

5. Science and Technology Policy

Whereas there is a need to diversify and expand the Saskatchewan economy and many opportunities are based on a collective knowledge of science and technology, dedicated expertise is required to find and promote opportunities arising from research at Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions;

Whereas governments must make science-based decisions on many situations influencing the people of Saskatchewan;

Whereas, without a mechanism to obtain the expertise of a formal body of scientific knowledge, governments will continue to rely on non-science-based input;

Whereas there is considerable expertise in Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions and in the private sector;

Be it resolved the SLP create a Minister of Science and Technology and a Science Secretariat to support the Minister and his/her office. The addition of Minister of Science to a cabinet need not be expensive as it would require only a small support staff. Members of a ten-member Science Secretariat would serve on a volunteer basis requiring only per-meeting honoraria.

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