

# Prairie Manifesto Project

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Province:  Alberta  Saskatchewan  Manitoba

Party: PC Election Year: 1978

AA = Alberta Alliance  
CON = Conservative Party  
LP = Liberal-Progressive Party  
PC = Progressive Conservative Party  
SKP = Saskatchewan Party  
UFM = United Farmers of Manitoba

CCF = Cooperative Commonwealth Federation  
LIB = Liberal Party  
NDP = New Democratic Party  
SC = Social Credit  
UFA = United Farmers of Alberta  
WCC = Western Canadian Concept

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UofC = University of Calgary  
UofR = University of Regina  
UofS = University of Saskatchewan  
UofM = University of Manitoba  
BU = Brandon University

PARC = Provincial Archives  
LEG = Legislative Library  
SPC = Special Collections  
ULIB = University Library

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week in many Saskatche-
communities, and also
where necessary, will be
held on Oct. 23.

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Wadena - Mayor Clarence
Cunrad became mayor when
Mike Sobchinski did not run
for re-election. x-Gary Paul
son, x-Stewart Burton, Ted
McIntyre, Mike Sobchinski,
Guy Knapp and Ed Horack

Major died
Whitecourt - Mayor Xavier
Dinnard he became mayor
last May when Fred Hick
died. Harry Anderson, Gor-
don McVernick, Ron White,
Len Westland, Ted Denison
and Joe Smith.

Leader - Mayor Marilyn
Clary, Virgil Hoffman, Ed
Lewis, Draper, x-Dave Neufeld and
x-Joe Schmidt.

Gravelbourg - Mayor Guy
Dauphinais, Arme Bouvier, x-
Pete Houwer, Wil Lariviere,
Lewis Draper and x-Louis
Stringer.

Port Qu'Appelle - Mayor
Don Cokwell, x-Cyril Morris,
Frank Regel, Peter Guzak,
Lewis Draper, Sandy Goff
and Albert Pantel.

Lampman - Mayor Earl
Kieckly, Walter Rieder, Rudy
Makymec, Gary Gress and
Frank Walker.

Not enough
In two communities there
will be another nomination
day next Wednesday to fill the
third seat on council because
too few persons were nomi-
nated earlier for the existing
vacancies.

At Yellow Grass, Mayor
Andy Robinson was returned
after action by Gordon
Ratten and Art Henne, both
incumbents, were the only
nominations for three seats on
council.

In Radville, Mayor Wilf
Boehard was returned by ac-
clamation and Ingrid Bjork
and Tony Sander, both incum-
bents, were the only two run-
ning for three council seats.

At Alameda, Mayor Robert
Young was returned for his
fifth term, and William King
and Glen Davis were ac-
claimed as councillors.

In Elbow, Mayor Frank Gal-
lows was acclaimed for an-
other term, while Jack
Howers, Henry Harne and
Joug Wankel are vying for the
two vacant seats on the six-
member council.

Larchburg's incumbent
mayor Barry Flink was not
challenged for another term,
while Dale Hinton and Glenn
Lodds took both vacant coun-
cil positions by acclamation.

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A Progressive Conservative
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Establish a revenue-sharing formula with municipalities which takes into account total provincial revenues;
Legislate changes to provide greater authority to urban and rural municipalities in establishing their spending and program priorities;

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

- Recognize internal government fiscal policies in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices;
Provide sufficient resources to the Provincial Auditor so he can properly carry out his function as protector of the public purse;

CROWN CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Establish a special Legislative Committee of Opposition and Government backbenchers, with adequate investigative powers, to regularly scrutinize the financial operations of all Crown Corporations and Agencies;
Insist that all Government Departments, Agencies and Crown Corporations pay the full municipal tax levy to the municipalities in which they locate buildings or own land.

TAXATION

- Reduce the extremely high gasoline taxes;
Eliminate the Provincial Sales Tax and pressure Ottawa to remove the Federal Sales Tax;
Reduce Income Tax to encourage individual initiative and economic expansion;

AGRICULTURE

- The formulation and implementation of programs and policies must be done in consultation with producers and processors;
Urges the elimination of the Federal Excise Tax on gasoline purchases and farm fuels;
Permit deductions for income tax payments of mortgages and rent payments on residences;

TRANSPORTATION

- Urges the immediate implementation of a program to guarantee that farmers will control their own land;
Fight to maintain the Crown-sold Farm expansion to improve the whole transport system;

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

- Assist in the transfer of farmland into private ownership;
Encourage the development of an Agricultural Services Fund designed to assist individual farmers in the financing of their operations to government programs;

