



**POLICY  
RESOLUTIONS**

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## **Agriculture (AG)**

### AG05-1. Recognizing the Importance of Agriculture in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will recognize agriculture as one of Saskatchewan's most important industries and will always act in the best interests of Saskatchewan producers to strengthen the industry for the benefit of all people in Saskatchewan.

### AG05-2. Doubling the Value of Agriculture Output

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will set the goal of doubling the value of agriculture and agribusiness production in Saskatchewan within 10 years.

### AG05-3. Expanding Irrigation Capacity in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will facilitate the aggressive expansion of provincial irrigation capacity in partnership with private sector investors to maximize the economic potential of Saskatchewan's water resources within a framework of conservation as a central component of Saskatchewan's long-term agri-business and economic development strategy.

### AG05-4. Investing in Water and Transportation Infrastructure

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will make it a leading priority to invest in the construction and renewal of transportation and water infrastructure necessary to support a growing agriculture and agri-business industry in Saskatchewan.

### AG05-5. Promoting Private Sector Investment in Value-Added Agri-Business

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create an economic environment that encourages private sector investment in value-added agri-business in Saskatchewan and environmentally sustainable intensive agricultural development.

### AG05-6. Supporting Agricultural Innovation and Technology

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support agricultural innovation and technology through investment in our post secondary institutions and strengthening of innovation research and development tax credits as a key part of growing the agriculture and agri-food industry in Saskatchewan.

### AG05-7. Negotiating a Predictable and Stable Risk Management Program

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work with other provinces and the federal government to design a long-term agriculture support and risk management program that provides stability to the industry and financial predictability for producers and financial institutions.

AG05-8. Honouring Provincial Funding Responsibility for Federal/Provincial Programs

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will fully fund its share of any federal/provincial agriculture program to which the province is a signatory.

AG05-9. Expanding Crop Insurance Coverage and Reducing Risk

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will review the Saskatchewan crop insurance program with a view to expanding coverage and reducing risk.

AG05-10. Supporting Marketing Choice

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government supports giving Saskatchewan farmers market choice by giving the right to choose selling grain independent of the Canadian Wheat Board or to continue selling through the Wheat Board voluntarily.

AG05-11. Assigning Demurrage Charges Due to Shipping Delays

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government believes demurrage charges for delays in grain shipments should be assessed against those found responsible for any such delays and should not come out of the pockets of farmers.

AG08-1 Saskatchewan Leadership on Food Safety

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government direct Saskatchewan to becoming a demonstrated leader in food safety.

## **Crown Corporations (CC)**

### CC05-1. Keeping the Major Crowns Public

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government supports *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act* and will retain public ownership of our major Crown corporations as important tools in the provision of utility services to Saskatchewan families and businesses and important partners in the economic development of Saskatchewan.

### CC05-2. Focusing the Major Crowns on Serving Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will mandate the major Crown corporations to provide high quality utility and insurance services and customer satisfaction to Saskatchewan people and businesses at the lowest possible cost.

### CC05-3. Investing Crown Dividends in Provincial Infrastructure

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a Crown corporation dividend policy that:

- a) Publicly establishes net return levels adequate to meet re-investment requirements for each Crown corporation; and
- b) Direct profits in excess of Crown re-investment requirements to a dedicated provincial infrastructure renewal fund.

### CC05-4. Monitoring Crown Utility Rates

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a fully independent Crown utility rate review board to ensure utility rates are set to cover operating costs and corporate reinvestment requirements for each Crown.

### CC05-5. Renewing Crown Corporation Mandates Every Five Years

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government review the mandate and dividend policy of the major Crown corporations be completed every five years with participation from business, labour, stakeholders and citizen representatives.

### CC05-6. Stopping Provincial Government Competition With Private Sector Businesses

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will immediately review provincial government competition with the private sector through government departments, agencies and Crown corporations in the delivery of services to the people of Saskatchewan.

#### CC05-7. Reviewing All Existing Out-of-Province Crown Business Ventures

Be it resolved that Saskatchewan Party government will review all existing out-of-province Crown business ventures and place a moratorium on further out-of-province investment by Crown corporations until the review is complete.

#### CC05-8. Ensuring Access to Qualified Crown Corporation Workforce

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will facilitate coordination between Crown utilities, post secondary institutions, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and the First Nations University of Canada to ensure students graduate with the skills and education required to meet the human resource needs of Saskatchewan's Crown corporations.

#### CC08-1 Improving SaskTel Coverage

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government should direct SaskTel to examine their current business practices to make themselves more functionally efficient and to expand their cell coverage and high speed internet. SaskTel should then move to meet the business demands of our province and the out of province investment be curtailed until our provincial needs are met.

#### CC08-2 SaskPower Expansion and Improvement of Rural Underground Power Lines

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government direct SaskPower to concentrate its efforts and its resources provincially in order to expand and improve the underground installation of power lines.

## **Culture and Recreation (CR)**

### CR05-1. Acknowledging the Importance of First Nations and Métis Culture

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government acknowledges that the languages, cultures, traditions and values of First Nations and Métis people make a positive contribution to the culture of Saskatchewan.

### CR05-2. Enhancing Youth Access to Arts, Culture and Sport

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will recognize the benefit of youth participation in the arts, culture and sport and will encourage increased participation in and access to these activities.

### CR05-3. Increasing Funding to Cultural Agencies

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will increase funding to cultural agencies by reducing the fee charged by the provincial government to administer the lottery licensing agreement.

### CR05-4. Encouraging Community Investment in Cultural and Recreation Facilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will encourage community investment in sport, arts and heritage facilities through the creation of Saskatchewan Community Infrastructure Bonds.

