

60%
of all Saskatchewan citizens
live in cities today

Saskatchewan's 8 largest cities generate:

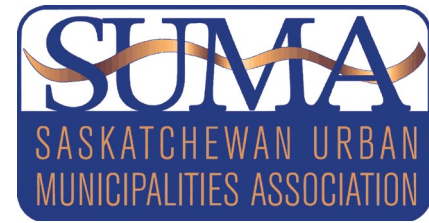
Nearly
60%
of income tax

Over
50%
of all PST revenue

and nearly
60%
of all GDP

More than
77%
of new immigrants to
Saskatchewan move to cities

Cities directly invest more than:
\$1.2 Billion per year in the
Saskatchewan economy



The Keys to Unlocking Sustained, Strategic Growth in Cities

Saskatchewan cities believe that there are **three key priorities** we must pursue to unleash our full growth potential:

Ensure sufficient, sustainable, and predictable level of funding for operational and capital projects.

- In recent history, the partnership between cities and the Saskatchewan Government has significantly progressed – a result of this is the revenue sharing funding on the operational side. Collaborative work is currently underway on a Saskatchewan long-term infrastructure plan.
- Infrastructure requires provincial and federal funding, but cities also make significant contributions.
- Cities manage nearly 50% of all public infrastructure in Saskatchewan, so the costs are tremendous just to maintain, let alone to account for growth.

Allow cities the ability to generate their own revenue locally.

- Giving cities access to new revenue tools means less funding pressure on the provincial government, and it empowers local choice and enhances accountability and transparency at the local level.
- Of every tax dollar collected in Saskatchewan, only 8 cents goes directly to local governments.
- Most of the Province's growth occurs in cities, but local governments have limited ability to generate revenue to offset the costs of growth. Property tax is not the answer – it is a regressive and inefficient revenue source.
- A real growth agenda requires a new fiscal relationship and fiscal rebalancing.
- International, national, and provincial research all shows that investing in urban centres provides direct and significant financial returns for federal and provincial governments.

Ensure a legislative and regulatory framework that maximizes local autonomy.

- We have to continue to work cooperatively to update and modernize the legislative and regulatory system in Saskatchewan.
- A system that allows autonomy to municipalities, while realizing the importance of transparency and accountability to other orders of government and its citizens is key. We are making great strides to reach these goals.
- Cities must be enabled to do what they do best - grow the province. This is especially true with certain regulations regarding borrowing limits, reporting requirements, and seeking approval for action. Cities must be allowed to move quickly to meet the evolving pressures of growth.

For every dollar invested into urban infrastructure....

\$1.48
is returned in personal
after-tax wages.

\$0.35
is returned in
income tax and sales
tax revenue

\$0.17
in savings to
the private sector
is produced

For every
\$100 million
invested in infrastructure
1,100
new jobs are created

When provincial governments invest in urban infrastructure, people find work and make more money, the private sector realizes savings which can be reinvested, and the province gets direct and indirect returns.

Everyone wins, and growth happens.

Using the basket of legislative, regulatory, and financial tools at our shared disposal, we can plan and invest together for growth.

Collaboratively, we can engage our citizens, and bring a new strategic focus to the Saskatchewan growth agenda.



Together,
we are ideally poised to identify barriers to growth and overcome them collaboratively; also best positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities.

Cities are flagship partners in building the new Saskatchewan

The Road to a Stronger Economy Runs Straight Through Our Cities

Investing in Municipal Infrastructure

