

2015-16 Budget Highlights

Provincial Municipal Support

The 2015-16 Budget provides \$346.2M of direct provincial support to municipalities. This represents a decrease of \$48.4M or 12.3 per cent from the 2014-15 Budget and an increase of \$104.3M or 43.1 per cent from 2007-08 Budget. The 2015-16 decrease is largely a result of a \$50.0M reduction for the Regina Stadium Project.

Municipal Revenue Sharing accounts for the most significant portion of this funding at \$265.3M in 2015-16, an increase of \$8.3M or 3.2 per cent from the 2014-15 Budget. This is an increase of \$138.0M or 108.4 per cent from 2007-08 Budget – and is the largest grant ever provided to municipalities.

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

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

- Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) is based on 1.0 percentage point of Provincial Sales Tax (PST) revenue as reported in Public Accounts from two years prior. The following table shows MRS and the corresponding applicable PST for the 2015-16 Budget, previous years as well as the forecast for 2016-17.

Year	MRS (\$M)	Applicable PST ¹ (\$M)	Note
2012-13	237.4	1,187.0	MRS equal to 1 point of 2010-11 PST revenue.
2013-14	264.4	1,322.2	MRS equal to 1 point of 2011-12 PST revenue.
2014-15	257.0	1,284.9	MRS equal to 1 point of 2012-13 PST revenue. ²
2015-16 (Budget)	265.3	1,326.4	MRS equal to 1 point of 2013-14 PST revenue.
2016-17 (Forecast)	281.2	1,405.8	MRS equal to 1 point of 2014-15 PST revenue budget.

¹ Applicable PST is the actual PST revenue as reported in the Public Accounts two years prior.

² New PSAB guidelines were incorporated into PST revenue in 2012-13. The impact was felt in 2014-15 MRS.

- Total 2015-16 funding will be allocated as follows:
 - \$170.5M, or a \$5.3M increase, to urban municipalities;
 - \$75.0M, or a \$2.3M increase, to rural municipalities; and,
 - \$19.8M, or a \$0.6M increase, to northern municipalities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Highlights of the \$31.7M in provincial support for municipal infrastructure includes:
 - \$16.0M for the Municipal Roads Strategy (Highways and Infrastructure);
 - \$7.7M for the Urban Connector Program (Highways and Infrastructure);
 - \$5.6M for the New Building Canada Fund (Government Relations); and,
 - \$2.3M for the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (\$1.6M) and Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative Renewal (\$0.6M) (Government Relations).

OTHER FUNDING

- Highlights of the \$49.2M in other funding for municipalities includes:
 - \$15.4M in policing grants (Corrections and Policing);
 - \$11.1M grant to Libraries (Education);
 - \$8.2M for Grants in Lieu of Taxes for municipalities and libraries (Government Relations);
 - \$6.0M to maintain grant funding for Urban Parks (Parks, Culture and Sport and Advanced Education);
 - \$3.5M for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (Government Relations);
 - \$1.8M for the Discount Bus Pass Program (Social Services); and,
 - \$1.7M for the Making Community Rinks More Affordable Grant which provides each municipally operated rink in the province with a \$2,500 annual operating grant (Parks, Culture and Sport).

Details of Revenue Sharing

The following breakdown by pools includes revenue sharing commitments for the last eight 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*

(\$ in millions)

	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Urban	\$170.55	\$165.21	\$ 170.00	\$ 151.94	\$ 138.75	\$ 107.13	\$ 107.13	\$ 77.94
Rural**	\$74.95	\$72.61	\$ 74.71	\$ 68.84	\$ 62.87	\$ 48.55	\$ 48.55	\$ 61.58
North	\$19.78	\$19.16	\$ 19.72	\$ 16.62	\$ 15.18	\$ 11.72	\$ 11.72	\$ 11.04
Total	\$265.28	\$256.98	\$ 264.43	\$ 237.40	\$ 216.80	\$ 167.40	\$ 167.40	\$ 150.56

*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 eight 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, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 totals were determined based on the 2011 census data.

