

The Threat is real: Mayors want new taxation powers!

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I am concerned some municipalities have recently claimed they need more revenues and want the Saskatchewan government to give them the authority to levy new taxes (e.g. local fuel, income or sales taxes).

I am opposed to this idea. In fact, a CFIB survey found 82% of Saskatchewan business owners oppose municipalities having the authority to levy new taxes.

My key concerns are:

- It would increase the overall tax burden;
- It would promote overspending & duplication with other levels of government; and
- There are three levels of government, but only one taxpayer.

The Threat is Real!

"We're discussing through the Sask Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and the City Mayors' Caucus the whole issue of new sources of revenue for municipalities."

- Regina Mayor Michael Fougere,
February 15, 2018, CBC News

Mr. Premier, please keep your promise:

Continue to oppose giving municipalities new taxation powers.

Sask Cities received 138% more in revenue sharing since 2007-2008!

City	2007-2008 Revenue Sharing	2017-2018 Revenue Sharing	2018-19 Revenue Sharing	Overall Increase in Revenue Sharing	% Increase from 2007-2008
Estevan	\$885,879	\$2,163,889	\$2,021,913	\$1,136,034	128%
Humboldt	\$439,074	\$1,105,971	\$1,033,407	\$594,333	135%
Lloydminster	\$713,166	\$2,217,030	\$2,071,568	\$1,358,402	190%
Martensville	\$506,625	\$1,817,531	\$1,698,280	\$1,191,655	235%
Meadow Lake	\$486,615	\$1,007,039	\$940,965	\$454,350	93%
Melfort	\$456,117	\$1,129,150	\$1,055,064	\$598,947	131%
Melville	\$364,490	\$859,676	\$803,272	\$438,782	120%
Moose Jaw	\$2,822,796	\$6,386,328	\$5,697,312	\$2,874,516	111%
North Battleford	\$1,158,742	\$2,697,559	\$2,520,569	\$1,361,827	118%
Prince Albert	\$2,999,023	\$6,769,998	\$6,325,809	\$3,326,786	111%
Regina	\$15,746,761	\$40,535,189	\$37,875,616	\$22,128,855	141%
Saskatoon	\$17,775,569	\$46,427,797	\$43,381,601	\$25,606,032	144%
Swift Current	\$1,313,006	\$3,128,905	\$2,923,613	\$1,610,607	123%
Warman	\$485,904	\$2,076,640	\$1,940,389	\$1,454,485	299%
Weyburn	\$828,689	\$2,048,374	\$1,913,977	\$1,085,288	131%
Yorkton	\$1,321,088	\$3,079,722	\$2,877,657	\$1,556,569	118%
TOTALS	\$48,303,544	\$123,450,798	\$115,081,012	\$66,777,468	138%

Source: Ministry of Government Relations

Premier Scott Moe opposes increased taxation powers to municipalities

In response to CFIB's 2017 Leadership Candidates' survey, the Premier said:

"Our government committed to deliver municipalities one percentage point of the PST revenue for the past 10 years. My team will not allow increased taxation powers for municipalities, but we will need to rework revenue sharing with municipalities to ensure they are spending their money efficiently and effectively. That means working together on procurement, shared services, and partnerships among municipalities."

Get in touch.

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