



**SPP**

**SASKATCHEWAN  
PROGRESS PARTY**

*Building a  
Healthy Future  
Together*

*Your Elected Government hasn't worked for You in over forty years.*

*You have the power to create a better future, and you always have!*

## A Message from the SPP Executive

People in Saskatchewan have always had exceptional capacity for generosity, kindness, and providing service in their communities.

This genuine warmth, co-operative ingenuity, and communal spirit distinguishes our people from other places throughout North America.

These virtues helped us weather social and cultural storms for generations, and they will help us reconcile with injustices, past and present.

*But our Province has a problem.*

The Saskatchewan Public *have endured* the past 17 years of cruel, callous, and nakedly selfish governance of *the infamous SaskParty*.

*They've* given away public assets to private owners, destroying local communities' economies each time.

*They've* severed connections between families and communities by killing *the Saskatchewan Transportation Company* – deliberately *making Rural residents into second-class citizens* overnight.

*Their Party* has used and pitted our dedicated Ministries' civil servants against each other while orchestrating corrupt land deals, engaging in *anti-social* criminal activity, and cutting deals for well-off corporations.

*They suppressed* life-saving information during a global pandemic, and had *the worst outcomes* of any province. *They've punished* whistleblowers and critics for over 17 years.

And **they've** used the Notwithstanding Clause to oppress **school children**, and to send a hateful message to the **2SLGBTQ+ community**.

**They've** done all these things because it benefits **them**. **Their contempt for the Public** extends to their own colleagues: they've surveilled each other, and **they've even brought weapons into their workplace**.

This is the nature of **their Anti-Social politics**. Every interaction must be a cold transaction. Critics must be monitored. Every donation matched with a contract. **They think** that people should **suffer in silence**, and even **die for the economy**, and **quietly**.

**This is the inevitable result of cutting services for 40 years, and lionizing it.**

**The wellbeing of people should not be considered an expense.**

### **Let's call a Spade a Spade.**

Despite their myriad flaws, the SaskParty has controlled the province virtually unopposed in the Legislature.

Their **most inspired** legislative critics have served single terms, or fraught double terms, amongst a dysfunctional, petrified Official Opposition. The NDP have slowly, but obediently followed the SaskParty's lead: **the NDP are outright endorsing Conservative policies today**, like ending the Carbon Rebate, enacting **anti-democratic changes** to the Election Act, and **denying Treaty Rights** through the Sask. First Act.

**Half of all voters were not inspired to vote in 2020.** Faith and hope in the Saskatchewan government continues to decline because both establishment parties are cynical, calculating, and untrustworthy. **They serve themselves**, and their conduct ripples through the province, damaging relationships at work and at home.

We need a Government that helps **all people**. We must **stop settling** for legislators who serve themselves.

*The stakes are too high to sit out.*

The Saskatchewan Public has done their best work through progressive grassroots organizing over the past 17 years. Progressive groups have fought and defeated the SaskParty on several occasions.

They've been successful not because of the NDP, but in spite of the NDP. These Progressive movements have been more successful without the NDP in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and many times before.

People who care about helping everyone will always have a place in the Saskatchewan Progress Party.

We need to fight anti-social policies and movements on all fronts. The Progressive movement, serving and supported by the Public, must have democratic representation again in the Saskatchewan Legislature. We must build power together so we can defeat all three austerity parties currently in office.

The Saskatchewan Progress Party, with the Policies described throughout this Platform, aims to serve as the legislative wing for all socially-conscious, inclusive, just, and generous people who want to build fundamental social change – for the good of all.

Our world is facing multiple inter-related crises. Violence, genocide, greed-induced poverty, and an insecure climate must be combatted from all sides.

We cannot use the same logic that caused our problems in the first place. Unregulated crony capitalism must be replaced to save our communities.

Our economy can be so much more than a fractured extraction colony. Idealism is good. Don't let anti-social parties and pundits say otherwise. We must shoot for the stars, or we'll keep hitting sand traps.