Revenue Sharing – Saskatchewan Cities

(\$ in millions)

	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Estevan	\$2.36	\$2.27	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.02
Humboldt	\$1.21	\$1.17	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.51
Lloydminster (SK)	\$2.09	\$2.02	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.82
Martensville	\$1.65	\$1.60	\$ 1.64	\$1.55	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.75	-	-
Meadow Lake	\$1.08	\$1.04	\$ 1.07	\$1.01	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.72	-	-
Melfort	\$1.19	\$1.15	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.53
Melville	\$0.97	\$0.94	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.42
Moose Jaw	\$7.10	\$6.88	\$ 7.07	\$ 6.31	\$ 6.01	\$ 4.64	\$ 4.64	\$ 3.26
North Battleford	\$2.97	\$2.87	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.47	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.34
Prince Albert	\$7.50	\$7.27	\$ 7.47	\$ 6.66	\$ 6.38	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93	\$ 3.47
Regina	\$41.23	\$39.94	\$ 41.07	\$ 36.62	\$ 33.54	\$ 25.90	\$ 25.90	\$ 18.20
Saskatoon	\$47.44	\$45.95	\$ 47.25	\$ 42.14	\$ 37.86	\$ 29.23	\$ 29.23	\$ 20.54
Swift Current	\$3.31	\$3.21	\$ 3.30	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16	\$ 1.52
Warman	\$1.51	\$1.47	\$ 1.51	-	-	-	-	-
Weyburn	\$2.24	\$2.17	\$ 2.23	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.96
Yorkton	\$3.35	\$3.24	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.17	\$ 1.53
Total	\$127.20	\$123.20	\$ 126.68	\$ 111.77	\$ 101.67	\$ 78.47	\$ 77.00	\$ 54.12

Program	Ministry	2007-08 Budget (\$000s)	2014-15 Budget (\$000s)	2015-16 Budget (\$000s)
Municipal Revenue Sharing				
Urban Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	67,447	165,212	170,549
Rural Revenue Sharing ¹	Government Relations	49,631	72,607	74,952
Northern Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	10,181	19,160	19,779
Infrastructure				
New Building Canada Fund	Government Relations	-	-	5,600
SIGI	Government Relations	-	2,589	2,269
Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program	Government Relations	1,188	-	-
Urban Development Agreements	Government Relations	1,582	-	-
Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund	Government Relations	18,858	-	-
BCF-MIC	Government Relations	-	2,758	-
Provincial/Territorial Base Fund	Government Relations	-	113	-
Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund	Government Relations	11,500	-	-
Strategic Municipal Roads and Bridges/Municipal Roads Strategy	Highways and Infrastructure	5,000	25,500	16,000
Urban Connectors	Highways and Infrastructure	-	8,388	7,655
Strategic Partnership Program	Highways and Infrastructure	6,000	-	-
Stadium Project	Parks, Culture and Sport	-	50,000	-
Building Communities Program	Parks, Culture and Sport	40,000	468	171
Other Funding				
GIL of Property Taxes (Municipal) ²	Government Relations	5,032	7,069	7,669
GIL of Property Taxes (Libraries) ²	Government Relations	387	572	551
Mosquito Control	Government Relations	1,114	-	-
Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities	Government Relations	2,650	3,537	3,537
Provincial Library	Education	7,267	11,090	11,090
Discount Bus Pass Program	Social Services	876	1,290	1,831
Making Community Rinks More Affordable	Parks, Culture and Sport	-	1,700	1,700
Urban Parks	Parks, Culture and Sport/ Advanced Education	5,106	5,954	6,018
RCMP Subsidy	Justice/Corrections and Policing	756	346	-
Police Grants	Justice/Corrections and Policing	6,880	13,880	15,389
Rural Physician Recruitment Incentive	Health	-	685	250
Community Airports Partnership Program	Highways and Infrastructure	465	700	700
Rehabilitation of Irrigation Bridges on Municipal Roads	Agriculture	-	1,000	500
Total Provincial Funding		241,920	394,618	346,210

¹ The 2007-08 Budget includes funding for Rural Municipal Primary Weight Corridors.

² Figures for GIL of Property Taxes (Municipal and Libraries) have been revised as the Public Account total includes all GIL funding which benefits school divisions as well as municipalities.