

Post-Secondary Education Accessibility and Affordability Review

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c/o The Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy (SIPP)
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Dear Friends,

On May 10, 2006 Premier Lorne Calvert asked that I lead a review on the accessibility and affordability of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. In support of this objective and as part of a new phase of this review, I am writing today to invite you to join me in a series of regional consultations and consensus forums, to be held within the coming months, that will focus the work of the McCall Review on a set of priority issues. I intend this to be an open and frank discussion of the issues and challenges as well as the opportunities for change.

Background

In leading this review, my primary objectives are:

- determining the supports needed to ensure people have access to higher learning in our province;
- determining the most effective mix and type of financial interventions to improve post-secondary education outcomes;
- reviewing the design and delivery of provincial student financial assistance programs to maximize impact and improve post-secondary outcomes; and,
- studying the appropriate contribution to post-secondary education by individuals, families, institutions, employers and governments, and how that contribution should be made.

With the initial research and analysis nearing completion, the time has come for the second phase in the review process to commence. I have asked the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy (SIPP) to facilitate a series of consultations and what I describe as “consensus forums” to provide me with input from the people of Saskatchewan.

Consultation Process

The consultation and consensus process has been designed in multiple phases. In phase one, regional consultations will focus on identifying key issues and existing challenges

related to access and affordability in Saskatchewan post-secondary education. Consensus forums following regional consultations will endeavour to find precisely that, consensus on a set of key issues. This round of consultations and forums will inform the Interim report to be completed by the end of January 2007. A second round of consultations will commence following the release of the Interim report. This round will similarly inform the Final Report to be released in the Fall of 2007.

At this time, I would like to extend an invitation to the people of Saskatchewan to take part in these regional consultations. Regional consultations will be held in the following locations and in the coming weeks; dates and site locations for these events will be finalized and advertised:

First Nations University of Canada	Saskatoon
(Regina Campus)	Regina
LaRonge	Swift Current
Lloydminster	Weyburn
Moose Jaw	Yorkton
Prince Albert	

I would ask that those wishing to take part in the regional consultations prepare a written submission. Submissions can be made either in writing or electronically until December 18th, 2006. However, for those wishing to attend and present at a consultation hearing, the submission and the contact information of presenters must be received no later than November 3rd, 2006. Those having made submissions will be invited to make a presentation of their submission (10 minutes allotted per presentation) followed by a short question and answer period.

Submissions should be directed to:

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Or electronically:

Email: mccallreview@uregina.ca
Web: <http://www.aee.gov.sk.ca/aar/>

The enclosed guidelines on the preparation of submissions can also be obtained by writing to the [Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy](#) or from the [Post-Secondary Education Accessibility and Affordability Review](#) website. Additional information on the consensus forums portion of the consultations process (tentatively scheduled for early

January of 2007) may also be obtained by contacting the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy or through the McCall Review website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren McCall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'W' and 'M'.

Honourable Warren McCall, Chair
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