



# PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

(CANADA)

## 2002-03 BUDGET

(Financial Highlights of 2002-03 BUDGET, March 27, 2002)

March 27, 2002

*Ninth balanced budget achieved.*

### Revenue, Expense and Budget Balance (\$ Millions)

	Estimated 2002-03	Forecast 2001-02	Actual 2000-01
Revenue	\$ 6,094.3	\$ 5,957.8	\$ 6,753.6
Operating Expenditure	5,686.3	5,747.6	5,256.8
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 408.0</b>	<b>\$ 210.2</b>	<b>\$ 1,496.8</b>
Servicing the Public Debt	(633.0)	(620.5)	(664.1)
Fiscal Stabilization Fund	225.0	410.7	(775.0)
<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>	<b>\$ 0.4</b>	<b>\$ 57.7</b>

*Debt declines during 2002-03 following rise during 2001-02.*

### Debt of the Province as at March 31 (\$ Millions)

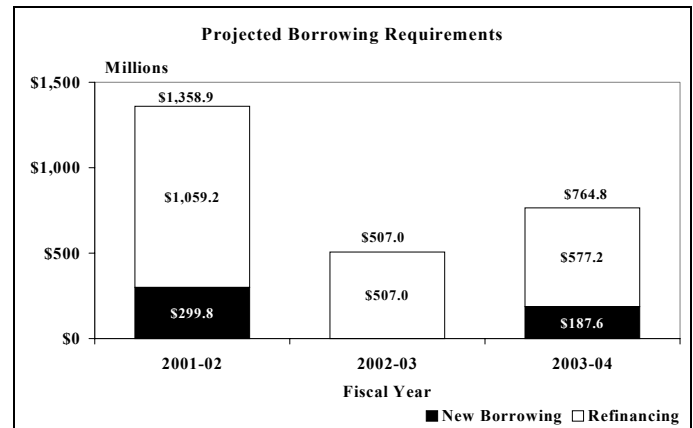
	Estimated 2003	Forecast 2002	Actual 2001
<b>Government</b>			
Gross Debt	\$ 8,275.5	\$ 8,174.3	\$ 7,912.8
Guaranteed Debt	183.2	230.3	270.9
Sinking Funds	701.8	602.2	507.3
Government Debt	\$ 7,756.9	\$ 7,802.4	\$ 7,676.4
<b>Crown Corporation</b>			
Gross Debt	\$ 3,816.1	\$ 3,924.7	\$ 3,848.3
Guaranteed Debt	27.9	35.2	41.1
Sinking Funds	187.8	312.5	369.3
Crown Corporation Debt	\$ 3,656.2	\$ 3,647.4	\$ 3,520.1
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>\$ 11,413.1</b>	<b>\$ 11,449.8</b>	<b>\$ 11,196.5</b>

*Nine credit rating upgrades since 1995.*

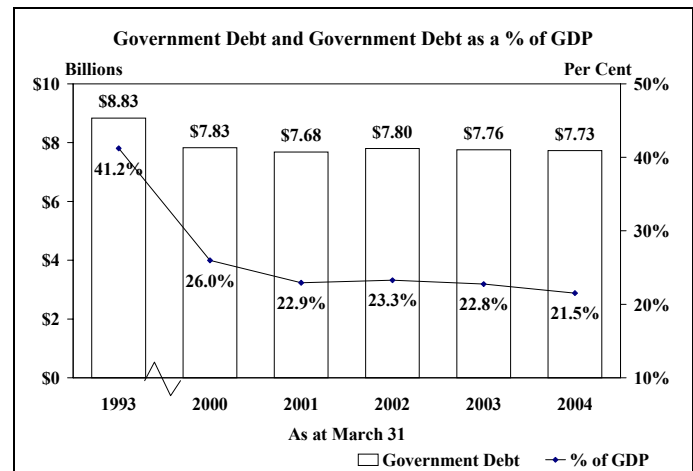
### Credit Ratings of the Province

Standard & Poor's	A+
Moody's Investors Service	A1
Dominion Bond Rating Service	A

*Borrowing requirements primarily for debt refinancing.*



*Declining government debt trend continues following 2001-02 increase.*



*“The 2002-03 Budget is Saskatchewan’s plan to live within our means, given reduced revenue and increasing demands. Our focus in the budget is on the key public priorities of health and education. We have reduced personal income tax for the fifth consecutive year, and will implement an increase in the Corporation Capital Tax threshold.”*

