

# Protocol of Understanding

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**Between  
The Province of Alberta  
And  
The Province of Saskatchewan**

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## Saskatchewan and Alberta agree as follows:

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Protocol is to promote cooperation between the provinces on matters of joint concern and mutual interest to the benefit of the citizens of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

This collaboration reflects common commitment to:

- Deliver high quality and efficient government services;
- Share expertise and best practices in the development and delivery of government programs;
- The expansion of national and international trade and the enhancement of a competitive investment environment; and
- Collaborating, in areas of shared interest, to ensure that the priorities of the citizens of Alberta and Saskatchewan are effectively advanced nationally and internationally.

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## 2. Areas of Cooperation

2.1 Alberta and Saskatchewan have identified the following as initial priority areas for potential collaboration:

- Better services for citizens
  - Education
  - Post-Secondary Education
  - Health Care
  - Children's Services
  - Safe and Secure Communities
  
- Building more competitive economies
  - Energy
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Transportation
  - Agriculture
  - Economic Development
  - Research, Innovation, and Technology Development
  - Reduction of Trade Barriers
  
- Delivering greater efficiency and value
  - Public-Private Partnerships for efficient delivery of infrastructure and services
  - Regulatory Harmonization.

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2.2 Where appropriate, the provinces will adopt measures and agreements developed and executed in a manner consistent with this Protocol.

2.3 Further areas for collaboration may be identified through mutual agreement at any time throughout the duration of the Protocol.

## **3. Coordination and Implementation**

3.1 A Saskatchewan/Alberta Steering Committee, co-chaired by the provinces' Cabinet Secretaries, will be responsible for ensuring the intent of the Protocol is fulfilled, and for recommending any subsequent agreements to Premiers.

3.2 The Steering Committee will recommend management procedures for the Implementation of this or any subsequent agreement; and, may establish working groups for mutually agreed upon priority items. A work plan, including objectives, timelines and reporting and review mechanisms, will be developed by each working group.

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## 4. Duration

- 4.1 This Protocol comes into force upon signing by both parties and will be reviewed annually.
- 4.2 This Protocol will remain in effect for a period of Five (5) years or until terminated by either party with Six (6) months written notice.

## 5. Amendments

- 5.1 Any provision set out in this Protocol may be amended or waived by way of written, mutual agreement of both parties.

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The Honourable Brad Wall  
Premier of Saskatchewan

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The Honourable Ed Stelmach  
Premier of Alberta

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