

Leadership Questionnaire:

- 1) If you become Premier, would you support the creation of a comprehensive and coordinated Provincial strategy to end homelessness in Saskatchewan?

Homelessness in Saskatchewan is absolutely a significant concern. Upon being elected Premier, I would consult with the appropriate groups, including groups like yours and other engaged organizations and partners, to review the current environment and outlook. As a result of these discussions and upon learning more, I would be in a better position to speak to whether or not the creation of a comprehensive and coordinated Provincial strategy would be an essential next step in working towards preventing and ending homelessness in Saskatchewan.

Working towards an end to homelessness in Saskatchewan is certainly something I support and would place considerable attention on, if elected. This vision lines up well with two of the guiding principles in my Policy (A Vision for 2030):

- Taking care of society's most vulnerable; and
- Ensuring everyone shares in growth and prosperity.

People are Saskatchewan's greatest resource. In order to succeed and prosper, we need to create a caring society by building healthy communities, looking after our most vulnerable, having a strong educational system and creating supports for an aging population.

- 2) If you become Premier, what steps would you take towards preventing and ending homelessness in Saskatchewan?

As mentioned above, consulting with the appropriate groups to fully understand the current situation and what is required going forward is a crucial first step. The results of the consultations will highlight next steps to prevent and ultimately end homelessness in Saskatchewan.

In an effort to create healthy communities in Saskatchewan, I would also implement recommendations from the 10-Year Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan.

Government needs to consider how to play a more active role in the Housing First program so that it can continue to be a successful initiative. In order for Saskatchewan to be the best place for all people to live, each person should have a safe place to call home.

As a mother and community volunteer, I believe that government needs to play a strong role in protecting society's most vulnerable. I am proud that Saskatchewan offers some of the most comprehensive and compassionate social programs in Canada. We need to continue on that path and evolve to meet future needs.

When dealing with our most vulnerable citizens, the need will always be great and there will always be more we can do. I will focus on growing our province's economy so we can continue to do our best for those who need it most; a strong economy provides government with the resources necessary to assist our most vulnerable citizens. The true goal of economic growth is to

ensure all Saskatchewan citizens can have happy, fulfilled lives, knowing that this is the best place to live and raise a family.

3) Projects in many Canadian Cities, including Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina, have proven that Housing First can have a major impact on improving quality of life outcomes for participants, and potentially divert costs from other government services, such as the health care and justice systems. If you become Premier, will your government invest in measures such as Housing First and Permanent Supportive Housing in Saskatchewan?

I completely agree that Housing First initiatives have had tremendous success and can have a major impact on improving quality of life outcomes for participants, and potentially divert costs from other government services. I congratulate all those involved in making Housing First such a great success.

I know the provincial government has made investments to help house people, but it's been separate from Housing First. This would be something that I would review upon being elected. We need to focus on prevention more than intervention. The more people we can keep off the streets and out of the province's emergency shelters, detox centres, emergency rooms and correctional centres, the better. With the appropriate resources in place, my hope would be that citizens accessing Housing First would be able to move from dependency to self-sufficiency, whenever possible.

With a focus on healthy communities, I've committed to implementing integrated service delivery of all human-centered programs to "wrap around" citizens in a holistic approach, to encompass the full-suite of programs and services our most vulnerable may require (i.e. mental health, addiction treatment, at risk women and children). We need to recognize that challenges that these people face are not isolated and addressing one symptom rarely solves the larger problem. We will care for our people by making better use of our investment into health care, education, social services and justice by working together and collaborating to get improved results.

4) There is a gross over representation of Aboriginal People in Saskatchewan's homeless population. If you become Premier, what steps would you take to address Aboriginal homelessness?

As Premier, I want to work with the people that know best how to find solutions that meet citizens' needs. Government cannot assume it has all the answers.

I also understand that mental health plays a large role in homelessness and I would implement recommendations from the 10-Year Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan. That plan was developed in coordination with service providers, experts and communities that know what they need best.

I also want government ministries to work better together to ensure people that need services get the appropriate services. I want to wrap our services around people in a holistic approach (i.e.

mental health, addiction treatment, at risk women and children), recognizing that challenges are not isolated and addressing one symptom rarely solves the problem.

A strong economy will contribute to having a strong education system that is focused on the student and is inclusive of our Indigenous people. Being able to positively affect a person's aptitude to learn and interest in education begins in the very early years.

I will also continue to work to decrease the disparity in achievement rates and outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

5) Homelessness and housing insecurity are present in many Saskatchewan communities. If you become Premier, what will you do to address homelessness outside of Saskatchewan's major urban centres?

As part of the consultation, as mentioned previously, I would review the services and facilities offered across the province compared to where we are seeing a consistency or rise in homelessness. Rather than immediately assuming that the contributing factors to homelessness are different for major urban centres versus rural locations, I want to understand the fulsome picture of causes in order to develop the best plan.

Government functions to serve its people. Partnerships and collaboration are so important to address the concerning issue of homelessness in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan's motto is "from many peoples, strength". To reach our goals of the future, we must all be part of the solution. Together, we will work to make Saskatchewan a desirable place for all people.