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.





SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENT EXECUTIVE DETAILS



SASK WATERSHED AUTHORITY

President

Develops and implements water management and stewardship programs and services to protect source water, aquifers and watersheds, conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat and reduce degradation of surface and groundwater supplies.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER

As a member of the Executive, serves as primary liaison on all issues between the Minister's staff and the department. The EA coordinates various department committees, analyzes and makes recommendations on strategic, policy and program issues for the Deputy Minister.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Director

Coordinates strategic communications

COMPLIANCE, FIRE & FOREST DIVISION

Associate Deputy Minister

Provides delivery of integrated resource management and environmental protection programs. Provides for delivery of compliance and enforcement programs in support of departmental programs, public safety and administration of provincial natural resources and environmental protection laws and authorities.

Compliance & Field Services

Provides coordination of conservation, environmental and resource management compliance and related field activities.

Fire Management & Forest Protection

Provides and coordinates forest fire management activities and policies.

Forest Service

Develops and manages integrated sustainable forest resource managemen programs and services.

RESOURCE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DIVISOIN

Assistant Deputy Minister

Develops and implements environmental management, resource stewardship and park programs with a focus on ecosystem management.

Environmental Protection

Ensures province's environmental objectives are met. Sets standards and monitors compliance with environmental regulations, inspects and regulates high risk activities.

Parks

Develops policy for and operates the provincial park system, and provides capital facility management and development services for the department.

Resource Stewardship

Develops and manages integrated fish, wildlife and ecosystem management programs and policies. Coordinates, administers and develops land use planning initiatives, activities and dispositions, resource land management policies and the department's Treaty Land Entitlement Program.

PLANNING & RISK ANALYSIS DIVISION

Assistant Deputy Minister

Provide corporate policy, strategic planning, evaluation and assessment services.

Environmental Assessment

Manages the Government of Saskatchewan's environmental assessment program with the support of an interdepartmental panel of representatives.

Green Policy

Lead development of a government-wide Green Strategy and Legislation Reform.

Planning & Evaluation

Leads/coordinates various policy, planning and legislative processes and is responsible for State of the Environment reporting.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Executive Director

Provides corporate planning, human resource, financial, information management and administrative services.

Finance & Administration

Provides corporate direction on financial policy, internal audit, and develops short and long-term financial plans. Provides services related to in year budget, payrolls, benefits, revenues, space, inventory, purchasing and vehicles. Provides process support for expenditure, revenue and payroll processing and implements administrative effectiveness and efficiency improvements.

Human Resources Branch

Provide direction on human resource policy and issues, as well as organizational and staff development, occupational health and risk management.

Information Management

Coordinates the management and development of the department's information databases and technology.