

Federal Throne Speech – May 27, 2025

Brief Update, Analysis, and Significance to Western Canada.

At GSD, we equip our clients with timely, in-depth analysis on major political developments — like today's Federal Throne Speech. While our clients receive the full briefing, here's a quick snapshot of the insights we shared:

What the 2025 Federal Throne Speech Means for Saskatchewan and Western Canada

"The True North is indeed strong and free." - Those were the words delivered by King Charles III to open Canada's 45th Parliament — but here in Saskatchewan, the mood is more guarded. The line that really resonates across the Prairies? It comes from Cuba Gooding Jr.'s character in *Jerry Maguire*: **"Show me the money."**

Prime Minister Mark Carney's first Speech from the Throne laid out a bold and wide-reaching agenda. But after years of feeling sidelined under Justin Trudeau, many in Western Canada aren't just listening for promises — they're looking for proof. Can Carney not just talk the talk, but actually walk the walk?

Economy & Trade

The speech calls for resilience and independence — less reliance on the U.S. and more trade with Europe and Asia. With emphasis on pipelines, critical minerals, agri-food, and manufacturing, Saskatchewan could benefit — if the funding actually reaches us and isn't swallowed up by Ontario and Quebec.

National Defence

Carney is promising serious investment in Canada's defense and Arctic sovereignty. For Saskatchewan, this could bring new federal partnerships in aerospace, logistics, and military support — but only if the West isn't left out once again.

Housing

A pledge to double homebuilding and tie infrastructure dollars to municipalities that build. For Saskatoon, Regina, and rural towns, this could ease housing pressure — but only if Ottawa understands Prairie realities and moves beyond photo ops.

Reconciliation

This throne speech emphasized Indigenous ownership in major energy and infrastructure projects. Done right, this could shift the relationship from symbolic to structural — creating long-term opportunities for Indigenous leadership and equity.



What It All Means

Saskatchewan should be at the centre of the federal agenda — with our resources, trade potential, and people. But we’ve heard big promises before. Carney must prove he’s not just another Central Canadian PM with a script — he needs to deliver real results in the West.

The Conservative Response

Pierre Poilievre slammed the speech as full of “buzzwords and bloated spending,” with no clear plan to make life more affordable or energy more accessible. He accused Carney of talking like a moderate but governing like a Liberal.

Final Word

Carney’s big test starts now. The tone was right — now we’ll see if the action follows. Saskatchewan and the West will be watching every step.

CONCLUSION

As organizations look to engage with the federal government, this Throne Speech is a reminder that a strong government relations strategy isn’t just about reacting — it’s about presenting clear opportunities. Whether you’re in infrastructure, technology, energy, or community development, now is the time to show how your work aligns with federal priorities. It’s not just about asking for support — it’s about positioning yourself as part of the solution.