
**SUBMISSION TO
the Members of the
Legislative Assembly
of Saskatchewan,
Crown and Central
Agencies Committee**

***Respecting: Bill No. 1
The Crown Corporations
Public Ownership
Amendment Act, 2016***

**SASKATCHEWAN
FEDERATION
OF LABOUR**

JUNE 9, 2016



**To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan,
Crown and Central Agencies Committee:**

Submission respecting: *Bill No. 1 — The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016* in accordance with section 5(1) of *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*.

We submit this brief on behalf of 100,000 members of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour. The SFL represents working women and men across this province and we are strongly opposed to the privatization of any our own crown corporations and public utilities.

We fully endorse and support the submissions of the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union, and of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Saskatchewan Branch.

Currently, the government has introduced legislation to facilitate the sale of 40 publicly owned Liquor Stores. Each of the 40 stores slated for privatization have long proven to be profitable for the people of Saskatchewan. In fact, in the most recent data we have seen each of them has contributed profits to the government of Saskatchewan.¹

We have already seen four liquor stores that have been sold (Ponteix, Kerrobert, Langenburg and Ituna), with devastating effects to those communities.

Publicly owned liquor stores are vital to smaller communities in rural Saskatchewan.

Having good paying, family supporting, permanent jobs in these towns and cities contributes in many ways to keep these communities and the province as a whole, strong.

We know that the profits from liquor stores is spent making life better for families and communities by funding schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities, provincial parks, highways and much more. As a province we simply cannot afford to lose this revenue. Combined, the income from the stores slated for closure is 32.6 million dollars (Most recent data – 2014).

¹ Saskatchewan Public Liquor Stores slated for privatization (Source: Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union), document attached

There is no logical reason to sell these stores. We urge you to act now to stop this. Owning our crown corporations is what makes Saskatchewan the strong and vibrant province that is it.

Our Crowns are a very important part of our history and we owe it to future generations to keep them publicly owned.

We have seen countless times in other provinces where privatization has failed.² The negative impact has been well researched and documented.

http://keepliquorpublic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Down_the_drain.pdf

http://keepliquorpublic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/A_Sober_Reminder.pdf

<http://keepliquorpublic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/A-Profitable-Brew.pdf>

http://keepliquorpublic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Impaired_Judgement_Oct2012.pdf

The Government of Saskatchewan has simply not made a defensible business case to divest of these valuable and contributing public assets. The government's inability to produce credible evidence-based analysis to support even their assertion that this ill-conceived privatization initiative will be revenue neutral, underlines that the action is ideologically motivated.

At a time when our province is under tremendous financial strain, due to significant revenue shortfalls attributable to the resource sector, makes the privatization of public liquor stores all the more irresponsible and reckless.

² Source: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Saskatchewan Branch

Saskatchewan Public Liquor Stores slated for privatization

Location	Net Income 2014	Leased/Owned (Build date)	Operating Costs (5-year average)
Saskatoon 20th Street	\$863,770.00	Leased	20.01%
Gull Lake	\$265,977.00	Owned (1978)	18.97%
Foam Lake	\$390,966.00	Owned (1981)	18.69%
Leader	\$252,378.00	Owned (1979)	17.83%
Wilkie	\$326,181.00	Owned (1979)	17.52%
Lanigan	\$376,168.00	Leased	17.26%
Waskesiu	\$444,818.00	Leased	16.96%
Kelvington	\$456,725.00	Owned (1977)	16.85%
Stoughton	\$384,889.00	Leased	16.46%
Gravelbourg	\$496,444.00	Owned (2003)	15.85%
Carrot River	\$305,005.00	Leased	15.57%
Watson	\$435,072.00	Owned (1981)	15.21%
Kipling	\$456,356.00	Owned (1953)	14.94%
Regina Broad Street	\$1,703,384.00	Owned (1982)	14.93%
Hudson Bay	\$560,206.00	Owned (1977)	14.59%
Wadena	\$612,941.00	Owned (1981)	14.43%
Broadview	\$358,627.00	Owned (1958)	14.12%
Davidson	\$377,010.00	Owned (1960)	14.04%
Indian Head	\$639,262.00	Leased	14.00%
Raymore	\$460,869.00	Leased	13.77%
Outlook	\$685,740.00	Leased	13.69%
Melfort	\$2,271,447.00	Leased	13.40%
Shaunovan	\$703,079.00	Owned (1980)	13.27%
Preeceville	\$514,812.00	Owned (1980)	13.26%
Rosthern	\$572,694.00	Leased	13.07%
St. Walburg	\$472,216.00	Owned (1978)	12.77%
Wakaw	\$498,856.00	Owned (1980)	12.66%
Maple Creek	\$699,313.00	Owned (1980)	12.55%
Battleford	\$786,673.00	Leased	12.45%
Unity	\$715,852.00	Owned (1979)	12.39%
Lloydminster	\$704,217.00	Owned (1979)	12.36%
Tisdale	\$1,129,339.00	Owned (1978)	12.34%
Kindersley	\$2,102,301.00	Owned (2005)	12.22%
Wynyard	\$670,376.00	Owned (1980)	12.17%
Rosetown	\$866,644.00	Owned (1981)	11.95%
Shellbrook	\$719,872.00	Owned (1982)	11.86%
Kamsack	\$836,028.00	Owned (1980)	11.52%
Melville	\$1,210,384.00	Owned (1979)	11.42%
Canora	\$826,101.00	Owned (1980)	11.16%
Saskatoon Market Mall	\$5,479,474.00	Leased	10.40%
	\$32,632,466.00		