



## Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review Week ending February 28, 2026

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Investment is flowing into Saskatchewan. Trade missions are producing results. Major projects are advancing. At the same time, bigger structural questions about Canada's economic direction are getting harder to ignore. This week featured major investment announcements, expanding trade relationships in Brazil and India, continued uranium momentum, and confirmation that the upcoming provincial budget will land in deficit territory. Federally, questions around energy infrastructure and productivity resurfaced in a big way, while internationally, U.S. strikes on Iran injected new volatility into global markets.

At the provincial level, government messaging focused heavily on growth and investment. Saskatchewan led the country in private capital investment growth. Sandvik broke ground on a \$51 million manufacturing facility. Paladin's uranium mine cleared a key hurdle. SaskPower outlined transmission expansion plans to support future load growth. And Bell's potential data centre development in Regina introduced both opportunity and real questions about power capacity and rate fairness for citizens.

On the trade front, Saskatchewan pushed further beyond North America. A signed MOU with Brazil delivered tangible outcomes, while Premier Moe's upcoming India mission signals how central export markets are to Saskatchewan's long-term prosperity. For a province built on exports, relationships are not symbolic, they are foundational. At the same time, political pressure is rising. The NDP is sharpening its focus on poverty, healthcare strain, overdoses, and fiscal management ahead of the March 18 budget. Moe pre-emptively confirmed a deficit, clearly attempting to manage expectations before session begins.

Federally, the optics are more complicated. Canada importing LNG from Australia while sitting on massive natural gas reserves sparked understandable frustration. And the Globe and Mail's report that Canada has "Out of Nowhere" fallen behind Alabama on a per-capita income basis, ignited a political debate. Resource approvals like Denison and Foran are positive signs, but reversing a decade of sluggish investment growth will take more than isolated project wins.