



## **Report to Provincial Council, September 8, 2018**

As we head into our convention this fall, it is a good time to take stock of our party's position in Saskatchewan politics. When I became President two years, we had just come out of a disappointing election and our party needed to rebuild itself. Our fundraising was down, many of our constituency associations were not functional, we did not have a permanent leader, and we needed to work on our internal governance.

We have made great strides since then. We put in place the summer organizer program and last summer we held events in 74 communities and all 61 ridings. And, this summer, our organizers have continued to build up our constituency associations and have considerably upped our game in terms digital and Indigenous outreach. We now have constituency associations where there was little activity two years. Our fundraising has been modernized, particularly online. Our number of donors increased 50% from 2016 to 2017 and that number will be even bigger in 2018! We had about 5,000 members in 2016 and now we have over 13,000- an increase of 154%. Due to a package of constitutional reforms coming from Provincial Council last year, our internal governance has been restructured and we now have a new policy committee, new finance and fundraising committee, and a permanent election planning committee. We had ten seats when I became President, and now through two big by-election wins we have 12 seats, and a 13<sup>th</sup> is on the way in Regina Northeast.

**Most importantly, we have a new leader who is breath of fresh air in Saskatchewan politics.** Ryan's presence has been immediately felt. With his background in medicine, it is obvious that Ryan is not in politics for himself but he is in politics to make life better for the people of Saskatchewan. With Ryan as our leader, the sun is rising on a new day in Saskatchewan politics. A new day where prosperity replaces poverty, compassion replaces greed, inclusion replaces exclusion, and the NDP forms the next provincial government of Saskatchewan!

In closing, I would like to announce that I will not be putting my name forward for re-election as President of the Saskatchewan NDP in order to explore the possibility of seeking a nomination for the next provincial election. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and I have really enjoyed working with members of the Provincial Council. You have all been a big part of the progress that our party has made. With your continued efforts, we will defeat the Sask Party in 2020 and give the people of Saskatchewan the government that they deserve.

In Solidarity,

Dave McGrane, SK NDP President