We are proud of the investments we have made into healthcare in our province in order to provide quality healthcare for Saskatchewan families.**

## ***Expanding the Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program***

The Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program covers the cost of insulin pumps and insulin supplies. Eligibility for the program is currently restricted to Saskatchewan residents age 25 and under with Type 1 diabetes. The program was increased from age 17 to age 25 as part of the 2011 Saskatchewan Party election platform.

**A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will help with the cost of living with diabetes by further expanding the Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program by removing the age restriction entirely.**

Eliminating the age restriction and allowing individuals age 26 and above to access the program is expected to benefit over 400 individuals. It's expected that new beneficiaries will receive their pumps over a two-year period.

## ***Coverage for Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems***

Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) systems are a relatively new technology that allows users, and those they share the information with, to monitor and measure glucose levels in real-time throughout the day using tiny sensors inserted under the skin. The data generated from CGM's can be transmitted to others, who can access the data using a smart phone.

**A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will cover the cost of Continuous Glucose Monitoring systems for children under 18.** Coverage will include the annual cost of the devices and sensors that comprise CGM's.

Approximately 600 children and youth under the age of 18 in Saskatchewan are expected to benefit from the coverage of CGM's.

The cost of CGM's are approximately \$4,400 annually, including devices and sensors. Coverage of the systems will not be income tested, similar to the Saskatchewan Insulin Pump program. Insulin itself will continue to be covered as a drug plan benefit.

Where parents believe that Flash Glucose Monitoring systems (FCM's) better suit their children's needs, parents will be able to opt to have coverage for FCM's instead.

These measures will come into effect following the 2021-22 Budget.

In 2015, the Saskatchewan Party government developed a Disability Strategy in consultation with the disability community. It provides the framework for government to offer an array of programs and services across all Ministries that support people with disabilities, helping make Saskatchewan the best place in Canada to live for people with disabilities.

The Saskatchewan Party government created and implemented the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program in 2009 to provide income support and a greater choice of services for individuals with disabilities. SAID benefits have increased four times since its creation and over \$1.8 billion has been invested into the program.

Total government investments and supports for people with disabilities in 2020-21 is \$561.3 million, a \$398 million (185%) increase since 2007-08. In total since 2008-09, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested over \$5.6 billion to support people with disabilities.

In the Plan for Growth and the 2019 Speech from the Throne, the Saskatchewan Party government announced that we will introduce new legislation aimed at removing and preventing accessibility barriers. The new Accessibility Act will look at design of public spaces, information and communications, customer service standards, service animal certification, public sector procurement and employment, and public transportation.

The Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Funding (TAPD) program directly supports this priority by helping Saskatchewan municipalities provide safe, available, public paratransit services for people with disabilities. The TAPD program provides \$3.79 million in funding to support local paratransit programs across the province.




In partnership with Community Based Organizations (CBOs), important services and programs are delivered in communities across the province. The 2020-21 Budget for these CBOs is \$213.9 million, which is a \$155 million (264%) increase since 2007-08.

**The Saskatchewan Party government is proud of our record in providing supports for people living with disabilities to allow them to have the best quality of life in our province.**





Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has provided over \$1.2 billion in supports to students in our province. This year, \$112.7 million in student supports was invested - an increase of 262% since 2007.

The Saskatchewan Party government introduced the Graduate Retention Program; the only program of its kind in Canada, which has benefitted over 74,000 graduates since its inception. The program provides graduates with up to \$20,000 of their tuition fees back over several years, provided the student stays and works in Saskatchewan after graduation.

Along with this program, the Saskatchewan Party government introduced several scholarship opportunities including:

-  The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship (SAS), a program which provides eligible Grade 12 graduates attending a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution \$500 a year to a maximum of \$2,000. Since inception in 2012, the SAS has provided nearly 113,000 scholarships to over 48,000 students totaling \$55.5 million;
-  The Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunities Scholarship which has awarded 30,600 students with an average of \$2,000; and
-  The Scholarship of Honour, introduced in 2009, has provided \$1.1 million to 223 recipients.

