



Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review Week ending April 18, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week showed a clear and growing divide in Saskatchewan politics. The NDP continues to lean heavily into affordability, healthcare pressures, and energy costs, while the government is focused on stability, economic performance, and longer-term planning. That contrast was on full display at the SUMA Convention, where both sides made their pitch to municipal leaders who are feeling increased pressure on housing, infrastructure, and local services...some of it real, and some of it self-inflicted through local spending decisions and expanding beyond core responsibilities...not a revenue problem, but an expense problem.

At the same time, Saskatchewan's economy continues to show strength. Leading the country in wholesale trade is just one more positive stat in a growing list that reinforces the province's resilience...especially compared to parts of Eastern Canada. But alongside that, the government is quietly making some important long-term moves. The push toward nuclear energy, tied directly to Saskatchewan's uranium advantage, and the review of farmland ownership rules both point to a bigger theme: protecting and controlling the province's core assets while planning for the future.

Globally, the Iran situation remains part of the story. While things have stabilized...for now, the impacts are still being felt through oil prices and input costs, particularly in agriculture. And federally, the shift to a Liberal majority government adds another layer of uncertainty. There is a growing sense across Western Canada that decisions in Ottawa may not align with Prairie priorities...continuing the trend we've been seeing where provinces are stepping up and taking control rather than waiting on the federal government to actually do something.

Bottom line: Saskatchewan is in a relatively strong position, but the pressure points are clear...affordability, municipal expectations, global uncertainty, and federal tension. At the same time, the province is increasingly taking control of its own path forward.