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Hon. Christine Tell
Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport
Minister Responsible for the Capital City Commission

Dear Minister:

I want to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, and Minister Responsible for the Capital City Commission, and thank you for accepting responsibility for delivering on our Government's plan for *Securing the Future*.

Throughout our proud history as a province, Saskatchewan people have embraced the future with hope and determination. Strengthened by the belief that hope beats fear, generation after generation of Saskatchewan people have worked hard to build a better future for themselves and their children.

On November 7th, 2007, the people of Saskatchewan voted for change and entrusted a new government with responsibility for delivering on the promise of Saskatchewan and serving the people of our great province. Our Government accepts this responsibility with humility and the belief that we must accomplish our goals in a manner which ensures accountability to those who have placed their trust in us. Integrity and accountability will be at the forefront of our dealings as a government, and in your work as a Minister of the Crown.

These thoughts must be in your mind as you take up your duties as Member of the Executive Council and deliver on the priorities of our Government. The purpose of this letter is to outline my expectations of you in your role as Minister.

We will be working together as a team to meet our Government's commitments, and I encourage you to collaborate with your colleagues and fellow members of Cabinet as you undertake your responsibilities. However there are clear priorities which are to be addressed by you and your Ministries:

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In your capacity as Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport:

- Deliver on our Government's commitment to double funding for tourism in Saskatchewan, and undertake the following initiatives:
 - Provide capital investment in ecological, paleontological, museum and heritage facilities;
 - Provide improved and consistent signage promoting tourist attractions on Saskatchewan highways;
 - Enhance strategic partnerships with urban and regional tourism organizations in the province;
 - Support First Nations tourism initiatives;
 - Work with the federal government to facilitate development of ecological and heritage attractions;
 - Increase northern and eco-tourism;
 - Provide greater support for event-hosting; and
 - Develop partnerships with other western provinces to promote joint tourism activities.

- Deliver on our Government's commitment to improve Saskatchewan's parks, by:
 - Creating an additional 1,000 electrified campsites in provincial parks;
 - Increasing the number of non-electrified and seasonal campsites in our provincial parks;
 - Improving park programming, park infrastructure, hire more summer students and increase security in our parks during long weekends;
 - Tripling provincial funding to Saskatchewan's regional parks;

 - Working with communities and stakeholders to establish new provincial parks in Saskatchewan, including a new wilderness park to accommodate extreme camping; and
 - Keeping camping rates affordable for Saskatchewan residents and extend free park entry to seniors for another four years, while raising camping fees for out-of-province residents.

- Support Saskatchewan's provincial arts organizations.
- Ensure that Saskatchewan's arts and cultural organizations are part of efforts to promote Saskatchewan in the New West and across Canada.
- Amend the *Status of the Artist Act* to:
 - Protect the intellectual property rights of artists that contract with the Government of Saskatchewan and its agencies;
 - Require written contracts between engagers and professional artists.

In your capacity as Minister responsible for the Capital City Commission, deliver on our Government's commitment to:

- Establish a Capital City Commission in Regina to preserve and promote the history and culture of our province and ensure that our provincial capital continues to remain a source of pride for the people of Saskatchewan and visitors to our province.

This is an exciting time for our province. Through our Government's hard work and your accomplishment of the above-noted objectives, we will deliver on our plan for *Securing the Future* and making Saskatchewan a leader in the New West, Canada and the World.

Yours sincerely,



Brad Wall
Premier