

Keep Saskatchewan **Strong**

Provincial Budget 2016-17

This budget contains

NO TAX INCREASES

- Since 2007, nearly **\$6 billion** in **tax reductions to families, individuals, homeowners, businesses and farmers**
- Among the **lowest personal and business tax burdens** in **Canada**, according to a recent Conference Board of Canada report

This was achieved by

CONTROLLING SPENDING

- **Modest** expense growth of **2.0 per cent** from last year
- Regional Health Authorities **reduced administrative expense** by **\$7.5 million** to reinvest in **front-line staff** in long-term care facilities
- Changes to programs and services to ensure **sustainability** and **manage costs**
- Beginning a government-wide exercise of **transformational change** to ensure high quality public services delivered in the most effective, efficient way

This budget ensures a better quality of life by

INVESTING IN PEOPLE

- Additional funding to **reduce wait times** for **surgery** and **diagnostic services**
- Continued investments to **support seniors** at home or in long-term care
- Funding to cover the **15 drugs** added to the formulary for **cancer treatment**
- **Increased support** for **people with disabilities** and for **K-12 classrooms**
- **199** previously approved **child care spaces** will be available
- Funding for the new **First Home** program to assist eligible graduates with the down payment for their first homes

This budget will keep Saskatchewan strong by

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- A record **\$3.5 billion total infrastructure investment** in schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities, highways, bridges and the province's electrical grid
- A 3-year, **\$70 million surge to fix more highways**
- **New overpasses** for Balgonie, White City and Pilot Butte access
- Completing construction on a new **long-term care facility** in Swift Current and the Kelvington Integrated Care facility
- Upgrades to Regina's General and Pasqua **Hospitals** and Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital, plus continued work on Saskatoon's **new Children's Hospital** and the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford – Integrated Correctional Facility
- Completing the extensive renovations at **Southeast Regional College** in Weyburn
- **Nearly \$400 million in education capital** for school renovation projects and continued work on **9 new joint-use schools**
- Funding for significant **twinning and passing lane projects** on Highways 5, 6, 7, 16 and 39, as well as substantial investment in **interchanges** for Warman and Martensville
- Continued funding to upgrade the **forest fire-fighting fleet**

The 2016-17 Budget will

KEEP SASKATCHEWAN STRONG

- No tax increases
- Controlling spending
- Investing in people
- Investing in infrastructure

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