

# 2013-14 Budget Highlights

## Provincial Municipal Support

The 2013-14 Budget provides \$362.0M of direct provincial support to municipalities. This represents an increase of \$19.6M or 5.7 per cent from the 2012-13 Budget and \$120.0M or 49.6 per cent from 2007-08 Budget.

**This funding includes only provincial funding to municipalities and as such, does not include federal funding that flows through the Ministry of Government Relations (GR) to municipalities.**

### REVENUE SHARING

- In 2013-14 Municipal Revenue Sharing through GR will be \$264.4M, an increase of \$27.0M or 11.4 per cent, equal to revenue from one full point of Provincial Sales Tax (PST) based on the 2011-12 Public Accounts.
- The percentage allocations have been adjusted for 2013-14, and the \$264.4M in total funding will be allocated as follows:
  - \$170.0M, or \$18.1M increase (11.9 per cent), to urban municipalities;
  - \$74.7M, or \$5.9M increase (8.5 per cent), to rural municipalities; and,
  - \$19.7M, or \$3.1M increase (18.6 per cent), to northern municipalities.
- As a result, Municipal Revenue Sharing has increased by \$137.2M or 107.8 per cent from 2007-08 Budget (see Details of Revenue Sharing below).

### MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- The 2013-14 Budget will provide \$50.9M, a reduction of \$6.5M or 11.3 per cent, in provincial support to municipal infrastructure.
- Highlights of this funding includes:
  - \$25.5M, an increase of \$2.0M, for the Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (Highways and Infrastructure);
  - \$7.9M for the Urban Connector Program – unchanged (Highways and Infrastructure);
  - \$5.3M, a decrease of \$0.8M, for the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (GR);
  - \$8.0M, a decrease of \$9.0M for the provincial share of various federal-provincial-municipal infrastructure programs (GR);
  - \$3.2M, an increase of \$0.3M for the Building Communities Program (Parks, Culture and Sport); and,
  - \$1.0M in new funding to rehabilitate irrigation bridges on municipal roads (Agriculture).

## OTHER FUNDING

- Highlights of the \$46.7M in other funding provided for municipalities in 2013-14 includes:
  - \$13.3M, a \$0.6M increase in police grants (Justice/Corrections and Policing);
  - \$11.2M, an increase of \$0.9M for Libraries, which primarily reflects an increase for new high speed internet connections in 31 libraries, and to provide access to online talking books for people with perceptual disabilities (Education);
  - \$7.1M for Grants in Lieu of Taxes (Municipal and Libraries), an increase of \$0.4M (GR);
  - \$6.0M to maintain funding to Urban Parks (Parks, Culture and Sport);
  - \$3.5M for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program, an increase of \$0.3M that will accelerate the renewal of the paratransit fleet and allow for expansion to additional eligible municipalities (GR);
  - \$1.7M for the Making Community Rinks More Affordable Grant (Parks, Culture and Sport); and,
  - \$1.3M for the Discount Bus Pass Program (Social Services).

The mill rate changes are:

<b>Education Property Tax Mill Rates</b>		
	<b>2012*</b>	<b>2013</b>
Agriculture	3.91	2.67
Residential	9.51	5.03
Commercial/Industrial	12.25	8.28
	14.75	
	18.55	
Resources	12.25	11.04
	14.75	
	18.55	

\*In 2012, the commercial class was composed of three tiers – 12.25 mills for taxable assessment under \$500,000, 14.75 mills between \$500,000 and \$6 million and \$18.55 mills over \$6 million.

## Details of Revenue Sharing

The following breakdown by pools includes revenue sharing commitments for the last seven years for the urban pool, made up of cities, towns, villages and resort villages; the rural pool made up of rural municipalities and organized hamlets; and the northern pool, made up of northern municipalities.

### **Revenue Sharing – Saskatchewan Pools\***

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
Urban	\$ 170.00	\$ 151.94	\$ 138.75	\$ 107.13	\$ 107.13	\$ 77.94	\$ 67.45
Rural**	\$ 74.71	\$ 68.84	\$ 62.87	\$ 48.55	\$ 48.55	\$ 61.58	\$ 49.63
North	\$ 19.72	\$ 16.62	\$ 15.18	\$ 11.72	\$ 11.72	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 264.43</b>	<b>\$ 237.40</b>	<b>\$ 216.80</b>	<b>\$ 167.40</b>	<b>\$ 167.40</b>	<b>\$ 150.56</b>	<b>\$ 127.26</b>

Numbers are in millions and rounded to the nearest two decimals.

\*All figures are based on budgeted amounts.

