

New Leader's Message

Hello, I am Amber Jones, the new leader of the Green party of Saskatchewan. I want to thank outgoing leader Sandra Finley as well as the past president, Mike McLeod, past vice-president Angela Penna, past secretary Mike Fornssler, and interim vice-president Craig Massey for all their hard work.

The Green Party is Saskatchewan's fastest growing party. More and more, people are looking for a party that will provide a plan for dealing with climate change. Our new, professional and motivated Executive is building the organizational framework that will be in place when we elect MLAs for the first time in the 2011 election.

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As leader, I will help ensure that Saskatchewan has a long-term blueprint for development. A blueprint that allows the government to take the initiative in meeting future challenges and one that strengthens our ability to manage the unprecedented growth and share the benefits equally. This blueprint will bring together the various interest groups that represent communities, industry, and researchers in order to create comprehensive public policy.

The strength of our educational system from our daycares to our universities has provided us with an abundance of expertise. We must draw on our talents to exploit existing and new technologies to create a prosperous and sustainable economy. The GPS believes that economic growth is not incompatible with the responsible stewardship of our renewable and non-renewable resources.

We want to keep our momentum, and that is why we are extending an invitation to all members of other provincial parties, in particular former Liberals, to join a party that is offering sustainable, forward looking solutions for the entire province.

Above all, as Leader of the GPS, I represent our members, and we believe that there will be a global environmental reckoning if we continue with "business as usual" politics focused on extracting and exporting our natural bounty. Saskatchewan needs an environmentally-enlightened government so that future generations are not penalized tomorrow for our extravagance today. I look forward to welcoming former members of all party stripes, with a progressive vision for Saskatchewan, to the Green Party!

Amber Jones

Policy Forums

Fall, 2008 (Dates TBA)

Locations – Saskatoon,
Regina, Weyburn, Prince
Albert, Swift Current

Discuss policy and write resolutions to be presented at the next convention. Contact Kelly Patrick to help plan the forum nearest you.

Cumberland By-election – June 25

Tory McGregor, our new deputy leader will be the candidate for the June 25th by-election in Cumberland. The by-election was called on May 27. Help with his campaign by volunteering or donating. Contact Kelly Patrick at kelly.patrick@shaw.ca.

Turn to page 6 for more information about Tory's nomination and the Green Party platform for the north.





Meet your new Executive

Deputy Leader Tory McGregor

Tory is working hard to establish the Green Party of Saskatchewan as a legitimate and high profile political party ready to have Green candidates elected to seats in the legislative assembly. He has a strong athletic and military background and has studied economics at the University of Regina. He is born and raised in Saskatchewan and has a deep passion for politics and environmental issues.

Treasurer Phil Boychuk

Phil is a former high school teacher who is now an Educational Consultant. Phil has been concerned about environmental issues since highschool. He recently, after becoming disillusioned with the Liberal Party, decided to channel his concerns through the work of the Green Party. Phil is especially concerned about the impacts of climate change and the profligate consumption of oil in Canada.

Vice-President David Ottoson

David Ottoson has had a long-standing interest in sustainable economy and social justice issues. He became involved with the GPS because he believes the time for real action has to be now, and the Green Party is the only party with the potential for effective action. He holds degrees in Social Studies and Computational Science from University of Saskatchewan. He has worked in the Information Technology Industry for the past 27 years and is a principal owner of Intouch Technologies Inc.

Secretary Robert Cosby

After 40 years in the IT industry, Robert retired in 2005 from a management consultant position. Robert supported the NDP back when they still seemed principled and relevant. He is excited to be part of the Green Party, because of its commitment to a sustainable economy, in balance with our environment, and a free, democratic, and equitable society.

President Kelly Patrick

Hello Greens,

It is a pleasure serving as your new President.

It is my hope and intent that as a Party we reach measurable results together and build an organization respectful of Saskatchewan people who are open to a new style of politics that is intelligent, responsive and progressive.

The main reason I joined the Greens, being a Liberal my whole life, is the clear focus this Party places on the environment. There is an urgent need to put our current economic growth into perspective with respect to the challenges that will undoubtedly occur if we follow blindly the temptation of fool's gold.

