

Sector Team Reconfiguration

The over-riding mission of the sector team initiative is to contribute to achieving the goal: *Saskatchewan will be seen as a jurisdiction of choice for living, working, investing, and operating a business in the key sectors.*

The goal of the sector team process is to encourage government and the private sector to work collaboratively to promote prosperous, growing, and sustainable sectors through recommending policies and actions that:

- Reduce and remove disadvantages and barriers to growth;
- Build on sector advantages;
- Enhance competitiveness and productivity;
- Encourage business creation, attraction, retention, and growth;
- Increase adoption of new technology and processes;
- Diversify and build the value-chain to strengthen clusters;
- Reduce skills gaps and labour shortages;
- Accelerate Aboriginal participation in all sectors;
- Increase exports of goods and services; and
- Identify infrastructure challenges;

The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act (Act) established the legislative authority of the ES Board of Directors to create sector teams. While the Act names 14 individual sectors in the legislation, 18 sector teams were established for sectors of Saskatchewan's Economy:

In recognition of the overarching economic development issues that were not sector specific, the following strategic issues councils had been created and will remain to provide recommendations and advice respecting the development of Saskatchewan's overall economy: Regulatory Modernization, Entrepreneurship, and Youth Economic Engagement.

In its second year of operation, ES has identified logistical, efficiency, and resource issues with 18 sector teams and three issues councils.

ES proposed the consolidation of some sector teams in order to reduce the number of teams from the current 18 to eight, with each team increasing its number up to around 12 participants.

ES will organize and initiate sector teams in the following areas:

- Arts, Culture and Tourism;
- Infrastructure and Services;
- Science and Technology;
- Manufacturing;
- Agri-business;
- Energy;
- Mining and Forestry; and
- Transportation and Logistics.

Strategic Issues councils will experience some turnover of membership, but will remain focused on the priorities currently identified. The only major change will be that the Co-operatives sector team will be re-constituted as a Strategic Issues Council.

ES intends to work with Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration (AEEI) and the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) to establish a task team co-chaired by the SCC and government in lieu of a Labour Market Strategic Issues Council.

The consolidation accomplishes the following objectives:

- There will be closer contact between the sector teams, ES staff and other ministries, Crown Corporations and agencies who may be impacted by sector team / issues councils recommendations;
- It reduces the overall cost of the sector team process; and
- It allows Enterprise Saskatchewan to better deploy resources in order to provide more focus on project work.

The ES Board of Directors has reviewed and endorsed a reduction in sector teams.

The intent of the Act will continue to be met through team consolidation even though some names will be combined.