

4. Indigenous Partnerships for the Future

Whereas Indigenous peoples that inhabit Saskatchewan (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) are one of the youngest and fastest-growing demographics in Saskatchewan;

Whereas despite the growth and increasing urbanization of the Indigenous population in the province, Indigenous people face specific barriers when compared to the non-Indigenous populations;

Whereas Indigenous individuals are overrepresented in the criminal justice system and are more likely to be victims of crime, with Indigenous women in particular, more at risk of violent victimization;

Whereas Indigenous people experience greater physical health problems including cancer, diabetes and chronic diseases compared to the non-Indigenous population;

Whereas there is demand for better access to mental health supports particularly for addictions and suicide prevention throughout the province;

Be it resolved the SLP negotiate strong inter-governmental relationships with Indigenous communities;

Be it further resolved the SLP encourage self-governance and independence;

Be it further resolved the SLP create working groups to increase inter-governmental efficiency between both parties;

Be it further resolved the SLP act on all provincially relevant TRC calls to action;

Be it further resolved the SLP open up the North through partnerships, education, and investment.

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