### CR05-5. Reducing Energy Costs in Community Owned Recreational Facilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support healthy communities by providing an annual grant to reduce energy costs in community-owned recreational facilities in communities where there are no privately operated recreation facilities.

## **Democratic Reform (DR)**

### DR05-1. Examining Saskatchewan's Electoral System

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will study Saskatchewan's electoral system and make recommendations for changes that will enhance representation and encourage voter participation.

### DR05-2. Establishing Set Election Dates

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish set election dates every four years.

### DR05-3. Balancing the Budget

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will pass strong Balanced Budget legislation that requires a balanced budget over each four year election cycle.

### DR05-4. Implementing Free Votes in the Legislature

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will implement free votes except on the Budget and Speech from the Throne in the legislature so that MLAs can represent the views of their constituents.

### DR05-5. Providing the Provincial Auditor with Full Access to Crown and Government Operations

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will grant the Provincial Auditor full access to all government funded companies, all Crown Corporations and subsidiaries of Crown Corporations.

## **Economy (EC)**

### EC05-1. Building Enterprise Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government endorses “*The Promise of Saskatchewan: A New Vision for Saskatchewan’s Economy*” as presented by Saskatchewan Party Leader Brad Wall as the foundation for the economic development plan of a Saskatchewan Party government.

### EC05-2. Rethinking Direct Government Investment and Intervention in the Economy

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will replace direct government investment and intervention in the economy with:

- a) Creation of a new partnership with business, labour, First Nations, local governments and educators called Enterprise Saskatchewan to create an entrepreneurial and enterprising economy;
- b) Investment in new and old economy infrastructure;
- c) New resources for post-secondary education; and
- d) The removal of barriers to private sector investment in Saskatchewan’s key economic sectors.

### EC05-3. Establishing the Right Economic Development Priorities

Be it resolved that the economic development priorities of a Saskatchewan Party government will be to:

- a) Establish a stable business climate that removes barriers to long term private sector capital investment, economic growth and job creation in urban and rural Saskatchewan;
- b) Implement a personal and corporate taxation structure that promotes and supports wealth creation and social sustainability for Saskatchewan families and businesses;
- c) Stop the mass exodus of young people and families from Saskatchewan and retain more of our young people after graduation;
- d) Maintain public ownership of Saskatchewan’s major crown utilities focused on the provision of power, telecommunications services, natural gas transmission and distribution and insurance services to Saskatchewan families and businesses at the lowest possible cost;
- e) Encourage economic development in key sectors where Saskatchewan has or could have a competitive advantage including but not limited to energy; value-added agriculture and agribusiness; tourism; forestry; mining; advanced education, research and development; life sciences, synchrotron science, information technology and biotechnology; construction; transportation; financial services; and arts and culture;

- f) Work in full partnership with First Nations respecting the Treaties as the foundation for development of economic policies that achieve the shared goal of creating prosperity for all people in Saskatchewan;
- g) Maximize the potential of innovation as a primary economic driver in the new, globalized knowledge economy; and
- h) Establish a one-stop service for businesses and investors interested in starting or expanding a business in Saskatchewan.

#### EC05-4. Making Saskatchewan the Energy Heart of North America

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will set the goal of making Saskatchewan the energy heart of North America within ten years by assessing the potential for further development of power generation from wind, clean coal, natural gas, nuclear, biomass, coal bed methane, ethanol, solar, oil sands, co-generation, hydrogen fuel cell technology and any other power source that may be viable in Saskatchewan for provincial consumption and/or export.

#### EC05-5. Building on the Strength of Saskatchewan's Uranium Industry

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government supports the responsible expansion of the uranium industry in Saskatchewan as a potential creator of thousands of primary and ancillary jobs in the province and will encourage the development of industries related to Saskatchewan's rich deposits of uranium.

#### EC05-6. Promoting Entrepreneurial Training in Schools

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government, through Enterprise Saskatchewan, will foster and promote entrepreneurial training and development across the province and support the Department of Learning in expanding the availability of entrepreneurial training to every high school in Saskatchewan.

#### EC05-7. Increasing International Immigration

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will attract new residents to the province through an immigration strategy that:

- a) Establishes specific targets for increasing immigration to Saskatchewan;
- b) Makes immigrant retention a priority;
- c) Reduces barriers for investors wishing to immigrate to and invest in Saskatchewan; and
- d) Establishes an enhanced business nominee program for immigrants with the skills and investment capital to contribute to the development of the province's key economic sectors as identified by Enterprise Saskatchewan.

#### EC05-8. Performing a Service-Based Review of Government Operations

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will perform a service-based review of government operations to ensure all parts of government are:

- a) Serving a compelling public interest;
- b) Affordable within the fiscal environment of the province;
- c) Providing services in the most efficient way possible;
- d) Accountable to the taxpayer; and
- e) Removing barriers to the development of an entrepreneurial and enterprising economy.

#### EC05-9. Reviewing Regulations to Remove Barriers to Sustainable Growth

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will mandate Enterprise Saskatchewan to review all government regulations every five years to eliminate barriers to environmentally sustainable economic growth.

#### EC06-1. Establishing a Formula for Allocation of Budget Surpluses

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will allocate one third of any provincial budget surpluses to debt reduction and two thirds to support the Saskatchewan Party's Growth Agenda including investment in infrastructure, competitive taxes and investment in post secondary education and skills training; and

Be it further resolved that debt reduction payments will be increased as the objectives of the growth agenda are achieved.

#### EC06-2. Supporting Construction of Uranium Refining in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support the private sector construction and operation of a uranium refining facility in Saskatchewan.

#### EC06-3. Studying the Feasibility of Building Nuclear Power Generation Facilities in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will immediately carry out and publicly release a study on the feasibility of building one or more nuclear power generation facilities in Saskatchewan to provide a reliable supply of low cost power in an environmentally responsible way.

