

The Saskatchewan Party has kept 112 promises

Advanced Education, Employment & Labour

PROMISE MADE: Increase operating funding to post-secondary institutions by \$27 million in 2008-09.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides a \$38.1 million increase in funding to post-secondary institutions.

PROMISE MADE: Keep tuition affordable for students by increasing operating funding to post-secondary institutions and continue the tuition freeze for one more year.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing \$25.5 million to continue the university tuition freeze for 2008.

PROMISE MADE: Launch the most aggressive youth retention plan in Canada by rebating up to \$20,000 in tuition costs for post-secondary graduates who stay in Saskatchewan for seven years after graduation.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget introduced the Graduate Retention Program, a refundable income tax credit that will rebate up to \$20,000 of tuition fees paid by eligible graduates of Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions.

- In October 2008, the Graduate Retention Program was expanded to include eligible post-secondary graduates from within and beyond Canada.

PROMISE MADE: Increase training opportunities for apprentices.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget commits \$650,000 to add 250 training seats through the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.

- In September 2008, \$3.5 million was invested to create an additional 900 training seats.
- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$3.9 million to maintain the mid-year increase of 1,100 apprentice training seats and additional Apprenticeship Training Allowance support.

PROMISE MADE: Provide \$1 million over four years (\$250,000 per year) for the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to assist in professional development opportunities for public servants.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget commits \$250,000 in funding to the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

PROMISE MADE: Remove the legislation limits on the length of collective bargaining agreement.

PROMISE KEPT: This was addressed in the amendments to the Trade Union Act 2007, which was passed on May 14, 2008.

PROMISE MADE: Require secret ballots on any vote to certify a union in a workplace with a 50 percent plus one result for successful certification; and ensure freedom of information in the workplace during any unionization drive, by allowing unions and management the opportunity to communicate with employees fairly.

PROMISE KEPT: These issues were addressed in the amendments to the Trade Union Act 2007, which was passed on May 14, 2008.

PROMISE MADE: Establishing a fair and balanced labour environment that respects the rights of workers and employers.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government passed amendments to The Trade Union Act on May 14, 2008, that are intended to promote cooperative, productive and healthy work environments for employers and employees while ensuring Saskatchewan is competitive with other Canadian jurisdictions.

PROMISE MADE: To protecting public safety by ensuring essential services are in place in the event of a strike or labour action.

PROMISE KEPT: On December 19, 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government introduced The Public Service Essential Services Act, which defines essential services and balances the rights of workers with the need for essential services to ensure public safety.

PROMISE MADE: Provide an additional \$20-million over four years to food banks and community-based organizations that provide life skills, development and employment training to under-skilled individuals.

PROMISE KEPT: \$5-million was dedicated to this through the 08-09 Budget, \$3-million has already been allocated to various CBOs.

- September 2008 saw an extra \$18.3 million for CBOs, the largest single year increase.
- The 2009-10 Budget provides an additional \$27.2 million to CBOs to address recruitment and retention issues.

PROMISE MADE: The Saskatchewan Party government promised in their first Throne Speech to create a more aggressive immigration effort, and a concerted effort to bring our expatriate back home.

PROMISE KEPT: In the 2009-10 Budget commits to undertake a more aggressive immigration strategy.

PROMISE MADE: Reviewing the Workers' Compensation Board to ensure that it is responsive to the needs of both workers and employers.

PROMISE KEPT: The Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Rob Norris announced that the government has directed the WCB to initiate a best practices review to ensure its services are responsive to the needs of Saskatchewan employers and employees.

Agriculture

PROMISE MADE: Conduct an immediate review of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance program to determine how to increase coverage and reduce premiums for producers.

PROMISE KEPT: On April 9, 2008, the Government of Saskatchewan launched a review of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance program, which focused on ways to improve programming for farmers. The review is completed and the final report was released on October 6, 2008.

- Agriculture Minister Bob Bjournerud has announced the details of the 2009 Crop Insurance Program. The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation is implementing 12 of the 16 recommendations from the recent program review.
- The provincial government's contribution to the program this year is the largest ever made by a Saskatchewan Government.

PROMISE MADE: Fully fund the provincial government's share of agricultural risk management programs.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing \$91.5 million to fully fund new agricultural risk management programs (AgriStability and AgriInvest), as well as providing \$129.8 million for Crop Insurance (an increase of \$25.8 million).

- The 2009-10 Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture's budget will provide \$483.4 million, an increase of \$177.5 million (58 per cent) over 2008-09, to benefit Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers

PROMISE MADE: Support research, development and the commercialization of innovation in activities related to energy, forestry, mining and agriculture.

PROMISE KEPT: Minister Bob Bjournerud announced \$12.6 million in agriculture research funding. This funding is from the province's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) and is for 48 agricultural research projects.

Corrections, Public Safety & Policing

PROMISE MADE: Hire 120 new police officers over four years (30 new officers per year).

PROMISE KEPT: In the 2008-09 Budget, funding was provided for 30 additional police officers.