The second reason I let my name stand as President is to assist the many sincere, honest and grassroots individuals that make up the Green Party of Saskatchewan. I believe my twenty years of political experience in election readiness, organizing, fundraising, media relations, consensus decision making and policy development will help bring thousands of residents of this province together who want a place to park their concern but will do so trusting their efforts are not lost. Supporting a Leader in Amber Jones and working with fellow executive members is a wonderful experience and will make my job all the more pleasant.

So, my first duty is to ask you all to renew your memberships, consider a greater donation, attend our policy forums and let your voice be heard. Get active and bring forward constructive solutions for your community and work with us towards the goals we set out as your executive. If we support each other respectfully in our efforts, we will accomplish what we set out to do.

I look forward to meeting you all, increasing our membership base and putting Green Party of Saskatchewan candidates into the Legislature.

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Office Hours

Have an opinion on the direction of the GPS? New ideas? Contact us, we need your input.
June 6 : 1-6pm

Regular hours will resume in the fall. Let us know if you are interested in helping out in the office.

Please call and leave a message if you are interested in getting involved, donating, renewing your membership or just chatting about policy, the environment, and strategy.

Call for Donations!

The Green Party of Saskatchewan is solely the product of volunteered resources in both time and money. Please consider donating to the party. Your money will go to our operating costs (office, postage, travel, etc...), helping to grow the party, and most importantly, helping to elect an MLA. Donations are eligible for a 75% tax credit if they are between \$25 and \$400 - refer to the chart for donations over \$400.

The GPS raised only \$8001 in 2007, compared to the Sask Party who raised \$4.8 million, the NDP who raised \$2.3 million, Liberals who raised over \$610,000 and the Progressive Conservative Party who raised \$14,275.

BUY A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - \$200

With the 75% tax credit, the actual cost of a lifetime membership is only \$50

CHALLENGE - DONATE MONTHLY

The GPS can now accept monthly donations of \$10/month or more. A great way to support the party all year long, still keep to your budget, and ensure that your membership never lapses. The GPS Executive challenges you to donate at least \$10/month to the GPS through an automatic monthly debit. All six members of the executive are committing to a monthly donation so you should to. Indicate your choice to donate monthly on the membership/donor form and attach a VOID cheque. If you donate \$10/month you will receive a tax receipt for \$120 (actual cost \$30).

Your Donation	Your Tax Credit	Your Cost
\$10	\$0	\$10
\$25	\$18.75	\$6.25
\$50	\$37.50	\$12.50
\$100	\$75	\$25
\$150	\$112.50	\$37.50
\$200	\$150	\$50
\$300	\$225	\$75
\$400	\$300	\$100
\$500	\$350	\$150
\$750	\$475	\$275
\$1,000	\$558	\$442
\$1275 and above	\$650	\$625

Reminder

Renew Your Membership

All memberships expired at the Annual Convention on April 5, 2008. Renew your membership now (\$10). Under new rules passed at the convention, it will be valid for 1 year from the date of purchase.

Membership gives you the opportunity to submit and vote on resolutions, be on the executive and be in touch with Green happenings through e-mail and the Weaver.

Although memberships are still only \$10 - please note that with the 75% tax credit a donation of \$25 will only cost you \$6.25. While a \$10 donation is not eligible for a tax credit.

GPS Elect New Executive to take Government to Task

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Green Party of Saskatchewan (GPS) has voted in a new executive who will develop a sustainable resource strategy with help from progressive environmentalists throughout the province.

At its Annual General Meeting, held April 5 in Humboldt, members voted in a new Leader, Amber Jones, and a new executive. Jones is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan in Environmental Studies, an environmental consultant and mother of a six month old daughter.

"We believe this current government is asleep at the wheel while our livelihood and future growth is at risk," says Ms. Jones. "Development in the oil and gas industries requires consultation, accountability and sustainability. The Green Party of Saskatchewan will become the conscience of a government who is putting the interests of a few ahead of the province as a whole."

The GPS, through its executive and a Policy Research Committee, will bring stakeholders together and provide citizens knowledge on how to sustain the environment and reduce green house gas emissions, while strengthening the economy through sustainable resource policies and fostering investment in sustainable technology.

"We believe that the current economic opportunity is one for all of Saskatchewan. We want to see a strong, sustainable economy for this Province, as measured by our ongoing quality of life, in which all the people of our Province - including future generations - can have an equitable share," says Jones.

At the AGM, a resolution was passed to invite Liberals to join the Green Party, through a membership driven mechanism and participation in a policy convention to be held this fall. Kelly Patrick, newly elected President of the Green Party of Saskatchewan, introduced the resolution.

