

Highlights of recent news and public events from Saskatoon Southeast MLA Don Morgan

'SAVE THE DATE' THE SASKATOON SOUTHEAST SPRING BBQs HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED!

Come out and say Hello to Don and Sandy and let Minister Morgan know how much you've appreciated all his hard work this Session!

The dates and locations for this year are:

- Wed June 6th 5:00 – 7:00pm St. Bernard School
- Fri June 8th 5:00 – 7:00pm St. Luke School
- Sat June 9th 11:30 – 2:00pm Independent Foods



POSITIVELY PROVINCIAL . . .

Province Challenging Federal Government's Ability to Impose a Carbon Tax

Released on April 25, 2018

Today, the Government of Saskatchewan launched a constitutional reference case in the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal to challenge the federal government's ability to impose a carbon tax on the province.

The government is asking the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal to answer a clear question on the constitutionality of the legislation the federal government has introduced to impose the carbon tax.

The question is:

The Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act was introduced into Parliament on March 28, 2018 as Part 5 of Bill C-74. If enacted, will this Act be unconstitutional in whole or in part?

"We do not believe the federal government has the constitutional right to impose the Trudeau carbon tax on Saskatchewan, against the wishes of the government and people of Saskatchewan," Premier Scott Moe said. "We have a made-in-Saskatchewan plan to reduce emissions and fight climate change, and that plan does not include a job-killing carbon tax on Saskatchewan families."

Justice Minister Don Morgan said the government's constitutional lawyers believe the federal carbon tax legislation can be successfully challenged because it imposes a carbon tax on some provinces but not others based on how each province has chosen to exercise its own legislative jurisdiction.

"This runs contrary to the principle of federalism, which is one of the bedrocks of our constitutional division of powers, because it fails to respect the sovereignty and autonomy of the provinces with respect to matters under their jurisdiction," Morgan said. "Simply put, we do not believe the federal government has the right to impose a tax on one province but not others just because they don't

like our climate change plan.”

Under the constitution, each level of government is sovereign within its own legislative realm. Provinces are not subsidiaries of the federal government. Provincial governments have the authority to set policy in areas of provincial jurisdiction, and the federal government does not have the right to override that provincial authority.

The Government of Saskatchewan released *Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy* in December 2017. The strategy includes the development of sector-specific output-based performance standards on large emitting facilities; increasing efficiencies in buildings by adopting the 2015 National Building Code; creating a freight strategy to improve delivery times, reducing fuel and increasing efficiency; and developing a climate resiliency model to help ensure communities are able to adapt and mitigate against the effects of climate change.

“Our made-in-Saskatchewan climate change strategy is broader and bolder than a carbon tax,” Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said. “Our plan to reduce emissions from the electricity sector by 40 per cent and methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 40 to 45 per cent by 2030 shows we are serious about tackling climate change. Our Saskatchewan story also includes our agriculture industry that sequesters nearly 12 million tonnes of CO₂ annually and carbon capture at Boundary Dam 3 that has prevented two million tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering our atmosphere. Saskatchewan is the solution, not the problem.”

“Our government will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan against the Trudeau government’s costly and ineffective carbon tax,” Moe said.

Saskatchewan Applying to Participate in Pipeline Reference Case Before B.C. Court of Appeal

Released on May 9, 2018

The Attorney General of Saskatchewan will be applying to participate in the reference case currently before British Columbia's Court of Appeal concerning the constitutionality of British Columbia's proposed amendments to its *Environmental Management Act*.

"We are dismayed that a pipeline that will benefit many people across Canada continues to be held up by unreasonable delays," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "As we argued in the previous case involving the city of Burnaby, it is Saskatchewan's position that these pipelines are in the national interest and fall under federal, not provincial jurisdiction."

On December 7, 2017, the National Energy Board ruled that the Trans Mountain pipeline is not required to comply with the two bylaws cited by the City of Burnaby as its reason for delaying the issuing of permits to Trans Mountain. In its decision, the National Energy Board agreed with Saskatchewan that it would be contrary to a basic principle of federalism if one province, or a single municipality of one province, held the power to impede the construction of an interprovincial pipeline.

"Saskatchewan remains dedicated to standing up for the hard-working people in our natural resources and energy sectors," Morgan said. "We know that these pipelines are necessary for our energy companies to get their products to tidewater to ensure a competitive price, and that the increased capacity this pipeline represents stands to benefit all Canadians."