- The 2009-10 Budget will provide new funding of \$1.6 million, which will increase the province's contingent of police officers by 30 in 2009-10.

PROMISE MADE: Double existing funding for police resources to protect children from sexual exploitation over the Internet.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides additional funding for resources targeted to combat Internet child exploitation.

- \$1.12 million dollars annually to fund 11 new police officers.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will provide an additional \$4-million over four years -- almost a 50 percent increase -- to combat organized crime and gangs in Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government is providing funding of \$785,000 annually for nine new police officers for a special unit to combat organized crime and gangs from the \$2.7 million for 30 new police officers announced in the 2008-09 provincial Budget.

- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$481,000 for participation in a Western Canadian gang member database.
- \$500,000 to support program activities coming out of the proposed Witness Protection Legislation.
- \$600,000 and 7 FTEs to increase the activities of "Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods"
- \$87 million over four years for a new Saskatoon Remand Centre.

PROMISE MADE: Hire more corrections workers to eliminate drugs and gangs in jails.

PROMISE KEPT: In the 08-09 Budget, money was allocated to hire an additional 80 FTEs. The hiring process has already begun and there are currently more correctional workers hired in Saskatchewan than before the 2007 General Election.

- In March 2009, our government took action on the External Investigation Team's Report and Recommendations on improving our Correctional System, including an increased management presence in facilities.
- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$3.3 million a 20.0 FTE increase for projected inmate growth, along with \$4.9 million and 18.0 FTEs annualizing to 32.0 FTEs in 2010-11 for increasing managerial and operational capacity within the facilities.

PROMISE MADE: Increase funding for addiction treatment and counselling for offenders with addictions.

PROMISE KEPT: A specialized treatment unit has been established as a pilot project in Regina. To date, this project is showing significant success.

- The government is committing \$1 million towards addiction treatment for youth and young adults who are in custody and transitioning into the community.

Ministry Crown Sector: CIC

PROMISE MADE: To ensure appointments to Crown boards are reviewed by Crowns and Central Agencies Committee while requiring Crown Corporation to report to the Legislature on a regular basis.

PROMISE KEPT: In June, the CIC approved changes to the policy that require that the names of all individuals appointed to CIC Crown Boards be provided to the Crowns and Central Agencies Committee. The government will also ensure that Crown Corporations continue to report to the Legislature on a regular basis.

CIC Crown Sector: SGI

PROMISE MADE: To Help Saskatchewan “Go Green” by ensuring SGI will provides rebates on the cost of model hybrid and high-fuel efficiency vehicles 2006 or later.

PROMISE KEPT: In March 2008, SGI introduced a 20 percent rebated on 2007 insurance premiums and registration fees to customers who registered 2006 and later model hybrid and high-fuel efficient vehicles.

CIC Crown Sector: Sasktel

PROMISE MADE: To improve Sasktel cellular coverage throughout Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: Sasktel announced that approximately 50 new digital cellular sites will be added across the province, resulting in cell phone coverage for 98 percent of the population, an investment of \$48 million.

PROMISE MADE: The Saskatchewan Party government will expand high-speed internet access throughout Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: Saskatchewan will have 100 percent high speed Internet coverage within three years as the result of a major investment of \$90 million to SaskTel for \$129 million in rural service improvement that includes improving high speed Internet, expanding CommunityNet and building 50 new cell phone towers.

CIC Crown Sector: SaskPower

PROMISE MADE: SaskPower and SaskEnergy will work together to help homeowners, schools, hospitals and business Go Green, by providing low interest loans of up to \$25,000 for Saskatchewan residents to install geothermal heating, solar power and small scale wind generation equipment.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Government has developed a new program effective immediately, that will give loans for up to \$25,000 for installing a geothermal system, and/or a loan of up to \$25,000 for installing a renewable system in a new or existing home.

PROMISE MADE: To assist the development of net-metering to support small scale renewable power generation and conservation.

PROMISE KEPT: The provincial government has developed a suite of programs designed to encourage the use of environmentally responsible energy sources. The province is also topping up support to the Net Metering Program. Residents who wish to self-generate electricity using environmentally-friendly sources, such as wind or solar, could now receive a rebate of up to \$35,000, retroactive to April 1, 2007.

Education

PROMISE MADE: Revise the Education Act to improve the consultation and assessment process before significant changes are made to school facilities.

PROMISE KEPT: The Education Amendment Act was passed on June 2008, expands the process boards of education follow when making the decision to close schools that are located within school districts, and allows for greater community involvement.

PROMISE MADE: Maintain funding levels for childcare and early childhood learning and development initiatives.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget commits \$45.3 million for child-care, early childhood development and learning, which includes 500 childcare spaces and a four percent wage lifts for childcare workers.

- The Ministry of Education is providing \$225,000 in capital funding to the YMCA of Regina to develop a new childcare centre.
- Budget 2009-10 provides \$57.8 million for early learning and childcare (ELCC), an increase of \$12.6 million, for 1,000 new spaces, childcare worker training, funding lifts for ELCC service providers and capital for new space development and maintenance.
- May 11, 2009 - The Moose Jaw YMCA will receive new funding for 120 childcare spaces.
- "This year we will be funding 1,000 new childcare spaces, bringing our total number of licensed spaces to 11,400 by the end of 2009-10. This is an investment of \$4.22 million." Minister Krawetz.