To help young families attend university in Saskatchewan, our government added additional childcare spaces in post-secondary institutions including:

-  90 childcare spaces at the First Nations University of Canada;
-  200 at the University of Saskatchewan;
-  180 at the University of Regina; and
-  162 at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

In 2009 the Saskatchewan Party government introduced the Repayment Assistance Plan, and in 2010 we reduced the interest rates to prime for all student loans. Since that time the debt repayment rate for Saskatchewan students has increased to 90 per cent, from a low of 62 per cent in 2004.

Our province has a strong economy in order to attract and keep young people in Saskatchewan with over 75,500 jobs created since the Saskatchewan Party took office in 2007. The population has grown by nearly 170,000 people including young families who make their home in Saskatchewan.

**We are proud of the investments we have made in order to support young people in Saskatchewan and make this province the best place for families to call home.**

## ***INCREASING THE SASK ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP***

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will make it more affordable for low to middle income students to undertake their post-secondary education in Saskatchewan by increasing the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship by 50 per cent – from \$500 per year to \$750 per year.

The increase amounts to a total added support of \$1,000 over four years for eligible Saskatchewan students.

The increase to the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will benefit an estimated 8,000 students in Saskatchewan annually.

The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will continue to be delivered as an income-tested benefit, provided automatically to any Saskatchewan high school graduate who receives a Saskatchewan student loan.

The increase to the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will come into effect following next year's 2021-22 Budget.

Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested nearly \$11 billion in post-secondary institutions and student supports.

The University of Saskatchewan has been provided with over \$4 billion in operating funding since 2007. In 2020, the Saskatchewan Party government provided \$330.1 million in operation funding - an increase of 57% since 2007. Over \$843 million has been invested into the College of Medicine since 2007 - an increase of 185%.

The University of Regina has been provided with over \$1.44 billion in operating funding since 2007. In 2020, the Saskatchewan Party government provided \$110.7 million in operation funding - an increase of 42% since 2007.

Total funding for Saskatchewan Polytechnic has reached over \$1.8 billion since 2007 and operating funding in 2020 increased by 28% to \$153 million. Saskatchewan's regional colleges were provided \$30.9 million in funding in 2020 - an increase of 47% since 2007.

The Saskatchewan Party government has made efforts to increase Indigenous enrollment across the province. Since forming government 13,000 additional aboriginal students have received a post-secondary certificate or diploma, which is a 60 per cent increase. During this time, First Nation and Metis enrolment at our institutions has increased by 33%:

University of Saskatchewan has seen a 52% increase in First Nation & Metis enrolment; University of Regina has seen a 35% increase in First Nation & Metis enrolment; and Saskatchewan Polytechnic has seen a 51% increase in First Nation & Metis enrolment.

Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has provided over \$1.2 billion in supports to students in our province. This year, \$112.7 million in student supports was invested - an increase of 262% since 2007.

The Saskatchewan Party government also introduced the Graduate Retention Program, the only program of its kind in Canada, which has benefitted over 74,000 graduates since its inception.

**We are proud of the investments we have made in order to support students and post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan and make this province the best place to get an education.**

In 2020-21, our Saskatchewan Party government has made a record investment of \$435 million for mental health and addictions services an increase of 97% since 2007. We have invested a total of over \$3.4 billion into mental health and addictions since 2007.

New initiatives and supports for mental health in Saskatchewan this year include \$3 million to fund residential support beds for individuals with complex mental health needs transitioning from the hospital back into the community; over \$1.3 million to develop supports for children and youth with intense mental health needs; and \$1.25 million to support suicide prevention services.

We are proud to support continued funding for programs and initiatives specifically directed for mental health supports in Northern communities including:

- \$1.2 million to support Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools,
- Over \$1 million to hire twelve Child and Youth positions which include: Stanley Mission, Pinehouse and Sandy Bay and northern visiting services out of North Battleford and Prince Albert;
- \$750,000 for the Roots of Hope community suicide prevention project in in Meadow Lake, La Ronge and Buffalo Narrows; and
- \$685,000 to hire seven Primary Care Counsellors to work in primary care centres including La Loche and Ile a la Crosse.

The Saskatchewan Party government committed \$5.8 million for new addictions supports in 2020-21 including:

- Over \$1.7 million to create 28 new detox beds in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, and North Battleford;
- \$1.4 million for an innovative crystal meth treatment centre in Estevan;
- \$130,000 will support hiring additional caseworkers with AIDS Saskatoon. An additional \$500,000 will be directed to other harm reduction efforts across the province;
- More than \$800,000 to hire more addiction workers to better resource emergency departments in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert; and
- More than \$400,000 to establish a fourth Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine clinic in North Battleford.