## **Environment (EV)**

### EV05-1. Establishing a Clear Mandate for the Environment Department

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government supports a clear mandate for the Department of Environment to monitor and enforce environmental laws, standards and regulations designed to ensure the long term sustainability of our water, land and air.

### EV05-2. Supporting Dedicated Conservation Areas

Be it resolved that the environmental strategy of a Saskatchewan Party government will maintain designated provincial conservation areas, protected wild spaces within provincial parks and clear guidelines and environmental standards for resource development.

### EN05-3. Creating a Single Water Management Agency In Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a single water management agency for Saskatchewan with a mandate to develop, manage and conserve Saskatchewan's water resources including monitoring drinking water supplies within a framework that meets the challenge of long-term economic growth and environmental sustainability.

### EV05-4. Improving Water Testing Facilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support the development of improved water testing facilities in Saskatchewan.

### EV05-5. Supporting a Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Program for Water Treatment Facilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support the development of a federal/provincial infrastructure program for the renewal of critical water treatment facilities throughout Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada.

### EV05-6. Creating an Environmental Centre of Excellence in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government would support the creation of a university-based environmental centre of excellence in Saskatchewan with the mandate to lead the world in the development of environmentally friendly technology for the energy, mining, forestry, transportation, agriculture and utilities industries.

### EV05-7. Growing Saskatchewan's Forestry Industry

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a stand-alone Department of Forestry to ensure the environmentally sustainable, long-term growth of the forestry industry as a key part of the Enterprise Saskatchewan Plan.

#### EV05-8. Reviewing Provincial Forest Fire Fighting Practices

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will review best forest fire fighting practices in other Canadian provinces including Manitoba's Single Engine Tanker Program (SEAT) with a view to strengthening Saskatchewan's capacity to fire forest fires and protect communities.

#### EV05-9. Ensuring Proper Training and Equipment for Conservation Officers

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government recognizes the vital contributions Conservation Officers make to our province and will work with them to ensure they are properly screened, trained and equipped to the greatest possible extent to ensure their safety while carrying out their duties.

#### EV06-1. Supporting Responsible Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will adopt policies to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through programs and initiatives that will utilize innovation, science and technology to minimize costs and maximize opportunities for Saskatchewan people.

#### EV06-2. Establishing an Incentive-Based System to Encourage Responsible Environmental Stewardship

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will encourage responsible environmental stewardship and energy efficiency through a comprehensive system of incentives.

#### EV06-3. Negotiating Sound Environmental Practices with Agricultural Land Owners

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government, in conjunction with other levels of government and interested private sector organizations, develop a framework to negotiate the provision of ongoing incentives to agricultural land owners for sound, long term environmental stewardship practices.

#### EV06-4. Reducing Saskatchewan's Environmental Footprint

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support policies and programs to reduce Saskatchewan's environmental footprint including but not limited to:

- a) Establishing environmentally sustainable building standards;
- b) Expansion of agri-forestry on marginal farm land;
- c) Support a community-based pilot project to test and demonstrate the potential of geothermal energy;
- d) Research and development in clean coal technology for power production;
- e) Development of the bio-fuel industry; and
- f) Incentives for private sector investment in wind power.

#### EV06-5. Supporting Local Recycling Programs

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support the continued development of sustainable local recycling programs and sustainable industry stewardship programs for recyclable materials including plastic, glass, paper and tin.

#### EV08-1 Banning the Use of Plastic Grocery Bags

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will undertake an analysis of alternatives to banning the use of plastic grocery bags.

#### EV08-2 Promotion of Wind Energy for Farms and Other Rural Based Businesses

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will direct the appropriate government agencies to engage in consumer education aimed at promoting the proliferation of small wind energy alternatives for Saskatchewan farms and rural based businesses.

The Saskatchewan Party will implement a program that provides incentives as well as information and technical support to Saskatchewan farms and rural based businesses who wish to implement stand alone wind energy alternatives.

The Saskatchewan Party will direct SaskPower to make the electrical grid readily available for farm and rural based businesses that have wind energy systems that function in the net-metering mode.

#### EV08-3 Organic Waste Conversion

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will:

- a) Develop a long term strategy aimed at creating value from organic wastes while reducing the environmental challenges that exist;
- b) Dedicate sufficient resources to establish an ongoing assessment capability of potential technologies and commercial applications for organic waste conversion;
- c) Establish a forum to conduct broad stakeholder analysis that includes all levels of government (including our cities and towns), the research community and commercial enterprises; and
- d) If possible, create a partnership with Manitoba and Alberta aimed at developing or identifying technological solutions that are suitable for the climate of the Canadian Prairies.

EV08-04 Measuring the Environmental Impact of Government Procured Goods and Services

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government use The Economic Input-Output Life Cycle Assessment (EIO-LCA) method to measure the environmental impact of all goods and services being procured by the Provincial government with the goal of minimizing negative environmental impacts.

EV10-1. Creating a Centre of Excellence in Natural Resource Management and the Environment

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Party will promote Prince Albert as the most appropriate location for an Environmental Center of Excellence dealing specifically with issues pertaining to Natural Resource Management and including a consortium of academic and research institutions consisting of no less than SIAST Natural Resource Technology Programs, the Forest Center, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Regina.

## **First Nations and Métis People (FN)**

### FN05-1. Recognizing the Positive Contribution of First Nations and Métis People

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government recognizes and respects the positive contribution the languages, cultures, traditions and values of First Nations and Métis make to the province of Saskatchewan.

### FN05-2. Recognizing and Respecting the Treaties

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government recognizes the Treaties as the foundation for a partnership between First Nations and non-First Nations people in our province.

