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Saskatchewan Provincial Budget

Supplementary Estimates
November



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SASKATCHEWAN

Supplementary Estimates - November

For the Fiscal Year
Ending March 31
2007

General Revenue Fund

Supplementary Estimates - November

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Introduction

The 2006-07 Supplementary Estimates – November are prepared in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. They are requests for additional funding from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) that were not included in the main Estimates presented with the Government’s 2006-07 Budget.

The funding requests reflect the additional commitments that the government has or will undertake during the fiscal year. The requested funding is the net amount required by a department after reallocating voted appropriations not required in other areas of the department.

The Supplementary Estimates – November contain revised financial statements and schedules similar in format to those included in the main Estimates and incorporate estimated changes in revenue, expense and loan disbursements.

The detail section of the Supplementary Estimates – November follows the same Vote (department), subvote (major program area) and allocation (component of a subvote) as the main Estimates. The department’s mandate and subvote description provided in the main Estimates apply to the Supplementary Estimates – November. Subvote descriptions may be expanded by the explanation for the additional funding provided by the Supplementary Estimates.

Subvote descriptions for new subvotes are incorporated into the explanation for the additional funding.

The Supplementary Estimates – November contain a Vote for SaskEnergy Incorporated that was not included in the main Estimates. The Vote is necessary to provide funding to SaskEnergy for a natural gas pipeline to the La Ronge and Weyakwin communities.

The Supplementary Estimates – November also contain a new Vote (statutory) for the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund. This vote is necessary to permit the GRF to transfer funds to the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund (SIF) to be used for infrastructure projects.

To improve transparency, the new SIF and the Fiscal Stabilization Fund, will be cash funded. The cash will be invested in short and medium term marketable securities, however, the investment income will be recorded as revenue of the GRF. The investments will be liquidated and fund balances drawn down when the funds transfer money back to the GRF to be used in accordance with the purposes of each fund.

The Principles and Concepts, Accounting Policies and Glossary of Terms outlined in the main Estimates apply to the Supplementary Estimates – November.

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Deficit

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07	Change 2006-07
Revenue.....	7,727,200	8,129,500	402,300
Operating Expense.....	7,149,292	7,473,985	324,693
Operating Surplus.....	577,908	655,515	77,607
Debt Servicing.....	(551,000)	(541,000)	10,000
Transfer from (to) Fiscal Stabilization Fund.....	75,000	- - -	(75,000)
Net Transfer from (to) Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund.....	- - -	(80,000)	(80,000)
Surplus for the Year.....	101,908	34,515	(67,393)
Accumulated Deficit, Beginning of Year.....	(4,415,622)	(4,322,801) ¹	92,821
Accumulated Deficit, End of Year	(4,313,714)	(4,288,286)	25,428

¹ This amount represents the accumulated deficit at March 31, 2006 as shown in the 2005-06 Public Accounts.

Statement of Change in Net Debt

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07	Change 2006-07
Annual Surplus.....	101,908	34,515	(67,393)
Acquisition of Capital Assets.....	(241,001)	(289,423)	(48,422)
Amortization of Capital Assets.....	143,896	153,256	9,360
(Increase) Decrease in Net Debt from Operations.....	4,803	(101,652)	(106,455)
Net Debt at Beginning of Year.....	(6,718,407)	(6,635,946) ¹	82,461
Net Debt at End of Year	(6,713,604)	(6,737,598)	(23,994)

¹ This amount represents the net debt at March 31, 2006 as shown in the 2005-06 Public Accounts.

Fiscal Stabilization Fund

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07	Change 2006-07
Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Beginning of Year.....	765,900	887,500 ¹	121,600
Transfer from (to) General Revenue Fund.....	(75,000)	- - -	75,000
Fiscal Stabilization Fund, End of Year²	690,900	887,500	196,600

¹ This amount represents the balance as at March 31, 2006 as shown in the 2005-06 Public Accounts. This amount reflects an actual 2005-06 transfer of \$139M to the Fund instead of the \$17M that was forecasted.

