



Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program

**Thirteenth Annual Report
2014 Internship**



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The Honourable Dan D'Autremont
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Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is my honour to transmit to you, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program (2014).

I want to thank you and all Members of the Legislative Assembly for your support of this very important program. I also want to thank the Members who worked with the Interns and assisted in this learning experience.

Sincerely,

Ken Pontikes
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Overview of the Program

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program (SLIP) provides four senior university students or recent graduates with an opportunity to experience the day-to-day operations of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Interns are paired with elected members of the Assembly who serve as mentors and provide a practical perspective on the role and work of MLAs. During their seven-month internship, participants are assigned for approximately three months with an MLA from the government caucus and for another similar period with an MLA from the opposition caucus.

In addition to the practical experience provided through the MLA mentors, the Program contains significant academic components. The interns receive six academic course-credits at either the University of Saskatchewan or the University of Regina. These credits are determined through evaluations of the interns' participation during the Program and through the preparation of individual research projects and group reports on assigned activities and travel experiences. The travel experiences include visiting parliaments and legislative assemblies in other jurisdictions in order to allow for comparisons with their internship experiences in Saskatchewan.



Contact Information

Further information about the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program can be obtained from the Program's website at: www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship. Also, the Program's Director can be contacted by mail at:

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2014 Highlights

- Four interns participated in the thirteenth internship under the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. Since 2002, 55 university students have participated in the Program.
- Three Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan volunteered to serve as internship mentors for the first time. Since 2002, 58 former and current Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan have participated as mentors for interns.
- Ken Pontikes retired as director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program on October 31, 2014. Tina Beaudry-Mellor of the University of Regina has been appointed to fill the position of director.
- The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Advisory Committee agreed to examine the implications and administrative feasibility of restructuring the Program to allow interns to begin their internship prior to the presentation of the annual Throne Speech each fall and to continue through to the end of the session in May. A restructured program could be implemented as early as the 2015-16 internship.
- The interns' tour of northern Saskatchewan involved visits in July to La Ronge, Stony Rapids, and Black Lake First Nation. The Stony Rapids/Black Lake First Nations portion of the trip was made possible by supplementary funding provided by The Co-operators Group.
- The comparative-study tour was undertaken in two components – Ottawa and Québec City in February and the British Isles (Edinburgh and London) in late May and early June.
- As part of the internship's community-service component, the interns provided volunteer services to several organizations and events: Carmichael Outreach (Regina), YMCA Virtual Y at Albert Community School (Regina), Saskatchewan Book Awards (Regina), Scattered-Site Outreach Program (La Ronge), and Saskatchewan Festival of Words (Moose Jaw).
- The seventh annual SLIP Steak Night event raised \$946.50 to enhance the interns' out-of-country travel experiences.

2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns



Kaytlyn Criddle was born and raised in rural Saskatchewan. She graduated from Greenall High School in Balgonie where she earned several awards for her involvement in athletics and student government. She was the coordinator of the volunteer committee and in her senior year, she was elected vice-president of the Student Leadership Council.



In 2006, she traveled to Kenya with Free the Children to build a school and learn about youth leadership and international development. Upon her return, she founded a youth group to raise money to build a school in Sierra Leone.

Kaytlyn graduated with distinction from the University of Regina in the spring of 2013, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology, with a minor in sociology and a certificate in international development studies. Throughout her university years, Kaytlyn competed with the Cougar track and field and cross-country teams and was named Academic All-Canadian for her academic and athletic accomplishments.

She worked at an after-school program for inner city youth and completed an eight-month co-op work-term with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. In her final year, she was a teaching assistant for the Department of Anthropology and served as the vice-president of the Cultural Anthropology Students' Association.

In the summer of 2012, she participated in an exchange program where she studied indigenous development initiatives in the Brazilian Amazon. After graduating university, Kaytlyn worked with women farmers in northern Ghana through a CIDA-funded internship at the Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development. Her role included researching and documenting traditional agricultural practices and their effects on food security.

Kaytlyn is particularly interested in the relationship between policy makers and grassroots social movements. She hopes to examine this relationship as she works towards her Master's degree in Public Administration from the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

In her spare time, Kaytlyn enjoys staying active. Running, snowboarding and ringette are among her favourite activities. When she is not playing sports, Kaytlyn can be found in a coffee shop with friends or a good book.

“What I enjoyed most about the internship program is the freedom and flexibility to make it what you want. By deciding where we travelled, who we met with, and which events we attended, we were able to cater the program to our interests and develop knowledge in specific areas that align with our educational and career aspirations.”

Kaytlyn Criddle, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

Dustan Hlady was born in Lacombe, Alberta and raised on a small farm north of Vermilion, Alberta. He graduated from J.R. Robson High School in 1999. During this time, he enjoyed being involved in countless plays and concerts. He also organized a music festival for two years on his family farm for around 500 people. He also enjoyed volunteer work with his local church.

After completing high school, Dustan spent a year at Briercrest College and Seminary, where he furthered his knowledge in the arts and Biblical studies. He founded Brierstock, an on-campus music festival which celebrated its 14th anniversary last April.



Dustan spent a year in a drama group based out of Calgary called Life Force. The group went into dozens of high schools in western Canada, acting in assemblies, leading drama workshops and helping local community organizers to create youth centers. Dustan then returned to Briercrest and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities, with a minor in History.

Dustan has been a student at the University of Regina since 2011. He is currently working towards a Bachelor of Education degree.

Dustan volunteered for years at Joe’s Place Youth Centre. He also worked with displaced children and youth in a group home called Gamin Abet and worked with challenged students as an educational assistant for Prairie South School Division.

Dustan’s plans after the internship include publishing a children’s adventure novel and spending time with family. Upon completing his B.Ed. degree in 2015, he hopes to work as a teacher in Moose Jaw, while continuing his education with a Master of Arts in Creative Writing from University of Regina.

Dustan is married to Carrie and has two children. For leisure, Dustan likes spending time with his family, swimming, going to the park, and taking in community events. He is an avid reader and spends some time almost every day writing creatively. He also enjoys singing, songwriting, and playing guitar in his wife’s band, Friend Friend.