### FN05-3. Promoting Knowledge of the Treaties

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will make instruction in the history and content of the Treaties signed between First Nations and the Government of Canada a part of the core curriculum.

### FN05-4. Clarifying the Role and Responsibility of the Federal Government

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work proactively with Saskatchewan's First Nations people to encourage the federal government to fulfill its responsibilities to First Nations people living both on and off reserve.

### FN05-5. Building a Framework for Relations between the Province, First Nations and Métis People

Be it resolved that the framework for relations between a Saskatchewan Party government and First Nations and Métis people will be based on respect and inclusion.

### FN05-6. Implementing Existing Agreements and Developing New Agreements

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work in partnership with First Nations and Métis people to implement existing agreements and develop new agreements to build our province.

### FN05-7. Consulting on Legislation that Affects First Nations and Métis People

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will consult with First Nations and Métis people in the development, and prior to the implementation, of provincial legislation that impacts on the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan's First Nations.

FN05-8. Promoting the Health and Well-Being of First Nations and Métis People

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work in partnership with First Nations, Métis people and the federal government to improve the health and well-being of First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan.

FN05-9. Removing Barriers to Employment for First Nations and Métis People

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work in partnership with First Nations, Métis people and the federal government to identify and remove barriers that impede the participation of First Nations and Métis people in the economy.

## **Gaming (GM)**

### GM05-1. Studying the Social Impact of Gaming to Inform Future Gaming Strategy

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will honour all existing casino development agreements but will complete a comprehensive study of the social impact that gaming expansion is having on Saskatchewan before considering the approval of any further casino developments or expansion in the number of VLTs operating in Saskatchewan and release the study to the public.

### GM05-2. Dedicated Funding for Addictions Treatment Programs and Facilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will dedicate a percentage of liquor and gaming revenues to addictions programs and facilities.

## Health (HE)

### HE05-1. Ensuring Access to High Quality Health Services

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will ensure that Saskatchewan residents have access to high quality health services in a timely manner across the province by:

- a) Providing a publicly funded, publicly administered health care system in accordance with *The Canada Health Act*;
- b) Completing a Value-For-Money audit of the health care system;
- c) Creating a single health care agency for the entire province that would fully utilize the province's health facilities and human resources;
- d) Enabling communities to provide input into provincial health care decisions;
- e) Creating a centrally dispatched EMS system to coordinate the delivery of EMS services (air and ground) province-wide;
- f) Reorganizing provincial EMS to include emergency fixed and rotary wing service in partnership with the STARS program in Alberta;
- g) Setting a goal to reduce surgical waiting-lists to the national average within four years;
- h) Creating a health care bill of rights and responsibilities, and appointing a health care commissioner to measure, monitor and report to the people of the province on the quality of health care;
- i) Coordinating a province-wide system of community-based organizations to address addictions issues and the shortage of detox and inpatient treatment facilities in the province, including dedicated facilities and programs for youth addictions services;
- j) Creating a comprehensive and seamless patient referral service in the province, including partnerships with other jurisdictions and the creation of centres of excellence; and
- k) Creating a Diabetes Health Centre of Excellence in partnership with First Nations organizations, post-secondary institutions and international research bodies to improve the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes.

### HE05-2. Negotiating With Federal Government to Maintain Adequate Health Care Funding

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government will negotiate with the federal government for adequate funding to maintain equitable health services in Saskatchewan.

### HE05-3. Supporting the Development of an Integrated Health Information Network

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government will support the continued development of an integrated health information network.

#### HE05-4. Enhancing Health Facilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will enhance the province's health care facilities by:

- a) Supporting a children's hospital in Saskatoon utilizing existing acute care facilities;
- b) Building a new integrated health sciences facility at the University of Saskatchewan; and
- c) Moving toward 100 per cent provincial funding of capital assets rather than the current 65 per cent / 35 per cent split with communities that currently exist to make full use of facilities province-wide and reduce pressure on local property taxes.

#### HE05-5. Supporting the Expansion of Home Care

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government will support the expansion of homecare services as a means to allow seniors to stay in their own homes.

#### HE05-6. Retaining, Recruiting and Training Health Professionals

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will reduce the shortage of medical professionals through a province-wide retention, recruitment and training strategy by:

- a) Implementing quality workplace initiatives to ensure health care personnel are full participants in developing solutions to health care challenges;
- b) Retaining Saskatchewan health sciences graduates by forgiving a portion of their student loan debt for every year they remain in Saskatchewan;
- c) Focusing on recruiting former Saskatchewan residents who have left the province and attracting new professionals in areas where there is an identified shortage through tax incentives and streamlined credential recognition; and
- d) Developing a long-term plan to increase training seats for medical professionals in the province.

#### HE05-7. Addressing Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create a provincial Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD) advisory board to address FASD issues in the province including the need for diagnostic centres.

#### HE10-1. Reviewing Long Term Care Facilities

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Party will review the adequacy of the current long term care facilities and make the necessary arrangements to ensure that there will not be a shortage of beds in long term care facilities in the future.

## **Highways and Transportation (HT)**

### HT05-1. Establishing a Western Canadian Transportation Hub and North / South Transportation Corridor in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will encourage the development of a Western Canadian transportation hub and a North / South transportation and trade corridor in Saskatchewan in partnership with local and provincial stakeholders and other jurisdictions.

### HT05-2. Creating a Province-Wide Transportation Policy

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create a province-wide transportation policy that includes:

- a) A strategy that recognizes the interdependence of national, provincial and municipal responsibilities in maintaining Saskatchewan's transportation infrastructure;
- b) A comprehensive review of highways in Saskatchewan to determine their economic value and potential;
- c) A rolling four-year plan for the province's road construction and maintenance program that emphasizes quality construction;
- d) The implementation of new highway construction technology designed to meet the demands of Saskatchewan's climate and large scale truck traffic;
- e) Support for the development of an inter-modal transportation system;
- f) Support for the development of a short-line rail industry including streamlining the regulatory process for approving short-line railways; and
- g) Amending highway regulations to allow more business-friendly highway signs.