"As the Green vote increased, the Liberal popular vote dropped again in the last election. We actively fielded 48 candidates, the Liberals ran paper candidates in all but four constituencies," says Jones. "We know there are thousands of disenfranchised, but environmentally progressive Liberals who could bring a lot to the Green Party of Saskatchewan and who are welcome here," says Ms. Jones. She also believes the Liberal Party disarray in the recent federal by-election in the North indicates a good time to invite Liberals to join the Greens.

For the first time, the GPS has elected a Deputy Leader, Tory McGregor, a bilingual 28 year old former University of Regina student recently in the Canadian military, who is keenly interested in economics, history and environmental issues.

Sask. Green party leader calls for caution in oil patch

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

CBC News

Saskatchewan's Green party took advantage of Earth Day on Tuesday to showcase its new leader — Amber Jones, 27. Jones, who has a science degree from the University of Saskatchewan and is the mother of a six-month-old baby, was elected to lead the party earlier this month.

Speaking to reporters at the Saskatchewan legislature on Tuesday, Jones said the Green Party is worried that the current government is putting Saskatchewan at risk by developing its oil industry too quickly. The Green party wants Saskatchewan to avoid the kinds of problems oilsands boomtown Fort McMurray, Alta., has experienced, she said.

"There are so many social problems that are related to the amount of high-paying jobs that exist there," she said. "The city council at one point

actually called for a moratorium on oil sands development because they couldn't keep up with infrastructure."

Oil companies are exploring oilsands development in Saskatchewan's northwest.

"We need to ensure that we do have infrastructure before the community of La Loche all of a sudden becomes a booming town," she said.

The Green party does not oppose development or the use of fossil fuels, but it does believe in conservation and sustainable growth, she said.

Jones took over as leader over from Sandra Finley, who led the party into the November election. The party didn't win any seats and province-wide took about two per cent of the popular vote.

Upcoming Events

June 25

Cumberland By-election

July 18–20

Tabling at Ness Creek

July 31– August 9

Tabling at Fringe Festival

Fall (TBA)

Policy Forums

Various locations in SK

Sept 5–7

Green Party of Canada
Convention

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

The Weaver

Name-Change

We think we need a new name for our newsletter, something that lets the reader know that they are picking up information from a party with environmental vision and progressive policies.

What do you think it should be called – send your ideas to ajones@greenparty.ca

Test your Knowledge on the Environment

1. Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) is the total amount of the various types of greenhouse gases converted to an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide. About 4 tonnes per person of CO₂e are emitted per year worldwide. If greenhouse gases (GHGs) from all sources are included, how many tonnes of CO₂e is emitted per person in Saskatchewan?

- A) 7 tonnes B) 17 tonnes C) 27 tonnes D) 71 tonnes

2. Most climate models predict that in 40 years the Earth's average temperature will be 3°C higher than it was at the beginning of the industrial revolution in the late 1700s. How much warmer is the average temperature of the Earth since the last ice age?

- A) 5°C B) 8°C C) 11°C D) 15°C

3. What percent of the electricity that a TV uses is consumed when it is 'off' because it is always drawing energy so that it will turn on quickly?

- A) 5% B) 15% C) 25% D) 35%

4. The average American family in a new house has how much more living space per person than a family in a home in 1950?

- A) 2 times B) 3 times C) 4 times D) 5 times

5. What is the average distance food is transported before it reaches the dinner table?

- A) 500 miles B) 900 miles C) 1,300 miles D) 1,700 miles

Answers on page 7

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Get More Involved

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Spread the word

Submit policy and get involved in discussions

Consider being a candidate or a business manager

Communications Team

Works on developing our print materials including the Weaver, brochures, advertising, press releases, and website content – Contact Kelly Patrick at kelly.patrick@shaw.ca

IT Team

Development and maintenance of the website and membership database – contact Robert Cosbey at rcosbey@sasktel.net

Regional Groups

If you live near Saskatoon or Regina get involved with the regional group.
Live somewhere else? Start a regional group in your area.
Contact us to find out more.

