



Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review

Week ending April 11, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week had a bit of everything...and none of it is settling things down politically. At the federal level, another Conservative MP crossing the floor to the Liberals has taken things to a new level. This isn't just political gamesmanship anymore. If the Liberals win the upcoming byelections...which they're expected to...they're suddenly sitting in majority territory without going to voters. That's not sitting well, especially in Western Canada, where the feeling is growing that the will of the last election is being reshaped after the fact. At the same time, the removal of the federal budget watchdog is raising real questions about transparency. When a role that's supposed to be independent can be removed after delivering uncomfortable numbers, people start to wonder how independent it really is.

Globally, the Iran situation continues to ripple into Saskatchewan in a very real way. Oil prices remain elevated as uncertainty around the Strait of Hormuz continues, and while that's good for producers, it's not great for everyday people. Higher oil means higher fuel costs, higher transportation costs, and ultimately higher prices on pretty much everything. That's now starting to collide with interest rate expectations. There was hope that rates would start coming down, but if inflation sticks around because of energy prices, that path gets a lot less certain. In plain terms, this could mean continued pressure on mortgages, borrowing, and affordability for Saskatchewan families.

And then there are the issues that are hitting more at the "identity" side of things. Canada's reported support for Iran's involvement in UN human rights and women's rights bodies is raising huge eyebrows, particularly in the Prairies where that kind of decision just doesn't make any sense...just like most of Carney's decisions. It feeds into a broader narrative that's been building...one where people in Western Canada feel increasingly disconnected from decisions coming out of Ottawa. That frustration isn't coming from one issue alone...it's the accumulation of all of them. And with every one of these stories, the gap between Western Canada and the rest of the country just keeps getting a little wider. At some point, if that keeps building, it doesn't just stay frustration...it starts turning into real conversations about separation, especially in Alberta where that conversation is already getting louder.