### HT05-3. Negotiating a National Highway Program

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Party recognizes that the federal government has a major role to play in the development and funding of a national highways program and will continue to lobby the federal government for implementation of such a program.

### HT05-4. Streamlining Inter-Provincial Transportations Regulations

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work with other provincial governments to streamline inter-provincial trucking and transportation regulations.

### HT05-5. Investing All Provincial Fuel Taxes in Transportation Infrastructure

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will commit, as a minimum, all provincial fuel taxes collected to fund provincial and municipal transportation infrastructure construction and renewal in Saskatchewan.

## **Intergovernmental and Northern Affairs (IG)**

### IG05-1. Reforming the Equalization Program

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will negotiate with the federal government to:

- a) Move to a ten-province standard for the purpose of calculating equalization; and
- b) Have Saskatchewan's oil and gas resource revenue treated in a manner similar to the Maritime Provinces in the calculation of equalization payments.

### IG05-2. Lobbying Federal Government to Compensate Municipalities for Tax Losses from the Designation of New First Nations Lands

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will lobby the federal government to fully compensate municipalities for tax losses resulting from the designation of new First Nations reserve lands.

### IG05-3. Partnering with Western Provinces

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will partner with provincial governments in Western Canada to share in the costs and delivery of programs and services in cases where it is beneficial.

### IG05-4. Eliminating Barriers to Growth

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work with other provinces to standardize provincial regulations and eliminate barriers to growth.

### IG05-5. Providing a Long Term, Predictable and Sustainable Revenue Sharing Program

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will negotiate a new Municipal Revenue Sharing Agreement between municipalities and the provincial government based on provincial own- source revenues and the municipalities' ability to raise local property tax revenue.

### IG05-6. Ensuring Adequate Provincial Funding of Municipal Programs

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Party recognizes downloading provincial costs onto local governments is a backdoor form of taxation and will work with the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities to ensure proper and adequate provincial funding of municipal programs.

#### IG05-7. Supporting Voluntary Municipal Amalgamation

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support and facilitate voluntary municipal amalgamation.

#### IG05-8. Building Partnerships to Tap the Economic Potential of Northern Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work in partnership with First Nations and Métis people, northern communities and local stakeholders to develop an economic development strategy for Northern Saskatchewan that includes:

- a) Conducting a comprehensive transportation and infrastructure review to identify priority areas for infrastructure investment; and
- b) Developing a plan for sustainable economic growth that balances economic development and preservation of the environment.

## **Justice (JS)**

### JS05-1. Restoring Trust and Confidence in the Justice System

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will restore trust and confidence in Saskatchewan's justice system by undertaking a comprehensive justice review that will:

- a) Examine how best to increase and allocate resources across the province for front-line policing services;
- b) Determine best-practices for rehabilitating offenders;
- c) Incorporate mediation and community measures in dispute resolution; and
- d) Rebuild the relationship between law enforcement agencies and the public.

### JS05-2. Supporting an Open and Transparent Selection Process for Judges

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support an open and transparent selection process for provincial judges.

### JS05-3. Strengthening The Police Act to Ensure Timely Disciplinary Investigations

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will implement changes to *The Police Act* to ensure that disciplinary investigations are completed in a timely manner consistent with the principles of natural justice.

### JS05-4. Strengthening Maintenance Enforcement

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will introduce new initiatives for the Maintenance Enforcement Office to bring about better compliance of maintenance orders.

### JS05-5. Reviewing the Coroners Act

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government will update the *Coroner's Act* to ensure that coroners are appropriately trained.

### JS05-6. Establishing a Provincial Youth Justice Board

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a provincial youth justice board to:

- a) Advise the provincial government on youth justice issues;
- b) Identify best-practices and commission research on issues pertaining to youth justice;
- c) Coordinate with provincial addictions agencies and government departments to develop an integrated addictions strategy for young offenders who are incarcerated; and

d) Make recommendations on restitution measures for young offenders.

JS05-7. Supporting Victims of Crime

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government holds as one of its major beliefs that the rights of victims of crime must take precedence over those found guilty of committing crimes.

JS05-8. Dedicating the Recovered Proceeds of Crime to Victims' Services

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will dedicate the recovered proceeds of crime to victim and addictions services.

JS05-9. Directing Revenue from the Victim Impact Surcharge to the Victims of Crime

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will ensure that revenue generated from the Victim Impact Surcharge is directed to the victims of crime.

JS05-10. Protecting the Health of Police, Health Care Providers and Victims of Crime

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will pass legislation compelling offenders to provide blood samples in a timely manner where interactions with police, medical personnel and/or victims of crime could reasonably have resulted in the transmission of disease or illness.

JS05-11. Refocusing Correctional Services

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create specialized rehabilitation and addiction treatment centres within existing correctional facilities across the province to address the need for an integrated province-wide network of prisoner rehabilitation services.

JS05-12. Supporting Community Watch Programs

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will place a high priority on the fight against crime in Saskatchewan and will devote needed resources to aiding community groups wishing to set up community watch programs in their neighbourhoods.

JS05-13. Notifying Residents of Presence of Dangerous Offenders

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will strengthen the authority of police and provide them with more discretion in making decisions to notify the public without threat of a lawsuit when a potentially violent or sexual offender has been released from prison and is planning to live in the community.

JS05-14. Opposing Gun Registration Requirements of Bill C-68

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will oppose the gun registration requirements of Bill C-68 and will order provincial government employees not to enforce those gun registration requirements in Saskatchewan.