“The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship was incredibly worthwhile to me. I will not be becoming a civil servant. I am going to finish my Bachelor of Education degree and become a teacher. I hope to teach social studies. Because of the practicality of the Program, I believe I have been equipped to teach about politics through the reality of the institutions I encountered and not just what I would receive from lectures at the university. Also, because I met so many people and garnered so many stories, I will be able to teach about politics from personal experience. Generations of children will learn about politics more fully because of what I have learned here.”

Dustan Hlady, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

Taylor-Anne Yee was born in Victoria, BC, but grew up in Saskatoon and calls the prairies her home. She graduated from Walter Murray Collegiate in 2008 (she misses her band classes the most). After high school, Taylor attended Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford, BC.



In 2009, she returned home to attend the University of Saskatchewan (U of S). She studied topics regarding transit, homelessness and housing policy; the representation of minorities in government; and the environment.

Taylor jokingly remarks that academics was her extra-curricular activity. Outside of class, getting involved in the community was just as important as writing an essay. During her undergraduate studies, Taylor learned plenty and enjoyed her time with the Open Door Society, Hands on Street Ministries, the Women in the Legislature program at the U of S, and STM’s (St. Thomas More College’s) liberal arts journal, *In Medias Res*.

Her desire to do work in the community was inspired by two life-changing programs: STM’s Service and Justice Project (SJP) and a leadership program called Next Up. In 2009, the SJP introduced her to a community of servitude in Saskatoon and got her thinking about how she could get more involved. Then, Taylor participated in Next Up in 2011. Through this program, she explored her leadership style, learned about local and global issues, and met inspirational community leaders and peers whom she is proud to call her friends.

Taylor spent the last semester of her undergraduate studies at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. She interned for a government relations firm in Washington, DC, and learned about influencing government from the outside. Through this experience, she developed friendships with students from the United States, South Korea, Japan, Mexico and China. In the fall of 2013, she convocated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political studies.

After completion of her participation in the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, Taylor will continue getting involved in the community, while studying environmental law at the U of S.

When Taylor wants to relax, she plays video games, draws, plays the piano or guitar, and reads books, especially those about time travel.

“I am not career-oriented, but rather tend to look at my future as society-oriented. I don’t like to think of SLIP as a stepping stone, or say the main advantage of the program was to open doors to other opportunities. While these consequences are true, I feel that saying such things diminishes the inherent value of the program – which is its value as a type of education that makes us better Saskatchewanians.”

Taylor-Anne Yee, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns

Dipo Ziwa was born in Zambia. His family immigrated to Canada when he was just a few months old, first settling in Alberta. They have lived in Regina since 1995.

Dipo has completed the majority of his formal education in Regina, graduating from Dr. Martin Leboldus High School in 2010 and enrolling at the University of Regina that same year. While at Leboldus he participated in several sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field. The teams he participated in enjoyed tremendous success, winning provincial medals in every sport in 2010.

Currently, Dipo is a Dean’s Honors List student in his fourth year of studies at the University of Regina, majoring in human justice within the Arts Faculty. Dipo also studied Chinese political systems and languages at China Jiliang University in Hangzhou, China in 2013, as well as French at the Université de Québec in Montreal in 2012. While studying at these different institutions, Dipo’s interest in political structures and their relations to the societies they encompass grew tremendously.



In 2013, he worked as a youth intercultural worker at the Montreal City Mission, striving to bring cultural awareness to recently immigrated and refuged children from around the world. Currently, at the University of Regina, Dipo is on the Board of Directors for the Students Union, serving as the liaison and Local 9 representative for Saskatchewan to the Canadian Federation of Students. Dipo also serves as a student representative on the University Executive of Council.

Apart from vocational and educational responsibilities, Dipo enjoys volunteering in different capacities within the community. One of his favorite passions is coaching sports, as he has coached on a multitude of levels, from high school volleyball at Leboldus to bantam football. Furthermore, as part of more community outreach volunteer programs, he is currently involved with the Regina Open Door Society, The Ranch Ehrlo Society, and the Regina Multicultural Council.

“This internship was extremely worthwhile for me. I learned an enormous amount about the various segments of the public sector both within Saskatchewan and Canada, among multiple other things. Having an opportunity to observe first-hand the day-to-day proceedings in the Legislature of Saskatchewan was a unique and valuable experience that I will always cherish and look back on with positivity. The comparative study tours opened my eyes to a variety of different segments of society that I had never had the chance to see first-hand.”

Dipo Ziwa, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

2014 Legislative Mentors

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program thanks the following Members of the Legislative Assembly who volunteered their time to serve as mentors to the 2014 Interns. Without their participation and leadership, this Program would not be possible.



Top Row (Left to Right): Fred Bradshaw, Carrot River Valley; Danielle Chartier, Saskatoon Riversdale; David Forbes, Saskatoon Centre; Delbert Kirsch, Batoche

Bottom Row (Left to Right): Cathy Sproule, Saskatoon Nutana; Scott Moe, Rosthern-Shellbrook; Nadine Wilson, Saskatchewan Rivers; Trent Wotherspoon, Regina Rosemont

Since 2002, 58 former and current Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan have mentored Saskatchewan Legislative Interns. This year, three MLA mentors – Fred Bradshaw, Delbert Kirsch, and Trent Wotherspoon – participated in the Program for the first time. David Forbes served as a mentor to his seventh intern. Nadine Wilson mentored her fourth intern. Danielle Chartier and Cathy Sproule each participated in the Program with their third intern. Scott Moe mentored his second intern.

For a complete list of MLA mentors since the inception of the Program, please refer to the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program’s website: www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship.

Components of the 2014 Program

Orientation Component

The Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly organized orientation meetings for the interns. Most of these meetings took place during the first two weeks of the internship.

The interns met with the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofeld (Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan) and the Honourable Dan D’Autremont (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan). The interns also met with staff and officers of the Legislative Assembly, representatives of the government and opposition caucuses, and central agencies in executive government.

The orientation component included presentations on policy and political issues by the officials of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, as well as by members of the news media and the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour. The interns also met with former Saskatchewan Legislative Interns who talked about their internship experiences and provided suggestions on how to maximize the current interns’ experience.

A list of the people who met with the interns as part of the orientation component is provided in Appendix B.

