

Saskatchewan Environment

2005-06 Quick Facts

Mandate

The mandate of the Department is to protect and manage Saskatchewan's environmental and natural resources so as to maintain a high level of environmental quality, ensure sustainable development, and provide economic and social benefits for present and future generations.

Key Programs and Services

Saskatchewan Environment promotes stewardship of the air, land, water and wild plants and animals that are the foundation of a clean and healthy environment and a prosperous society. Saskatchewan Environment seeks to apply sustainable land use planning and resource management principles to Crown lands, including provincial parks, and renewable resources under its administration.

Crown lands support a range of resource harvesting activities and other economic developments that contribute significantly to the provincial economy. Forestry is the main resource harvesting economic activity managed by this Department; consequently forest fire fighting is also one of the main responsibilities of SE. Over half the Province consists of Crown forest lands under SE administration, principally in northern Saskatchewan.

Environmental legislation, such as *The Environmental Assessment Act* and *The Environmental Management and Protection Act*, administered by SE, are major tools for ensuring sustainable development and effective pollution prevention and management throughout the Province. Saskatchewan Environment also recognizes that effective environmental stewardship requires good relations with stakeholders and the public.

Staff

The Department has 1,292.8 full-time equivalent positions for the 2005-06 fiscal year (854.6 permanent and 438.2 non-permanent).

Budget

The department's 2004-05 budget is \$172,036,000.

Revenue

The department directly generates \$62.5 million in revenue. \$45 million is directed to the General Revenue Fund (GRF). \$17.5 million is directed to other funds: provincial parks Commercial Revolving Fund, Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and Fish and Wildlife Development Fund.

The department indirectly generates another \$30.5 million to the GRF, collected by the departments of Finance and Justice under the beverage container deposit system and through fines, respectively.



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