**We are proud of the investments we have made into mental health and addictions in our province in order to provide quality healthcare for Saskatchewan families.**

Since 2008, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested over \$169 million in targeted municipal policing initiatives, such as Internet Child Exploitation Units and Integrated Crime Reduction Teams to help combat gangs and drug trafficking. More than 350 police officers have been added to Saskatchewan cities and communities since 2007 by the provincial government.

Over the last decade, crime has been significantly reduced in Saskatchewan. Since 2007, overall crime in Saskatchewan has decreased by over 14%, including reductions of violent crime by 24%; property crime by 16%; and youth crime by nearly 57%.

While the rural crime rate has fallen by nearly 10% over the last decade, the Saskatchewan Party government has taken further steps to help reduce the impacts of crime on rural and remote communities. We are proud to have created the Protection and Response Team (PRT), a unit of 258 armed officers to help reduce police response time and increase police presence in rural areas.

We've strengthened trespassing laws to address the appropriate balance between rural landowners and members of the public by placing the onus on the individual to get permission before accessing land.

The Saskatchewan Party government has added an additional 192 frontline RCMP officers to rural communities since 2011 - an increase of 24%. With the addition of the PRT officers, there are 42% more officers policing along our highways and in rural communities since 2011.

The Saskatchewan Party government has also invested in protecting victims of interpersonal and sexual violence by:

- Becoming the first jurisdiction in Canada to introduce and implement Clare's Law, a legislative framework for police services to disclose relevant information to individuals who might be at risk of interpersonal violence;
- Providing victims of "Revenge Porn" the ability to take direct court action against perpetrators which places a reverse onus on perpetrators to prove they had consent to share intimate image; and
- Allowing survivors of interpersonal violence to break a residential lease.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to fighting crime and giving our law enforcement officers the investments and supports they need to keep our communities safe.**



# ***Our plan for a Growing Saskatchewan***



Our province is the second-largest agriculture and agri-food exporter in Canada, and the agriculture sector accounts for nearly 50,000 jobs and over 8% of the GDP. We are proud of the Saskatchewan Party record when it comes to support for this vital sector of our economy.

To strengthen our trade relationships and agriculture sector, the Saskatchewan Party government will open three new trade offices in key export markets. These offices will be located in Tokyo, Japan, Singapore and New Delhi, India and are expected to open in early 2021.

Missions to key export destinations help to ensure that Saskatchewan producers are subject to fair and transparent rules when bringing their products to market. The Saskatchewan Party government is proud to advocate on behalf of our producers for predictable and consistent rules for trade and the removal of trade barriers. Trade missions help to communicate to partner countries that Saskatchewan is a reliable and trusted supplier of high-quality agri-food products.

Our Saskatchewan Party government has also undertaken key initiatives to support the agricultural producers of our province. Some of these highlights include:

- Average Crop Insurance coverage levels have more than doubled to \$224/acre from only \$88/acre under the NDP, which is the second highest per-acre coverage in the history of the program.
- 14% reduction in Saskatchewan Crop Insurance premiums in 2020 vs. 2019.
- Coverage for unseeded acreage has been doubled to up to \$100/acre, compared to only \$50/acre under the NDP. There are now also multiple options to purchase coverage for unseeded acreage unlike under the former NDP government.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to support, and invest in, the agricultural sector of our province with a proud track record of championing this vital Saskatchewan industry.**

*In 2019, Premier Scott Moe released the government's plan for the next decade of growth. It included 20 actions and 30 goals for growing Saskatchewan.*

*We'll continue this important work to keep Saskatchewan strong!*

# **20 Actions for 2020**

**1**

*Growing our population by keeping more young people in Saskatchewan and increasing immigration to the province.*

*Maintaining a competitive tax environment and undertaking SaskFirst new growth tax incentives.*

**2**

**3**

*Growing Saskatchewan exports and core exporting sectors, such as manufacturing.*

*Engaging internationally to secure access and expand international markets for Saskatchewan products.*

**4**

**5**

*Growing Saskatchewan's agricultural economy.*

The Saskatchewan Party has continued to advocate for Saskatchewan's oil and gas industry by advocating against harmful federal legislation, such as Bill C-69 ("the no more pipelines bill") and Bill C-48 ("the tanker ban") and standing up against the federally imposed carbon tax.