- June 30, 2009 - The government announced 17 agencies will receive funding to develop 496 new childcare spaces in 11 communities throughout Saskatchewan.

PROMISE MADE: To provide funding for schools that meet stringent criteria as schools of opportunity or necessity.

PROMISE KEPT: The province is providing roughly \$5 million in funding recognition for school of necessity in 2008-09. The 2008-09 Budget allocated a pool of \$1 million for schools of opportunity to access. The Government of Saskatchewan has created a new funding formula for schools of opportunity through the amendments to the Education Act, 1995 and The Education Regulations, 1986.

- In 2009-10, there will be \$1 million available for those who qualify as schools of opportunity.
- Chaplin School in the Prairie South School Division is being declared the first School of Opportunity in Saskatchewan.

PROMISE MADE: Consult with Saskatchewan people to determine the best way to ensure K-12 education is properly funded and that the education portion of property taxes is further reduced.

PROMISE KEPT: The government asked Saskatchewan residents to weigh in on education property taxes through an online website via the Ministry of Education.

PROMISE MADE: Reduce the education portion of property taxes for Saskatchewan homeowners by increasing the property tax rebate from 10 to 12 percent in 2008-09.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget increases the property tax rebate from 10 to 12 percent for homeowners for an average annual savings of \$133.

- The 2009-10 Budget will allow for \$103 million in Education Property Tax savings for Saskatchewan property owners in 2009, a 14% reduction.

PROMISE MADE: Work with school boards to increase distance education and tele-learning opportunities in rural schools.

PROMISE KEPT: The Education Minister announced nearly \$10 million in funding to enhance technology infrastructure in Saskatchewan's public library systems, schools and regional colleges. The education technology infrastructure funding of more than \$4 million will benefit three primary infrastructure components: the LIVE Satellite Network, CommunityNet and the Blackboard Learning Management System.

PROMISE MADE: Increase the property tax rebate on agricultural land from 38 to 47 percent in 2008-09.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget increases the Property Tax Rebate on farmland from 38 to 47 percent for an average annual savings of \$2,072.

PROMISE MADE: Increase K-12 education operating funding to school boards by \$28 million in 2008-09.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing a \$34.6 million increase to K-12 education funding.

- Along with the largest education property tax cut in history, the 2009-10 Budget provides an increase of \$241 million in school operating funding.

PROMISE MADE: Making Treaty education mandatory in the K-12 curriculum.

PROMISE KEPT: The Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC), Ministry of Education and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) made a formal commitment to moving mandatory Treaty education forward. Two new resources were introduced: Kindergarten to Grade 6 Teaching Treaties in the Classroom and Treaty Essential Learnings (TEs).

- The new Treaty education website is now operational on the Ministry of Education's website.

PROMISE MADE: Provide an additional \$2 million over the next four years (\$500,000 per year) to community schools across the province for school lunch and anti-hunger programs.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing a \$500,000 annual increase to school lunch and anti-hunger programs.

- The 2009-10 Budget continues this program along with a 4% increase for inflation.

Executive Council

PROMISE MADE: Create a smaller cabinet.

PROMISE KEPT: When in opposition, Premier Wall committed to having a smaller cabinet than the previous administration. The current cabinet, sworn in November 21, 2007, consists of 18 members, two less than the last Saskatchewan cabinet.

PROMISE MADE: Create set election dates.

PROMISE KEPT: On April 22, 2008, the Saskatchewan Party government passed its first piece of Legislation, a new law establishing a set election date every four years.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will be an active participant in inter-provincial Western Canadian initiatives that expand economic opportunity, improve the effectiveness of public services and enhance security for Saskatchewan people.

PROMISE KEPT: The inaugural joint Saskatchewan-Alberta cabinet meeting

concluded with the Saskatchewan Premier and Alberta Premier signing a protocol of co-operation committing their governments to working more closely together. This commitment will include closer ties on energy, the environment, trade, education, health care and transportation.

- March 2009 saw the first-ever Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC joint cabinet meeting.

PROMISE MADE: Government advertising will be prohibited in the month leading up to the election campaign, except in the case of an emergency or compelling public safety concerns.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government introduced the Act to amend The Election Act, 1996, which prohibits government advertising in the month leading up to the election writ being dropped, except in the case of an emergency or compelling public safety concern.

PROMISE MADE: The government could not increase the amount it spends on advertising in the four months leading up to an election and will have to provide complete public disclosure of the amount it is spending on advertising during that period.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government introduced the Act to amend The Election Act, 1996, which ensures that the government can not increase the amount it spends on advertising in the four months leading up to an election and will have to provide complete public disclosure of the amount it is spending on advertising during that period.

Enterprise Saskatchewan

PROMISE MADE: To create Enterprise Saskatchewan, a new public-private partnership that will be the province's central economic development agency.