Core Component

The interns began their assignments (“term one”) with four members of the Legislative Assembly (two from the government caucus and two from the opposition caucus) on January 20, 2014. These assignments continued until April 18, 2014. The interns were then reassigned (“term 2”) to another four members from the other side of the House (two from the government caucus and two from the opposition caucus). The second term assignments concluded on July 18, 2014.

Members of the Legislative Assembly from both caucuses volunteer each year to serve as mentors to the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns. Written mentorship proposals are prepared by each MLA. After a meeting between the interns and the volunteer MLA mentors from each caucus, the interns decide on the pairing of each intern to each mentor. The 2014 interns and MLA mentors were paired (first term and second term) as follows:

Kaytlyn Criddle	Nadine Wilson (Government MLA Saskatchewan Rivers) Trent Wotherspoon (Opposition MLA Regina Rosemont)
Dustan Hlaldy	Danielle Chartier (Opposition MLA Saskatoon Riversdale) Delbert Kirsch (Government MLA Batoche)
Taylor-Anne Yee	Cathy Sproule (Opposition MLA Saskatoon Nutana) Scott Moe (Government MLA Rosthern-Shellbrook)
Dipo Ziwa	Fred Bradshaw (Government MLA Carrot River Valley) David Forbes (Opposition MLA Saskatoon Centre)

During their assignment to private members, the interns were given opportunities to accompany their assigned members to meetings, conferences, and consultations. The interns also visited constituency offices and experienced the work that MLAs do to address the concerns and interests of their constituents. All expenses incurred by the interns in participating in these events and activities were paid by the Program.

Academic Component

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program provides interns with six academic credits towards an undergraduate degree, through its recognition as a course at the University of Saskatchewan (Political Studies 482.6) and the University of Regina (Political Science 480). Interns are required to register in one of these courses in order to participate in the Program. In addition to the course credits, enrolment in these courses provides each intern with student benefits, such as liability insurance, Workers' Compensation coverage, and health benefits.

At the end of the internship, each intern received a grade which recognized his or her participation in the program. Each intern's final grade was determined by the director, based on the following weighting:

<u>Grading Component</u>	<u>Weighting Factor (%)</u>
Evaluation of several individually-prepared research projects on topics pertaining to legislative processes, public policy, politics or public administration	30
Evaluation of a jointly-prepared report on the interns' comparative study (out-of-province) trip	20
Evaluation of a jointly-prepared report on the interns' observations and experiences during their travel within Saskatchewan	20
Evaluation of each intern's activities with his or her assigned MLA	10
Evaluation of the interns' joint participation in a community-based activity in a volunteer capacity	10
Evaluation of each intern's completion of assigned administrative duties relating to their internship	10

With respect to the research projects, the interns prepared briefing notes and commentaries on municipal issues identified from resolutions discussed during the 2014 conventions of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and on provincial issues debated during the spring session of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. They were also invited to prepare articles on a topic related to their internship experiences and observations for publication in *The Urban Voice*, a magazine published by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.

Intern Development Component

The intern development component is undertaken through a special fund (“intern development fund”), which is supported by university, corporate, and organizational sponsors, as well as donations from individuals. The fund is administratively managed by the University of Saskatchewan.

In-Province Meetings and Events

The intern development fund is used to support special projects that are identified by the interns to enhance their experience in the Program. These projects include transportation and accommodation costs related to the interns’ travel to other jurisdictions, as well as attendance at workshops, conferences, meetings, and consultations with major organizations and with people in leadership positions from various sectors of Saskatchewan. The interns are responsible for all of the logistical arrangements associated with these projects.

In 2014, the interns’ in-province experiences included attending several conventions, meetings, and events as observers/visitors. The following is a list of some of the conventions, meetings, and events the interns attended:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Saskatchewan Branch, Annual Dinner
Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, Lectures:

- Chief Perry Bellegarde, Chief, Federations of Saskatchewan Indian Nations: “Saskatchewan First Nations and the Province’s Resource Future”
- Ms. Heather Collier, Acting Director of the Strategic Policy, Alberta Human Services, Government of Alberta: “Reducing Poverty: Moving Forward on Alberta’s Social Policy Framework”
- Hon. John Manley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada: “Public-Private Collaboration: The Key to Overcoming Some of our Toughest Challenges”

Parliamentary Delegation from Western Australia, Presentation and dinner

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Convention

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Conference

Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, “Mining for Justice” film screening and discussion

Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Convention

Saskatchewan Volunteer Medals, Presentation Ceremony

Saskatoon City Council, Scheduled Public Meeting

TedxRegina Speaker Event: Cadmus Delorme, “Owning My Identity”

University of Regina, Stapleford Lecture: Dr. Gordon Barnhart, former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan: “Senate Reform: Is it necessary and can it be done?”

The 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns were also provided the opportunity to meet with the following community and political leaders:

Current and former Provincial Political Representatives

Mr. Cam Broten, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. Lorne Calvert, former Premier of Saskatchewan
Mr. Grant Devine, former Premier of Saskatchewan
Mr. Victor Lau, Leader, Green Party of Saskatchewan
Mr. Roy Romanow, former Premier of Saskatchewan
Hon. Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan

Provincial Government Deputy Ministers and Ministry Officials

Ms. Lin Gallagher, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
Ms. Beth Hardy, Senior Advisor, Statutory and Legal Development, Climate Change Branch, Ministry of Environment
Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Communications Director, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
Ms. Alana Koch, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture
Ms. Leanne Thera, Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport

Municipal leaders and officials

Mayor Don Atchison, City of Saskatoon
Mr. Richard Brown, Chief Communications Officer, Mayor’s Office, City of Saskatoon
Councillor Charlie Clark, City of Saskatoon
Mayor Deb Higgins, City of Moose Jaw
Councillor Ann Iwanchuk, City of Saskatoon
Councillor Mairin Loewen, City of Saskatoon
Mr. Matt Noble, City Manager, City of Moose Jaw
Mr. Clive Weighill, Chief, Saskatoon Police Service

Others

Mr. Brian Bain, Co-owner, Ecobain Gardens
Ms. Laura Beard, Knowledge Management Co-ordinator, Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation
Ms. Jenn Bergen, Queen City Hub
Mr. Steven Dribnenki, Policy and Legal Advisor, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association
Mr. Simon Enoch, Director, Saskatchewan Office, Canadian Center of Policy Alternatives
Ms. Rachel Malena-Chan, Director of Operations, Upstream: Institute for a Healthy Society
Mr. Sean McEachern, Director, Policy and Communications, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association
Mr. Chuk Plante, Policy Director, Upstream: Institute for a Healthy Society
Mr. Rob Ripley, Manager, Monsanto Research Farm (Saskatoon)

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Murray Wall, Senior Administrative Staff, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

Northern Saskatchewan Tour

For the past two years, the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program has been exploring options for providing interns with an opportunity to visit communities in northern Saskatchewan. In 2012, interns visited La Ronge and Air Ronge and in 2013, the interns traveled to La Ronge and Stanley Mission. Travel further north was not possible without additional funding for travel expenses.