Policy Committee

Works on policy review and development. Contact Amber at ajones@greenparty.ca or Tory at torranthrial@msn.com

Election Readiness Team

Candidates, business managers and support for the up-coming by-election and next general election – contact Tory at torranthrial@msn.com

GPS Opposes Nuclear Power and Promotes "Alternative Tax Cut" as Real Option

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The industry of Saskatchewan is calling out for a major, immediate investment of additional energy production and transmission lines. If the Sask Party government invests all of its' power generation budget in an expensive nuclear adventure known for its cost over-runs, industry will be forced to wait ten years for the development of a nuclear power plant and they will be forced to move elsewhere to meet their energy needs.

The Green Party of Saskatchewan (GPS) recognizes the need for additional energy sources now and calls for the government to divert the billions required for a nuclear reactor to ensure those needs are met by investing in decentralized renewable energy generation.

"It is frustrating to hear both the NDP and the Saskatchewan Party talk about uranium, coal and oil as if these are the only energy resources found in the province. Saskatchewan has the best solar and wind profile in the country. Why don't we hear them

talking about exploiting these resources," asks Amber Jones, leader of the Green Party of Saskatchewan.

The Nuclear Power industry in Canada has only been viable with large monetary support from local governments. The Green Party of Saskatchewan is questioning the Sask Party, who has been very clear about allowing the market to run its course, entertaining an investment into a company with a proven track record of building power plants that come in significantly over budget and under perform.

"I find it hard to believe that the provincial government claims that developing renewable energy is too expensive, but then turns around and has ¾ billion dollars for experimental carbon capture research, and is willing to put up who knows how many billions of dollars for nuclear power. Where is the money coming from?" said Jones. The GPS would rather see the money that would be wasted on a nuclear

power plant invested in geothermal as well as solar panel and wind mills that are installed on resident's roofs and farms. By decentralizing power generation and paying residents for excess power generation the government would be promoting energy conservation while increasing generating capacity.

"By paying for excess power generation and using net metering, residents will see their utility bill reduced significantly and in effect they will receive an alternative tax cut without taking away from the government's ability to pay for other core services." said Jones.

The GPS is also opposed to the development of nuclear power in Saskatchewan due to production of long term radioactive waste that cannot be disposed of, and that might end up in weapons.

Cumberland By-Election Called for June 25

The executive has eagerly shifted gears to prepare for the by-election called for Cumberland on June 25.

Phil Boychuk, our Treasurer and Tory McGregor, our Deputy Leader, were in La Ronge preparing Tory's nomination when the Premier dropped the writ, from Regina, on Tuesday, May 27. Interestingly, no one in La Ronge had yet heard that the election had been called.

On May 28, Tory McGregor was announced as our Candidate. Tory is eager to be involved and as a young Métis, interested in his history and culture, this will be both a personal and political journey for him.

Tory has received an extremely positive reception that will build on the presence the Greens have garnered after receiving 6% of the vote in 2007.

The Green Party of Saskatchewan (GPS) released three points of policy, as well as a recommendation on how issues of the north are best solved in the north, after consulting with an environmental lawyer who is representing an aboriginal organization in negotiating land rights and resource development.

The three policy recommendations made on behalf of the GPS for Cumberland are as follows:

The GPS proposes that all agreements regarding the development of natural resources guarantee, through binding legislation, that First Nations and Métis governing bodies are full legal partners with industry and government. All agreements will be monitored by an Environmental Review Commission.

The GPS mandates an Environmental Review Commission to oversee natural resource development. The Commission would ensure that development plans by industry and government incorporate local traditional ecological knowledge with conventional scientific study.

The third GPS policy for Cumberland and for the entire northern half of Saskatchewan would be to move the offices of the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and two Assistant Deputy Ministers from the Department of First Nations and Métis Relations to La Ronge. All politics is local and Regina must acknowledge that constant direct participation in Northern affairs must be conducted on site to ensure representation and accountability.

We have received good press coverage and have established a relationship with Kelly Provost, News Director of Mississippi Broadcasting. Tory will be challenging Dale McAuley, Sask Party and Doyle Vermette from the NDP during a live radio debate on MBC radio. There is a lot of media interest in the North regarding this by-election and we have made contact with all prominent media outlets.

Tory had the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Tammy Cook-Searson, the daughter of Harry Cook, former Chief of Lac La Ronge Indian Band and a prominent First Nations Leader who has done much for many in the North. The executive will be spending most of its time in the constituency in the next three weeks meeting with as many leaders possible to learn more of how we can help First Nations and Métis tend to the land they revere.