ENERGY AND RESOURCES

- Reduce taxes on gasoline, heating, and farm fuels;
Consult with resource industries to achieve a fair level of royalties and taxation which will guarantee the people of Saskatchewan the maximum economic benefits from energy resources and further exploration;

LABOUR

- The Progressive Conservative Party believes that every worker has a right to a job in Saskatchewan. It believes that workers have a right to organize and withdraw their services as they deem fit;

- No bargaining unit shall be certified without a majority vote of those entitled to vote within the class of employees affected;
No bargaining unit shall be re-certified without a majority vote of those entitled to vote within the class of employees affected;

INVESTMENT, RESOURCES, NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

- Create a Saskatchewan Investment Opportunities Corporation which would purchase the equity the Government has acquired in what were former private companies;
Establish a similar company which would receive the share the government now owns, specifically in resource industries;

SMALL BUSINESS

- Taxation policies, government interference and regulations are hindering small businesses, especially in smaller communities;
Give preferential treatment to Saskatchewan companies in the awarding of government contracts for service or supplies;

SERVICE

- Urges the implementation of modern high-speed rail services between centres in the province;
Urges the Government to re-introduce rail express and less costly overnight service to rural areas;

TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS

- Urges the implementation of the Hall Commission Report in the area of road and transportation;
Develop a highway system so that most communities have roads with higher gross vehicular weight limits;

EDUCATION

- Encourage local control by elected boards of the school system with standards established by the Province;
Establish unconditional revenue sharing with school boards and give the authority for boards to set local priorities;

ENVIRONMENT

- Create an Environmental Impact Board to rule on all developments and ensure their compliance with all environmental regulations;
Ensure the preservation of the Churchill River System free from any environmentally 'hazardous' development;

CHILD CARE

- Recognize the need for professional child care and the changing role of women in society, but also recognize the urgent need for small children to be raised in a home and family environment and institute a province-wide Homehelp Program;

MULTICULTURALISM

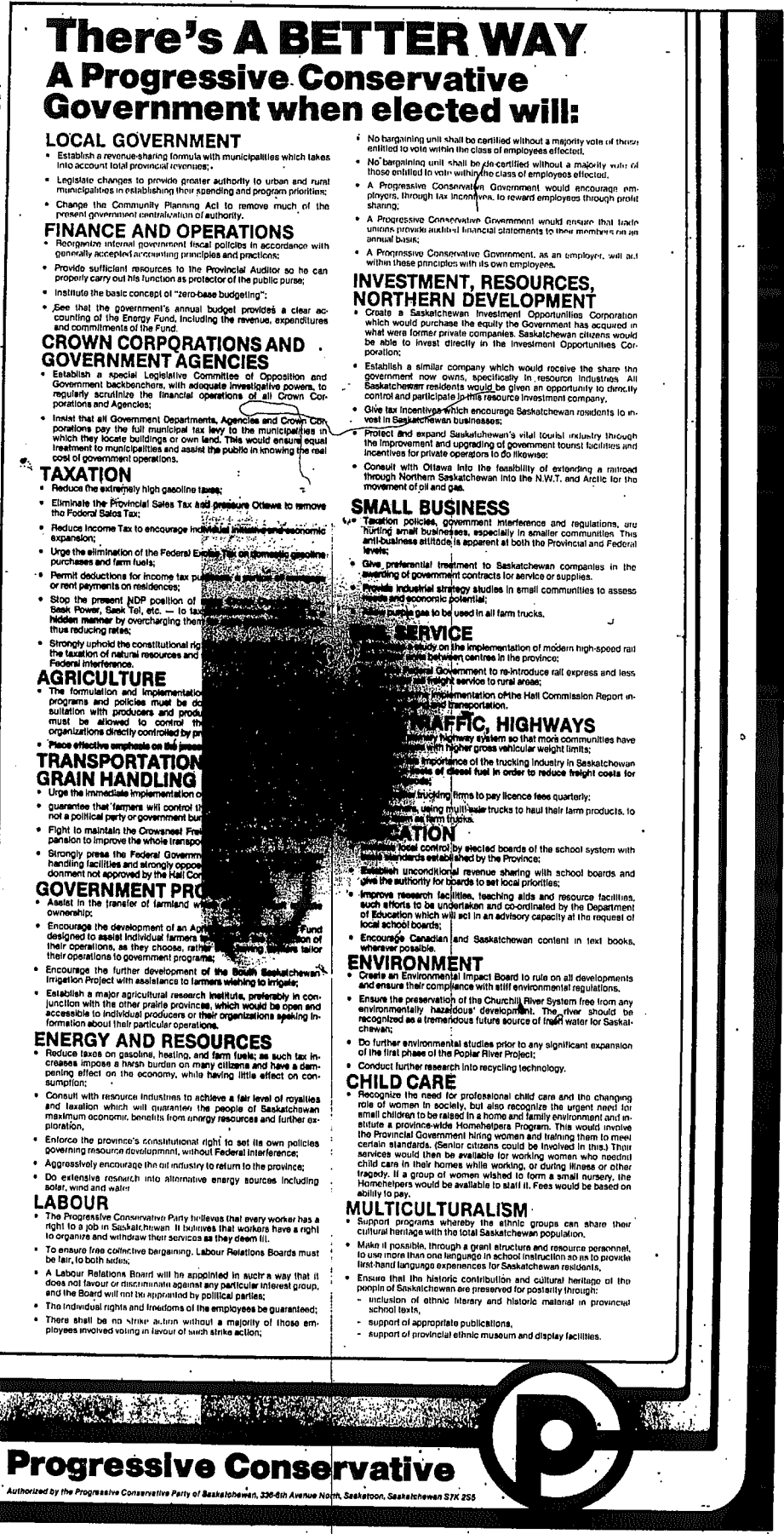
- Support programs whereby the ethnic groups can share their cultural heritage with the total Saskatchewan population;
Make it possible, through a grant incentive and resource personnel, to use more than one language in school institutions so as to provide first-hand language experiences for Saskatchewan residents;