PROMISE KEPT: On May 14, 2008, An Act respecting Enterprise Saskatchewan was given Proclamation in the House, which outlines the structure of Enterprise Saskatchewan and will give the new special operating agency the authority to carry out its mandate. On February 29, 2008, The Government of Saskatchewan announced the names of ten individuals who have agreed to accept positions on the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

PROMISE MADE: Explore and identify uranium value-added opportunities in Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to be working with Bruce Power to explore ways to add value to our raw uranium resources here in Saskatchewan. A new 12 person Uranium Development Partnership has also been

established to advise the Government of Saskatchewan on further development of Saskatchewan's vast uranium resources.

- The UDP Report was submitted on March 31, 2009. The public can submit their input through mail, telephone, online or through 15 public meetings throughout the summer months.

PROMISE MADE: The Saskatchewan Party government will create Innovation Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government has introduced The Innovation Saskatchewan Act, a special operating agency to focus, co-ordinate and support research activities in the province, with the goal of fostering an innovation-driven economy.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will increase the research and development tax credit from 15% to 20% to encourage more private sector investment in R&D.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2009-10 Budget provides an additional \$6 million per year in provincial support to small and medium sized R&D companies, the total cost of this tax credit is \$18 million annually.

Energy and Resources

PROMISE MADE: Reinstate the Saskatchewan Mineral Exploration Tax Credit to encourage ongoing, sustainable development of Saskatchewan's mineral resources.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget reinstates the 10 percent Saskatchewan Mineral Exploration Tax Credit.

PROMISE MADE: Cancelling the DOMTAR Memorandum of Understanding on the Prince Albert Pulp Mill that risked \$100 million taxpayers' dollars.

PROMISE KEPT: Within days of being sworn in, the Saskatchewan Party government set aside the former administration's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Domtar to negotiate a deal that does not involve taxpayers' money. The decision not to proceed with the MOU will save the Crown Investments Corporation and Saskatchewan taxpayers nearly \$100 million.

PROMISE MADE: To ensure that Saskatchewan is a member of North America and International energy and economic organizations.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government has joined The Energy Council in December of 2007; the Inter-state Oil and Gas Compact Commission in March of 2008; and the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) in July of 2008.

Environment

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will more than double the Green Initiatives Fund by providing an additional \$40-million over four years.

PROMISE KEPT: The government has increased support for the Go Green Fund from \$7.5 million/year to \$17.5 million/year, starting with the 2008/09 budget. This is a commitment of \$70 million over four years.

PROMISE MADE: To support environmental awareness and sustainable community initiatives, including local recycling programs.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government will provide 16 regional waste management system providers across the province grants totalling \$835,000. Grant funds will be used by the regional waste management system providers to assist with recycling activities and operating debt, the purchase of capital assets for recycling programs and assistance for solid waste business planning to develop effective and efficient recycling and waste disposal systems.

PROMISE MADE: Provide an additional \$4 million in funding over four years (\$1 million per year) to the Petroleum Technology Research Centre and the International Test Centre for Carbon Dioxide Capture at the University of Regina.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing \$1 million in additional funding for the Petroleum Technology Research Centre and the International Test Centre for Carbon Dioxide Capture.

- The 2009-10 Budget provides an additional \$1 million to the Petroleum Technology Research Centre.

PROMISE MADE: To Support Saskatchewan's biofuels sector.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$3.5 million to continue the SaskBio Program, a four-year program to encourage Saskatchewan investment ownership in biofuels facilities.

- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$1 million for the SaskBio Program.

PROMISE MADE: Ensure that environmental education, conservation and sustainability are taught in schools as part of the curriculum.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, steps are underway to promote environmental awareness in our schools.

- The Ministry of Education will include environmental education, conservation and sustainability when developing K-12 curricula in 2009-10.

PROMISE MADE: To promote energy conservation initiatives including, low interest loans to customers who install Energy Star qualified furnaces and boilers, rebating the PST for purchases of Energy Star qualified appliances and heating systems, energy efficiency initiatives for new, low income and affordable housing.

PROMISE KEPT: We maintained the PST rebate on all Energy Star qualified furnaces and boilers, as well qualified appliances and heating systems.

PROMISE MADE: Work with municipalities and stakeholders across the province to protect and conserve our natural resources.

PROMISE KEPT: A new funding agreement has been passed with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited and the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. We will continue to work with municipalities and stakeholders across the province.

Finance

PROMISE MADE: Pay down \$250 million of the province's debt within the first year.

PROMISE KEPT: Based on the Mid-Year Financial Report for fiscal 2009, our government has committed to pay \$2.6 billion dollars of the \$6.8 billion general revenue fund debt by March 31, 2009. Included in the above amount is \$641 million allocated to debt repayment as of March 31, 2008. This meets and exceeds our commitment.

PROMISE MADE: Balance the provincial Budget.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget is balanced.

- The 2009-10 Budget is balanced.

PROMISE MADE: Dedicate half of budget surplus to debt reduction and half to economic growth initiatives.