We must do well in this by-election in order to bring credibility to the Green Party of Saskatchewan and the issues we are giving voice to.

We need your help.

If anyone is interested in spending one or two days in La Ronge, Cumberland House or in surrounding First Nations Communities helping us out, we would definitely appreciate it.

We need people to learn firsthand the beauty of Northern

Saskatchewan, its people and the struggles they endure. The terrible road conditions to remote communities, a high cost of living and lack of true partnership with government and industry are rarely understood by those of us who live in the south. This is an incredible opportunity to have fun, engage in some campaigning and see our beautiful province. What more is there to do in Saskatchewan in June? We can help find accommodation or suggest you bring a trailer or tent and take your holidays with us. Again one or two days would be an incredible contribution and I ask you to think about helping us. Decide quick and come up North!

If you can't physically make the trip this summer, please consider donating to assist with the costs associated with this campaign. We are budgeting accordingly to ensure that there is balance in our campaign and in our bank account after it is all done. Without a doubt, the cost of gas alone is putting strain on a campaign that sometimes appears so far away, because it is.

Please donate \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 and help us make a real impact on the environment in a constituency whose electors have been speaking on behalf of mother earth and the environment for decades.

Please contact me in Saskatoon at (306) 242-3759 or by email at kellypatrick@shaw.ca if you are willing to assist us in our campaign for the Boreal Forest and those whose livelihood has relied on it for over a century.

Sincerely,

Kelly Patrick – President

Children should be seen and heard

Bronwyn Eyre, The StarPhoenix. Published: Wednesday, May 07, 2008

There was something uncomfortably retro about recent remarks by Saskatoon NewsTalk Radio producer Tammy Robert with respect to where children "don't belong."

Problem is, it's a fine line between where children don't belong and where mothers don't belong. And if we want women in the workplace -- particularly in high-profile jobs that have traditionally been the preserve of men -- we have to accept that a strict divide between maternal and professional responsibilities isn't always possible.

Robert weighed in to this gender controversy after Saskatchewan Green party Leader Amber Jones brought her baby to an April 22 press conference. In a blog entitled Children and the Places They Don't Belong, Robert accused Jones of exploiting her baby for a "photo op."

In response, some 35 women protested with a "mother-in" outside Rawlco Radio.

Robert got particularly riled about Jones' public breastfeeding.

"Presumably there were no private rooms available," she sniped, "and the idea of breastpumps, babysitters and a break was clearly just too horrific for someone who's [sic] social conscience is more evolved than everyone else's."

That's pretty harsh coming from a mother (albeit "not a mother all the time," whatever that means), who admits she breastfed her son.

Is Robert saying she never had to breastfeed him anywhere near a public place, that her babysitter never called in sick or that she was free to "break" at will? Well, I'll have

what she's having. Because no matter what parental support one has at one's disposal, child care is never a strictly on-off proposition.

Even if Jones did bring along her infant to promote breastfeeding, is that so terrible? Admittedly, public breastfeeding can raise eyebrows. But it doesn't warrant Robert's attack ("Amber Jones, what the hell are you trying to prove?"). If, as a society, we're going to promote breastfeeding, we can't get squeamish when women actually do it and consign them to chairless restrooms.

On her blog, Robert burned Jones for using her baby as a "political prop" to promote the image of a "mother poised to Save the Earth and raise a white, urban middle class family."

She also scoffed at the presence of Jones's husband, because it showed "mum and dad in perfect equilibrium -- today's nuclear family with a twist." Both these nasty comments betray the usual double standard.

As I recall, the media gushed when Pierre Trudeau appeared for photo ops with his children. Tony Blair, shortly after his son's birth, wandered out to cameras with a coffee mug imprinted with the baby's image.

And while Jackie could easily have taken Caroline and JFK Junior to "hang out somewhere for an hour" -- as Robert wishes Mr. Jones had -- JFK repeatedly used his children as "props."

Male parents are romanticized in films, too -- from Three Men and a Baby and Sleepless in Seattle to The Holiday, in which Jude Law plays a

lovable single father who purchases tutus for his little girls.

Ironically, it was a British male friend who, as a stay-at-home dad, said he finally realized "what it's like to be a mother." Once he'd taken his son to school, picked him up, done the laundry and made scones, it was time to prepare the evening meal. Fitting in work, let alone integrating his son into the adult world, was "bloody difficult."