Saskatchewan has implemented a series of relief measures for the provincial oil and gas sector in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the OPEC oil price war. This relief include various regulatory measures aimed at providing operators valuable time to reevaluate and recover, as well as measures that will support immediate cash-flow.

We are proud of our diversified energy and resources sector and the exciting opportunities for our industry including:

A first-of-its-kind hydrogen production project patented by Proton Technology which will bring cutting edge practices to extract hydrogen from existing oil reservoirs, while leaving carbon emissions trapped underground;

Canada's largest helium purification facility near Battle Creek, Saskatchewan; and

A joint lithium project undertaken by Prairie Lithium Corporation and LiEP Energy Limited. This project refines and produces lithium from brine water found in oil and gas wells across North America.

Saskatchewan has the largest high-grade deposits of uranium in the world, making us a leader in providing clean electricity. About one in 10 homes in Canada, nearly one in 20 in the United States and millions more in other countries receive clean, emissions-free electricity produced from Saskatchewan uranium. In 2018, the industry employed roughly 2,000 people, half of which are Saskatchewan's northerners, most of whom are Aboriginal, and nearly \$150 million was spent on uranium exploration projects.

The Saskatchewan Party government announced relief measures for Saskatchewan's mining and exploration sector following economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and public health orders. Several amendments were implemented, such as a temporary elimination of expenditure requirements for mineral claims and leases, allowing expenditures incurred during the relief period to count towards expense requirements, and other immediate cash-flow measures.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to support and advocate for the men and women who work in our energy and resources sector.**

# ***20 Actions for 2020***

***Adding value and increasing Saskatchewan-based processing of the province's agricultural products.***

**6**

**7**

***Growing Saskatchewan's oil, gas and natural resource economy.***

**8**

***Promoting the quality and sustainability of Saskatchewan's agricultural and natural resource exports.***

**9**

***Creating opportunities by reducing interprovincial barriers to trade.***

**10**

***Growing Indigenous participation in the economy through the growth of Saskatchewan's natural resource industries and labour market development.***






**11**

***Supporting the transformation of Saskatchewan's economy through innovation and technology and the growth of Saskatchewan's technology sector.***

The Saskatchewan Party government is investing \$7.5 billion through a two-year capital plan to Build a Strong Saskatchewan, which includes a \$2 billion economic booster-shot to support the province's economic recovery.

Our plan includes significant investments in many priority areas, like highways, healthcare, and education. The \$2 billion economic booster shot includes more than \$300 million in funding for highways projects, \$200 million for health infrastructure, and over \$130 million for education infrastructure. It also includes \$150 million for local municipal projects through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program.

Our Saskatchewan Party government has been proud to support important infrastructure investments across Saskatchewan, unlike the NDP who let our vital infrastructure crumble during their time as government. Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has undertaken important investments in infrastructure, including:

-  57 new or replacement schools
-  28 major school renovations
-  4 new hospitals including the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital and 3 additional hospitals currently under development
-  14 new long-term care facilities with a 15th currently under construction
-  18,500 improved kilometres of highway

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to investing in important infrastructure projects to support the priorities of citizens, like yourself. Our government has had a strong track record of building infrastructure and the Saskatchewan Party will continue to build on this record.**

# ***20 Actions for 2020***

*Developing Saskatchewan's Labour Force*

**12**

**13**

*Growing small businesses and reducing government red tape for businesses.*

*Delivering on Saskatchewan's climate change plan to reduce carbon emissions.*

**14**

**15**

*Reducing carbon emissions in electricity production and advancing the development of zero-emission small modular reactor technology using Saskatchewan uranium.*








*Keeping the province's finances strong and balance the budget by 2024.*

**16**




**17**

*Building strong communities by investing in infrastructure.*

The Saskatchewan Party government has invested \$9.8 billion into highways since 2007 and improved more than 18,500 kilometres of roads. Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested in and completed significant projects including:

-  Regina Bypass (\$1.88 billion);
-  Gordie Howe Bridge (\$294.7 million);
-  Martensville and Warman Overpasses (\$60.6 million);
-  Highway 16 twinning east of Saskatoon (\$52.4 million);
-  Highway 7 twinning from Saskatoon to Delisle (\$66 million);
-  Highway 39 twinning from Estevan to Bienfait (\$27 million); and
-  Estevan Truck Bypass (\$46 million).

