



# 2020 Platform

**A Fair Deal for Saskatchewan**

**BUFFALO PARTY**

OF SASKATCHEWAN

## Economy:

- 1) Removal of the National Transfer Payment Program. This Program is unfair to Saskatchewan. Each Province needs to learn to work within their means.
- 2) Keep the 3 Power Plants between Estevan and Coronach operating. Continue with Carbon Capture Storage (CCS) technology and increase efficiency and the value-added productivity of these facilities. We will be a Global Leader in CCS technology.
- 3) The Crown Corporations should and will be our competitive advantage. Not to put another Tax on the people of Saskatchewan. This means a restructure of the formula of billing for business and the public.
- 4) Demand the finalization, construction, and completion of the national pipelines. If Quebec continues to block the progress of Saskatchewan, we will implement trade restrictions on imported goods from Quebec. Saskatchewan will no longer be a push over province.
- 5) We will bring forth legislation for the removal of the PST on all municipal construction projects, provincial used vehicles and restaurant bills.
- 6) We will bring forth legislation for removal of the Federally implemented Carbon Tax. Furthermore, we will introduce legislation that will make such tax Illegal in Saskatchewan.
- 7) Reduce the number of Bureaucrats and 'Red tape' that is stifling and constricting our Provinces ability to have real growth in the Economy. This means reducing the size of Governments and policies.
- 8) Preference will be given to Saskatchewan Companies first, then other western provincial companies for all provincial projects. Saskatchewan will not work with questionable companies. This will be done by exiting the 'New West Partnership'. We will implement a 'Saskatchewan First' policy.

We need to stop being the Province that produces the raw goods, ships those goods out of Saskatchewan, then buy them back milled and at inflated prices.

# Independence:

- 1) We will bring forth legislation for Saskatchewan to manage all tax structure including national tax. Ottawa will send Saskatchewan a monthly statement. The province will review the expense list to verify credible expenses and Saskatchewan will send our share of payment in return.
- 2) We will bring forth legislation for removal of the National Police Force 'RCMP' and implement a more effective Saskatchewan Police Force (SPF). We will also work with SARM / Municipalities of Saskatchewan and their members to create a shared municipal policing to effectively curb the rural crime in Saskatchewan.
- 3) Saskatchewan will not just have a provincial Firearms Commissioner; but the Commissioner will follow Saskatchewan Laws. The Commissioners office will be at arms length from the SPF.
- 4) Saskatchewan will be in control of its own immigration. We will ensure that the immigrants brought in are a net value to Saskatchewan. We will not be on a quota system.
- 5) Saskatchewan will be in control of all trade of goods from Saskatchewan.
- 6) We will bring forth legislation that Saskatchewan will take over Saskatchewan's portion of CPP. Fully implement Saskatchewan Pension Plan, and pass legislation that will make it untouchable to 'top up the budget.' To make the SPP most effective; the SPP will be the only public pension. This will include all public employees and elected officials.

# Democracy:

- 1) We will bring forth legislation that Saskatchewan people will have the Democratic right to Elect all those who represent Saskatchewan:

Our Senators, all 6.

Our Lieutenant Governor.

Our Judges.

All will be paid, including our MP's by Saskatchewan, since we have taken control of the Tax system.

- 2) We will bring forth legislation that will bring more accountability to elected officials. Those elected who breach trust, fraud and corruption regulations will face steep fines, loss of seat/pension and potential jail time. The people need to have trust in their elected officials again.
- 3) We will bring forth legislation for a provincial petition website. This will give the People the ability for 'recall election' for any elected post within the province, giving the People of Saskatchewan the power to request a referendum.

## Agriculture:

- 1) Reduce 'Red Tape' of Farm to Fork in Saskatchewan. This will provide ability for residents to go to the local farmer to buy milk, cream, butter, and shares of meat of a future slaughter. We will also work with producer groups and inspection services to see what can be done to allow the public to buy cut and processed meats at farmer markets and local stores.
- 2) We will bring forth legislation for 'Young Farmers Initiative' policy, to set up a Provincial Program for independent Saskatchewan Farmers under 40yrs old to be able to invest and succeed.
- 3) We will bring forth legislation for a corporate tax structure for start-up Agriculture (Flour, Pulse, Pasta, etc.) for small and medium size business in Saskatchewan.