² Since its inception the balance of the fund has been deposited with the General Revenue Fund. Starting in 2006-07 it will be invested in short and medium term marketable securities.

Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07	Change 2006-07
Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund, Beginning of Year.....	- - -	- - -	- - -
Transfer from General Revenue Fund.....	- - -	100,000	100,000
Transfer for Building Communities Program ¹	- - -	(20,000)	(20,000)
Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund, End of Year²	- - -	80,000	80,000

¹ The transfer to the General Revenue Fund for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation – Building Communities Program will be used to meet commitments for cultural and recreational infrastructure.

² The balance of the fund will be invested in short and medium term marketable securities.

Appropriation to Expense Reconciliation

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Supplementary Estimated 2006-07	Estimated Adjustments 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07
Operating Appropriation.....	7,275,749	383,055	(19,300)	7,639,504
Acquisition of Capital Assets.....	(241,001)	(43,200)	(5,222) ¹	(289,423)
Amortization of Capital Assets.....	114,544 ²	9,360	- - -	123,904 ²
Operating Expense	7,149,292	349,215	(24,522)	7,473,985

¹ This amount includes net transfers between capital and non-capital appropriations, capital underexpenditures and capital funding that was appropriated in and carried over from the previous fiscal year.

² Total capital amortization of government owned assets excludes amortization incurred by service providers such as the Department of Property Management that is recovered in billings to their clients [other departments (\$18,832K) and non-GRF organizations (\$10,520K)].

Schedule of Budgetary Appropriation

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Supplementary Estimated 2006-07	Estimated Adjustments 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07
Executive Branch of Government				
Advanced Education and Employment.....	602,335	71,470	---	673,805
Agriculture and Food.....	264,792	66,630	---	331,422
Community Resources.....	603,296	49,953	---	653,249
Corrections and Public Safety.....	146,613	13,547	(3,952)	156,208
Culture, Youth and Recreation.....	50,320	22,110	---	72,430
Environment.....	202,471	12,900	---	215,371
Executive Council.....	8,909	---	---	8,909
Finance.....	40,706	---	---	40,706
- Public Service Pensions and Benefits.....	219,103	---	---	219,103
First Nations and Metis Relations.....	51,095	11,487	---	62,582
Government Relations.....	199,404	13,965	---	213,369
Health.....	3,189,398	30,400	---	3,219,798
Highways and Transportation.....	203,579	22,630	---	226,209
Highways and Transportation Capital.....	141,382	32,000	6,574 ¹	179,956
Industry and Resources.....	87,138	---	(19,455)	67,683
Information Technology Office.....	5,695	100	---	5,795
Justice.....	234,141	3,833	---	237,974
Labour.....	15,659	---	---	15,659
Learning.....	766,287	22,230	---	788,517
- Teachers' Pensions and Benefits.....	138,749	---	(2,883)	135,866
Northern Affairs.....	5,709	---	---	5,709
Property Management.....	34,266	2,800	---	37,066
Public Service Commission.....	14,163	---	---	14,163
Regional Economic and Co-operative Development.....	11,111	---	---	11,111
Saskatchewan Research Council.....	8,446	---	---	8,446
SaskEnergy Incorporated.....	---	7,000	---	7,000
Legislative Branch of Government				
Chief Electoral Officer.....	882	---	416	1,298
Children's Advocate.....	1,295	---	---	1,295
Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	138	---	---	138
Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	599	---	---	599
Legislative Assembly.....	20,198	---	---	20,198
Ombudsman.....	1,816	---	---	1,816
Provincial Auditor.....	6,054	---	---	6,054
Operating Appropriation	7,275,749	383,055	(19,300)	7,639,504
"To be Voted" Operating Appropriation.....	7,022,405	383,055	(19,716)	7,385,744
"Statutory" Operating Appropriation.....	253,344	---	416	253,760
Operating Appropriation.....	7,275,749	383,055	(19,300)	7,639,504
Servicing Government Debt (Statutory)	551,000	---	(10,000)	541,000
Transfer to Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund (Statutory).....				
	---	---	100,000	100,000
Total Budgetary Appropriation	7,826,749	383,055	70,700	8,280,504

¹ This amount represents capital appropriation carried over from the previous fiscal year as permitted by *The Appropriation Act*.