As part of the \$2 billion economic booster shot to help Saskatchewan's economy recover from the global pandemic, more than \$300 million has been committed to highways stimulus funds. These investments will include:

-  Upgrades to 325 km of thin-membrane surface highway;
-  Rehabilitation of at least 100 RM roads when combined with our existing municipal roads program; and
-  Improvements to community airports.

These investments into our province's highways are part of the 10-year Growth Plan which made a commitment to build and upgrade 10,000 kilometres of highways.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to investing in important infrastructure projects to support the priorities of citizens, like yourself. We have strong track record of building infrastructure and the Saskatchewan Party will continue to build on this track record.**



# ***20 Actions for 2020***

*Expanding Saskatchewan's export infrastructure.*

**18**

**19**

*Delivering on the purpose of growth by ensuring growth builds a better quality of life for Saskatchewan families and communities.*

*Always standing for a strong Saskatchewan.*

**20**



The Saskatchewan Party government is taking steps to have greater control and autonomy over immigration in our province to increase our economic strength and reach our goal of growing the population to 1.4 million over the next decade.

Since 2007, over 123,000 immigrants have arrived in Saskatchewan. These newcomers have come from nearly 180 countries around the world and have settled in approximately 430 communities across Saskatchewan.

In 2019, the Saskatchewan Party government announced a new immigration category for the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program to help international students graduating to stay in the province as entrepreneurs and attract business investment.

In 2020, the Saskatchewan Party government announced the Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy to reimburse eligible employers 100% of employee training costs in order to support the safe re-opening of our economy.

Since 2007, funding for Essential Skills programs and the number of training opportunities have increased by over 50% and funding for apprenticeship training has increased by nearly 60%.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to attracting and welcoming immigrants into our province so they may contribute to growing our economy and building a strong Saskatchewan.**

# **30 GOALS** **for 2030**

- 1.** *1.4 million people living in Saskatchewan.*
- 2.** *100,000 new jobs.*
- 3.** *Grow private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion annually.*
- 4.** *Increase the value of exports by 50 per cent.*
- 5.** *Grow the number of international markets to which Saskatchewan exports more than \$1 billion.*
- 6.** *Grow Saskatchewan's agri-food exports to \$20 billion.*
- 7.** *Increase crop production to 45 million metric tonnes and livestock cash receipts to \$3 billion.*
- 8.** *Expand irrigation in Saskatchewan.*

Our government has made a commitment for the continued public ownership of the province's Crown corporations. Our Crown utilities provide the best possible service to Saskatchewan people at the lowest possible cost.

The Crowns support the economy in Saskatchewan by collectively paying more than \$6 billion in supplier and other payments. Borrowing by the Crowns is done prudently and is used to invest in infrastructure that supports safe, reliable utility services.

Since 2007, \$19 billion has been invested in Crown capital projects. Our 2020-21 budget has over \$1.7 billion dollars in crown capital investment. A strong and growing province requires significant infrastructure to keep pace with growth and our record shows our commitment to our Crowns, Crown employees and the people of this province.

Our province has the lowest auto insurance rates in the country and lowest overall provincial natural gas delivery rates. Compared to Alberta, the utility costs for an average home is about \$1,700 less per year in Saskatchewan.

SaskTel covers 99% of the province with wireless and internet access with over 900 cell towers including more cell towers in rural and northern Saskatchewan. SaskTel has undertaken an initiative to expand fibre optic internet to the province providing high-speed internet access in Regina , Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Estevan, Yorkton, the Battelfords, Emerald Park, Martensville, Rosthern, Warman and White City. The next phase of the expansion will include Humboldt, Melfort, Melville, Nipawin and Tisdale.

