

13. Develop Nuclear Energy Industry

Whereas Saskatchewan ranks poorly in Canada for per capita greenhouse gas emissions partly due to reliance on outdated coal power;

Whereas the climate crisis is already impacting industries in Saskatchewan including the agriculture, infrastructure, and energy sectors;

Whereas Saskatchewan has the most high-quality uranium deposits in the world, and almost a quarter of total global supply;

Whereas three nuclear power plants have operated in Canada and several countries for decades without incident, and Canada's non-profit Nuclear Waste Management Organization oversees proper storage of reactor fuel waste;

Whereas existing and ongoing research has identified potential reuse of spent reactor fuel;

Whereas the NDP and SaskParty periodically announce interest in nuclear industry developments since the 1980s, yet have never progressed beyond mining since the 1950s;

Whereas the SaskParty has a clear, longstanding, fiscal preference for aggressive pursuit of carbon capture, usage, and storage (CCUS) technology at the expense of the nuclear industry;

Whereas between 2003-2009, the NDP announced interest in Small Modular Reactors, similar to the SaskParty government recently;

Whereas the SaskParty government, through SaskPower, has agreed to spend over \$150M per year for 30 years on electricity from Manitoba Hydro;

Whereas greater power generation capacity will enable Saskatchewan to attract more industrial developments, and ultimately diversify the economy;

Be it resolved the SLP pursue development of a nuclear power generation and/or enrichment facility in coordination with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

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