

Our vision is of a province that is down to earth, but where the sky is the limit. Our focus over the next year will be on making life better for Saskatchewan families by strengthening public health care, advancing environmental protection and the green economy, building an even stronger future here for young people and ensuring families feel the benefits from our strong and prosperous economy.

FOUR CORNERSTONES

Make Saskatchewan the Best Place for Young People to Live, Work and Build Strong Futures

- Expand Saskatchewan's Literacy Program.
- Continue the freeze on university tuition.
- Expand training and strengthen regional training to bring education closer to students.
- Host a Youth Summit.
- Expand partnerships with First Nations and Métis to enhance education and skills training.
- Receive and act on a comprehensive review of access to post-secondary education.
- Invest in language training and foster strong communities for a goal of 5,000 immigrants annually by 2008.

Strengthen Saskatchewan's Leadership in Improving Public Health Care While Reducing Wait Times and Improving Access to Services

- Work with health care providers to further improve access to services and reduce wait times.
- Expand the Aboriginal workforce.
- Enhance efforts to recruit health care providers using new relocation incentives in return for service commitments, among other initiatives.
- Increase opportunities for internationally-educated professionals to work right here, right now.
- Continue to implement the Premier's Project Hope.
- Provide support for children with mental, physical, or behavioural disabilities and disorders.
- Continue to develop a Children's Hospital within a hospital.

Advance Saskatchewan as a Leader in Environmental Protection and the Green Economy

- Take further steps to achieve our long-term goal of one-third of our energy needs from renewable resources.
- Partner to research the world's first, Saskatchewan-designed, utility-scale clean coal generating facility.
- Implement measures to assist in energy conservation.
- Carry out a comprehensive plan to develop bio-fuels.
- Lead in carbon sequestration and wind power.
- Implement a plan related to the mandated use of ethanol.
- Ensure a safe water supply for communities.
- Take further measures toward our vision of agroforestry.
- Expand the production, processing and marketing of local organic food.

Ensuring Families Benefit from Our Strong Prosperous Economy

Balancing Work and Family Life

- Introduce a new annual statutory holiday, known as our “Family Day”, beginning in February, 2007.
- Respond further to the recommendations of the Commission on Improving Work Opportunities.
- Focus on workplace safety issues.

Fair Deal for our Non-Renewable Resources

- Demand the federal government honour its commitment to provide a fair and equitable equalization formula.

Public Infrastructure Renewal

- Introduce legislation to dedicate every dollar of fuel tax collected by the province from motorists toward maintaining and building Saskatchewan’s roads.
- Improve roads affected by heavy haul traffic, enhance those which contribute to economic and social development, and improve access to First Nations communities.
- Establish a multi-year infrastructure fund to enhance life for families and communities, including funding for cultural and recreational facilities.

Strong Economies

- Work with the Forestry Task Force, local communities and industry partners toward a viable and long-term forestry sector.
- Work with the meat industry to evaluate future plans.
- Work with municipalities to create an “Urban Agenda” to support our cities, communities and regional economies.
- Partner with First Nations, Métis and Inuit to host a national summit on Aboriginal economic development.

Safety in our Communities

- Introduce legislation which gives police new means to combat violence.
- Continue to develop a provincial anti-racism strategy.

Investments in the North

- Examine the impact of the overtime exemption that currently exists in northern Saskatchewan.

Our Families Who Farm

- Fully fund CAIS while negotiating for a more effective and fair national program.
- Press the federal government to honour its legislation and enable farmers to decide the future of the Canadian Wheat Board through an open and fair plebiscite.

Community/Volunteer Sector

- Continue the Premier’s Voluntary Sector Initiative.
- Make 2007 a year of celebration of the arts and music.