PROMISE KEPT: We created the Growth and Financial Security Act, which ensures surpluses are allocated in this manner.

PROMISE MADE: Eliminating the PST on used cars.

PROMISE KEPT: On November 26, 2007, Finance Minister Rod Gantfoer announced new details of the government's commitment to eliminate the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) on used cars and light trucks.

PROMISE MADE: Create a more accountable government.

PROMISE KEPT: Sound financial management will be the foundation of the Saskatchewan Government and its growth agenda, as seen in The Saskatchewan Growth and Financial Security Act.

First Nations and Métis Relations

PROMISE MADE: Strengthening the partnership with First Nations.

PROMISE KEPT: For the first time in Saskatchewan history, First Nations Chiefs from across the province, Premier Brad Wall, Saskatchewan Cabinet Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) gathered in the Provincial Legislature on December 18, 2007 to share in a traditional celebratory feast.

- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour is developing a First Nations and Métis Involvement and Inclusion strategy to improve education and employment outcomes of First Nations and Métis People.
- First Nations Chiefs from the province, Premier Brad Wall, Saskatchewan Cabinet Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) once again gathered in the Provincial Legislature on May 6, 2009 to take part in the second traditional celebratory feast.

PROMISE MADE: Honour and support the Bilateral Protocol between the FSIN and the Province of Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$200,000 for the commitment to host a Roundtable Conference on First Nations and Métis Consultation and Accommodation, as well as \$125,000 to honour and support the Bilateral Protocol with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

- Bilateral Protocol Meeting held Jan.26th, 2009 between Premier, members of Cabinet and FSIN Chiefs.
- The 2009-10 Budget provided another \$125,000 to honour and support the Bilateral Protocol.

PROMISE MADE: To consult with First Nations and Métis peoples in the development and implementation of all provincial Legislation and policy that impacts or has the potential to impact their jurisdiction.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides a \$1 million increase to the First Nations and Métis Consultation Capacity Fund for a total of \$3 million.

- Provided \$500,000 through the First Nations and Métis Consultation Capacity Fund to fund the exploratory process of duty to consult guidelines.

PROMISE MADE: Provide leadership on the duty to consult and accommodate First Nations and Métis people.

PROMISE KEPT: On January 31, 2008, Premier Brad Wall announced a two-day round-table conference in May 2008 to help form a new policy to ensure Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis people become true partners in Saskatchewan's economy and future.

- Released the draft Policy Framework by December 22, 2008 as per commitment. The Government of Saskatchewan will be receiving feedback on the Draft Policy Framework until June 1, 2009 as a commitment to work with the First Nations and Métis on finalizing this document as part of our commitment.

PROMISE MADE: Ensure that First Nations concerns will be represented on the Board of Enterprise Saskatchewan, the new public-private economic development agency that will guide economic growth.

PROMISE KEPT: Gary Merasty, a member of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation and Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility at Cameco Corporation in Saskatoon was appointed to the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors on February 29, 2008. Mr. Merasty served as Grand Chief with the Prince Albert Grand Council, as well as the Member of Parliament for Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River.

Also on the Board as a member at large is Crystal McLeod. She is a lawyer with Robertson Stromberg Pederson LLP and was appointed to the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors on February 29, 2008. Crystal is First Nations and was nominated to sit on the Board by the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

- There is strong representation of First Nation and Métis on the Enterprise Sector teams

PROMISE MADE: Work with First Nations' leadership and elders to encourage the federal government to provide funding for a map of traditional First Nations lands in Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations has created a Consultation Participation Fund, which will provide funding to First Nation and Saskatchewan Métis Nation for mapping of traditional lands.

PROMISE MADE: Work with the federal government and First Nations to establish a First Nations cultural centre that will serve as a "keeping house" for important, sacred and ceremonial artifacts.

PROMISE KEPT: The Government of Saskatchewan is working with Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC) who is in the process of drafting a feasibility study on establishing the First Nations Keeping House Project at Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

PROMISE MADE: Establish a joint federal-provincial-First Nations partnership to improve the social, economic and health outcomes of First Nations people in Saskatchewan

PROMISE KEPT: Working with the federal government and First Nations on this province to establish a Memorandum of Understanding on Jordan's Principle.

Government Services

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will ensure that all new vehicles purchased by the provincial government are hybrid or high fuel efficiency vehicles.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government is constantly working to maintain this promise through the careful purchase on new vehicles, as needed.

Health

PROMISE MADE: Work in partnership with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses to create a Nursing Recruitment and Retention Program.

PROMISE KEPT: On February 28, 2008, Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) President Rosalee Longmoore and Health Minister Don McMorris signed a partnership agreement committing to work together to solve Saskatchewan's shortage of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs). This is the first agreement of its kind in Canada.

- The SUN/government partnership agreement is showing solid results. Health Minister Don McMorris and Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) President Rosalee Longmoore reported in April 2009 that health regions now employ 159 more RNs and RPNs than last year, achieving 20 per cent of the 800 target set by the SUN/government partnership. Nursing vacancies have also declined, from 793 last fall to 617 in December.