Time to Fix Equalization

Did you know that Saskatchewan taxpayers are contributing \$580 million this year to the federal equalization program, while receiving \$0 in return over the last eleven years?

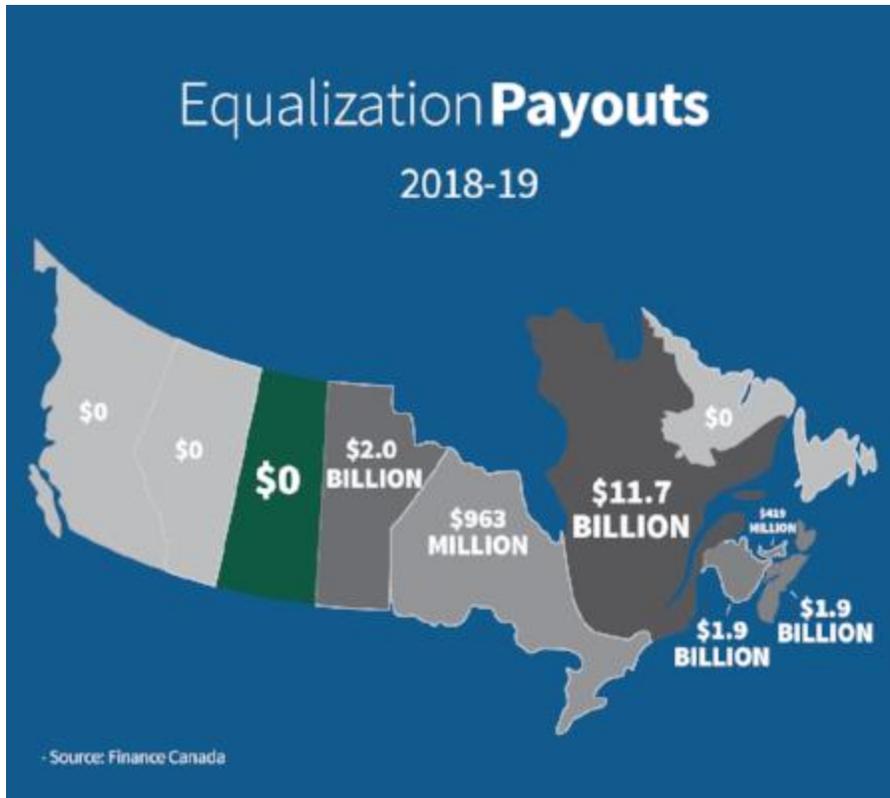
That's right. \$0.

If that's not bad enough, while Saskatchewan is paying \$580 million this year, Quebec is receiving over \$11 billion.

Yep - billion, with a 'B'.

Something's not right with this picture. Something's broken.

It's time to change this flawed program and stand up for Saskatchewan people and our economy.



Premier Scott Moe, "Saskatchewan's economy has been hard hit in recent years by the downturn in the resource sector.

Now, even though oil prices are recovering, we are still being hard hit by a rail backlog and lack of pipelines, which is restricting our ability to get our product to market. All of which is the federal government's responsibility, by the way.

But there is still one thing the federal government is good at shipping out of Saskatchewan... and that's equalization dollars."

Provincial Parks Open for the 2018 Season

Released on May 14, 2018

Campers are gearing up for another memorable season with family and friends in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks, with parks officially opening on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

“Camping is a summertime staple here in Saskatchewan,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowksy said. “This weekend marks the start of a new and exciting season for our park guests. With a variety of programs and events taking place this year, there will be lots of fun activities to keep our visitors busy. Whether you’re a family heading back to your favourite park, or an adventure-seeker looking to explore a new place, each park has a unique experience to offer.”



Saskatchewan’s provincial parks are special places this time of the year. Campers can take in the fresh spring air, enjoy activities on the water, explore hiking trails as nature blooms, picnic in the park or relax with friends and family.

A wide range of programs and activities are available at the parks this season including Learn to Camp, Learn to Fish, interpretive activities and much more. A new Camp-Easy Equipped Camping program will be offered at Echo Valley, Buffalo Pound and Pike Lake Provincial Parks. These unique accommodations are a great option for families, first-time campers hoping to experience the outdoors or anyone who does not own camping equipment.

As in past years, an alcohol ban will be in effect for the Victoria Day Weekend, from Thursday, May 17 to Monday, May 21 inclusive. The alcohol ban applies to all campgrounds and picnic areas within provincial parks and recreation sites. The ban is also in effect at several regional parks.