Schedule of Capital Appropriation

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Supplementary Estimated 2006-07	Estimated Adjustments 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07
Capital Asset Acquisitions				
Advanced Education and Employment.....	809	---	---	809
Chief Electoral Officer.....	75	---	---	75
Community Resources.....	2,450	---	1,100	3,550
Corrections and Public Safety.....	17,225	---	(3,952)	13,273
Environment.....	28,277	7,000	---	35,277
Finance.....	900	---	---	900
Health.....	11,621	---	---	11,621
Highways and Transportation.....	9,314	---	---	9,314
Highways and Transportation Capital.....	141,382	32,000	6,574 ¹	179,956
Industry and Resources.....	400	---	---	400
Information Technology Office.....	250	---	---	250
Justice.....	2,822	1,400	---	4,222
Legislative Assembly.....	43	---	---	43
Property Management.....	24,324	2,800	1,500	28,624
Provincial Auditor.....	79	---	---	79
Public Service Commission.....	1,030	---	---	1,030
Capital Asset Acquisitions	241,001	43,200	5,222	289,423
Capital Transfer Payments				
Advanced Education and Employment				
Post-Secondary Facilities.....	4,900	55,530	---	60,430
French Language Institute.....	1,300	---	---	1,300
Community Resources				
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.....	---	49,953	---	49,953
Culture, Youth and Recreation				
Saskatchewan Communications Network.....	330	---	---	330
Building Communities Program.....	---	20,000	---	20,000
Environment				
Saskatchewan Watershed Authority.....	2,574	---	---	2,574
Government Relations				
Transit Vehicles for the Disabled.....	275	---	---	275
Rural Revenue Sharing - Roads and Other Infrastructure.....	3,450	---	---	3,450
Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program.....	6,000	---	---	6,000
Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.....	23,765	---	---	23,765
Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund.....	5,000	---	---	5,000
Urban Development Agreements.....	1,000	---	---	1,000
New Deal for Cities and Communities.....	17,319	---	---	17,319
Public Transit Program.....	12,500	13,965	---	26,465
Health				
Health Facilities.....	44,040	---	---	44,040
Medical Equipment.....	22,000	---	---	22,000
Learning				
K-12 School Facilities.....	21,852	22,230	---	44,082
SaskEnergy Incorporated				
La Ronge Natural Gas Service.....	---	7,000	---	7,000
Capital Transfer Payments	166,305	168,678	---	334,983
Capital Appropriation	407,306	211,878	5,222	624,406

¹ This amount represents capital appropriations carried over from the previous fiscal year as permitted by *The Appropriation Act*.

Schedule of Appropriation by Classification

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(in thousands of dollars)

Vote	Government Delivered Programs				Transfers				2006-07 Total
	Salaries	Supplier and Other			Transfers for Public Service			Transfers to Individuals	
		Payments	Pensions/ Benefits	Capital	Operating	Pensions/ Benefits	Capital		
Executive Branch of Government									
Advanced Education and Employment.....	---	750	---	---	12,716	---	55,530	2,474	71,470
Agriculture and Food..... ¹	---	---	---	---	1,500	---	---	65,130	66,630
Community Resources.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	49,953	---	49,953
Corrections and Public Safety.....	4,886	376	---	---	---	---	---	8,285	13,547
Culture, Youth and Recreation.....	---	1,584	---	---	526	---	20,000	---	22,110
Environment.....	---	900	---	7,000	5,000	---	---	---	12,900
First Nations and Metis Relations.....	90	10	---	---	11,387	---	---	---	11,487
Government Relations.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,965	---	13,965
Health.....	---	400	---	---	28,000	---	---	2,000	30,400
Highways and Transportation.....	---	22,630	---	---	---	---	---	---	22,630
Highways and Transportation Capital.....	---	---	---	32,000	---	---	---	---	32,000
Information Technology Office.....	---	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	100
Justice.....	1,033	---	---	1,400	1,200	---	---	200	3,833
Learning.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	22,230	---	22,230
Property Management.....	---	---	---	2,800	---	---	---	---	2,800
SaskEnergy Incorporated.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	7,000	---	7,000
Supplementary Operating Appropriation	6,009 ¹	26,750	---	43,200	60,329	---	168,678	78,089 ¹	383,055