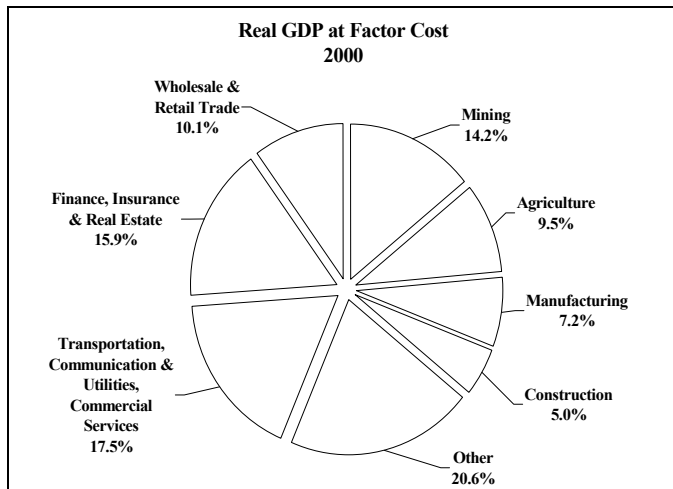
*Honourable Eric Cline  
Minister of Finance*

## 2001-02 Borrowing Activities

Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Principal Amount (\$ Millions)
<b>Saskatchewan Savings Bonds Series 10</b>			
July 15, 2001	July 15, 2006	4.25%	\$ 49.5
<b>Capital Markets</b>			
Promissory Notes			29.4
August 8, 2001 and December 10, 2001	September 5, 2031	6.40%	450.0
November 1, 2001	December 1, 2006	4.75%	300.0
January 16, 2002	April 1, 2005	4.205%	50.0
January 17, 2002	January 25, 2007 - 2030	6.20% / 6.35%	50.0
January 31, 2002	September 6, 2007	5.00%	400.0
February 13, 2002	February 13, 2009 - 2032	5.05% / 6.30%	30.0
<b>Borrowing Completed</b>			<b>\$ 1,358.9</b>

*Mining is the largest goods-producing sector of the economy, followed by Agriculture.*

*Gross debt due within one year totals 7 per cent; average term to maturity 10 years.*



Source: Statistics Canada

### Gross Debt Maturity Schedule as at March 31, 2002 (\$ Millions)

	Canadian Dollar Debt	Foreign Debt* (in Cdn \$)	Gross Debt
2002-03	\$ 790.1	\$ —	\$ 790.1
2003-04	456.8	80.1	536.9
2004-05	1,319.8	—	1,319.8
2005-06	950.7	—	950.7
2006-07	1,247.8	—	1,247.8
1 - 5 years	\$ 4,765.2	\$ 80.1	\$ 4,845.3
6 - 10 years	2,501.2	310.8	2,812.0
11 - 15 years	947.1	801.1	1,748.2
16 - 20 years	376.8	801.1	1,177.9
21 - 25 years	175.1	480.5	655.6
26 - 30 years	860.0	—	860.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,625.4</b>	<b>\$ 2,473.6</b>	<b>\$ 12,099.0</b>

\* Consists only of U.S. dollar debt

*Continued economic growth in 2001 despite global economic slowdown.*

- Real GDP grew 0.8 per cent in 2001 and is forecast to increase by 1.5 per cent in 2002.
- Industrial building permits up by 90 per cent in 2001.
- Public and private investments expected to rise by 9.3 per cent in 2002, the strongest in the country, according to Statistics Canada's Survey of Public and Private Investment Intentions.
- Value of natural gas sales up 27.4 per cent in the first 11 months of 2001 from a comparable period in 2000.
- Natural gas wells drilled up 16.2 per cent in all of last year.
- Retail and wholesale trade up 2.9 per cent and 15.9 per cent respectively.
- New vehicle sales up 4.0 per cent.

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