JS05-17. Enshrining Right to Property in the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support an amendment to the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* that would enshrine the individual's right to own property in the *Constitution of Canada*.

JS10-1. Amending *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*, Part 1, Bill of Rights

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party Government shall amend the current *Saskatchewan Human Rights Code* to enshrine the individual's Right to own property.

JS10-2. Making Saskatchewan a Leader in Collaborative Law and Mediation

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party Government amend *The Family Property Act*, *The Family Maintenance Act*, *The Children's Law Act*, and all other relevant legislation to require that people commencing family law proceedings in Saskatchewan be advised about the appropriateness of considering Collaborative Law and Mediation in settling their disputes.

## **K-12 Education (ED)**

### ED05-1. Providing Short and Long Term Education Property Tax Relief

Note: This resolution also appears as Taxation Resolution TX05-3.

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will provide urban and rural ratepayers with immediate short term education property tax relief while providing permanent long term education property tax relief by significantly increasing K-12 education funding.

### ED05-2. Ensuring Excellence in K-12 Education

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will ensure excellence in the K-12 education system by:

- a) Creating a province-wide partnership for education excellence between parents, teachers, education stakeholders, First Nations and the provincial government;
- b) Supporting the creation of innovation schools to deliver enriched educational programming;
- c) Facilitating partnerships between innovation schools and the province's post-secondary institutions;
- d) Implementing the School Plus concept in all school divisions; and
- e) Improving online provincial distance education programs to enhance local education opportunities.

### ED05-3. Improving Educational Outcomes for First Nations Students

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work in partnership with First Nations to increase participation rates and improve educational outcomes for First Nations students.

### ED05-4. Ensuring Accountability and Quality in Education

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government supports the need for greater accountability regarding the quality of education in Saskatchewan schools and will work in partnership with the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to develop these accountability procedures.

### ED05-5. Increasing Cooperation Between School Systems

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will encourage increased cooperation between all publicly funded school systems in an effort to streamline both systems and eliminate unnecessary and costly duplication.

#### ED05-6. Supporting Career Education in Schools

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support career education, including life skills instruction, in all schools.

#### ED08-1 Sustain and Grow Saskatchewan's High School Graduation Rate

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government will pilot a program wherein the government will set an example for the private sector by encouraging youth who do not have a high school diploma to be eligible for basic employment, and that as part of this employment a learning plan be developed with the goal of assisting and encouraging these workers to acquire their high school diploma.

That a Saskatchewan Party government will work with the private sector to consider ways to provide incentives to both workers and employers with the objective of having workers acquire their high school diploma.

That a Saskatchewan Party government will create measurements of local school boards successes and failures at keeping youth with many problems engaged, and will reward these school boards who succeed at keeping these youth engaged.

## **Labour (LB)**

### LB05-1. Recognizing the Contribution of Labour and Collective Bargaining in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will recognize and respect the valuable role that labour and the collective bargaining process have played and will continue to play in the growth and development of Saskatchewan.

### LB05-2. Establishing a University Research Chair in Occupational Health and Safety

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will investigate the establishment of a Research Chair in Occupational Health and Safety at one of Saskatchewan's universities in partnership with representatives from the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour and Saskatchewan's business community to improve the health and safety of all workers in Saskatchewan.

### LB05-3. Ensuring Democratic Workplaces

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will consult with employers, employees, union representatives and business representatives to establish democratic workplaces in which votes for the certification or de-certification of a union requires the support of 50 per cent plus one of the employees in each workplace as expressed by secret ballot after union and management representatives have had the opportunity to communicate with employees in an open and public forum.

### LB05-4. Building a New Partnership Between Business, Labour, Education and Government

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create an economic partnership between labour, business, First Nations, post-secondary institutions and other economic stakeholders in the province through Enterprise Saskatchewan with the shared goal of building a strong and diversified economy, creating new jobs and expanding the tax base from which government funds all public services.

### LB05-5. Creating Fairness and Balance in Labour Legislation

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will review provincial labour legislation to ensure a legislative environment and a Labour Relations Board that:

- a) Respects the principles of transparency and accountability;
- b) Provides high quality, safe and healthy workplaces; and
- c) Balances the interests of employees and employers while promoting the continued growth of Saskatchewan communities and the economy.

#### LB05-6. Repealing Government Directed Hours Legislation

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will immediately repeal any provincial law that directs businesses in the allocation of part-time hours to workers based on seniority or any other criterion.

#### LB05-7. Improving Efficiency at the Workers' Compensation Board

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will review the Workers Compensation Board with a view to creating greater efficiency and fairness in the Board's operation.

#### LB06-1. Ending Policy of Mandatory Retirement

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will end the discriminatory policy of mandatory retirement.

#### LB06-2 Removing Legislated Limits on the Length of Collective Bargaining Agreements

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will amend *The Trade Union Act* to remove legislated limits on the length of collectively bargained agreements.

#### LB08-01 Lowering the Legal Working Age

Be it resolved that the minimum worker age for the following sectors is lowered to 15: hotels, educational institutions, hospitals and nursing homes.

Therefore be it further resolved that the minimum worker age for the above sectors be lowered to 14 with written parental consent provided that they hours worked not exceed 30 hours per week during the school year as defined by the Ministry of Education regulations;

Therefore be it further resolved that any and all associated issues pertaining to minimum age are reviewed with reference to best practices in other Canadian jurisdictions.

## **Post-Secondary Education (PS)**

### PS05-1. Providing Stable Long-Term Funding for Post-Secondary Institutions

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will provide stable and predictable long-term support for Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions through multi-year funding commitments to support teaching and research in the humanities, arts and social sciences as well as supporting scientific, medical, engineering and technological advancement.

