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Canada's economic recovery plan needs to assist Saskatchewan

*A Commentary From Warren Steinley
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Throughout the many conversations with Regina residents this summer, one consistent topic was our economy and our economic future. The discussions were focused on what the opportunities would look like for the next generation of business owners and employees.

At the end of these discussions the final question followed: Do the decision makers in Ottawa even understand how focused our business community is on technological advancements, sustainable and innovative best practices?

The answer is "No." For some in Ottawa we are still perceived as the hewers of wood and drawers of water.

Now is not the time for an illogical opposition to Saskatchewan industries that don't fit into a certain Laurentian elite narrowly defined "green" narrative. People in Regina and Saskatchewan cannot afford to gamble when it comes to keeping our core industries alive. Regina and area individuals, families and businesses deserve a much better economic recovery plan than what we have seen from this Federal Liberal government.

Saskatchewan people deserve a plan that includes our country's private sector excellence and innovation to create sustainable wealth. When industries like agriculture, energy, mining, forestry, and manufacturing thrive, so too do pubs, restaurants, movie theatres, independent retail stores, tourism, and so much more.



Empowering Canadian industry, while working with producers to achieve world-class environmental standards, is the only way to bring and keep prosperity growing in our city and province. We cannot dig ourselves out of an inflation crisis by borrowing and printing more money, this reckless policy direction needs to stop.

My Saskatchewan Conservative colleagues and I are committed to championing promising new areas of economic growth in our province. Two great examples are Prairie Lithium, which has developed a new technology that will add to our province's economic strengths. The other being Cultivator powered by Conexus, which launched in 2019. This hub was created to accelerate the growth of tech start-ups right here at home, it provides the programming, resources, mentorship, funding and space for these young entrepreneurs to

expand and begin to realize their company's full potential.

Saskatchewan's economic drivers continue to demonstrate their ability to deliver what the world needs: food, fuel and fertilizer. Now is the time to unleash the true potential of our resources and the ingenuity of our producers, manufacturers, and entrepreneurs so that they can fulfil the needs of Canadians and supply other countries around the world.

I will end with an observation from a former colleague from the Saskatchewan Legislature during budget deliberations, where they said; "Sometimes the best thing any government can do for individuals, families and business is just get out of the way." This advice is too often overlooked, be it at the Municipal, Provincial or Federal levels.

- *The opinions expressed in this column are from Warren Steinley and may not reflect the views of the Chamber. Steinley is the Shadow Minister of Prairie Economic Development And Inter-Provincial Trade*

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Niki Anderson named new City Manager

The Regina & District Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Niki Anderson on being named Regina's City Manager.



Anderson has 20 years of experience as a senior leader, most recently with the City of Edmonton where she spent the past 4 1/2 years as Deputy Fire Chief and Executive Officer, Edmonton Fire Rescue Service.

As the administrative head of the City, the City Manager is accountable to City Council and ensures City operations are well maintained and managed efficiently for Regina residents, while providing leadership to approximately 2,800 City employees.

Anderson's appointment is effective November 1, following ratification by City Council at its September 28 meeting.

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