## We have a Plan for the Public, and we'll stick to it.

We have a plan to build the kind of Saskatchewan **we all want**: a place that takes care of **all people**. A place that lifts people up. A place that becomes the envy of world for **healthy and happy public services**. A place renowned for **community spirit**.

**Community Morale** is extremely important to us – we won't give up on our promises. Past compromises and half-measures have led to this dysfunctional status quo. **We'll start by holding the balance of power in a minority government** – and we know that's more meaningful than a couple Cabinet positions.

**A Healthy Future is long overdue**. We've been close before, **and we can do even better today**.

## Our Plan will:

- **End Burnout and Rebuild Universal Healthcare.**
  - ✓ Public Healthcare must be staffed up and expanded – profit motives must be eliminated where life and death are concerned, **in cities and towns**.
  - ✓ **Patient quality of service will improve, and Staff will be protected from violence.**
  - ✓ The Healthcare system will recover through **Modern Social Service Funding, Safe Consumption Sites, and a Housing First Model**.
- **Rebuild Social Democratic Values** in the Legislature and civil service.
  - ✓ Public service should never be run on the same logic as business – **the Profit Motive** must be replaced with a **Morale Motive**.
  - ✓ We'll repeal terrible Bills passed by the SaskParty such as the Parents' Bill of Rights, the Saskatchewan Marshalls, and the Sask First Act.
  - ✓ **Labour Rights must be expanded for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workplace – We'll make it happen with direct input from workers.**
  - ✓ All publicly funded savings funds will need to divest from military investments.

- **Reform our Electoral System.**
  - ✓ We are committed to moving on from our cynical, unrepresentative voting system toward **Ranked Choice Voting**, so people aren't afraid to vote first for the Party they like most.
  - ✓ **You'll never need to settle for useless big tent parties again.**
  - ✓ We'll create space for Indigenous people in the Legislature with **Indigenous MLAs**.
  - ✓ And we'll remove patently obvious sources of corruption through **Donation Restrictions** and **Bans on MLAs holding Private Investments**.
- **Expand Staffing Throughout our Public Education** systems.
  - ✓ We need **more Teachers, more Educational Assistants, Mental Health staff** in all schools, and they need **safer workplaces** to serve students.
  - ✓ **Private Schools** must have **substantial reforms and weekly oversight**.
- **End Poverty, Homelessness, and Fight Crime through healing models.**
  - ✓ Healing models are **proven** to cost less than **the anti-social status quo** – **and they'll build social morale again**.
  - ✓ We can easily lead the country on **Housing First** programs, **Rent Controls, Non-Medical Emergency Staff** to protect domestic violence survivors, and provide a **20% funding increase to Assisted Income and Disability Benefit recipients** to foster dignified lives in our communities.
  - ✓ **Livable Minimum Wages** and **Guaranteed Livable Basic Income** are needed, and **Minimum Wage exemptions must end** to protect vulnerable people.
- **Build Public Housing through Existing Crowns.**
  - ✓ The private sector has repeatedly reneged on promises to provide affordable housing since 2007 – **we'll make it happen** by expanding the Sask. Housing Corp.
- **Protect Jobs and the Environment.**
  - ✓ We'll lead the country **and drive Young Canadians to Saskatchewan** for **Free Green Energy Training**.
  - ✓ We'll staff up with **Sustainable Careers** in the revitalized **Ministry of Environment, SaskPower, and the Saskatchewan Climate Corps**.

*We can afford a Better Province by  
Removing Anti-Social Barriers throughout the Government,  
Raising Revenues from the Private Sector, and  
Building Public Sector Revenue Sources.*

*The Money is there, and always has been. What's been missing is  
simple: Legislators who Won't Sell You Out. Legislators who will raise  
taxes on Companies, not Communities.*

*Our Plan, with your support, will improve the quality of life across our  
diverse and social Saskatchewan.*

*We ask for your support this upcoming election to take our province  
into a healthy future – for everyone.*

## Revitalize, Retain, and Expand Universal Healthcare

*System-Wide Reforms are needed to save our Universal Healthcare system.*

*Lives lost to insufficient healthcare coverage ripple through communities. Our lives are at stake.*