### PS05-2. Undertaking Strategic Partnerships

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will facilitate strategic partnerships between the province's post-secondary institutions, First Nations and Métis people and regional economic stakeholders to develop academic and trades programs that meet local labour force needs.

### PS05-3. Providing Student Loan Debt Relief for Graduates Who Stay in Saskatchewan

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will forgive a portion of student loan debt held by Saskatchewan post-secondary graduates who remain and work in Saskatchewan.

### PS05-4. Reviewing and Renewing the Student Loan Program

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will review the provincial student loan program on a regular basis to ensure it meets the needs of current and future post-secondary education students.

### PS05-5. Improving Outcomes for First Nations and Métis Students

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will partner with First Nations and Métis People, the federal government and post-secondary institutions, including the First Nations University of Canada and the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology (SIIT), to improve postsecondary outcomes for First Nations and Métis students.

### PS05-6. Promoting Science and Technology

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will play a leading role in promoting science and technology through partnerships with the province's post-secondary institutions.

#### PS05-7. Investing in Public/Private Partnerships to Commercialize Innovation

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will consider public/private partnerships to assist in commercialization of Saskatchewan-based research, development and innovation including:

- a) Investments in the life sciences, health sciences and renewable energy;
- b) Investments in synchrotron science; and
- c) Support for innovation focused on the development and commercialization of new intellectual property.

#### PS05-8. Investing in Innovation at our Post-Secondary Institutions

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will invest in new technology and emerging sectors of health care, environmental innovation and energy at our province's post-secondary institutions including:

- a) Making the University of Saskatchewan a centre for health excellence in North America;
- b) Creating a centre of environmental excellence in consultation with SIAST and the University of Regina; and
- c) Building on the strength of the Petroleum Technology Research Centre and the Greenhouse Gas Technology Research Centre at the University of Regina.

#### PS05-9. Encouraging Private Sector Commercialization of Science and Technology

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create a competitive tax and regulatory environment to encourage research, development and commercialization of science and technology by private sector companies in Saskatchewan.

#### PS06-1. Using Tax and Business Incentives to Encourage Hiring of Recent Saskatchewan Graduates

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will use tax and business incentives to encourage Saskatchewan businesses to hire new and recent graduates of Saskatchewan's post secondary institutions.

#### PS06-2. Reforming the Student Loan Program

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will reform the student loan program by:

- a) Increasing the maximum loan limit;
- b) Removing the parental contribution expectation;
- c) Establishing income contingent loan repayment; and
- d) Collecting student loan payments through the income tax system.

### PS06-3. Strengthening Career Awareness Programs

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will implement a comprehensive career awareness program for young people in cooperation with Saskatchewan businesses, government departments, agencies and crown corporations and professional associations.

## **Public Service Commission (PSC)**

### PSC05-1. Supporting a Non-Partisan and Professional Public Service

Be it resolved that Saskatchewan Party government will support a non-partisan, professional civil service where public policy goals are clearly communicated by Cabinet and achieved by well trained, efficient and highly competent public servants.

### PSC05-2. Retaining and Recruiting Qualified Public Sector Employees

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will address the impending shortage of qualified public sector employees by directing the Public Service Commission to develop an aggressive strategy for recruiting and retaining public servants as productive contributors to the Government of Saskatchewan.

### PSC05-3. Supporting Professional Development in the Public Sector

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will strongly support the professional development of all provincial public sector employees.

### PSC05-4. Negotiating Competitive Compensation Package for Public Sector Employees

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will restore fairness to provincial public sector contract settlements by negotiating in good faith with both unionized and non-unionized employees to deliver compensation packages that are competitive with other provincial jurisdictions in Canada.

### PSC05-5. Establishing Annual Public Sector Performance Targets

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish annual performance targets for all government departments and agencies.

### PSC08-1 Review of Pension Plan Legislation and Regulations

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government reviews its pension plan legislation and regulations for the purpose of providing solvency relief for pension plans, subject to qualifying conditions and in conformity with other provinces.

## **Social Policy (SC)**

### SC05-1. Upholding Dignity, Independence and Accountability in the Provision of Social Services

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will provide social services to individuals, children and families in need through programs and services that uphold individual dignity, promote independence and are accountable to the public.

### SC05-2. Improving Services to Children and Families in Need

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will provide families in need of support with access to an effective one stop facilitating agency that will:

- a) Involve community-based organizations in the delivery of services to families in need;
- b) Strengthen and focus the delivery of services by government departments and agencies to families;
- c) Emphasize the attainment of economic stability and social viability of families including training, job skills and skills for living;
- d) Promote home ownership as an important element in the achievement of family independence;
- e) Empower front-line personnel with decision making authority, discretion and encouragement in the application of creative solutions to difficult problems; and
- f) Develop performance criteria, benchmarks and results-oriented outcomes.

### SC05-3. Strengthening Early Childhood Development

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will make early childhood development a priority across the province, with community based organizations being the preferred vehicle for the delivery of services.

### SC05-4. Enhancing Child Care Options

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will support enhanced child care options for Saskatchewan parents.

### SC05-5. Supporting the Transition from Social Assistance to Employment

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will promote economic self-sufficiency and support the transition of people from social assistance to full employment by:

- a) Ensuring training programs are delivered with the input of employers and are geared towards local labour market needs;
- b) Increasing the amount a recipient can earn from employment while on assistance; and

- c) Removing barriers to make it easier to move from welfare to work.

#### SC05-6. Increasing Support for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will increase assistance and establish a distinct funding mechanism to support individuals with permanent disabilities.

#### SC05-7. Building Partnerships to Deliver Employment Programs for Persons with Disabilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will work in partnership with local community organizations and businesses to determine how best to deliver employment programs to persons with physical and intellectual disabilities.

