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A Special Election Issue for United Steelworkers

**ELECTION DAY
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Ryan Meili *Standing Up for Steel*

**SPECIAL
SASKATCHEWAN
ELECTION ISSUE**



STEELWORKERS VOTE

It's Time to Put Steelworkers First

OCTOBER 26 IS ELECTION DAY and it's time we connect the bargaining table with the ballot box. It's time to stand up for Steelworkers jobs in Saskatchewan.

Over the years, we have seen how government legislation can have a negative impact on our workplaces. And right now, workers are being affected by "austerity" measures resulting in the stripping of gains won through collective bargaining and even job loss.

We cannot forget that when we are at the bargaining table there are three parties – the union, the employer and the government. To level the playing field, it's important to have voices that support workers within all levels of government.

You wouldn't elect your bosses as union representatives – so why would you elect them to represent your interests in the Saskatchewan Legislature?

We are proud to support two Steelworkers seeking office in this provincial election – Malik Draz, President of USW Local 2014, who is running in Saskatoon Westview and Jennifer Bowes, from USW Local 5917, who is running in Saskatoon University. Both are strong candidates with progressive values who will put workers first.

Together, through our collective strength, we will convince governments and businesses to stand up and fight for Steelworkers jobs and the health and safety of all workers.

Now it's up to us. It's more important than ever to get out and vote and make our voices heard. Let's make sure our future is protected by electing Ryan Meili and the Saskatchewan NDP.

Get active. Get involved. Get out and vote. Steelworkers Vote.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Hunt
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RYAN HAS SPENT HIS LIFE FIGHTING FOR A BETTER FUTURE and getting things done.

Before his election in 2017, he worked in Saskatoon as a physician and as an advocate for health-care investments. He has called Saskatoon home for more than 20 years.

Standing Up For Steel

USW members in Western Canada make the highest-quality steel pipe in the world to the highest environmental standards. Ryan has defended Steelworkers jobs, calling on all levels of government to use Canadian steel made in Saskatchewan.

Protecting Public Safety

Ryan has committed to improving pipeline safety and creating jobs by introducing expiry dates for pipelines. There are more than 100,000 kilometres of pipelines and flowlines in Saskatchewan and many are old and should be replaced. Implementing expiry dates for pipelines will help protect jobs and create new construction jobs across the province.

Reviewing Potash Royalties

In contrast to the Sask. Party's failure to review potash royalties, Ryan will review how royalties are structured to ensure the system is fair for potash producers and the people of Saskatchewan.

Raising the Minimum Wage

Life has been getting harder for families and many are living paycheque to paycheque. Ryan will deliver a \$15 minimum wage within his first term. When workers earn enough to meet their families' needs, everyone does better, including local businesses.

Supporting Unionized Workers

Ryan knows the importance of supporting unionized workers. He will restore balance to labour legislation to ensure workers can join unions, achieve safe workplaces and get fair contracts. Ryan is committed to introducing pay equity legislation to ensure equal pay for equal work and to provisions for 10 paid sick days.

Fighting for Crown Corporations

Ryan has fought against the cuts and privatization of Crowns and will protect and strengthen Saskatchewan Crowns that are the pride of the people of Saskatchewan.

Ryan Meili is committed to making Saskatchewan a place where everyone has a chance to succeed. ■

Ryan Meili – on our side.



RYAN MEILI
Stands Up for Steelworkers

UNITED STEELWORKERS



STEELWORKERS ARE MAKING A D

AFTER IMMIGRATING TO CANADA from Pakistan, **Malik Draz** worked hard to create a stable life for his family. He worked multiple jobs in various industries, just to pay the bills – a reality for too many working families in Saskatchewan.

As a taxi cab driver, Malik saw too many drivers experiencing physical and verbal abuse every day on the job. After becoming frustrated with employers not treating taxi drivers fairly, Malik knew the best way to make change was with a union.

Malik reached out to the United Steelworkers to fight for safer working conditions for taxi drivers. He was elected to the Bargaining Committee to negotiate the first collective agreement for taxi drivers in Saskatoon.

Over the years, Malik has witnessed the difference that union representation makes for workers. He helped create the USW District 3 Taxi Workers Council and the fight for equality and fairness has inspired him to seek to make a difference in the lives of all workers.