### *We will improve the Working Conditions for All Workers by:*

- *Providing Full-Time Contracts to All RNs, LPNs, and HCA Staff Currently on Casual and Part-Time*
- *Increasing Graduate Retention via Guaranteed Full Time Contracts*
- *Doubling Porter Positions in All Hospitals*
- *Promoting Union Nursing Positions and Phasing Out Contract Nursing*

### *We will Retain Physicians, Doctors, and Surgeons by:*

- *Replacing the Primary Care FFS Model with a Patient Complexity Model (LFP)*
- *Providing Nationalized Primary Care Clinics for Team-based Services*
- *Meeting Service Fees in Manitoba and Alberta*
- *Paying Equal Rates for Virtual Primary Care Visits*
- *Increasing Medical Resident Seats by 50%*
- *Reserving 10 Medical Resident Seats for Students from our Rural Communities*
- *Delegating Power to the Chief Medical Officer to Issue Public Health Mandates During Pandemics*
- *Expanding Advanced Placement Courses and Access for Families*

### *We will increase Healthcare Access and Save Lives by:*

- *Enacting a Housing First Model for Homelessness, including Reforms to the Sask Housing Corporation Act, and Wrap-around Social Service Support Programs*
- *Funding Safe Consumption Sites and Toxicity Testing in all Cities*
- *Rebuilding and Modernizing the Saskatchewan Transportation Company*
- *Improving Indoor Air Quality Standards in Workplaces*
- *Improving Indoor Air Quality Standards in Schools*
- *Building Up Our Public Medical Imaging Capacity by 50%*
- *Requiring Masking in Hospitals, Long Term Care Homes, and Health Centers to Stop the Spread of Illnesses*
- *Increasing Public Health Advertising Funding*
- *Replacing or Relining all Asbestos Cement Water Pipes by 2030*
- *Running Testing Programs for Asbestos in Drinking Water in All Communities*



### *We will make Healthcare more affordable by:*

- *Covering All Financial/Healthcare Supports to Minimize MAiD Deaths*
- *Commencing a Nationalization Strategy for Private Services*
- *Freezing Prices on Healthy Food*
- *Ending Out-of-Pocket Ambulance Fees*
- *Ending Out-of-Pocket Fees at Medical Clinics*
- *Enacting Sask Pharmacare to Fill All Gaps in Federal Pharmacare*
- *Strategically Maximizing Federal Health Transfer Funding*

### *We will address the Mental Healthcare Crisis by:*

- *Redirecting Mental Health Policing Calls to Non-medical Emergency Service Teams (NEST)*
- *Providing Emergency Transportation for Domestic Abuse Survivors via NEST*
- *Providing Safe Consumption Clinics in All Cities*
- *Funding an Opioid and Methamphetamine Reduction Strategy*
- *Legislating Emotional Support Animal Protections*
- *Establishing Service Animal Training and Certification – In Saskatchewan*
- *Expanding Human Rights Protections for Emotional Support Animal Owners*
- *Removing Housing and Rental Barriers for Emotional Support Animal Owners*

### *We will Support Seniors across the province by:*

- *Providing Staff Supports to Facilitate an Age-At-Home Culture*
- *Increasing Publicly-Run Long Term Care Capacity by 30%*
- *Establishing and Enforcing Duty of Care Standards in Long Term Care*
- *Increasing Funding for Dementia Diagnostics, Post-Diagnostics, and Care Partner Education Resources*
- *Appointing a Senior Care Advocate to Advise Cabinet and SHA*

## Provide Secure and High-Quality Education

*Different Education Systems have different problems to tackle.*

*We'll provide Staff and Students major Quality of Life Boosts in all Elementary and High Schools by:*