SaskEnergy currently offers the lowest commodity rate in 20 years, the third lowest in Canada. Based on market projections, SaskEnergy does not anticipate a need for a rate increase in 2020, giving residents a safe and reliable service during these challenging times.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to support and invest in our Crown corporations so they can continue to deliver safe and affordable public utilities for the people of Saskatchewan.**

# ***30 Goals for 2030***

- 9.** *Increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion.*
- 10.** *Crush 75 per cent of the canola Saskatchewan produces in Saskatchewan.*
- 11.** *Process 50 per cent of the pulse crops Saskatchewan produces in Saskatchewan.*
- 12.** *Double meat processing and animal feed value-added revenue to more than \$1 billion.*
- 13.** *Increase oil production by 25 per cent to 600,000 barrels per day.*
- 14.** *Increase the annual value of uranium sales to \$2 billion.*
- 15.** *Increase the annual value of potash sales to \$9 billion.*
- 16.** *Double the growth of Saskatchewan's forestry sector.*

In the 2020-21 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government provided \$213 million in targeted investments to meet the priorities of Saskatchewan's Indigenous communities, businesses and organizations. Over \$45 Million was provided for Emergency Pandemic Supports for First Nations and Metis organizations as a result of COVID-related casino closures.

These investments include \$27 million specifically committed for Indigenous skills training and employment initiatives and \$5.2 million for essential skills programs aimed at on-reserve training. In 2019, there were 11,400 more First Nations and Metis people employed in the province compared to 2007, an increase of 31%.

The Saskatchewan Party government has provided funding for a number of initiatives and programs targeted to assist northern residents in the 2020-21 budget including:

- \$500,000 to expand the Remote Presence Technology program into communities of Stony Rapids, La Loche, English River Dene Nation, Pelican Narrows, Fond-du-Lac, Clearwater River Dene Nation and Hatchet Lake;
- \$372,000 for the Enhanced Preventative Dental Services Program to help support oral and dental care;
- \$100,000 for diabetes initiatives; and
- \$700,000 to improve access to kidney health and dialysis services for residents in the northwest region of the province.

Our government also provides \$14.5 million to Northern Medical Services to help physicians and specialists provide care to communities across the north, an increase of 61% since 2007. This allows for full time primary health care support in four communities and visiting clinics in 14 others.

In 2020-21, the Saskatchewan Party government will invest \$1.2 million in new suicide prevention funding to support year one actions in Pillars for Life: Saskatchewan's Suicide Prevention Plan. This is in addition to new investments to support mental health and addictions programs.

**The Saskatchewan Party remains committed to advancing reconciliation in partnership with First Nations and Metis people and communities and with all other Saskatchewan citizens.**

# 30 Goals for 2030

17. *Grow Indigenous participation in Saskatchewan's natural resource industries.*
18. *Triple the growth of Saskatchewan's technology sector.*
19. *Increase the value of Saskatchewan manufacturing exports by 50 per cent.*
20. *Increase tourist expenditures in Saskatchewan by 50 per cent.*
21. *Enhance oil recovery, carbon capture utilization and storage and position Saskatchewan as the best place in North America to test, commercialize and scale new oil and gas technologies.*
22. *Invest \$30 billion in infrastructure over the next decade.*
23. *Build and upgrade 10,000 kilometres of highways.*

The Saskatchewan Party government unveiled “Prairie Resilience,” our made in Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy, which will reduce emissions in a meaningful way. These commitments will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 12 million tonnes by 2030.

We will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan in its fight against the costly and ineffective federally-imposed carbon tax.

We also introduced the Methane Action Plan which is a comprehensive approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from venting and flaring activities in the upstream oil and gas industry. The plan will reduce methane emissions by 4.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e annually by 2025.

The Saskatchewan Party Government has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the governments of Ontario and New Brunswick towards the development and deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs) for nuclear power. Implementation of the MOU in Saskatchewan has two principle components: the integration of SMRs within Saskatchewan’s existing electrical grid, and the policies and programs associated with SMR integration .

We have also announced a plan to form a Nuclear Secretariat within the Ministry of Environment. The initial work of this Secretariat will be to collaborate with SaskPower on the integration of SMRs within the electrical grid, coordinating across executive government to address emerging policy issues and collaborating with officials from other governments. The Secretariat will also be responsible for identifying and securing funding opportunities, and engage with communities, Indigenous groups, industry, and labour and educational institutions.