In 2014, The Co-operators Group provided a one-time \$5,000 grant which was applied towards enhancing travel into northern Saskatchewan. This grant was in addition to the \$8,000 that we received from The Co-operators Group this year as its on-going, annual financial support to the Program.

As in previous years, the 2014 interns travelled to La Ronge, but with the one-time grant from The Co-operators Group, the Program was able to finance air fare to allow the interns to visit Stony Rapids and Black Lake First Nation.

The trip to northern Saskatchewan occurred from July 14 to 18, 2014. A list of some of the individuals who met with the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns during this trip is provided in Appendix D of this report.

Some of the policy issues the interns explored during this brief tour of northern Saskatchewan included policing and justice issues, the availability of adequate and affordable housing, Aboriginal business initiatives, jurisdictional and governance issues, and inadequate funding for recreational activities.

“Not only were the themes of Aboriginal issues, housing, jurisdictional responsibilities and accountability some of the most common themes in our in-province meetings, but we also feel that they are among the most important issues for understanding Saskatchewan’s future.”

Kaytlyn Criddle, Dustan Hlady, Taylor-Anne Yee, and Dipo Ziwa, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns

Out-of-Province Experiences

An important element of the Program’s intern development component is the comparative study tour which involves the interns’ travel to other jurisdictions. The purpose of this tour is to allow the interns to compare legislative and government processes against those which they have observed and experienced in Saskatchewan. The tour is organized by the interns and is funded through the intern development fund and through additional fund-raising undertaken by them.



2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns
in London

In 2014, the interns’ comparative study tour was divided into separate Canadian and international trips. The Canadian trip occurred from February 19 to 27, 2014, and involved meetings in Québec City and Ottawa. The international trip occurred from May 26 to June 4, 2014 and involved stops in Edinburgh (Scotland), and London (England). A list of meetings and events attended by the interns during their tour is provided in Appendices B and C.

The interns have filed a report on their tours which can be accessed by contacting the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Their report provides comparative observations on how the parliament and governments in Saskatchewan, Canada, and the United Kingdom are addressing the following policy issues:

- Environmental issues and policies, including the role of government in encouraging “green” alternatives to fossil fuels,
- Constitutional reform, including independence referenda,
- Parliamentary reform, including the role, powers, and membership of upper houses in a bicameral legislative system, and
- Public engagement in politics.

“As a result of the opportunities presented by the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, we have had the chance to meet with several influential leaders, officers, and civil servants from across Canada and abroad. Our comparative study tours allowed us to establish relationships and gain first-hand experiences in international relations. We have observed and drawn conclusions about particular aspects of politics, public policy, public administration and legislative processes that have improved our understanding of the interrelations of governmental systems.”

Kaytlyn Criddle, Dustan Hlady, Taylor-Anne Yee, and Dipo Ziwa, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns

Community-Services Component

Each year, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns are required to participate in a community-based activity in a volunteer capacity. In addition to providing personal support, the interns have an opportunity to learn about the objectives, structure, administration, challenges, and successes associated with a community event or organization.



2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns with Sheldon Merriman and Jackie Ballantyne and the Ghostbusters Mobile (Scatter-Sites Outreach Program in La Ronge)

During 2014, the Interns provided volunteer services to the following organizations and events: Carmichael Outreach (Regina), YMCA Virtual Y at Albert Community School (Regina), Saskatchewan Book Awards (Regina), Scattered-Site Outreach Program (La Ronge), and Saskatchewan Festival of Words (Moose Jaw).

“The children at the YMCA Virtual Y at Albert Community School were eager to learn, bright, happy, and energetic, as we provided them with an experience in which they could interact with an MLA from the Legislature (known as the “great big castle” by a few of the children).

Before doing that, however, we had the opportunity to conduct a mini-information session and taught the children about government. They had an opportunity to form a political party, with names ranging from “Canada” to “Thunderbirds”. Each of them wrote a letter to Warren McCall (MLA, Regina Elphinstone-Centre), as well. Once we informed the young ones that they had the opportunity to request particular changes they would like to see within their communities to Members of the Legislative Assembly, they began to hurriedly scribble down their own personal requests. Suggestions ranged from installing waterslides at the Dewdney Pool to having a Superhero day. The children also had an opportunity to teach us, as SLIP interns, about what is important to them in their daily lives. We heard responses ranging from the cultural classes they enjoy at school to watching films of their favorite super-heroes.

The week was capped off by a visit to the Legislature and a photo scavenger hunt in which the kids ran around (well supervised, of course) and sought out the hidden gems of the historic building. All in all, the week spent volunteering with the kids at the Albert Community School was filled with enrichment. As well, we had the opportunity to learn from the littlest big people around: children!”

Kaytlyn Criddle, Dustan Hlady, Taylor-Anne Yee, and Dipo Ziwa, 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns

Administrative Component

The interns perform various administrative duties pertaining to the operation of the Program. These duties vary from year to year depending on the Program’s administrative requirements which cannot be otherwise provided through its existing support.

The following duties were assigned to the 2014 interns:

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| Kaytlyn Criddle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranging the comparative-study tour • Arranging in-province meetings, conferences, seminars, etc. with organizations and individuals |
| Dustan Hlady | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranging the tour of northern Saskatchewan • Facilitating communications with former interns, including preparing the first draft of the Alumni Report |
| Taylor-Anne Yee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interns' administration • Administering a communications strategy for the Program, including managing correspondence on behalf of all interns |
| Dipo Ziwa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranging community-service and fund-raising events • Promotion of the program generally and to potential internship applicants |

While individual interns assumed lead responsibility for managing a specific administrative duty, all interns were expected to assist their colleagues to ensure the activities associated with these duties contributed to the Program's overall success.