- *Eliminating Out-Of-Pocket Fees in Elementary/Secondary Schools*
- *Guaranteeing Full-Time Employment for Currently Contracted Substitute Teachers*
- *Guaranteeing Full-time Employment for New Teaching Graduates by 2026*
- *Providing Elementary School Snack and Lunch Programs*
- *Staffing Mental Healthcare Workers, Counsellors, & Social Workers in All Schools*
- *Staffing Educational Assistants in Every Classroom by 2026*
- *Setting Average Classroom Sizes of 18 Students*
- *Setting Maximum Classroom Sizes of 22 Students*
- *Returning Mill Rate Powers to School Divisions*
- *Providing Air Conditioning and Better Air Quality in All Schools*
- *Reinstating Sexual Health and Awareness Programs in Schools*
- *Increasing Domestic Abuse Awareness in High Schools*
- *Reforming and Increasing Enforcement Standards in Private Schools*

*We'll provide Up-Front Relief for Students in College and University through:*

- *Freezing Post-Secondary Tuition via Direct School Funding*
- *Providing the Lowest University Tuition in Canada*
- *Providing Free College Diploma and GED Programs*
- *Removing the 20-Hour/Week Labour Caps for International Students*
- *Increasing Student Housing Capacity*
- *Funding Research and Development in Green Energy Technology*
- *Funding Green Energy Trades Programs*
- *Increasing Seats in Social Services Programs*

## Modernizing Social Services

*Sweeping Reforms are needed across the province to provide Security and Dignified Lives for All Residents.*

*We'll help Vulnerable People by:*

- *Paying a Guaranteed Livable Income for All Citizens 17 Years and Older*
- *Setting Income Support Program Increases to Match Inflation*
- *Increasing Assisted Income and Disability Support Rates Immediately by 30%*
- *Increasing Social Services Childcare Staffing by 30%*
- *Partnering with Indigenous Childcare Organizations*
- *Enacting Reforms to Build Equal Social Assistance Funding Programs*
- *Providing Secure 4-Year Funding Agreements to Community-Based Organizations*
- *Minimizing Turnover in the Disability Service Sector*
- *Banning Evictions for Social Assistance Clients*
- *Banning Utility Service Disconnections for Social Assistance Clients*
- *Freezing Prices on Healthy Food*
- *Expanding Food Bank Hours to Increase Access*
- *Increasing Food Bank Delivery Services*
- *Expanding Human Rights Protections for Emotional Support Animal Owners*
- *Remove Housing and Rental Barriers for Emotional Support Animal Owners*

*Online & Traditional Media are blaming New Canadians for affordability problems – it's an anti-social campaign to divert blame from price-gouging companies.*

*Trust yourself: disregard anti-social media, and help your community fight off rising fascism.*

*Saskatchewan has a complicated, often unjust history toward welcoming New Canadians. We'll do better than the best past generations by:*

- *Applying to Accept Refugees Fleeing Active Conflicts and Climate Disasters*
- *Improving the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program*
- *Increasing International Student Housing Capacity*
- *Freezing Post-Secondary Tuition*
- *Freezing Prices on Healthy Food*

## The New Fight for Democratic Labour Rights

*Modern technology has made our workplaces more efficient than ever. There are better uses for our free time, and it's time to reap the benefits of efficient work with:*

- 4-Day (32-hour) Work Weeks
- Enacting Parity Co-Determination in the Workplace
- Full Health Benefits For Part-Time Workers
- 10 Paid Sick Days Per Year

*Workers have been undervalued and underpaid for over 40 years. An Income Correction is long overdue, and will start with:*

- Increasing Minimum Wage to \$20
- Shifting from Minimum Wage to Single Living Wage System by 2028
- Ending the Inequality of Minimum Wage Exemptions

*Saskatchewan Residents' Job Security is under threat from Anti-Worker policies, New Technology, and Authoritarianism. We'll protect your Careers and Privacy Rights by:*

- Leaving the New West Partnership Trade Agreement
- Enacting Mandatory Collective Agreement Renewals Prior to Expiry
- Restricting Arrests and Charges for Striking Workers
- Legalizing Strikes and Speech During Collective Agreement Terms
- Enacting an Anti-Scab Labour Policy
- Banning Electronic Surveillance of Employees
- Banning Immediate Terminations over Legal Social Media Posts
- Expanding Whistleblower Protections