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# There's A BETTER WAY A Progressive Conservative Government when elected will:

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Establish a revenue-sharing formula with municipalities which takes into account total provincial revenues;
- Legislate changes to provide greater authority to urban and rural municipalities in establishing their spending and program priorities;
- Change the Community Planning Act to remove much of the present government centralization of authority.

## FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

- Reorganize internal government fiscal policies in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices;
- Provide sufficient resources to the Provincial Auditor so he can properly carry out his function as protector of the public purse;
- Institute the basic concept of "zero-base budgeting";
- See that the government's annual budget provides a clear accounting of the Energy Fund, including the revenue, expenditures and commitments of the Fund.

## CROWN CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Establish a special Legislative Committee of Opposition and Government backbenchers, with adequate investigative powers, to regularly scrutinize the financial operations of all Crown Corporations and Agencies.
- Insist that all Government Departments, Agencies and Crown Corporations pay the full municipal tax levy to the municipalities in which they locate buildings or own land. This would ensure equal treatment to municipalities and assist the public in knowing the real cost of government operations.

## TAXATION

- Reduce the extremely high gasoline taxes;
- Eliminate the Provincial Sales Tax and pressure Ottawa to remove the Federal Sales Tax;
- Reduce Income Tax to encourage individual initiative and economic expansion;
- Urge the elimination of the Federal Excise Tax on domestic gasoline purchases and farm fuels;
- Permit deductions for income tax purposes, a portion of mortgage or rent payments on residences;
- Stop the present NDP position of using Crown Corporations — Sask Power, Sask Tel, etc — to tax Saskatchewan residents in a hidden manner by overcharging them for such basic requirements, thus reducing rates;
- Strongly uphold the constitutional rights of the provinces relating to the taxation of natural resources and resource development without Federal interference.

## AGRICULTURE

- The formulation and implementation of government agricultural programs and policies must be done only after thorough consultation with producers and producer organizations; producers must be allowed to control their own destinies through organizations directly controlled by producers.
- Place effective emphasis on the preservation of the family farm unit.

## TRANSPORTATION AND GRAIN HANDLING

- Urge the immediate implementation of the Hall Report;
- guarantee that farmers will control the agriculture in the province, not a political party or government bureaucracy;
- Fight to maintain the Crowsnest Freight Rate structure and its expansion to improve the whole transportation system;
- Strongly press the Federal Government to upgrade rail and grain handling facilities and strongly oppose any significant rail-line abandonment not approved by the Hall Commission Report;

## GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

- Assist in the transfer of farmland which does not result in state ownership;
- Encourage the development of an Agricultural Diversification Fund designed to assist individual farmers to maximize the production of their operations, as they choose, rather than having farmers tailor their operations to government programs;
- Encourage the further development of the South Saskatchewan Irrigation Project with assistance to farmers wishing to irrigate;
- Establish a major agricultural research institute, preferably in conjunction with the other prairie provinces, which would be open and accessible to individual producers or their organizations seeking information about their particular operations.