2014 Special Events



Each year since 2007, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns have organized a SLIP steak night or barbecue event which provides an opportunity for Members of the Legislative Assembly and officials of the Assembly to have an informal supper with current and former interns and other supporters of the Program. The net proceeds from this event are used by the interns to enhance their experience during their comparative study tour. The money can be used to finance entry to museums, side-tours to significant points of interest, or attendance at cultural or sporting events occurring at the time of the tour.

On May 6, 2014, this year's steak-night fund-raiser has held at Bushwakker Brewing Company in Regina. After expenses, the event generated net proceeds of \$946.50.

The net proceeds of the 2014 steak night were used to fund a tour of Edinburgh Castle, to attend book readings and workshops, to see the musical *Wicked*, and to participate in Clue Quest (a life-sized problem solving maze game).

We thank Mr. Grant Frew, Promotions Manager for Bushwakker Brewing Company, for his assistance in organizing this event.

Alumni Support and Engagement

An alumni newsletter, known as the *Alumni Report*, is published annually by the Program and is distributed to all former interns. It is also posted on SLIP's website. The 2014 edition of the *Alumni Report* was published in October 2014.

The annual newsletter provides an on-going link between former interns and the Program. Alumni are profiled in the newsletter. Through their accomplishments, we are able to promote the career-development potential of the Program to students and potential sponsors.

Partnerships



The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program partnered with the Saskatchewan Teachers Institute on Parliamentary Democracy so that the 2014 interns could participate in a joint briefing session provided by the Court of Queen's Bench. The interns also observed the Institute's mock Parliament educational session in the Legislative Chamber. The Institute is a professional development program provided to Saskatchewan's teachers.

Finances

Allocation of Funding

Core Program

The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan provides funding for scholarships for four Saskatchewan Legislative Interns (\$14,000 each in 2014), for all expenses incurred by these interns during their mentorship with private members of the Assembly, and for the compensation and expenses of the Program's director.

Intern Development

Most of the funding for the intern-development component of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program is generated through initiatives and requests undertaken by the Program's director and other supporters. Another source of intern-development funding is obtained through direct application by the interns to financial programs that support student travel experiences, such as those offered by the Program.

Funders and Sponsors

We are very grateful to all funders and sponsors of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. This Program would not take place without support from the institutions and companies listed below who provided support in 2014:

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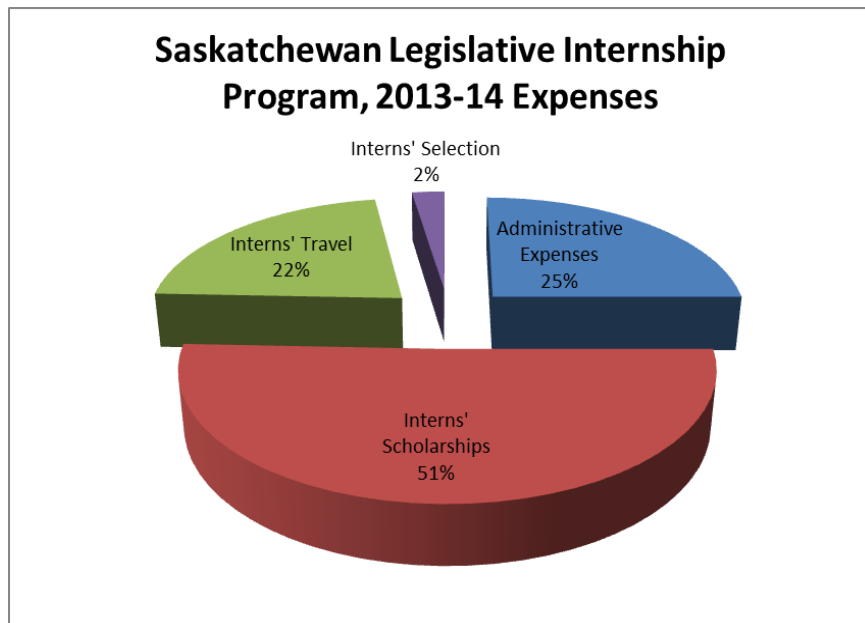
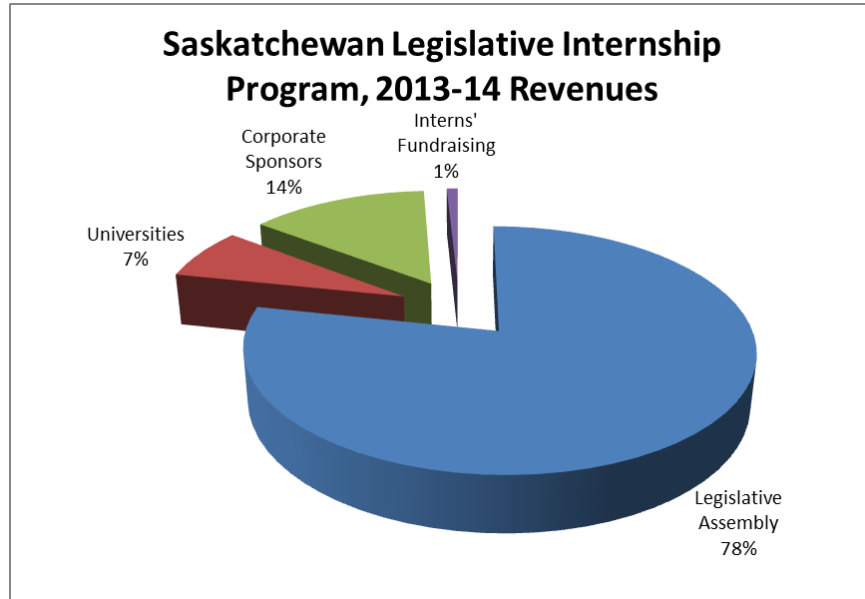
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Saskatchewan Transportation Company

2013-14 Financial Statements

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program's statement of revenues and expenses for the period from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, inclusive, has been provided in Appendix B of this report. The Program's finances are administered through three funds. The core program is funded by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. The funding received from financial partners, corporate sponsors, and donors for the intern development is administered by the University of Saskatchewan. A credit union account has been established to manage the interns' fund-raising activities.