*Sask Union of Nurses' most recent contract was **3 years late** because of the anti-worker SaskParty.*

*Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation's contract is still not signed! It's **14 months late**, and the anti-social SaskParty won't allow progress until December.*

## Intervening to Create a Fair and Affordable Economy

*Large Corporations and Resource Companies have had an unprecedented 40 years of low taxes, low royalties, Government withdrawal from competition, and complex subsidies to establish themselves.*

*They're established now.*

*And some refuse to clean up their hazardous messes.*

### *It's time to Increase Government Revenue by:*

- *Raising Taxes on Large Corporations As Needed*
- *Cutting Corporate Welfare*
- *Raising Oil, Natural Gas, and Coal Royalty Rates by 10%*
- *Raising Potash Royalty Rates by 10%*
- *Replacing the PST with a Carbon Tax on Emitters by 2028*
- *Ending Corporate and Industrial Discounts on Electricity*
- *Increasing Income Tax on Incomes over \$300,000*
- *Restaffing and Rebuilding SLGA Retail Liquor Stores*
- *Setting a Vacant Housing Tax of 4% in Cities over 10,000 Residents, Paid to Municipalities*

*It's time to provide financial relief for those who have carried Saskatchewan over the past 40 years: The Public.*

### *We'll tackle the longstanding Household Affordability Crisis by:*

- *Paying a Guaranteed Livable Income for All Citizens 17 Years and Older*
- *Removing Out-of-Pocket Fees in Healthcare and Primary/Secondary Schools*
- *Doubling the Low-Income Tax Credit*
- *Freezing Prices on Healthy Food*
- *Removing PST on Kids' Clothing*
- *Removing PST on Prepared Foods*
- *Removing PST on Used Vehicles*
- *Removing PST on Home, Vehicle Rental, and Tenant Insurance*
- *Removing PST on Veterinary Care for Pets, Service Animals, and Emotional Support Animals*
- *Removing the 20-Hour Labour Cap for International Students*

*A wide range of People were historically shut out of the Economy. Some were recently driven out of their communities by callous politicians.*

*We can't undo the Past, but we can Reconcile and Repair Communities by Building a Co-Operative Future.*

*We'll bring new life into the Economy and provide Secure Careers by:*

- *Growing the Family of Crown Corporations to Fund Public Services, Expand Union Jobs, and Fight Monopolies*
- *Equal Partnership with Indigenous Nations on Natural Resource Development*
- *Acting on Provincial Truth and Reconciliation Obligations*
- *Developing a Public Team for the Professional Women's Hockey League*
- *Removing PST from Live Arts Performance Sales*
- *Reviving and Increasing the Film Tax Credit*
- *Offering 50% Public Ownership Stakes in Rare Earth Element Mining & Processing*
- *Expanding and Diversifying the Mineral Mining Industry*

*Many social policies have multiple benefits. We need to highlight those which will improve Safety in Rural communities. We will:*

- *Rebuild and Revitalize the Saskatchewan Transportation Company*
- *Double Rural Cell Tower Coverage*
- *Provide Emergency Transportation for Domestic Abuse Survivors via NEST*
- *Increase Retention of Physicians, Doctors, and Surgeons*
- *Provide Decentralized Solar and Wind Power Plants to Communities with Fewer than 10,000 Residents*

*To us, Decentralized power means you don't need to wait 4 hours for city contractors to repair power lines from distant power plants – you'll have certified wind and solar power operators locally.*

## Building Energy Independence and Protecting the Environment

*We'll ensure our Future is protected from volatile energy and fuel prices, insecurity from power outages, and that we will lead the world on modern energy production skills by:*

- *Building the Saskatchewan Climate Corps.*
- *Providing Free Training for Green Energy Workers*
- *Prioritizing Green Energy Training Opportunities for Traditional Energy Workers*
- *Doubling SaskPower's Solar and Wind Power Capacity*
- *Providing Decentralized Solar and Wind Power Plants to Communities with Fewer than 10,000 Residents*
- *Price Matching Net-Metering Rates for Residential Solar Power Customers*
- *Electric Vehicle Tax Rebates*
- *Increase Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations Across the Province*
- *High-Speed Passenger Rail Between Regina, Saskatoon, and Edmonton*
- *Replace Coal with Nuclear for Baseload Power*
- *Creating a Minister of Science and Technology and Ten-Member Volunteer Secretariat*