PROMISE MADE: Provide an additional \$200 million over four years (\$50 million per year) for the recruitment and retention of nurses.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$20.7 million for nurse recruitment and retention - on top of the \$60 million partnership with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses funded in 2007-08.

- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$23 million to attract and retain nurses and other hard to recruit health professionals.

PROMISE MADE: Provide almost \$40 million over four years (\$10 million per year) to work towards the goal of creating 300 new Registered Nurse education seats in Saskatchewan over the next four years.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$10.5 million for 120 more nursing training seats.

- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$7.9 million to continue the training seat expansions announced the previous year for nurses, physicians, and medical diagnostics.

PROMISE MADE: Undertaking a pilot project to provide government funding for Level Three and Level Four beds in personal care homes to reduce waiting times for long-term care beds.

PROMISE KEPT: The Government of Saskatchewan - through the ministry of Health - is providing \$1.5 million over two years to fund 15 beds that will provide heavy care on reserve in the Muskeg Lake Elders Care Home. The facility will continue to be licensed as a 30-bed personal care home under the authority of The Personal Care Homes Act for the duration of the project.

PROMISE MADE: Recruit More Immigrant Nurses.

PROMISE KEPT: Saskatchewan health regions have offered positions to 470 nurses from the Philippines since November 2007.

- In March 2008, government and nursing officials traveled to the Philippines and recruited 287 registered nurses. As a result of this initiative, and an earlier trip made by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, close to 400 Filipino nurses will be in the Saskatchewan Health System by the end of March 2009.
- In addition, the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region recently returned from another successful recruiting trip to the Philippines where they offered positions to an additional 72 nurses. It is expected that these nurses will begin arriving in May 2009.

PROMISE MADE: Invest almost \$33 million over four years to create 40 new physician-training seats at the College of Medicine over four years.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing \$6.1 million for more physician training seats, recruitment and retention.

- The 2009-10 Budget provides \$7.9 million to continue the training seat expansions announced the previous year for nurses, physicians, and medical diagnostics

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will provide an additional \$40-million over four years to strengthen cancer care in Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides a \$10.7 million increase for cancer care.

- Residents of Five Hills Health Region will soon have access to a screening program that can help detect early signs of colorectal cancer. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency will operate the Screening Program, a population-based provincial screening program for the early detection of the disease. Approximately \$1.1

million is being spent on planning and implementation of the program's first phase in Five Hills Health Region.

PROMISE MADE: Provide additional funding for approved cancer drugs.

PROMISE KEPT: On January 30, 2008, the Saskatchewan Party government announced it will provide approximately \$4 million in funding to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency for the drug Avastin, for treatment of patients with advanced colorectal cancer.

- The 2008-09 Budget provides \$2.9 million for Human Papillomavirus vaccinations to help prevent cervical cancer.

PROMISE MADE: Expand the number of drugs covered under the provincial formulary.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing a \$6.1 million increase for new prescription drugs.

PROMISE MADE: Develop a 10-year capital plan for health care.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget commits \$1million to develop a 10-year capital plan for health care.

PROMISE MADE: Conducting a Patient First Review of the Health Care System, this exit surveys will measure the quality of a patient's experience with the health care system.

PROMISE KEPT: On November 5, 2008, Tony Dagnone, the former head of Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital, was appointed as the commissioner to lead the much-anticipated Patient First Review.

- The Patient First Review process is underway.

PROMISE MADE: Ensure that prescription drugs covered under the provincial drug formulary are capped at \$15 per prescription for children aged 14 and under, and seniors with net incomes under \$64,044.

PROMISE KEPT: This commitment was provided through the 2008-09 Budget.

PROMISE MADE: Developing an intermediate and long-term care facilities plan that addresses the care needs of our aging population.

PROMISE KEPT: The accelerated infrastructure funding announced in February 2009 the provincial government is investing \$152.8 million to build 13 new long-term care facilities to replace 13 outdated facilities throughout Saskatchewan.

Highways and Infrastructure

PROMISE MADE: Ensuring all of the fuel tax collected in the province is dedicated to highways, roads and transportation infrastructure;

PROMISE KEPT: Unlike the former administration, where the Highways budget in some years was less than the fuel tax intake, this government has injected hundreds of millions more in the Highways budget than just the dedicated fuel tax.

PROMISE MADE: Dedicate \$140 million over four years from the provincial government's share of the New Grade Upgrader to improve road and highway infrastructure.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$140 million over two years from the New Grade Upgrader sale to roads and highways.

PROMISE MADE: Negotiate an increase in federal funding for road, highway and infrastructure investments.

PROMISE KEPT: The Building Canada Fund (BCF) agreement has been signed by Minister Hutchinson and the federal government this ensures the federal commitment to on-going infrastructure funding. The federal government's involvement through the Building Canada Fund has had a direct impact in advancing projects in the Rural Highway Strategy, municipal roads and bridges, and the Urban Highways Connector Program. The federal government has also committed funds to the Intermodal Facility in Regina and the new Circle Drive Bridge project in Saskatoon.