During 2013-14, the three funds realized revenues of \$112,539 and expenses of \$110,606 for an overall surplus of \$1,933. In comparison, the 2012-13 fiscal year ended with an overall deficit of \$357.



In 2013, two extraordinary expenses were incurred. A \$3,500 special-needs allowance was provided to one of the interns to support her day-care requirements when she relocated to Regina from Saskatoon with a young child. Administrative expenses were higher than in previous years because the four laptop computers provided to the interns to use during their internship (and subject to confidentiality measures to support the needs of the Program) were replaced.

The 2014 expenses include additional costs involved in flying the interns to Stony Rapids as part of their tour of northern Saskatchewan. In the past, the further north that interns have travelled has been to La Ronge, Air Ronge, and Stanley Mission. The northern Saskatchewan tour during 2014 was substantially financed through a one-time contribution provided by The Co-operators Group.

The balance sheet at September 30, 2014 for the intern development fund, and the interns' fund-raising account has also been provided in Appendix A. The core component of the Program is fully funded by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and as such, ends each year without a surplus or a deficit. The intern development fund has been in existence since the Program began and had an accumulated surplus of \$15,465 as at September 30, 2014. The interns' fund-raising account ended the year with cash of \$712 and a credit-union membership share of \$5. The combined accumulated surplus for all funds was \$16,182 on September 30, 2014; this compares with \$14,249 on September 30, 2013.

Governance

Memorandum of Understanding



The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program exists through a memorandum of understanding between the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. The memorandum, signed in 2007, formalizes the universities' support for, and participation in, the Program. The agreement articulates the role of the director and the SLIP Advisory Committee, the academic credits provided by both universities to the Program's interns, the provision of liability insurance coverage to the interns, and the administration of the Intern Development Fund.

Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Advisory Committee

The program's advisory committee provides governance for managing the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. The committee consists of the following individuals:

- The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
- One representative from the University of Saskatchewan
- One representative from the University of Regina
- One representative from each of the Government and Opposition caucuses
- The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
- The Director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly serves as the chair of the committee.

The committee met once during the 2013-14 fiscal year. During this meeting, the Committee made the following decisions:

- The Committee confirmed their support for the joint recommendation by the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan for the three-year appointment of Tina Beaudry-Mellor as director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. This appointment is effective on November 1, 2014.
- The Committee agreed to examine the implications and administrative feasibility of restructuring the Program to allow interns to begin their internship prior to the presentation of the annual Throne Speech each fall and to continue through to the end of the session in May. A restructured program could be implemented as early as the 2015-16 internship.

Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Selection Committee

Applications for the internships are accepted from university students and recent graduates who identify Saskatchewan as their permanent residence. Each year, the current interns take a lead responsibility for promoting the Program to students.

All SLIP applications are reviewed by the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program's Selection Committee which creates a short-list of applicants who will be considered for the Program, conducts interviews of the short-listed applicants, and makes the decisions on the applicants who will be offered internship positions. The decisions of this Committee are final and are not subject to review or reconsideration by funders, sponsors, elected members of the Legislative Assembly or any other body or program or other elected or appointed bodies who participate with the Program.

The members of the Selection Committee are nominated by various university, administrative, and caucus bodies associated with the Program. After nomination to the committee, the members are not accountable to these bodies, but rather to the Program and to ensuring that the best possible applicants are offered internship positions.

The members of the SLIP Selection Committee who selected the 2014 interns were:

- Ms. Monique Lovatt, Manager, Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol, Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
- Ms. Michelle Neufeld, 2013 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern
- Mr. Ken Pontikes, Director, Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program
- Dr. Charles Smith, Assistant Professor, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan

The SLIP Director served as the chair of this committee.

The 2014 interns were selected during the Program's 2012-13 fiscal year. Another selection committee was established in 2013-14 to select the 2015 interns. The 2015 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns are:

Mr. Damien Bolingbroke, University of Regina
Mr. Derrick Lepine, University of Saskatchewan
Ms. Krystal Lewis, University of Regina
Ms. Shalyn Rousseau, University of Regina

Officers and Staff

The Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, serves as the honorary patron of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. He is also the chair of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Advisory Committee.

Mr. Ken Pontikes served as the director of the Program and chair of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Selection Committee during 2013-14. Mr. Pontikes completed his third term as director on October 31, 2014, and decided to retire from the position and not seek reappointment for another term. Ms. Tina Beaudry-Mellor will serve as director beginning on November 1, 2014 and has been appointed for a three-year term.

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program does not directly employ any staff. Staff support is provided through the universities and the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. The staff support for 2014 was provided by the following individuals:

Ken Pontikes, Sessional Lecturer, University of Saskatchewan
Monique Lovatt, Manager of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol, Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
LaVina Watts, Finance and Operations Coordinator and Undergraduate Programs Coordinator, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan

Acknowledgements

Many individuals support and assist with the operations of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship program. Among the most important are the Government and Opposition caucuses who allow the interns to work within their offices each year and the individual members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan who volunteer to mentor an intern over a three-month period. SLIP is fortunate to have the support of MLAs on both sides of the House who are willing to share their knowledge and experiences with the interns.



Several people provided organizational advice and assistance to the interns with respect to the comparative-study tours. In particular, we want to thank the following:

Saskatoon	Julia Aden, Travel Consultant, TravelCuts (University of Saskatchewan)
Québec City	Audrée Ross, Intern Scholar, Fondation Jean-Charles Bonenfant
Ottawa	Catherine Edimo, Program Administrator, Parliamentary Internship Program Adam Casey, Intern, Parliamentary Internship Program
Edinburgh	Mary Riddell, Assistant Clerk/Chief Executive
Dublin	Lorna Cahalin, Department of Inter-Parliamentary Affairs and Travel
London	Luseane Chesham, Executive Assistant to Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Reena Dusila, Assistant Desk Officer, North America Department, Foreign & Commonwealth Office Carole Gould, Trade Commissioner Assistant, High Commission of Canada Zac Mead, International Relations Officer, Overseas Office, House of Commons

Finally, we thank our 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns who participated in the Program in a non-partisan manner and who respected the need to protect the confidentiality of the information they handled. We extend our best wishes to Kaytlyn, Dustan, Taylor-Anne, and Dipo in their future endeavours.