\*\*Includes conditional road and bridge funding, Primary Weight Corridor funding (2007-08 and 2008-09), Communities in Transition (CIT) capital. These programs, with the exception of CIT, have been transferred to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

Following is a breakdown of municipal revenue sharing for the past seven years for Saskatchewan's cities. Martensville and Meadow Lake, which became cities in 2009, and Warman, which became a city in 2012, are included. The 2012-13 and 2013-14 totals were determined based on the 2011 census data.

### **Revenue Sharing – Saskatchewan Cities**

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
Estevan	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.89
Humboldt	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.44
Lloydminster (SK)	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.71
Martensville	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.55	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.75	-	-	-
Meadow Lake	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.01	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.72	-	-	-
Melfort	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.46
Melville	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.36
Moose Jaw	\$ 7.07	\$ 6.31	\$ 6.01	\$ 4.64	\$ 4.64	\$ 3.26	\$ 2.82
North Battleford	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.47	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.16
Prince Albert	\$ 7.47	\$ 6.66	\$ 6.38	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.00
Regina	\$ 41.07	\$ 36.62	\$ 33.54	\$ 25.90	\$ 25.90	\$ 18.20	\$ 15.75
Saskatoon	\$ 47.25	\$ 42.14	\$ 37.86	\$ 29.23	\$ 29.23	\$ 20.54	\$ 17.78
Swift Current	\$ 3.30	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.31
Warman	\$ 1.51	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weyburn	\$ 2.23	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.83
Yorkton	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.17	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 126.68</b>	<b>\$ 111.77</b>	<b>\$ 101.67</b>	<b>\$ 78.47</b>	<b>\$ 77.00</b>	<b>\$ 54.12</b>	<b>\$ 46.83</b>

\*Numbers are in millions and rounded to the nearest two decimals.

## Details of Provincial Municipal Support

Program	Ministry	2007-08 Budget (\$000s)	2012-13 Budget (\$000s)	2013-14 Budget (\$000s)
Urban Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	67,447	151,935	170,003
Rural Revenue Sharing <sup>1</sup>	Government Relations	49,631	68,845	74,713
Northern Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	10,181	16,618	19,716
Strategic Municipal Roads and Bridges/MREP	Highways and Infrastructure	5,000	23,500	25,500
SIGI	Government Relations	-	6,053	5,290
Urban Connectors	Highways and Infrastructure	-	7,886	7,886
Building Communities Program	Parks, Culture and Sport	40,000	2,825	3,166
Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program <sup>2</sup>	Government Relations	1,188	-	-
Urban Development Agreements	Government Relations	1,582	-	-
MRIF <sup>2</sup>	Government Relations	18,858	1,003	-
BCF- Communities Component <sup>2</sup>	Government Relations	-	10,359 <sup>3</sup>	2,873
BCF-MIC	Government Relations	-	4,192	4,851
Provincial/Territorial Base Fund <sup>2</sup>	Government Relations	-	1,476 <sup>3</sup>	259
Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund	Government Relations	11,500	-	-
GIL of Property Taxes (Municipal)	Government Relations	5,032	6,270	6,640
GIL of Property Taxes (Libraries)	Government Relations	387	435	507
Libraries	Education	7,267	10,297	11,177
Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities	Government Relations	2,650	3,212	3,537
Discount Bus Pass Program	Social Services	876	1,290	1,290
Urban Parks	Parks, Culture and Sport/Advanced Education	5,106	5,951 <sup>3</sup>	5,954
RCMP Subsidy	Justice/Corrections and Policing	756	3,100	1,697
Police Grants	Justice/Corrections and Policing	6,880	12,630 <sup>4</sup>	13,255
Mosquito Control	Health	1,114	-	-
Rural Physician Recruitment Incentive	Health	-	-	250
Strategic Partnership Program - Highways	Highways and Infrastructure	6,000	1,890	-
Making Community Rinks More Affordable	Parks, Culture and Sport	-	1,900	1,700
Community Airports Partnership Program	Highways and Infrastructure	465	700	700
Rehabilitation of Irrigation Bridges on Municipal Roads	Agriculture	-	-	1,000
<b>Total Provincial Funding</b>		<b>241,920</b>	<b>342,367<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>361,964</b>

<sup>1</sup> The 2007-08 Budget includes funding for Rural Municipal Primary Weight Corridors.

<sup>2</sup> The amount shown in Estimates includes both federal and provincial share of funding for these infrastructure programs. This table reflects the forecasted estimate of the provincial share of funding for these programs.

<sup>3</sup> The 2012-13 amounts have been revised from last years' table to more accurately reflect provincial funding.

<sup>4</sup> The amount shown in last year's table included \$19.5M in 2012-13 funding. Funding for the Saskatchewan Police Commission, and program support for municipal policing has been removed to more accurately reflect grants for municipal police, which reduces the 2012-13 amount to \$12.6M.

<sup>5</sup> Last years' 2012-13 Total Provincial Funding was \$348.9M. This figure has been revised to \$342.4M to reflect the referenced changes.

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