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Getting things done in Saskatchewan

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OTTAWA – Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott says Canada’s new government is getting things done by providing the Government of Saskatchewan with an additional \$108.1 million to invest in public transit, post secondary education and affordable and aboriginal housing. These federal government funds are part of Bill C-48.

Bill C-48 authorizes the federal government to make payments to the provinces and territories this year and next when the federal surplus exceeds \$2 billion.

Saskatchewan will receive the following funding, which includes:

- \$27.2 million for public transit;
- \$30.3 million for post-secondary education;
- \$24.2 million for affordable housing; and
- 26.4 million for off-reserve aboriginal housing.

Vellacott said, “The provinces and territories were provided with a set of general operating principles, encouraging investments in much needed capital projects.”

Possible areas of investment include:

- **Public transit** – rapid transit capital assets and rolling stock, Intelligent Transportation Systems, or High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.
- **Post secondary education** – modernizing classrooms, laboratories and research facilities, updating training equipment, developing interactive library technologies and facilities or enhancing distance-learning technologies.
- **Affordable housing** – building new affordable rental units or increasing the supply of transitional and supportive housing.

Vellacott concluded: “Because, at the end of the day, how this \$108.1 million is spent rests entirely with the provincial government, I encourage everyone to write or call your Member of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly to let him or her know what you would like to see on the priority list.”