Appendix A

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

INTERN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND INTERNS' FUND-RAISING ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet
September 30, 2014

Assets		
Cash	\$	717.09
Due from University of Saskatchewan (Note 1)		16,050.56
Total Assets		\$ 16,767.65
Accounts Payable		\$ 585.33
Accumulated Surplus		
Intern Development	\$ 15,465.23	
Interns' Fund-raising Account (Note 2)	717.09	\$ 16,182.32
Accumulated Surplus		\$ 16,767.65

Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Core Program, Intern Development, and Interns' Fund-raising
For the Period from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

	2013-14			2012-13	
	Core Program	Intern Develop- ment	Interns' Fund-Raising	Total	Total
Revenues					
Legislative Assembly of Sask.	\$ 88,092.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,092.20	\$ 81,494.27
University of Regina	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,575.00
University of Saskatchewan	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,250.00
The Cooperators Group	-	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	8,000.00
SGL	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
First Canadian Title	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
CMA Canada (Saskatchewan)	-	-	-	-	100.00
Donors	-	-	-	-	100.00
Interns' Fund-raising (Note 2)	-	-	946.50	946.50	995.62
Interest Revenue	-	-	0.10	0.10	0.10
Total Revenues (Notes 2 and 3)	\$ 88,092.20	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 946.60	\$ 112,538.80	\$ 102,014.99
Expenses					
Director – Honorarium	\$ 22,872.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,872.51	\$ 14,973.77
Interns – Scholarship	56,000.00	-	-	56,000.00	56,000.00
Travel – Director	2,322.65	-	465.11	2,787.76	1,667.89
Travel – Interns	2,214.65	22,048.10	-	24,262.75	19,736.84
Intern Selection (Note 4)	2,694.94	-	-	2,694.94	1,066.61
Administrative and Other Expenses	1,987.45	-	-	1,987.45	5,427.19
Special Needs Allowance (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	3,500.00
Interfund Transfer – Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-	-	0
Total Expenses	\$ 88,092.20	\$ 22,048.10	\$ 465.11	\$ 110,605.41	\$ 102,372.30
Surplus/(Deficit)	Nil	\$ 1,451.90	\$ 481.49	\$ 1,933.39	\$ (357.31)

Notes to Financial Statements:

1. All cash for the Intern Development Fund is being held, on behalf of the program, by the University of Saskatchewan.
2. An account held by the Affinity Credit Union is used to manage the interns' fund-raising activities. The fund-raising activities include the annual steak night/barbecue. The funds raised through these activities are used to finance various cultural and sporting events occurring during the interns' comparative study tour. The fund-raising revenue for the steak night is reported as net of the associated steak night expenses.
3. The Program received in-kind support from the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, the Saskatchewan Transportation Company, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Travel CUTS (University of Saskatchewan), and the University of Saskatchewan. The value of this in-kind support is not included in the SLIP financial statements.
4. Intern selection expenses pertain to the travel, accommodation, and meal costs associated with interviewing candidates for the 2015 internship. These costs were incurred in 2014 by candidates and by members of the Program's selection committee.
5. The Program offers a special needs allowance for interns whose participation in the program involves expenses that would not be incurred by most students who apply for an internship. Interns must request a special needs allowance which may be granted by the Program Director to a maximum of \$500 per month of the internship. In 2013, the special needs allowance was applied towards child-care costs when one of the interns relocated from Saskatoon to Regina with a young child.
6. All interns receive, on loan, a laptop computer to conduct their internship duties. The computers remain the property of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. All information stored by the interns on the hard drives of these computers is removed at the end of each term to support the Program's confidentiality commitment to the two caucuses participating in the Program. In 2013, the four computers available to the interns were replaced.

Appendix B

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2014 ORIENTATION COMPONENT

During the orientation component of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, the 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns met with the following people:

Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Her Honour the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofeld, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

Office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker

Legislative Assembly Services

Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian
Ms. Michelle Giese, Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian
Mr. Vern Kawaleski, Special Constable
Ms. Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian
Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Randy Pidhorodetsky, Systems Analyst
Mr. Jeremy Phillips, Manager, Information Services
Mr. Bob Pilon, Special Constable
Ms. Leslie Polsom, Director of Reference Services
Mr. Greg Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel

Committees of the Legislative Assembly

Ms. Kathy Burianyk, Senior Committee Clerk
Ms. Iris Lang, Principal Clerk
Mr. Rob Park, Committee Clerk
Ms. Stacey Ursulescu, Committee Clerk

Caucus Operations

Ms. Carolyn Rebeyka, Interim Chief of Staff, Opposition Caucus
Mr. John Saltasuk, Chief of Staff, Government Caucus

Officers of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer
Mr. Tim Kydd, Senior Director, Outreach, Policy and Communications

Children's Advocate

Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate

Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Mr. Ronald Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Information and Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Provincial Auditor

Ms. Judy Ferguson, Acting Provincial Auditor

Provincial Ombudsman

Mr. Pat Lyon, Assistant Provincial Ombudsman

Ms. Janet Mirwaldt, Acting Provincial Ombudsman

Ministries and Agencies of Government

Executive Council

Mr. Rick Mantey, Cabinet Secretary and Clerk of Executive Council

Ms. Giselle Marcotte, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister to the Premier

Mr. Jason Quilliam, Chief of Protocol

Mr. Clint Repski, Senior Policy Advisor, Cabinet Planning

Mr. Graham Stewart, Executive Director, House Business and Research

Finance

Ms. Jeannette Lowe, Executive Director, Estimates

Public Service Commission

Ms. Dawna Griffith, Director, Talent Development Branch

Ms. Marlys Tafelmeyer, Assistant Chair

Other Participants

Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Mr. Dale Eisler, Senior Policy Fellow

Ms. Karen Jaster-Laforge, Interim Student Experience Officer/Outreach Program Coordinator

Mr. Jim Marshall, Senior Policy Fellow

Mr. Dan Perrins, Director of Outreach and Training

Ms. Wynne Young, Executive in Residence

Postmedia Network Inc.

