



President's report to Provincial Council, March 24, 2018

It is definitely an exciting time to be a New Democrat!

We are coming off a leadership race that was bursting with positive energy and ideas for a better Saskatchewan for all citizens. Our party has experienced a revitalization with an increase of 154% in our membership compared to the level of membership during the last provincial election, a 50% increase in our number of donors compared to 2017, and two more seats in the Legislature!

But, there is still more work to be done.

The next months are going to be critical for our preparation for the provincial election expected in 2020. I plan to be working as hard as I can on the following priorities.

- **By-elections:** Winning by-elections has been a major factor in gaining momentum for our party over the last couple of years. With a by-election soon to be called in Regina Northeast and others possibly on the horizon, I want to ensure that we have resources in place to take back seats from the Saskatchewan Party.
- **Constituency Associations:** To win the next election, we need strong local organizations. The executive is continuing to work on ways that the central office of the party can support local riding associations such as a web page for activists where they can find best practices and resources necessary for organizing. We are also extending an invitation for Provincial Executive members to attend constituency executive meetings to gather suggestions for improving support for the local ridings. If your constituency association would like a visit from a Provincial Executive member please email your request to council@saskndp.ca.
- **Summer Outreach:** If the 2018 budget is passed at this Council meeting in its current form, we will once again be running a summer organizer program. To put us in a position to win the next election, we have to be present in all ridings around the province and ensure that our new leader is introduced to voters. The summer organizers will play an important role in making that happen.
- **Policy Development:** At this council meeting, a new policy committee will be elected. I look forward to working with this committee to facilitate discussions towards finding ideas for a winning platform in the next election.
- **Fundraising:** For 2018, we have a comprehensive fundraising strategy for our party, including analysis of the level of financial resources we need to win the next election. The new finance and fundraising committee will be working with party staff to monitor our progress towards our fundraising targets and ensure that those targets are met.

- **Indigenization of the Party:** Our party will not form the next government unless we create a welcoming space for Indigenous people and we take actions towards reconciliation. As you will hear about at this Council meeting, the provincial executive has created a plan indigenize the party and I am looking forward to working with the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan to see that plan implemented.

In closing, I want to thank the Provincial Executive for all of the hard work that they have done since the last convention. The dedication of these volunteers to the Saskatchewan NDP is truly inspiring.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with Provincial Executive members, Provincial Councillors, and all members of our party as we make plans to ensure that we win the next election and that Ryan becomes the next Premier of Saskatchewan!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The letter "D" is large and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke that extends to the right, underlining the word "ave".

Dave McGrane
SK NDP President

P.S. I want to keep in touch in councillors and provide ways for councillors to find out what I am doing as President of our party. To achieve this, I have set up a Facebook page (facebook.com/ndp.dave.mcgrane) and a twitter account ([@davemcgrane](https://twitter.com/davemcgrane)). **I would also invite you to sign up for my bi-monthly electronic newsletter by clicking on the e-newsletter tab on my website (www.davemcgrane.ca).** And, I always look forward to your comments and feedback that you can provide by emailing me at president@saskndp.ca.