Fire Ban In Place for Crown Land, Most Provincial Parks South of Churchill River

Released on May 15, 2018

The Ministry of Environment has issued a ban on all open fires south of the Churchill River to the U.S. border effective immediately, due to dry conditions.

The ban applies to all provincial Crown land, burn notification areas, and provincial parks and recreation sites within the ban area. This includes Clearwater River and Lac La Ronge provincial parks, but excludes Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, where fire hazards are lower.

A complete listing of all affected provincial parks and recreation sites can be found at www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/places-to-go/provincial-parks/fire-restrictions.

No open fires or fireworks are permitted for the duration of the ban. Self-contained heating devices, pressurized stoves, gas barbecues, propane firepits, or charcoal briquettes used in an approved firebox will be permitted for cooking and heating purposes during the ban.

FIRE BAN

Due to extreme fire hazards, a fire ban has been issued for ALL provincial Crown land, parks and recreation sites south of the Churchill River, excluding Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park.

All open fires in these locations are prohibited.



For cooking and heating purposes, the following items are permitted during the ban:

- Self-contained heating devices*
- Gas barbecues*
- Propane fire pits*
- Charcoal briquettes used in park-provided barbecues and fire pits

**must be CSA approved*

The fire ban will stay in place until conditions improve and the Ministry of Environment rescinds the order.

Support fire suppression efforts. If you see a fire, report it by calling Park Watch toll-free at 1-800-667-1788.

In an emergency, call 911.

saskparks.com



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Preparing for an Emergency

Could you be self-sufficient for 72 hours in an emergency?

Emergencies can occur at any time. In an emergency, response agencies focus their efforts first where the need is greatest. That is why individual emergency preparedness is so important.

It only takes four simple steps to become better prepared to face an emergency.

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get or prepare an emergency kit
- Download the SaskAlert app for your smartphone

Know the Risks

Find out what risks could happen where you live, then learn how to protect you and your family if they occur.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire (includes house fires, grass fires or forest fires) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado | <input type="checkbox"/> Train derailment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blizzard | <input type="checkbox"/> Power outage | |

Make a Plan

What you would do in an event like the ones above, especially if you were asked to evacuate your home or if your family was separated? Your family's emergency plan should include:

- A family communications plan**
How will you get in touch with each other? Who are your out-of-town contacts that family members could reach during an emergency to connect and share information?
- List of emergency numbers**
Write down the numbers for local police, fire department, family doctor, insurance company, utility companies, and family/friends who can help you in a crisis
- Evacuation plans**
What are the two ways you could exit your house in a fire? Where would you stay if you were told to leave your home during a disaster? How would family members with special health concerns or pets be cared for during an emergency?

Emergency Kit

Your emergency kit should be able to help your family members (including those with special health concerns and pets) be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. You can purchase premade kits or assemble your own that you will pack in an easy-to-carry bag(s) or a case-on-wheels.

Items* you may wish to include in your kit:

- Food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days)
- Bottled water (4 litres per person each day for drinking, hygiene, washing)
- A manual can opener
- Plastic plates and cutlery
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Garbage bags and zip-lock bags
- First-aid kits
- Medications and copies of prescriptions
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- Personal items (soap, toothpaste/ toothbrush, shampoo, comb, etc.)
- Flashlight
- Radio (crank or battery-run)
- Extra batteries
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Spare clothes, shoes
- Playing cards, travel games, other activities for children
- Extra car keys
- Cash
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Photographs of each family member and pets (write their age, weight, height and other characteristics on the back)
- Items for babies and small children like diapers, formula, bottles and baby food
- Copies of important papers, such as insurance, driver's licence, passports, birth/marriage certificates, wills, etc.
- Printed procedures to shut off home utilities (water, electricity, gas)

* *Your kit should be tailored to your family's needs. For example, you may need to develop specific plans and store emergency food and supplies for family members with specific medical conditions. The local evacuation or reception centre may not allow your pet(s) to stay with you, so you may need to develop specialized plans and have emergency food and supplies stored for each of your animals.*

Check and refresh your kit twice a year including all expiry dates and replace food and water with a fresh supply. Check batteries and replace as needed.

You should also keep your cell phone or mobile device fully charged in case you need it during an emergency.

For more tips and ideas to help with emergency preparedness, visit Public Safety Canada at www.publicsafety.gc.ca.

On The Lighter Side . . .

Being an adult is 90% worrying about money and 10% spending money you don't have on treats because you've worried a lot this week . . .



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