The Saskatchewan Party government has strengthened efforts to ensure our waterways remain free of aquatic invasive species by announcing a new Aquatic Invasive Species Strategy. This strategy emphasizes the need for collaboration and co-ordination with provincial and federal government agencies, non government organizations and neighboring jurisdictions to prevent the introduction and spread of high-risk aquatic invasive species.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to invest in measures to protect our environment and ensure the continued resiliency of our province.**



# 30 Goals for 2030

- 24.** *Expand Saskatchewan's export infrastructure.*
- 25.** *Balance the budget by 2024 and maintain balanced budgets through 2030.*
- 26.** *Keep Saskatchewan's debt-to-economic growth (GDP) ratio within the top three in Canada.*
- 27.** *Deliver on Saskatchewan's climate change strategy, Prairie Resilience.*
- 28.** *Advance development of zero-emission small modular reactor technology.*
- 29.** *Support communities through \$2.5 billion in revenue sharing.*
- 30.** *Reduce surgical wait times to a three-month target.*

Fewer people were killed on Saskatchewan roads in 2019 than in any single year since records started being kept in the 1950s. Additionally, deaths on Saskatchewan roads due to impaired driving are the lowest in recorded history.

The Saskatchewan Party government has seen progress with regards to our commitment to reduce impaired driving in the province through various legislative changes including:

- Increased the age of zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol from all drivers 19 and under to all drivers 21 and under;
- 3-day vehicle seizures for experienced drivers for first time low-BAC offences (.04-.08);
- Drug-impaired drivers face the same sanctions as alcohol-impaired drivers; and
- Zero drug and alcohol tolerance for drivers less than 19 years of age, and for all drivers in the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program and Motorcycle GDL program.

Ride-sharing was brought into Saskatchewan in order to give citizens more options to find a safe ride home.

Saskatchewan has some of the toughest distracted driving laws in order to crack down on drivers not paying attention on the roads.

The Saskatchewan Party government also introduced mandatory standardized training requirements for commercial truck drivers. These changes will require more training for truck drivers in order to increase safety on our highways.

We are in the second year of a five-year \$65 million Enhanced Intersection Safety Program in addition to a \$7 million Safety Improvement Program. These programs have funded over 700 sight triangle improvements, new guard rails, rumble strips and lighting. Preliminary data from SGI showed a 75% reduction in collisions on Highway 1 east since the Regina Bypass opened.

**The Saskatchewan Party government remains committed to ensuring safety on province's highways for our drivers and citizens.**

The Saskatchewan Party is proud of our beautiful province and what we have to offer for its residents and visitors.

In 2019, Saskatchewan's 36 provincial parks welcomed nearly 4 million visits, an increase of 30 per cent from 2007. Over \$141 million in capital funding has been invested in parks since 2007, including \$10 million announced in the most recent budget.

Tourism in Saskatchewan is a dynamic industry that generates more than \$2 billion in annual travel expenditures and employs nearly 64,000 Saskatchewan residents. The Saskatchewan Party government announced \$35 million in support for Saskatchewan's hard-hit tourism sector due to the global pandemic.

Under the Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program, eligible hospitality and event/attraction operators will be able to apply for a one-time, non-repayable emergency payment. Of this funding, \$5 million will be used to support marketing and increasing the demand for Saskatchewan tourism experiences

The Saskatchewan Party government's goal is to increase tourist expenditures in Saskatchewan by 50 per cent by 2030. We will do this by continuing to support the Event Hosting Program in order to host events such as the 2022 Grey Cup.

The Saskatchewan Party government continues to support and showcase the creative sector and has provided over \$57 million in funding to Creative Saskatchewan since its inception in 2013, and over \$85 million to the Saskatchewan Arts Board since 2008. The Saskatchewan Party is proud to support the creative and cultural industries in our province.

**We will continue to make Saskatchewan the best province to visit.**

After years of underfunding from the previous NDP government, the Saskatchewan Party government introduced a new municipal revenue formula based on a percentage of PST revenue. In 2020-21, provincial funding from municipal revenue sharing increased by more than \$26 million to a total of \$278 million, an increase of 119% since 2007.

