



## Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review Week ending May 23, 2026

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week's political conversation in Saskatchewan was heavily focused on energy, infrastructure, and Western Canada's growing frustration with Ottawa. Pipeline discussions between Alberta and the federal government dominated much of the national conversation, while Saskatchewan continued finding itself directly tied to broader debates around industrial carbon taxes, resource development, national unity, and Canada's economic competitiveness. At the same time, growing tensions between Canada and the United States on defence and trade issues added even more uncertainty to an already uneasy political and economic environment.

Provincially, the biggest political fight this week continued revolving around SaskPower's future energy strategy and the growing debate over long-term electricity costs and reliability. While the Saskatchewan NDP continues aggressively attacking the government over the now-famous "\$26 billion" number, the Sask Party government continues trying to convince Saskatchewan people that the opposition is oversimplifying a much more complicated long-term infrastructure discussion. Meanwhile, Saskatchewan also continued posting strong economic numbers this week, including leading the country in building permit growth...another sign the province's construction, industrial, and resource sectors continue showing momentum despite broader economic uncertainty across Canada.

Federally, Western frustration with Ottawa continued growing this week. The Carney government took heavy criticism after effectively confirming the Snowbirds will likely be grounded into the early 2030s, a decision that landed particularly hard in Saskatchewan given Moose Jaw's connection to the team. That frustration only deepened after backlash erupted over a CBC/APTN production that allegedly misled retired RCMP members into participating in what they believed was a program honouring their service. In Saskatchewan, where institutions like the Snowbirds, RCMP Depot Division, and the RCMP itself carry deep cultural and historical significance, these stories are increasingly feeding a broader perception that Ottawa and federally funded institutions are becoming disconnected from many of the values and institutions that matter most across the Prairies.