

TOWARD OUR NEW CENTURY

OUR VISION

Our vision is that of a province where no one is left behind on the path to opportunity, a province with an unbreakable social fabric, built on the foundation of diverse and growing communities, in a green and prosperous economy.

KEY INITIATIVES

A Green and Prosperous Economy

- Continue implementation of the province's new economic strategy, the *Saskatchewan Action Plan for the Economy: A New Century of Opportunity*, a plan developed by the people of Saskatchewan.
- Act upon recommendations of the Business Tax Review Committee and invest in programs that encourage new business entrepreneurs.
- Develop and implement a climate change and energy initiatives package that will contribute to an even greener and more prosperous economy.
- Pursue investment in additional heavy oil upgrading capacity, clean coal technologies, natural gas in coal and poly-generation opportunities.
- Establish an Asia-Pacific Desk in the Department of Industry and Resources to pursue opportunities in Asia.
- Fully fund the provincial share of the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program for 2005.
- Introduce a major multi-year northern road building strategy that includes an all weather road to the far north.

Diverse and Growing Communities

- Through the Saskatchewan "Energy Share" program help consumers this winter with the increased costs of heating, and provide support to homeowners who make energy-saving upgrades.
- Establish a new Building Communities Fund to meet the economic development, cultural, social and recreational needs of our province.

- Increase the film employment tax credit, enhancing the efforts of Saskatchewan's growing film and video industry to attract new productions.

An Unbreakable Social Fabric: No One Left Behind

- Provide support for midwifery services as part of multi-disciplinary teams in hospital and community settings, contributing to care that is safe, flexible and meets the needs of families.
- Increase support for the College of Medicine to train future doctors, and provide for major investment towards a new state-of-the art Academic Health Sciences Centre .
- Partnering with Aboriginal leaders, communities, police services and other agencies, develop an effective province-wide strategy for missing persons cases.
- Build on the recommendations of a comprehensive external review of the training and apprenticeship system in Saskatchewan to expand skills training and apprenticeship opportunities and ensure that our training system meets the needs of Saskatchewan people.
- Working with other provinces, territories, the federal government, and regional health authorities, develop a federal-provincial influenza pandemic plan.
- Continuing Saskatchewan's leadership in innovative justice practices, grow the Aboriginal Court for Northern Saskatchewan, implement a new police complaints process, expand our domestic violence courts, establish a Drug Treatment Court and make improvements to our Coroner's Office.
- Provide additional funding of about \$30 million over a three-year period to address issues of staff wages, recruitment and retention for community-based organizations.
- Act on the report of the *Commission on Improving Working Opportunities for All Saskatchewan Residents*.
- Establish a pre-kindergarten program for four-year-olds, and work to expand high quality and accessible child care throughout the province.
- Introduce a new Saskatchewan Youth Award, which will recognize the commitments and accomplishments of youth in the province.
- Introduce a Saskatchewan Seniors' Gold Card for residents 65 years of age and older, which will provide a source of information, and a passport to a variety of programs.