



## Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review Week ending March 21, 2026

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week in Saskatchewan politics was really about one thing...the provincial budget. Even though we did not spend a lot of time on it in this update, that was intentional. We already sent out a detailed breakdown on Friday, and that remains the best place to understand the full picture. The short version is this: the government is in "protect what's working" mode. The economy is still holding up, but there is a clear sense that things are getting more uncertain globally, so the focus is on stability, affordability, and maintaining core services rather than rolling out big new ideas.

Beyond the budget, the rest of the week continued to reinforce a pretty consistent theme we have been talking about for a while now...Saskatchewan's economy remains strong, especially compared to the rest of the country. You see it in construction growth, major project announcements like the Bell AI data centre, and continued investment activity across the province. At the same time, the national picture is starting to soften, with job losses and growing uncertainty. That contrast is becoming one of the more important economic and political storylines to watch heading into the rest of the year.

At the federal level, the tone continues to get sharper. We are now a full year into the Carney government, and the debate is starting to shift from vision to results. Questions around affordability, job losses, and regional impacts...especially in Western Canada...are becoming more prominent. Add in issues like CBC funding and internal concerns about bias, and you can see where the political fights are heading. The next stretch is going to be less about what governments say they are trying to do...and more about whether people actually feel things are getting better in their day-to-day lives.