But such difficulties are lost on Rawlco Radio host John Gormley, who picked up on Robert's remarks in his StarPhoenix column last week. Apparently, he considers children an "increasingly pesky" issue, particularly when "screaming" at outdoor evening concerts.

Hmmm. The outdoor concerts I've attended are so decibelled up, they would out-volume a hundred screaming babies. Gormley also complains about children at "galleries and restaurants."

But perhaps he's failed to notice on his oft-recounted travels how ubiquitous children are in museums and even upscale cafes in France. In Germany, too, children are everywhere and not -- as a German acquaintance recently put it -- "hidden away inside," as they are here.

Some real-life and Hollywood exceptions aside, it's still women who are left to balance children and work.

If Amber Jones' press conference highlighted only that, so be it. Robert may have found it offensive that "Baby was passed to Daddy so Mommy could shine." But isn't it about time?

Answers from Quiz, page 4

1. **(D)** Henson, R. (2006). The rough guide to climate change, p. 5. Simpson, J., Jaccard, M., & Rivers, N. (2007). Hot air: Meeting Canada's climate change challenge, p. 15. McCarthy, S., Curry, B., & Scott, N. (2008, January 25). Alberta green plan puts PM 'on the spot.' Globe and Mail, pp. A1, A4.

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3. **(C)** Gore, A. An Inconvenient Truth. p.309.

4. **(C)** Henson, R. (2006). The rough guide to climate change, p. 35.

5. **(C)** Heinberg, R. (2005). The Party's Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies. 2nd ed. p. 195.

Membership application donation form



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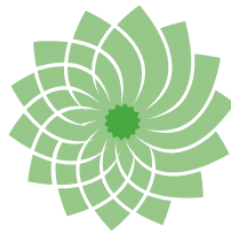
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GPS Statement of Principles

Ecological Wisdom

Human societies must operate with the understanding that we are part of nature, not separate from nature. We must maintain an ecological balance and live within the ecological and resource limits of our communities and our planet.

We support a sustainable society that utilizes resources in such a way that future generations will benefit and not suffer from the practices of our generation. To this end we must practice agriculture which replenishes the soil, move to an energy efficient economy and live in ways that respect the integrity of natural systems.

Social and Economic Justice

We believe in the right of every person of working age to socially useful and environmentally sustainable work, access for every person to free education and health care, as well as adequate food, clothing and shelter.

Participatory Democracy

All citizens must be able to directly participate as equals in the environmental, economic and political decisions that affect their lives.

Personal, Social and Global Responsibility

We believe individuals should act to improve the well being of themselves and their communities, and at the same time, enhance ecological balance and social harmony. We seek to join with people and organizations around the world to foster peace, economic justice and the health of the planet.

Community Based Economics

We recognize it is essential to create a vibrant and sustainable economic system, one that can create jobs and provide a decent standard of living for all people while maintaining a healthy ecological balance. A successful economic system will offer meaningful work with dignity, while paying a living wage which reflects the real value of a person's work. Local communities must develop an economy that assures protection of the environment and worker's rights, broad citizen participation in planning, and enhancement of our quality of life. We support cooperatives and public enterprises that distribute resources and control to more people through democratic participation.

Cooperation and Mutual Aid

We believe in the concept of a cooperative rather than competitive human society. While both these elements exist in Nature (including human nature), our industrial society has placed far too much emphasis on competition. A change in outlook away from competition and towards cooperation and mutual aid must take place both at the personal, social and global levels.

Respect for Diversity

We believe in honouring the cultural, spiritual, racial and sexual diversity that exists in human societies. We also believe in respecting the diversity that is found in Nature, by striving to protect, restore and enhance the biological diversity on which healthy Nature and all future life depends.

Peace and Non-Violence

Regardless of differences, we recognize the inherent value of all life. The Green Party of Saskatchewan commits itself to the establishment of a demilitarized society, based on mutual cooperation and nonviolent conflict resolution amongst all people and nations.

Decentralization

We must return power and responsibility to individuals, communities and regions. We must encourage the flourishing of regionally based culture, rather than a dominant monoculture. We must have a decentralized democratic society with our political, economic and social institutions locating power on the smallest scale that is efficient and practical. We must reconcile the need for community and regional self-determination with the need for appropriate centralized regulation in certain matters.

Gender Equity

We value women and men equally. We therefore support active and equal involvement of women in politics and encourage women in politics to assume positions of power.