

Provincial Point of View January 24, 2018 A special issue dedicated to Premier Brad Wall

THANK YOU PREMIER BRAD WALL



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The biography of Premier Brad Wall:

Brad Wall was first elected Premier of Saskatchewan in the November 2007 provincial election.

His government was re-elected in the 2011 provincial election with 64% of the popular vote and in the 2016 provincial election with 62% of the popular vote – the highest percentages of any political party in Saskatchewan history.

Premier Wall's government can point to a remarkable list of achievements, including:

- The largest personal income and property tax cuts in the history of Saskatchewan;
- The second-best job creation rate in Canada over the last decade after Saskatchewan had the worst job creation rate among provinces the decade previous;
- Saskatchewan receiving a AAA credit rating from Moody's Investors Service for the first time; the highest level possible for a provincial government;
- Population growth of 163,000 people in the last 10 years more growth than the previous
 75 years combined;
- Implementing a Patients' First Review of the province's health care system and reducing surgical wait times from the longest in Canada to among the shortest;
- The most aggressive youth retention program in the country to ensure Saskatchewan's young people stay and work in the province; and
- Record infrastructure spending to improve roads, schools, hospitals and senior's facilities all across Saskatchewan.

Premier Wall is also a passionate advocate for the province's most vulnerable, often saying that the purpose of pursuing economic growth is to "secure a better quality of life for all Saskatchewan people."

His government created a new direct income support for people with disabilities called the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program, eliminated service wait lists for those with intellectual disabilities and have increased autism support and services by 1500%

During the last few years, Premier Wall has been consistently rated as Canada's most popular premier in public opinion polls. He has earned a national reputation as a forceful and articulate defender of Saskatchewan's and Canada's trade interests, particularly in the areas of energy and agriculture. He has been a vocal opponent of the federal government's plan to impose a job-killing carbon tax on Saskatchewan.

Premier Wall was first elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1999, representing the constituency of Swift Current. Prior to entering elected politics, he was active in his local business community and involved in service work spanning local events, economic development and health care recruitment.

Premier Wall was born and raised in Swift Current, which is in Saskatchewan's southwest. He still lives there with his wife, Tami. He and his wife have three children.

Premier Wall received his post secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned an Honours degree in Public Administration.

In his spare time, Premier Wall enjoys spending his time with family, reading, cooking, golfing, and cheering for the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

IT HAS BEEN AN EXCITING JOURNEY TOGETHER



Today Premier Wall attended his final Caucus Meeting at the Saskatchewan Legislature. Our Premier's objective, to leave Saskatchewan a better place than he found it is reflected in the past ten years of growth.

Brad Wall....a true leader, visionary and friend. When I look at the poster above, from 2006, I see a much younger version of us. Brad will be remembered as one of the best premiers in our

country and has certainly raised the bar for all of us who follow.

The vision continues. This is a historic week in our province. A week filled with emotion. It is Brad Wall's final week as our Premier. I thank him for his wisdom, council, and friendship, and for showing us what can be done when we believe in our great province of Saskatchewan.

Premier Wall has shown the world that Saskatchewan is the place to be and we will resolve to keep it that way. You will see the following message displayed on the poster above from 2006:

- Saskatchewan's potential is unlimited.
- Vision, hard work and innovation will take us to the next level.
- The Saskatchewan Party believes in the province's future.
- We are a Party full of pride and purpose.
- Let's work together to build a brighter future.

I believe our Premier has fulfilled his vision. Premier Brad Wall has shown us the way - the way to work together to build a brighter future for everyone through dedication, commitment and hard work.

Thank you Premier Wall.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS - UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PREMIER BRAD WALL ...



Premier Brad Wall, "Since we had the honour of being elected, we have sought out innovations that save taxpayers money and provide you with better service.

When services can be better provided by the private sector and save taxpayers money at the same time, we should do that.

It's common sense (rather than ideology) Saskatchewan people expect."



Premier Brad Wall, "In 2012, our government along with community partners brought <u>STARS Air Ambulance</u> to Saskatchewan. Our government contributes over \$10 million annually to STARS.

Together with excellent road ambulance and our government fixed wing air ambulance STARS can be a lifeline for rural and remote areas of Saskatchewan.

There are many stories of how STARS got to an accident just in time and saved a family member.

A critical investment thanks to the strong and growing province that you have helped build Saskatchewan."



Premier Brad Wall, "Saskatchewan has seen a decade of growth and we have invested the dividends to support our most vulnerable.

- New income support for people with disabilities
- Eliminating the 440 waitlist inherited from the NDP for people with intellectual disabilities...with still more to do on this file
- Supports for low income seniors ignored by previous governments...
- New hospital to support those with mental health needs
- And finally, a hospital for Saskatchewan's children

We do not pursue growth just for the sake of growth itself.

Growth allows us to invest in people and better quality of life for all in Saskatchewan."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP PREMIER WALL WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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