



HOW DID THE PROVINCE GET INTO THIS FINANCIAL MESS?

Sask. Party government waste and mismanagement

GTH land scam – Millions in taxpayers money wasted paying three times the appraised value for land near the Global Transportation Hub (GTH). Millions ended up in the pockets of land speculators, including Sask. Party donors.

Over-priced consultants – Hundreds of millions handed to costly consultants. Spending on consultants rose by 228% between 2009 and 2014. The Ministry of Highways spent 400% more on outside consultants.

Lean – \$40 million handed to a U.S. consultant to improve efficiency in health care. After the problem-ridden program was cancelled early, a study found that the province spent \$1,511 for every dollar saved by Lean.

Liquor privatization – Tens of millions will be lost each year according to independent financial analysis – the fall-out from privatizing liquor stores.

Regina Bypass – Nearly \$2 billion handed to a French multinational corporation to build a bypass around Regina. An Alberta company will be paid an undisclosed amount to plow and sand the 60 kms of highway for 30 years.

Pointless payouts – In 2016 alone, the province paid \$5.6 million in honorariums to corporations who were unsuccessful bidders on P3 infrastructure projects.

More MLAs – Three new MLAs added to Legislature at a cost of \$700,000 a year.

Premier's political staff – Taxpayers picked up the tab for a whopping increase in salaries and benefits for advisors, strategists and others who work in Executive Council – a 74% increase since 2009.

Smart meters – After spending \$37 million on smart meters, SaskPower was forced to remove and replace all 105,000 of the potentially-defective meters, at a cost of \$15 million.

Carbon capture – SaskPower was forced to pay almost \$20 million in penalties to Cenovus Energy, when the new \$1.5 billion Boundary Dam carbon capture and storage plant failed to capture enough carbon to sell to the energy company.

Crown privatization – In 2013, The Sask party sold off 69% of Information Services Corporation. Before privatization, the province received 90% of ISC's net profits; now it receives 30%. In the first three years of privatization, Saskatchewan has foregone \$41 million in lost revenue, and by 2025, it will have lost more in foregone revenue than it earned from the sale of ISC shares.

Cannabis profit giveaways – Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada to hand over both the wholesaling and retailing of cannabis to private industry. Profits will go to private companies while the public pays for costs associated with regulation. The framework for granting licenses favours wealthy out-of-province corporations over small local business.