

What are your comments on the current tobacco control strategy Building a Healthy Saskatchewan and what is the position of The Green Party of Saskatchewan with respect to its funding?

The Green Party of Saskatchewan believes that healthy air, water and food should be available to all Saskatchewan citizens, thus we would ban all cigarette sales in all medical facilities & pharmacies. We would immediately double the \$1 million spent on the provincial tobacco control strategy, with the goal to make additional funding available further to that. The Green Party of Saskatchewan supports the research and priorities of the Canadian Cancer Society as it pertains to preventative strategies amongst those most at risk. To this end, Building a Healthy Saskatchewan is an important step toward affecting positive change in health policy at the provincial level.

What is the position of The Green Party of Saskatchewan with respect to phasing out the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides in the province?

Again, The Green Party of Saskatchewan believes in the prevention of illness, and the right of all to healthy food, clean water, and clean air. This is abundantly important when between 6 and 8 out of 10 people believe cosmetic pesticide use to be dangerous to their health. The use of cosmetic pesticides has already been banned in five provinces and The Green Party of Saskatchewan supports the adoption of similar policies banning pesticides in urban centers for a start, with a view toward greater research into commercial pesticide use and its effect on the health of those nearby. This is an achievable goal in need of very little phasing- just immediate action.

What is the position of The Green Party of Saskatchewan with respect to restricting youth under the age of 18 from using indoor tanning equipment?

The Green Party of Saskatchewan supports preventative health care, considering social, economic and environmental factors. With that said, it must be pointed out that it is youth between the ages of 15 to 30 who are at risk of developing Melanoma due in part to greater use of tanning beds- which is a social phenomena. The Green Party of Saskatchewan would increase greater awareness campaigning amongst the young population concerning health risks involved in using indoor tanning equipment, supporting the Canadian Cancer Society through specific grants. And, yes, The Green Party of Saskatchewan supports restricting youth under the age of 18 from using indoor tanning equipment.