

## **Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review**

### **Week ending April 4, 2026**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This week in Saskatchewan politics was really about two things: steady, predictable government at home, and a pretty chaotic picture nationally and internationally. This week had a bit of everything. On the government side, it was a steady stream of announcements focused on economic growth, health care, and community support...very much in line with the budget and the “protect what’s working” approach. At the same time, the Saskatchewan NDP kept the pressure on, particularly around health care, education, and government accountability. Their releases continue to focus on cost-of-living concerns, system capacity, and transparency...trying to position themselves as the voice of frontline workers and everyday residents.

At the same time, some of the biggest conversations weren’t happening in Regina...they were happening globally. The conflict involving Iran is already starting to ripple into Saskatchewan’s economy, particularly in oil. Higher oil prices, combined with a weaker Canadian dollar, are creating a short-term financial upside for both producers and the provincial treasury. It’s one of those rare moments where both are moving in Saskatchewan’s favour. But, as we flagged in the article, that upside comes with a trade-off, and that’s going to show up quickly in higher costs for people and businesses...which we will chat about next week.

And then there’s the federal picture, which, frankly, stole the spotlight this week. The NDP convention was supposed to reset the party. Instead, it exposed deep divisions, raised serious questions about direction, and handed political opponents across the country a huge opportunity. For Saskatchewan, the implications are real. It creates pressure on the provincial NDP, shifts the broader political landscape, and may ultimately benefit the Liberals more than anyone else. Put it all together, and this week was a good reminder: while things at home feel steady, the bigger political and economic forces around us are anything but.