¹ An amendment was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on November 21, 2006. \$5,130K was inadvertently identified as Salaries rather than Transfers to Individuals and has been adjusted accordingly.

Schedule of Lending and Investing Disbursements

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07	Change 2006-07
Crown Corporations - Loans			
Vote			
159 Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan.....	20,000	19,500	(500)
151 Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.....	-	8,600	8,600
154 Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.....	26,800	22,200	(4,600)
152 Saskatchewan Power Corporation.....	100,000	15,900	(84,100)
153 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.....	165,000	39,800	(125,200)
140 Saskatchewan Water Corporation.....	4,600	4,600	-
150 SaskEnergy Incorporated.....	58,200	55,200	(3,000)
Crown Corporations - Loans (Statutory)	374,600	165,800	(208,800)
Other - Loans			
169 Advanced Education and Employment.....	60,000	60,000	-
145 Highways and Transportation.....	1,000	1,000	-
163 Northern Affairs.....	2,500	2,500	-
144 Regional Economic and Co-operative Development.....	5,650	5,650	-
Other - Loans (To Be Voted)	69,150	69,150	-
Loans	443,750	234,950	(208,800)
Investments			
176 Contributions to Sinking Funds (Statutory) ..	94,000	94,010	10
146 Agriculture and Food - Land (To Be Voted) ..	400	100	(300)
Investments	94,400	94,110	(290)
Disbursements	538,150	329,060	(209,090)

Debt Redemption

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2006-07	Revised Estimated 2006-07	Change 2006-07
Debt Redemption			
Vote			
175 Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)	203,885	272,685	68,800
175 Government Share (Statutory)	1,078,988	1,126,632	47,644
	1,282,873	1,399,317	116,444

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Budgetary Appropriation

Executive Branch of Government

Advanced Education and Employment - Vote 37

Student Support Programs (AE03)

Provincial Training Allowance		2,474
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Post-Secondary Education (AE02)

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)

- Operating	1,202	
Regional Colleges.....	1,025	
Post-Secondary Capital Transfers.....	55,530	
Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.....	221	57,978

Training Programs (AE05)

JobStart-Future Skills.....	5,296	
Northern Skills Training.....	2,000	
Basic Education.....	2,677	9,973

Career and Employment Services (AE04)

Operational Support.....	750	
Labour Market Information.....	295	1,045

71,470

Additional funding is required to provide for: labour market initiatives; training program expansions; and, capital maintenance and infrastructure projects in post-secondary institutions, for which the federal government has provided \$30,339K under Bill C-48. Funding is also required to satisfy the province's outstanding commitment under the Northern Development Agreement.

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Agriculture and Food - Vote 1

Farm Stability and Adaptation (AG08)

Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program..... 60,000

Industry Assistance (AG03)

Industry Assistance..... 1,500

Financial Programs (AG09)

Unseeded Acreage Payments..... 5,130

66,630

Additional funding is required: to fully fund the Province's share of the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program for the 2006 program year; for restructuring costs of the World Wide Pork meat processing plant; and, for \$18.2M in payments to producers to compensate for loss of revenue based on unseeded acreage due to spring flooding. The funding required to make these payments has been partially off-set by savings in other program areas.