#### SC05-8. Implementing a Strategy to Reduce the Use of Crystal Meth and Other Addictive Substances

Be it resolved the Saskatchewan Party government will implement a strategy to reduce the use of crystal meth and other addictive substances, including:

- a) Assisting families, communities and schools to get the information they need to combat the dangers of crystal meth by facilitating public awareness, providing a list of expert speakers in the field of law enforcement and drug awareness and ensuring parents have access to the material they need to work together;
- b) Implementing a specific crystal meth strategy, including an awareness program, mandated for use in schools;
- c) Improving treatment for those suffering because of addiction to crystal meth, or other drugs made cheaper by its arrival on our streets. This will include:
  - i) An addictions treatment program specifically for children;
  - ii) Centres capable of treating individuals for extended periods;
  - iii) A treatment system prepared to meet current and future demands;
  - iv) Safe houses for at risk individuals waiting to get into treatment centres; and
  - v) Family counseling.
- d) Re-establishing an independent addictions foundation, staffed by experts specializing in up-to-date treatment options; and
- e) Lobbying the federal government to give police the enforcement tools needed to stop the proliferation of crystal meth and other addictive substances.

#### SC05-9. Addressing Food and Hunger Issues

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will address food and hunger issues in the province by:

- a) Increasing the food allowance for social assistance recipients; and

- b) Ensuring a portion of social assistance received by families is dedicated to food funding.

#### SC05-10. Creating a Seniors Advocate

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will create a seniors advocate that will function as a single window service for seniors dealing with the provincial government.

#### SC08-1 Initiatives for Youth at Risk

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government supports youth engagement/education through enthusiasm with community-based organizations and that our government will act now to:

- a) Provide long term financial stability to youth at risk programs that successfully engage/educate youth;
- b) Consider ways that successful community models can be expanded locally and throughout through increased funding and/or through organizational mentorship and the sharing of best practices;
- c) Consider ways to identify programming gaps and overlaps to ensure that youth at risk programs are effective and that the programs being funded augment one another rather than compete with one another; and
- d) Immediately research other ways to engage/educate youth at risk (from cooking to media production, to entrepreneurships to sports etc.).

That a Saskatchewan Party government encourages dialogue with youth at risk by supporting the establishment of local kids not in school committees with real influence and power.

## **Taxation (TX)**

### TX05-1. Ensuring a Competitive Tax System for Saskatchewan Families and Businesses

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will ensure Saskatchewan's income, corporate, property and capital taxes and resource royalty rates are competitive with other provinces and do not create a barrier to increased private sector investment, job creation and economic growth.

### TX05-2. Providing Tax Relief for Low Income Earners Including Seniors

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will reduce provincial income taxes for low-income earners including seniors by increasing the Basic Personal Exemption by up to \$6,000 for individuals earning less than \$35,000 which will result in full time employees earning the minimum wage paying no provincial income tax.

### TX05-3. Providing Short and Long Term Education Property Tax Relief

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will provide urban and rural ratepayers with immediate short term education property tax relief while providing permanent long term education property tax relief by significantly increasing K-12 education funding.

### TX05-4. Eliminating the Small Business Tax

Be it resolved a Saskatchewan Party government will make Saskatchewan a small business tax-free zone.

### TX05-5. Reducing Capital Gains Tax on Re-Invested Proceeds from the Sale of a Business or Real Property

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will reduce the provincial portion of Capital Gains Tax collected on the sale of a business or real property in Saskatchewan if the full proceeds of the sale are re-invested in Saskatchewan.

### TX05-6. Strengthening Provincial Research and Development Tax Credits

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will strengthen Saskatchewan's program of tax credits for research, development and commercialization performed in Saskatchewan to promote innovation and job creation.

#### TX05-7. Creating a Tax-Free Return on Community Infrastructure Investment

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a Community Infrastructure Investment Program through which Saskatchewan residents can invest in construction and renewal of community infrastructure through the purchase of Saskatchewan Community Infrastructure Bonds on which the interest earned is free from provincial income tax.

#### TX05-8. Encouraging Home-Based Care of Seniors and Family Members with Disabilities

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a tax credit for families that choose to renovate their homes or undertake construction on a new home to accommodate the care of elderly family members or other family members with mental or physical disabilities.

#### TX05-9. Providing Tax Relief for Home-Based Caregivers

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a caregiver tax credit to assist in the care of elderly family members or family members with physical or mental disabilities.

#### TX05-10. Assisting Parents with the Cost of Child Care

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish a child care tax credit to assist parents with the cost of child care.

#### TX05-11. Maintaining the Property Tax Exemption for Churches and Private Schools

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will maintain the property tax exempt status of churches and private schools.

#### TX05-12. Common Sense Fee Structures

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will cancel any government fee that costs more to collect than it raises in revenue.

#### TX06-1. Eliminating Provincial Tax on Investment

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan Party government will establish the most competitive climate in Canada for new private sector investment and job creation by eliminating the Corporate Capital Tax and reducing the corporate income tax rate to 11.5 per cent over four years.

## TX06-2. Strengthening Incentives for Investment in Value-Added Manufacturing and Processing

Be it resolved that a Saskatchewan party government will encourage new investment in value added manufacturing and processing and innovation by:

- a) Making the Manufacturing and Processing Input Tax Credit refundable and claimable on a quarterly basis to reduce business investment costs and improve cash flow;
- b) Expanding the Manufacturing & Processing Profits Tax Reduction to include resource companies following the successful negotiation of a new Energy Accord with the federal government that removes resource revenues from the calculation of equalization entitlements; and
- c) Increasing the provincial Research and Development Tax Credit from 15 per cent to 20 per cent and make it refundable every quarter to support continual investment in innovation.