*We will directly protect our Air and Water, and efficiently manage Waste by:*

- *Increase Environmental Protection Staffing in the Ministry of Environment*
- *Build a Forestry Crown Corp to Prevent Wildfires and Boost Northern Residents' Incomes*
- *Fund the Protection and Restoration of Agricultural Wetlands*
- *Replacing or Relining all Asbestos Cement Water Pipes by 2030*
- *Running Testing Programs for Asbestos in Drinking Water*
- *Full Funding for Landfill Closures for Communities below 10,000 Residents*
- *Expand Funding for Household Hazardous Waste Producer Programs*
- *Improve EPR Regulatory Efficiency*
- *Doubling SARCAN Product Deposit Fees*
- *End the Sale of Crown Lands*

## Reform and Restore Faith in Social Democracy

*Voter Participation has been declining for a generation thanks to cynical, uninspired Parties, demoralizing “Strategic Voting”, and an unbroken string of Austerity Governments since the 1980s.*

*We will rebuild faith in our Democracy, and make every vote matter, by:*

- *Reforming Elections via Ranked Ballots*
- *Electing Two MLAs to Represent Each Treaty Region*
- *Electing Two MLAs to Represent the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan*
- *Removing Unconstitutional Candidate Deposits of \$500*
- *Providing Per-Vote Subsidies to Political Parties*
- *Reforming the Elections Act to Encourage Greater Participation in Democracy*

*We will fight corruption and cut publicly-funded propaganda by:*

- *Banning Corporate, Union, and Out-of-Province Political Donations*
- *Banning Private Investments by Politicians and Deputy Ministers, with Allowance for Public Sector Pensions*
- *Freezing Salaries for MLAs and Cabinet for 4 Years*
- *Setting Equal Spending Limits on All Ministries’ Advertising through a Fair Government Advertising Act*
- *Expanding Whistleblower Protections*
- *Increasing Provincial Auditor Powers and Budgets*
- *Divesting All Public Savings Funds from Military Company Investments*
- *Open the Books in Government and Investigate Any Fraud by Elected Leaders*

*We will repeal cruel, expensive, and Authoritarian bills passed by the SaskParty within our First Legislative Sitting, including:*

- *Immediately Repealing the Cruel “Parents’ Bill of Rights” Act, Bill 137*
- *Dissolving the New Saskatchewan Marshal Service*
- *Rescinding the Saskatchewan Revenue Agency legislation*
- *Returning Mill Rate Setting Power to School Divisions*
- *Reinstating the Politically-Neutral Legislative Security Staff*
- *Reinstating Sexual Health and Awareness Programs in Schools*
- *Repealing the Provincial Government’s Power to Remove Elected School Board Trustees*



## *We will Return Power and Independence to Local Communities, and Decentralize Power in the Provincial Government by:*

- *Returning Mill Rate Powers to School Divisions*
- *Partnering with Indigenous Childcare Organizations*
- *Providing Secure 4-Year Funding Agreements to Community-Based Organizations like SARC*
- *Providing Decentralized Solar and Wind Power Plants to Communities with Fewer than 10,000 Residents*
- *Price Matching Net-Metering Rates for Residential Solar Power Customers*

## This is a New Starting Point.

We need your help to identify and fix problems throughout the province. We know we haven't included everything here – there's too much to list.

We need your support. We need you to improve the Social Progressive movement's legislative effectiveness with your expertise, your experience, your spirit, and your voices.

With your support today, we would give you back the determining vote in a minority government. You could force the anti-social governing parties to make major concessions.

Over the next 4 years, we need your help to fight and defeat the next Austerity Government.

We can start today. We can Build a Healthy Future Together.

Join us at <https://saskprogress.com/>