Community Resources - Vote 36

Housing (CR12)

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation..... 49,953

49,953

An appropriation is required to allocate \$24,175K for affordable housing programs and \$26,377K for off-reserve aboriginal housing programs provided by the federal government under Bill C-48. The required funding has been partially off-set by savings in other program areas.

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Corrections and Public Safety - Vote 73		
Central Management and Services (CP01)		
Central Services.....		237
Adult Corrections (CP04)		
Adult Corrections Facilities.....	4,749	
Community Operations.....	<u>137</u>	4,886
Public Safety (CP06)		
Protection and Emergency Services.....	80	
Licensing and Inspections.....	59	
Provincial Disaster Assistance Program.....	8,285	8,424
		<hr/> 13,547 <hr/>

Additional funding is required: to manage higher than anticipated inmate counts in adult correctional facilities; for greater than anticipated provincial disaster assistance claims resulting from both the 2006 spring flooding and a carry-over from the 2005 storms; and, for miscellaneous operational expenditures.

Culture, Youth and Recreation - Vote 27

Central Management Services (CY01)

Central Services..... 1,500

Culture (CY03)

Culture Operations Support..... 84

Community Initiatives Fund (CY06)

Community Initiatives Fund..... 126

Building Communities (CY11)

Building Communities Program..... 20,000

Heritage (CY07)

Western Development Museum..... 400

22,110

Additional funding is required: to communicate community and youth initiatives; to support a review of the music industry in Saskatchewan; and, for additional payments to the Community Initiatives Fund in accordance with agreements in distributing gaming proceeds. Funding is required under the Building Communities Program funded by the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund for new construction, sustainable development and rehabilitation of community-created recreational, cultural, social and economic infrastructure. Funding is also required to provide for an increase in operating costs for the Western Development Museum.

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Environment - Vote 26		
Fire Management and Forest Protection (ER10)		
Recoverable Fire Suppression Operations.....	900	
Forest Fire Capital Projects.....	<u>7,000</u>	7,900
Planning and Risk Analysis (ER14)		
Green Initiatives.....		5,000
		<u>11,900</u>

Additional funding is required to provide for recoverable out-of-province fire suppression activities and replacement of a provincial fire suppression aircraft. Funding is also required to support Green Initiatives.

First Nations and Metis Relations - Vote 25

Central Management and Services (FN01)

Executive Management.....	100
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Policy Coordination and Support for Aboriginal Organizations (FN02)

Support for Aboriginal Organizations and Issues.....	350
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Gaming Agreements (FN03)

First Nations Gaming Agreements.....	11,037
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	<u>11,487</u>
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Additional funding is required to provide for federally reimbursed costs of the Independent Oversight Committee to plan for a general Metis Nation - Saskatchewan election in 2007 and for grants to support Aboriginal events and initiatives. Funding is also required for payments to the First Nations Trust and Community Development Corporations due to higher Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation and Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority audited net incomes in 2005-06 and revised 2006-07 net income forecasts and for miscellaneous operational expenditures.

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Government Relations - Vote 30

New Deal for Cities and Communities (GR10)

Public Transit Program.....	13,965
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	13,965

An appropriation is required to allocate \$27,162K provided by the federal government under Bill C-48 to support public transit initiatives. The required funding is partially off-set by savings in other program areas.

Health - Vote 32

Central Management and Services (HE01)

Central Services.....	400
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Provincial Health Services (HE04)

Provincial Targeted Programs and Services.....	4,000
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Regional Health Services (HE03)

Regional Targeted Programs and Services.....	15,000
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Medical Services and Medical Education Programs (HE06)

Out-of-Province.....	9,000
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Drug Plan and Extended Benefits (HE08)

Saskatchewan Prescription Drug Plan.....	2,000
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30,400

Additional funding is required primarily for health sector recruitment and retention initiatives, reclassification and pay equity adjustments in regional health services, higher than anticipated utilization of out-of-province medical services, and increased drug costs in the Saskatchewan Prescription Drug Plan.