5yr program: Yr1 - 10%, Yr2 -15%, Yr3 - 25%, Yr4 - 50%, Yr5 - 75% for all corporate tax for small to medium companies.

## Natural Resources:

- 1) We will bring forth legislation for corporate tax structure on start-up Upgraders and Refineries in Saskatchewan.  
  
5yr program: Yr1 - 10%, Yr2 -15%, Yr3 - 25%, Yr4 - 50%, Yr5 - 75% for all corporate tax on Junior Producers within Saskatchewan
- 2) We will have control of Trade with our resources, enabling trade with our American neighbours without Federal intervention; also working with our Provincial neighbours for safe access to Tide Water. This will open more markets to Saskatchewan's products.

- 3) We will work with our municipal partners for ease of access for our Natural Resource industries.
- 4) We will bring forth legislation to implement an accelerated project process; based on the CAPP recommendation of – one application, one review, one decision process for all. This will lead Saskatchewan’s economy to a brighter future, growth, and innovation.

## Tax Reform:

- 1) With Saskatchewan taking over all Taxation, we will remove the income tax system. We will implement a Flat Tax for personal individuals of 10%. The same with the corporate tax system will be set at less than 10 million taxable income at 12%, and over 10 million taxable income at 15%.
- 2) There will be no PST/GST. We will replace it with a Consumption Tax (CT) at 11%.
- 3) We will bring forth legislation for a ‘Business Tax Initiative Program’. On the first 1 million of taxable income you will have the option to pay 50% of the tax by choosing to have the sum put into the ‘Saskatchewan First Grant’. This program will be set up to give future entrepreneurs a grant, students in trades or specialized fields a scholarship program, or for large scale infrastructure projects.
- 4) Any Saskatchewan resident will be fully exempt of taxation at the age of 70 years.
- 5) We will bring forth legislation for the same tax structure that we have put forward in Agriculture, Natural Resources start-up initiative program to all forms of small to medium business in Saskatchewan.
- 6) We will bring forth legislation for the adjustment of ‘Education Property Tax’ mill rate with accordance to Saskatchewan’s needs. This will eliminate large tax increases in reassessment years.

# Health Care:

- 1) We will bring forth legislation to ensure that our rural health care will be available to all residents. This means increased doctors, nurses, beds, and emergency responders. All residents of Saskatchewan should receive the same level of health care no matter where they live.
- 2) We will bring forth legislation that will increase the private/public MRI program, and bring in CT Scans under the same program. This program will be increased in the rural area as well.
- 3) We will bring forth legislation to increase funding to rural EMS. This funding will be used for staffing, training, and equipment.

# Education:

- 1) We need to bring Education back to the Education system. Teachers need to teach the curriculum, not between the lines. This means more accountability to the teachers. There also needs to be less social programming and more standard of Education with reading, writing, history, math, and sciences.
- 2) Principals will be moved 'out of scope' the same as superintendents. This will bring more accountability to these positions as well.
- 3) There needs to be more pathways to graduation in Saskatchewan. Currently our system is leading all students to University. Trades and other careers are needed. Our children need more options to keep engaged, but also better equipped for their desired future, and maintain skilled diversified careers in our province.
- 4) We will introduce courses on entrepreneurship, investment/money management, marketing to prepare students for the future. We will reintroduce funding for home economics and industrial arts programs to ensure the self-sufficiency of our future population.
- 5) Boards of Education need better information, definitions, and explanation of expectations to function better. There needs to be more non-educators in these roles. There will be more autonomy to the Boards and less government overreach. Both the elected bodies need to work together.
- 6) The STF holds too much power over the Education system in Saskatchewan. Currently, if the STF wants to threaten job action, the government caves. The STF exists only to do what is best for the teachers, and not the students or the system as a whole. We need to give back the Education System to the students and the parents. The Boards are elected to be the voice of those groups.
- 7) We will bring forth legislation for an independent school association. This will be available for all independent schools and associate schools to join. This will give more freedom to these schools and their staff and not be restricted by other school boards. This new association will work with the Ministry of Education and Provincial guidelines.