In the past 12 years, Saskatchewan Party government has provided nearly \$2.88 billion in revenue sharing. During the last 13 years that the NDP were in government, they provided a total of approximately \$928 million to municipalities through revenue sharing. That is \$1.95 billion more in revenue sharing, or an increase of over 210% compared to the NDP over their last 12 years.

In May 2020, the Saskatchewan Party government announced a \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to lead Saskatchewan through the economic recovery. This plan will invest an additional \$2 billion above the existing \$5.5 billion capital plan to build schools, hospitals, highways and municipal infrastructure throughout Saskatchewan

A key component of this plan is the \$150 million Municipal Economic Enhancement Program to provide funding for shovel-ready local initiatives and encourage local job creation. Over 1,359 projects have been announced and \$149 million in funding has been invested in critical public infrastructure. Since 2008, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested approximately \$2 billion to support municipal infrastructure projects.

The Saskatchewan Party government has also undertaken a joint program to provide \$31.5 million for bridge funding and repair across the province. These investments will be spent over the next four years towards 28 bridge projects in 20 rural municipalities.

The Saskatchewan Party has supported key water and wastewater infrastructure right across the province. Since 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has announced and committed more than \$408 million towards over 900 Saskatchewan water and wastewater projects that serve local communities.

**The Saskatchewan Party government is proud of the investments made into our municipalities and remains committed to building a strong province and stimulating the economic recovery.**

# ***Our plan for strong financial management***

The Saskatchewan Party has a plan to balance the budget by 2024, and that plan is on track. Balance will be achieved through a strong economic recovery and a growing economy, without tax increases or reductions in programs and services.

Our Saskatchewan Party government has made a strong commitment to grow the economy, which will ensure the province's revenues also grow, allowing for a balanced budget that includes important investments in public services like healthcare, education, and public safety.

We understand that COVID-19 had an impact on the 2020-21 provincial budget. Prior to the pandemic, Saskatchewan was on track for balanced budgets in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

These additional costs included expenses and operational funding for healthcare and programming for individuals and businesses here in our province. These are one-time expenses which will not be present in future budgets once we are through this pandemic.

The 2020-21 budget also invests in the priorities of Saskatchewan people- healthcare, education, and social services to strengthen families and help our most vulnerable individuals.

**The Saskatchewan Party will continue to support, and invest in, the priorities of Saskatchewan people by ensuring we have a strong plan for the recovery and growth of the province's economy.**

## A balanced budget in 2024

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government is committed to sound fiscal management and has put forward a fully costed platform, meeting the Saskatchewan Party government's commitment of a balanced budget in four years.

The total cost of the Saskatchewan Party platform is \$93 million in the current fiscal year, \$345.3 million in year 2021-22, \$205.3 million in 2022-23, \$123.6 million in 2023-24 and \$81.6 million in 2024-25.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Saskatchewan Home Renovation Tax Credit	-	68.9	55.1	-	-
Saskatchewan Small Business Tax Reduction	-	42.0	84.0	52.5	10.5
SaskPower 10% Customer Rebate	87.2	174.4	-	-	-
Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Reduction to Seniors Ambulance Fees	2.8	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Increasing the Seniors Income Program	-	3.0	6.0	9.0	9.0
Active Families Benefit	-	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Individualized Funding for ASD Services	-	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Reducing Costs for Diabetics	-	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.6
Increasing Funding for Deafblind Services *	-	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
Community Rink Grant *	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Veterans Service Organizations Grant *	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Increasing Childcare Spaces	-	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.7
Increasing Home Care and LTC Care Aides	-	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4
Platform Debt Servicing Costs	1.3	6.0	8.7	10.2	10.2
<b>Total (in millions)</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<b>205.3</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>81.6</b>

\* Details to be announced in the coming days

### Medium Term Financial Outlook (in millions) Based on Ministry of Finance 2020-21 Saskatchewan Budget Update

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Revenue	14047.0	14761.0	15495.0	16255.0	16968.0
Expense	16177.0	16111.0	16350.0	16595.0	16843.0
Surplus /(Deficit)	(2130.0)	(1350.0)	(855.0)	(340.0)	125.0
Platform Cost	93.0	345.3	205.3	123.6	81.6
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(2223.0)</b>	<b>(1695.3)</b>	<b>(1060.3)</b>	<b>(463.6)</b>	<b>43.4</b>

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