

A RISK WE CAN'T AFFORD: NDP fail to account for \$4 billion worth of platform promises

NDP Promise	NDP Costing	Actual Costing	DIFFERENCE
Open Mental Health ERs in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw	\$32.2 million	\$92.2 million	\$60 million
Remove the PST from construction labour	\$800 million	\$1.8 billion	\$1 billion
Saskatchewan Transportation Company	\$41.2 million	\$200 million	\$158.8 million
Introduce a film employment tax credit	\$3.3 million	\$60 million	\$56.7 million
Developing Renew Saskatchewan	?	\$1.292 billion	\$1.292 billion
New bridge for Prince Albert	?	\$150 million	\$150 million
New hospital for Prince Albert	?	\$200 million	\$200 million
Build a new high school in southeast Regina	?	\$30 million	\$30 million
Build a new public surgical centre in Regina.	?	\$60 million	\$60 million
High-quality broadband and cellular service for rural communities	?	\$1 billion	\$1 billion
Community Rink Grant	?	\$6.8 million	\$6.8 million
			<u>\$4.014 BILLION</u>

This is on top of the **\$2.7 billion** the NDP did account for

- New mental health ERs
 - Actual cost: \$92.2 million (NDP costing estimates \$32.2)
 - Operating cost of \$32.2 million
 - Assumption that cost of renovating/ repurposing existing space at \$15 million capital cost per new ER.
 - Assumption based on expansion plan for similar facility in Ontario to a 35 bed emergency room at \$35 million, roughly half for Saskatchewan.
 - <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-one-mental-health-solution-a-kinder-gentler-emergency-department-for/>
- Remove PST from construction labour
 - Actual cost: \$1.8 billion over four years (NDP estimated \$800 million)
 - During the 2020 Budget Finance Estimates during the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, the Minister of Finance informed Opposition members of the cost of removing the PST on construction labour.
 - June 16, 2020:
 - Donna Harpauer: [discussing financial impact of PST on construction labour] “Well the fiscal impact’s obviously substantive because it is, I believe, \$450 million of revenues. So it’s substantive on the fiscal side as revenue for government.”
- STC
 - Actual cost: \$200 million over four years (NDP costing \$41.2 million)
 - \$60 million capital cost for new facility and fleet of buses (one-time cost)
 - Assets serving half of province sold for \$30 million. Double cost to serve entire province.
 - \$35 million in operating subsidies (per year)
 - When STC wound down the annual subsidy was \$17.5 million for half the province. Estimated price is doubled to serve the whole province.
- Film Tax Credit
 - Actual cost: \$60 million over four years (NDP costing \$3.3 million)
 - Comparable tax credit in Manitoba’s is approximately \$15 million per year.
- Renew Saskatchewan
 - Total \$1.292 billion.
 - It is estimated that the Renew Saskatchewan plan would seek to install 325 MW of rooftop solar. The cost of installing 325MW of rooftop solar is estimated at \$1 billion.
 - SaskPower would face an operating loss by transitioning current power customers to a net meter system. The ongoing operating loss for SaskPower net income is estimated at \$73 million annually, or \$292 M over four years.

- New bridge for Prince Albert
 - Capital cost of \$150 million based on similar projects
- New hospital for Prince Albert
 - Total capital cost of \$500 million, less \$300 million already earmarked for the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital expansion through existing infrastructure funding.
- Southeast Regina High School
 - Capital cost of \$30 million based on similar projects
- Regina Surgical Centre
 - Capital cost of \$60 million
- Broadband internet
 - For over 1000 wireless or fixed wireless cell towers it would require a capital cost of at least \$1 billion.
- Community Rink Grant
 - Actual cost: \$6.8 million over four years (NDP failed to cost)