



Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review Week ending March 28, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week was a bit of a mix of steady progress and early warning signs. On the positive side, Saskatchewan's economy continues to show real strength...major projects are moving forward, construction activity remains strong, and both the province and Ottawa took steps to get ahead of global risks tied to tariffs and market volatility. That alignment between federal and provincial governments is not something we see every day, and it's a positive signal for a province that relies heavily on exports and global markets.

At the same time, there are some caution flags starting to show up. The population decline over the past two quarters...even if short-term...is something to watch closely. It's not a crisis, but it is a signal that affordability and quality of life matter more than ever. And that's where things get more complicated. While the provincial government is focused on stability and protecting what's working, pressures at the municipal level...especially in Regina with non-stop escalating property tax increases...are becoming a real concern for both residents and businesses. If those trends continue, they risk undermining the broader economic momentum the province is building.

Zooming out, global and national dynamics are also starting to hit closer to home. The conflict involving Iran is already creating uncertainty for Saskatchewan farmers through energy, fertilizer, and grain markets. Federally, messaging and leadership tone also came into focus this week, with Carney more concerned about whether the CEO of Air Canada spoke in both English and French following the tragic accident at LaGuardia airport in New York. For many, that raised broader questions about priorities, and why political optics were entering the conversation at a moment like this. It also highlights a growing disconnect in how issues are viewed and communicated in Western Canada.

Taken together, this week reinforces a simple theme: Saskatchewan is in a strong position...but staying there will depend on managing costs, staying competitive, and making sure growth actually translates into a better quality of life for the people who live and work here.