Mr. Murray Mandryk, Columnist, Regina Leader-Post and Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

Saskatchewan Federation of Labour

Mr. Larry Hubich, President

Mr. Heath Smith, Communications and Research Officer

Appendix C

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2014 COMPARATIVE-STUDY TOURS

During the 2014 comparative-study tours, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns met with the following people:

Québec City

National Assembly of Québec

Hon. Jacques Chagnon, President, National Assembly

Members of the National Assembly of Québec

Hon. Geoffrey Kelly, Minister responsible for Native Affairs and MNA (Jacques-Cartier)
Mr. Gérard Deltell, House Leader for the Coalition Avenir Québec and MNA (Chauveau)

Officers of the National Assembly of Québec

Ms. Evelyn Wever, Director of Translation Services

Other Participants

Mr. Kevin Dougherty, Journalist, *The Gazette*

Ottawa

Parliamentarians of Canada

Hon. Raynell Andreychuk, Senator
Mr. Rob Clark, Member of Parliament, Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River
Hon. Lillian Dyck, Senator
Hon. Wayne Easter, Member of Parliament, Malpeque
Hon. Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages
Hon. Ralph Goodale, Member of Parliament, Wascana
Ms. Megan Leslie, Member of Parliament, Halifax
Ms. Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament, Saanich-Gulf Islands
Hon. Pana Merchant, Senator
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Speaker
Mr. Brad Trost, Member of Parliament, Saskatoon Humboldt

Officers and Officials of Parliament

Mr. Michael Ferguson, Auditor General of Canada
Ms. Audrey O'Brien, Clerk, House of Commons
Mr. Charles Robert, Principal Clerk of the Senate

Supreme Court of Canada

Hon. Mr. Justice Marshall Rothstein, Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court

Other Participants

Mr. Anthony Polci, Vice-President, Government Relations, Canadian Bankers Association
Mr. Denis Prouse, Lobbyist, Crop Life Canada

Edinburgh

Scottish Parliament

Mr. Kevin Donnelly, Student Placement, Scottish Parliament Information Centre
Ms. Susan Duffy, Group Head of Committees
Mr. Tom Edwards, Senior Research Specialist, Scottish Parliament Information Centre
Mr. Stewart Gilfillan, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. Nick Hawthorne, Senior Assistant Clerk, Rural Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment Committee
Mr. Ken Hughes, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. Jim Johnston, Clerk, Finance Committee
Ms. Emma MacDonald, Digital Parliament Change Manager
Mr. Andrew Mylne, Clerk, Referendum Committee
Mr. Andy O'Neil, Head, Office Scotland – Electoral Commission
Ms. Mary Riddell, Assistant Clerk/Chief Executive
Mr. Terry Shevlin, Senior Assistant Clerk, Education and Culture Committee
Mr. Neil Stewart, Assistant Clerk, Justice Committee
Ms. Lynn Tullis, Clerk, Rural Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment Committee
Mr. Simon Watkins, Clerk, Welfare Reform Committee
Ms. Tracey White, Clerk, Legislation Committee
Ms. Katherine Wright, Assistant Clerk, Business Team

London

Adults Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission

Mr. Peter Brant, Head of Policy

Officers and Officials of the Palace of Westminster

Ms. Megan Conway, Clerk, Legislation Office, House of Lords
Ms. Georgie Holmes-Skelton, Printing, Public Bills Office
Ms. Tracey Jessup, Deputy Principal Clerk, Table Office
Mr. Phil Jones, Committee Specialist, Scottish Affairs Select Committee
Mr. Zac Mead, International Relations Officer, Overseas Office, House of Commons
Mr. Crispin Poyser, Clerk, Overseas Office, House of Commons

City of London

Mr. Simon Rees, Senior International Relations Officer, Mayor's Office

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Ms. Arlene Bussette, Assistant Director, Programs
Ms. Luseane Chesham, Executive Assistant to Secretary-General
Ms. Fatmata Kamara, Assistant Director, Finance
Mr. Joe Omorodion, Director, Finance and Administration

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Ms. Reena Dusila, Assistant Desk Officer, U.S. & Canada Teams

Mr. David Gardham, Desk Officer, NATO Summit

Mr. Theowan Gilmour, Stabilization, Protection and Peacebuilding Team, Conflict Department

Mr. Lawrence Jenkins, Desk Officer, Commonwealth and Human Rights

Mr. Jonathan Knight, Team Leader, Canada

Mr. Stuart Mills, North America and NATO Team

Ms. Vicky Reed, North America and NATO Team

Mr. Dan Wilson, Deputy Team Leader, Country Engagement, Climate Change and Energy Department

High Commission of Canada

Ms. Gillian Licari, Political Officer

Mr. Rouben Khatchadourian, Counsellor (Political)

Mr. Mark Richardson, Counsellor (Commercial)

Scotland Office

Ms. Kate Egner, Senior Policy Advisor, Constitutional Policy

Ms. Laura Crawford, Head, Constitutional Policy

University of London

Professor Philip Murphy, Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Appendix D

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2014 Northern Saskatchewan Tour

During their tour of northern Saskatchewan, the 2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns met with the following people:

La Ronge

Mr. Alan Adam, Dene Language Interpreter and Translator
Ms. Martina Cain, Principal, Churchill Community High School
Aldersperson Erin Carter, Northern Town of La Ronge
Mr. Earl Cook, Culture and Languages Coordinator, NORTEP/NORPAC
Ms. Denise Legebokoff, Psychiatric Nurse, La Ronge Health District
Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, Lac La Ronge Indian Band
Mayor Thomas Sierzycki, Northern Town of La Ronge

Stony Rapids and Black Lake First Nation

Ms. Terry-Lynn Beavereye, Business Manager, Black Lake First Nation
Mayor Daniel Powder, Hamlet of Stony Rapids
Aldersperson Connie Mercredi, Hamlet of Stony Rapids
Mr. Brendon Smith, Conservation Officer, Stony Rapids
Corporal Jacqueline Spence, Stony Rapids RCMP Detachment