PROMISE MADE: Develop a Transportation Centre of Excellence with the provinces post-secondary institutions.

PROMISE KEPT: The initial classes of the Saskatchewan Centre of Excellence for Transportation and Infrastructure began this fall with 27 engineering students enrolled in graduate and post-graduate classes. There are a potential 30 more seats for graduates and professional for extension-like classes.

PROMISE MADE: Establishing a rolling five-year plan for the province's road construction and maintenance program to improve the safety of the province's highways and invest in infrastructure that supports economic growth.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government has delivered on its five-year plan for Saskatchewan's highways. The five-year plan consists of five main components; gateway corridors, urban highway connectors, a rural highway strategy, a northern transportation strategy and a continuing focus on system stewardship.

Information Technology Office

PROMISE MADE: Strengthen transparency and accountability in government by placing all Orders in Council on-line.

PROMISE KEPT: Orders in Council dating back to November 2007 are now available on-line in a searchable, easy to access format.

Justice

PROMISE MADE: Ensure a tracking system is put in place to collect millions of dollars in unpaid fines.

PROMISE KEPT: The Fine Collection branch of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General will partner with the Canada Revenue Agency to garnish federal government income tax and GST payments from people who have not paid their fines.

PROMISE MADE: Increase the Victim Impact Surcharge on offenders by 5 percent.

PROMISE KEPT: On March 17, 2008, the Saskatchewan Party government announced an increase in the victim surcharge fines collected on provincial offences to help provide improved services to the victims of crime. Where the fine imposed is \$500 or less, the surcharge will be increased by \$10. Where the fine imposed is greater than \$500, the surcharge will be increased by 10 percent.

PROMISE MADE: Getting tougher on repeat drunk drivers.

PROMISE KEPT: As of December 12, 2007 we will see tougher treatment of repeat drunk drivers including the forfeiture of their vehicle.

PROMISE MADE: Support the federal government's efforts to implement tougher sentences for serious crimes, crimes that involve use of a firearm and repeat dangerous offenders.

PROMISE KEPT: The Government of Saskatchewan supports the federal government in their innovative leadership in this area through a supportive media release and interviews on this subject.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will work to strengthen legislation and enforcement to allow the provincial government and police forces to seize assets that are used to commit crimes, are a proceed of crime or that pose a threat to public safety.

PROMISE KEPT: Minister Morgan introduced The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008, which will allow the Crown to apply directly for forfeiture of property that is either the proceeds of unlawful activity, or that is being actively used for an unlawful activity.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will strengthen services to women who are sexually assaulted or the victims of domestic violence, by providing a 25 percent funding increase of \$4 million over four years for transition houses and sexual assault centres.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget allocates \$1.1 million in increased funding for transition houses and sexual assault centres to strengthen services to women who are sexually assaulted and/or are the victims of domestic violence (\$5.9 million in total).

Municipal Affairs

PROMISE MADE: Provide \$300 million in five-year interest-free loans through the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative to assist municipalities in developing the infrastructure needed to meet the demand for new housing, commercial and industrial construction.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget commits \$300 million in interest-free loans to municipalities over four years to support lot development under the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative.

PROMISE MADE: Increase funding for municipal revenue sharing by seven percent annually.

PROMISE KEPT: Through the 2008-09 Budget, the Saskatchewan Party government is providing a seven percent increase for municipal revenue sharing. On April 24, 2008, the province announced an additional eight percent increase in revenue sharing aimed at further reducing property taxes province-wide.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will commit to negotiating a new revenue sharing deal with municipalities that will include a percentage of the provincial government's own source revenue.

PROMISE KEPT: In the 2009-10 Budget, \$167.4 million will be allotted towards a new municipal operating grant deal (formerly revenue sharing) with the municipalities, representing an increase of \$32.3M. The amount is equivalent to 90 per cent of one point of PST.

Public Service Commission

PROMISE MADE: The Saskatchewan Growth and Financial Security Act will limit increases in the size of Saskatchewan's civil service to the rate of population growth.

PROMISE KEPT: This was addressed in the Speech from the Throne 2007 and in the Growth and Financial Security Act.

Social Services

PROMISE MADE: Double the Caregivers Tax Credit for families that care for aging parents and dependent family members living at home.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget doubled the Caregivers Tax Credit to \$8,190.

PROMISE MADE: Hold a summit of CBOs to develop a new social policy direction for Saskatchewan.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget committed \$500,000 in one-time funding to host a summit for CBOs in 2008 with the objective to develop a new social policy direction for Saskatchewan. These summits took place on:

- September 15 in Saskatoon
- September 16 in Regina
- September 22 in North Battleford
- September 23 in Prince Albert
- September 25 in Yorkton
- As a result of these summits, the Ministry created a new disability income strategy and committed \$76.9 million to improve programs and services for people with disability.