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Highways and Transportation - Vote 16		
Operation of Transportation System (HI10)		
Road Safety and Traffic Guidance.....		600
Preservation of Transportation System (HI04)		
Surface Preservation.....	16,800	
Strategic Partnership Program - Road Management.....	5,230	22,030
		<hr/> 22,630 <hr/>

Additional funding is required to address public safety concerns and provide for road surface repairs and preservation costs due to damage from spring flooding. Funding is also required for costs associated with building up aggregate inventories to advance the 2007-08 preservation program and to initiate several road management projects.

Highways and Transportation Capital - Vote 17

Infrastructure Rehabilitation (HC01)

Infrastructure Rehabilitation.....	9,900
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Infrastructure Enhancement (HC02)

Highways and Bridges.....	22,100
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32,000

Additional funding is required: for construction costs on Highway 302 due to the roadbed moving as a result of a landslide; to commence engineering and design, property purchase and bridge construction on Highway 219; and, to build up aggregate inventories and secure contractor capacity to advance the department's transportation strategy in the 2007-08 construction season.

Information Technology Office - Vote 74

IT Coordination and Transformation Initiatives (IT03)

Information Technology Coordination.....	100
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100

Additional funding is required to implement new website content management tools that will make it easier to manage information on the government's central internet site.

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Justice - Vote 3		
Central Management and Services (JU01)		
Accommodation Services.....		1,400
Legal and Policy Services (JU04)		
Public Prosecutions.....	33	
Communications and Public Education.....	50	83
Community Justice (JU05)		
Police Programs.....	50	
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.....	1,100	1,150
Boards and Commissions (JU08)		
Inquiries.....	1,000	
Legal Aid Commission.....	200	1,200
		3,833

Additional funding is required to provide for: planning potential court capital projects; the provincial strategy to prevent sexual exploitation of children; the Spiritwood manhunt and investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; the completion of the Milgaard Inquiry; and, a settlement on a legal action through the Legal Aid Commission.

Learning - Vote 5

Pre-K - 12 Education (LR03)

School Capital Transfers.....		22,230
		22,230

Additional funding is required to provide for grants to school boards to address capital project commitments on a more timely basis and provide for increased costs for K-12 capital projects due to significant inflation in the construction industry.

Property Management - Vote 13

Major Capital Asset Acquisitions (PM07)

Machinery and Equipment.....		2,800
		2,800

Additional funding is required to buy-out a King Air B200 aircraft that is currently leased.

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SaskEnergy Incorporated - Vote 77	
Support for La Ronge Natural Gas Service Project (SE02).....	7,000
	<hr/> 7,000 <hr/>

Additional funding is required to support a SaskEnergy project to extend natural gas service to La Ronge and Weyakwin. This \$7.0M grant will supplement an investment made by SaskEnergy and contributions by residential and commercial customers.

Total Budgetary Appropriation - To Be Voted	383,055
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Amortization

Capital assets require an appropriation in the fiscal year they are acquired. These assets are not expensed upon acquisition. Under accrual accounting, capital assets are charged as an expense over their useful service life as they are consumed. The consumption of capital assets is referred to as amortization and does not require an appropriation. Loss on disposition of assets is also treated as amortization.

Amortization of Capital Assets

Community Resources.....	93
Environment.....	9,216
Property Management.....	51
	<hr/> 9,360 <hr/>

Amortization is a non-voted, non-cash expense and is presented for information purposes only.

The amortization expense is increased due to a revised valuation on office space, loss of a fire fighting aircraft and the purchase of a leased aircraft by the Department of Property Management.

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Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund - Vote 78

GRF Transfer to (from) the SIF.....	100,000
	100,000

Additional funding is required to establish the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund (SIF) pursuant to The Infrastructure Fund Act. The initial \$100M transferred to the SIF from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) will be used to meet the commitments for cultural and recreational infrastructure under the Building Communities Program over a three year timeframe.