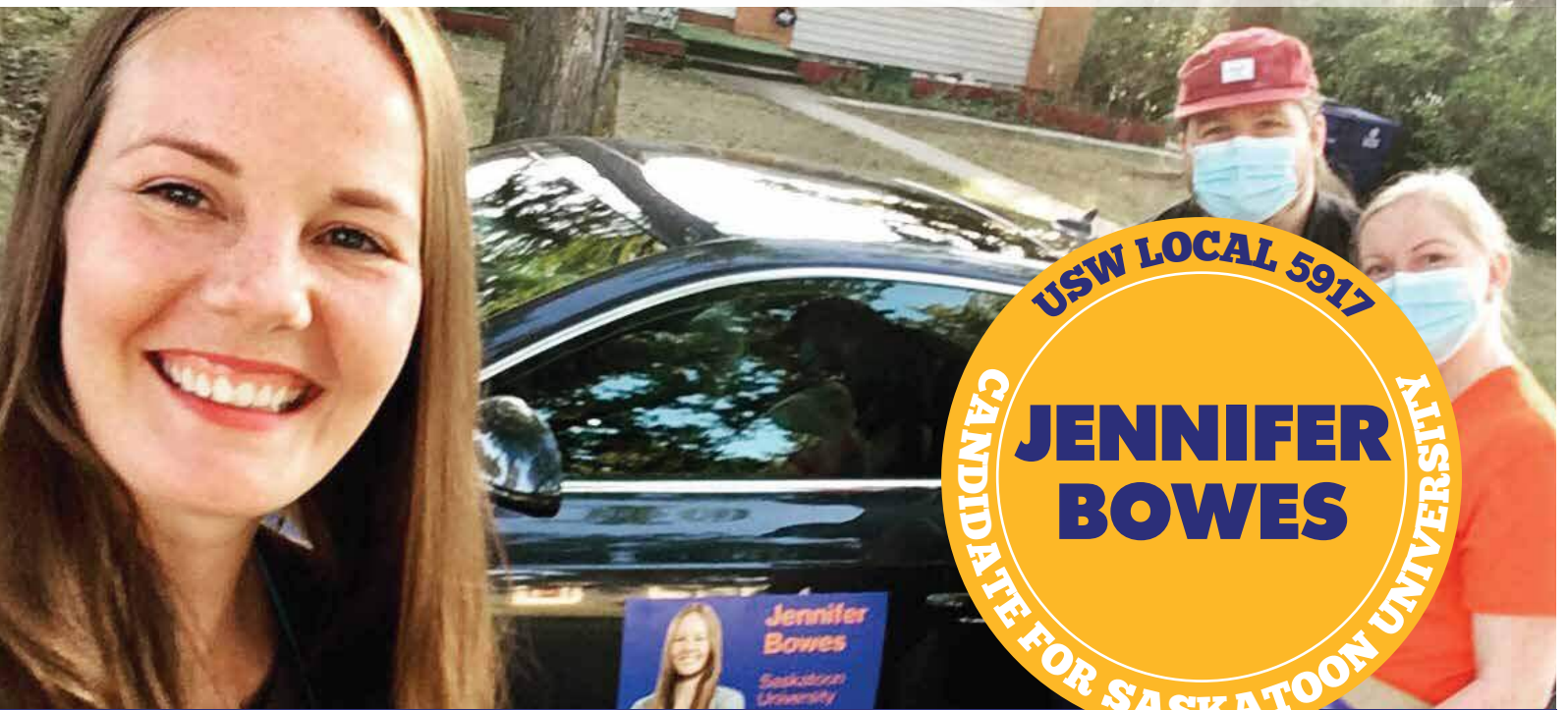
Malik has proven to be a strong and respected leader, first elected Vice-President of USW Local 2014 and later President. He was invited to participate in the prestigious four-year USW International Leadership Development Scholarship program in Pittsburgh. He is also the Chair of the Political Action Committee of the USW Area Council of Saskatoon.

“Malik has been a leader fighting for the rights of all workers in Saskatchewan. He will be a strong voice for workers and he will continue to improve the lives of working people and their families.”

– *Darrin Kruger, USW Staff Representative*

Through his union activism, Malik realized the fight for workers' rights is also a political struggle, at all levels of government. Encouraged by his colleagues, friends and family, he was inspired to put his name forward to run as MLA for Saskatoon Westview.

If his hard work and dedication are any indication, we know Malik can win back Saskatoon Westview for the NDP and that he will be a strong voice for workers and their families. ■



DIFFERENCE IN SASKATCHEWAN

THROUGH HER WORK WITH THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL Services and the Ministry of Corrections, Jennifer Bowes has seen many social inequalities in our society. She wanted to do more for people, but often encountered government policies that stood in the way of making meaningful change in people's lives.

A strong advocate for women, Jennifer served as Vice-President of the board of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan. Here, she worked to promote the rights of women involved in the justice system.

Jennifer joined the labour movement to fight for meaningful change and to advance the goals of all workers. She has demonstrated her commitment to improve working conditions for the people of Saskatchewan, assisting frontline workers in health care, grocery stores and credit unions.

Jennifer's passion for social justice has included working overseas with a human rights organization in Burma (Myanmar). She worked with Cuso International as a gender advisor to empower women to seek positions of leadership within their communities.

After returning home, Jennifer joined SEIU-West as a union representative advocating for health-care workers across Saskatchewan. Her activism with USW Local 5917 led to her participation in Steelworkers Vote training during the last federal election and with Women of Steel and her Local's Political Action Committee.