PROMISE MADE: Provide an additional \$16 million in new funding over four years (\$4 million per year) for more addiction treatment beds and services.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$5.1 million for an additional 88 addictions treatment beds in Saskatchewan.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will work with community-based organizations to improve the delivery of services to Saskatchewan families by moving to long-term, stable and predictable funding for organizations, while increasing the role of the Provincial Auditor to ensure greater accountability for the dollars that are spent.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2009-10 Budget provides for an increase of \$27.2 million, to provide a further three per cent basic increase over and above the additional funding announcement in both last year's budget and in September 2008.

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport

PROMISE MADE: Eliminate the "wiener roast tax" on firewood purchased at provincial campgrounds.

PROMISE KEPT: The Saskatchewan Party government announced on March 17, 2008 that campfire permit fees, also known as the "wiener roast tax," will officially be eliminated in Saskatchewan parks effective April 1, saving park goers about \$375,000 annually.

PROMISE MADE: Assist families with the cost of their children's participation in cultural, recreational and sports activities by providing a \$150/year per child Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit for children aged six to 14.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2009-10 Budget provided \$18 million for the Active Families Benefit.

PROMISE MADE: Invest an additional \$20 million over four years (\$5 million per year) in funding to Saskatchewan parks.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides a \$5 million increase to Saskatchewan parks to upgrade facilities, create more electrified campsites and improve operations.

- 07/08-08/09 The Parks budget increased by over \$5.4 million.
- 08/09/-09/10- additional \$5.2m for a total budget increase of \$10.6m over two years.

PROMISE MADE: Double the funding for tourism in the province – an increase of \$8 million in 2008-09.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides an \$8 million increase to double funding for tourism and support marketing, capital investments, improved highway signage and to attract more events to Saskatchewan.

- The 2009-10 Budget maintains the \$8 million increase and adds a further \$338,000 to carry out these initiatives.

PROMISE MADE: Maintain funding for provincial arts organizations.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget provides \$4.2 million to maintain the level of support provided for provincial arts organizations.

- The 2009/2010 budget provides \$4.5 m to fund pilot projects within the Arts, Culture and Heritage Sector Development Plan. Two initial projects are ***Building Pride*** and ***Culture on the Go***.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will amend the Status of the Artist Act to protect the intellectual property rights of artists that contract with the Government of Saskatchewan, and to require written contracts between engagers and professional artists.

PROMISE KEPT: In 2009-10, the Government of Saskatchewan will enact The Arts Professions Act, fulfilling its promise to support written contracts and protect the intellectual property of artists by moving forward on The Arts Professions Act.

PROMISE MADE: A Saskatchewan Party government will create an additional 1,000 electrified campsites in provincial parks.

PROMISE KEPT: The 2008-09 Budget will provide new funding of \$1.2 million to electrify 274 campsites (first year of the commitment for 1,000 new electrified sites).

- The 2008-2009 Budget allowed for a capital commitment to Parks of \$7.2million. The 2009-10 capital commitment amount increased to \$10.9million.
- 442 sites are either completed or currently under construction for upgrade or electrification.

PROMISE MADE: To provide greater support for event-hosting.

PROMISE KEPT: In the 2008-09 Budget, \$975,000 was allocated for hosting events.

- Following the successful bid we have provided \$3 million towards the operational costs of the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships, and a provincial commitment to the profit guarantee of the event is \$8.9 million
- Several sporting events occurring in 2009-10 are receiving funds from the 2009-10 budget. Some of these events are: Canada Cup of Football (\$50,000); Men's ISF World Softball Championship (\$100,000); NASCAR Canadian Tire Series (\$75,000); Canada Cup of Baseball (\$75,000).

PROMISE MADE: Ensure that Saskatchewan's arts and cultural organizations are part of efforts to promote Saskatchewan in the New West and across Canada.

PROMISE KEPT: Saskatchewan is participating in the National Presentation and Touring Program, enabling Saskatchewan artists and presenters to participate in a variety of touring opportunities and events leading up to and including the 2010 games.

- In June 2008, our province signed a Memorandum of Understanding with VANOC, the governing body for the 2010 Olympics.
- In December 2008, our province signed the Contributing Province Territories Program, committing \$187,500 to allow Saskatchewan to host Saskatchewan Day and to participate in the Cultural Olympiad.

PROMISE MADE: Provide \$2.4-million in long-term stable funding for regional parks over four years – triple the NDP's past level of funding.

PROMISE KEPT: There has been \$2.4 million committed over four years on projects throughout the Regional Park system.

- The 2009-10 Budget increased this year's total allocation to regional parks to \$1 million over two years, (\$600,000 in 2008-09 and \$400,000 in 2009-10) more than a ten-fold increase in two years.

PROMISE MADE: Provide capital investment in ecological, paleontological, museum and heritage facilities;

PROMISE KEPT: In 2008/2009, \$375,000 was allocated to the Duck Lake Interpretive Centre and in the 2009/2010 budget; \$75,000 went to the Dickson Hardie Interpretive Centre for repairs to their facilities.

PROMISE MADE: Support for First Nations tourism initiatives.

PROMISE KEPT : \$75,000 was committed to establish an 1885 steering committee with other partners including the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre.