



Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review

Week ending May 9, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week's political stories continued pointing toward a growing divide between governments pushing large policy agendas and voters increasingly focused on affordability, practicality, accountability, and economic stability. In Saskatchewan, the Moe government continued advancing major files around addictions treatment, healthcare capacity, mining, and workforce development, while the NDP focused heavily on affordability, healthcare wait times, energy costs, and transparency. But arguably the biggest provincial political story this week was the growing internal tension inside the Saskatchewan NDP after Betty Nippi-Albright left caucus and criticism of Carla Beck's leadership direction started spilling into public view. The larger issue appears to be whether the Saskatchewan NDP continues moving toward the political centre to try and win government, or whether parts of the activist wing of the party push back against that strategy.

Outside Saskatchewan, there were growing signs this same "move to the centre" debate is becoming a broader issue for centre-left governments across Canada. In British Columbia, David Eby and the B.C. NDP are now facing growing political pressure over red tape, regulation, affordability, private property concerns, and anti-business sentiment. Polling reportedly now shows the B.C. Conservatives leading by roughly 10 points. Federally, Ottawa also faced criticism this week after Parliamentary committees reportedly began moving more aggressively behind closed doors now that Mark Carney has a majority government. Critics increasingly argue the Carney government is becoming more controlled, centralized, and less transparent.

Economically, the pressure points also continue building for Ottawa. Major energy leaders like the CEO of Cenovus are now openly criticizing federal climate and regulatory policy, arguing Canada is undermining one of its biggest economic advantages at the exact moment global energy demand and geopolitical instability are rising. At the same time, Canada's EV strategy is suddenly looking far less certain after Honda froze its massive Ontario EV project, Northvolt collapsed, and other manufacturers slowed production plans. Add in Carney's comments that Ottawa would rely on the Clarity Act and Supreme Court rulings if Alberta's referendum push moves forward, and Western alienation concerns are only growing louder.