## ENERGY AND RESOURCES

- No bargaining unit shall be certified without a majority vote of those entitled to vote within the class of employees effected;
- No bargaining unit shall be re-certified without a majority vote of those entitled to vote within the class of employees effected;
- A Progressive Conservative Government would encourage employers, through tax incentives, to reward employees through profit sharing;
- A Progressive Conservative Government would ensure that trade unions provide audited financial statements to their members on an annual basis;
- A Progressive Conservative Government, as an employer, will act within these principles with its own employees.

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- Establish a similar company which would receive the share the government now owns, specifically in resource industries. All Saskatchewan residents would be given an opportunity to directly control and participate in this resource investment company;
- Give tax incentives which encourage Saskatchewan residents to invest in Saskatchewan businesses;
- Protect and expand Saskatchewan's vital tourist industry through the improvement and upgrading of government tourist facilities and incentives for private operators to do likewise;
- Consult with Ottawa into the feasibility of extending a railroad through Northern Saskatchewan into the N.W.T. and Arctic for the movement of oil and gas.

## SMALL BUSINESS

- Taxation policies, government interference and regulations, are hurting small businesses, especially in smaller communities. This anti-business attitude is apparent at both the Provincial and Federal levels;
- Give preferential treatment to Saskatchewan companies in the awarding of government contracts for service or supplies.
- Provide industrial strategy studies in small communities to assess needs and economic potential;
- Allow purple gas to be used in all farm trucks.

## RAIL SERVICE

- Encourage a study on the implementation of modern high-speed rail passenger units between centres in the province;
- Press the Federal Government to re-introduce rail express and less than carload rail freight service to rural areas;
- Recommend the implementation of the Hall Commission Report in to grain handling and transportation.

## ROAD TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS

- Extend the primary highway system so that more communities have access to roads with higher gross vehicular weight limits;
- Recognize the importance of the trucking industry in Saskatchewan and reduce costs of diesel fuel in order to reduce freight costs for consumer goods;
- Allow smaller trucking firms to pay licence fees quarterly;
- Allow farmers, using multi-axle trucks to haul their farm products, to licence them as farm trucks.

## EDUCATION

- Increase local control by elected boards of the school system with basic standards established by the Province;
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- Improve research facilities, teaching aids and resource facilities, such efforts to be undertaken and co-ordinated by the Department of Education which will act in an advisory capacity at the request of local school boards;
- Encourage Canadian and Saskatchewan content in text books, wherever possible.

## ENVIRONMENT

- Create an Environmental Impact Board to rule on all developments and ensure their compliance with stiff environmental regulations;
- Ensure the preservation of the Churchill River System free from any environmentally hazardous development. The river should be recognized as a tremendous future source of fresh water for Saskatchewan;
- Do further environmental studies to protect the environment.

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- Consult with resource industries to achieve a fair level of royalties and taxation which will guarantee the people of Saskatchewan maximum economic benefits from energy resources and further exploration;
- Enforce the province's constitutional right to set its own policies governing resource development, without Federal interference;
- Aggressively encourage the oil industry to return to the province;
- Do extensive research into alternative energy sources including solar, wind and water.

### LABOUR

- The Progressive Conservative Party believes that every worker has a right to a job in Saskatchewan. It believes that workers have a right to organize and withdraw their services as they deem fit.
- To ensure free collective bargaining, Labour Relations Boards must be fair, to both sides;
- A Labour Relations Board will be appointed in such a way that it does not favour or discriminate against any particular interest group, and the Board will not be appointed by political parties;
- The individual rights and freedoms of the employees be guaranteed;
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- Do further environmental studies prior to any significant expansion of the first phase of the Poplar River Project;
- Conduct further research into recycling technology.

### CHILD CARE

- Recognize the need for professional child care and the changing role of women in society, but also recognize the urgent need for small children to be raised in a home and family environment and institute a province-wide Homehelpers Program. This would involve the Provincial Government hiring women and training them to meet certain standards. (Senior citizens could be involved in this.) Their services would then be available for working women who needed child care in their homes while working, or during illness or other tragedy. If a group of women wished to form a small nursery, the Homehelpers would be available to staff it. Fees would be based on ability to pay.

### MULTICULTURALISM

- Support programs whereby the ethnic groups can share their cultural heritage with the total Saskatchewan population;
- Make it possible, through a grant structure and resource personnel, to use more than one language in school instruction so as to provide first-hand language experiences for Saskatchewan residents;
- Ensure that the historic contribution and cultural heritage of the people of Saskatchewan are preserved for posterity through:
  - inclusion of ethnic literary and historic material in provincial school texts,
  - support of appropriate publications,
  - support of provincial ethnic museum and display facilities.



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