After years of advocating for vulnerable groups and the working class, seeking political office is a logical step for Jennifer. She was the NDP candidate in Saskatoon University in 2016 and is running again in 2020 to become the MLA for this district.

"Jennifer has a deep passion for fighting for social equality and social justice. She is a strong voice for all and believes in lifting everyone up. She will make a great MLA for the people of Saskatchewan."

– Paul Chevrier, President USW Local 5917

Jennifer is strongly committed to advancing the interests of all, by fighting for legislative changes, improving labour rights and bridging the divide of social inequality in our society. ■

WE DON'T NEED "MOE" STATUS QUO

After 13 years, Scott Moe and the Sask. Party have lost their way.



Scott Moe continues to spend billions of dollars awarding public-sector contracts to international companies instead of creating jobs and opportunities within Saskatchewan.

What's clear is that Moe's Sask. Party has NO PLAN to get us through the next four years, only discredited ideas:

- "Moe" Cuts
- "Moe" Privatization
- "Moe" Crown Sell-offs
- "Moe" for his Wealthy Friends

As families fall further behind, the Sask. Party has maintained the lowest minimum wage in the country. A measly 13 cents-an-hour increase on October 1, just before the election, does nothing to recognize the value of so many Saskatchewan workers, including our frontline heroes in this pandemic.

Moe refuses to commit to using Saskatchewan steel in replacement lines for SaskEnergy. He continues to turn his back on Canadian steel for major infrastructure projects by purchasing steel from offshore companies.

Moe's Sask. Party is taking our province down the wrong road. With four more years of "austerity" under a Sask. Party government, people can expect deeper cuts for our kids and to our health-care system.

In times like these, we can't afford another Scott Moe status quo government. ■

Scott Moe Sask. Party

- ✗ Letting people down
- ✗ Putting rich and wealthy friends first
- ✗ Sending big contracts and jobs away
- ✗ Cutting services
- ✗ Satisfied with status quo

Ryan Meili Saskatchewan NDP

- ✓ Building people up
- ✓ Putting families first
- ✓ Putting workers and local business first
- ✓ More investments for people
- ✓ Knows we can do better



Ryan Meili

Putting People First

Saskatchewan Steelworkers,

We've been through a lot in the last few months and we have shown what Saskatchewan people are made of when we work and fight together.

Now is the time for a full recovery plan to move Saskatchewan forward. The focus has to be on investing in people because the Sask. Party's tired old playbook of cuts will only hurt people and slow our recovery.

I am proud to put forward our "People-First Recovery Plan" that focuses on building a healthy society, powered by a strong and diversified economy.

Our plan outlines three areas for creating a brighter future for our province:

- 1. People First** – investments in people that will strengthen the economy.
- 2. Grow Local** – ensuring that Saskatchewan companies and workers lead the recovery.
- 3. Future Focus** – harnessing the innovation that will power a strong and diversified economy for future generations.

For a brighter future in Saskatchewan, we need to invest in people and ensure that Saskatchewan companies and workers are leading our recovery.

That is why I called for action to defend jobs in Canadian steel. We cannot have a province where hundreds and hundreds of jobs are in danger at local steel mills.

"For a brighter future in Saskatchewan, we need to invest in people."

Hardworking families are being left behind by the federal government, and Scott Moe is doing nothing to put Saskatchewan workers first.

If I am elected Premier on October 26, I will push Justin Trudeau to deliver **a fair deal for workers that ensures Canadian steel is used for major infrastructure projects in Canada**, including the crucial pipelines that are necessary to get our oil and gas resources to market.

We must use our companies, our workers, and our products – grown, mined and manufactured right here in Saskatchewan – when we are investing in infrastructure projects in our province. In the last ten years, the ten biggest infrastructure projects under the Sask. Party have gone to companies outside of Saskatchewan and even outside of Canada. We can and must do better.

On October 26, let's join together to rebuild and renew to make the lives of Saskatchewan people a little easier and a lot better. Let's start by putting people first, and by putting Steelworkers first.

In solidarity,

Ryan Meili

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VOTING SAFELY DURING COVID-19



The October 26, 2020 election will be different than past elections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Elections Saskatchewan has implemented new processes and safety measures to protect voters.

How to vote

- 1. In-person** on election day: Your voter information card will detail your assigned voting location for October 26. Election day is the last day to vote. Polls on election day are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 2. In-person** during advance voting: There are five days of advance voting to be held October 20-24. Your voter information card will detail the recommended polling location for you. Advance voting polls are open from noon to 8 p.m.
- 3. Vote by mail:** All voters are eligible to vote by mail. This is a two-step process that involves applying for a vote-by-mail ballot.

Under the Saskatchewan Election Act, an employee who is eligible to vote must be allowed three consecutive hours to cast their ballot. The employer, upon request, must allow the employee enough time off with pay to make up three consecutive hours to vote.

For the first time in a Saskatchewan election, any voter can choose to receive their voter information card by text or email rather than regular postal mail.

Learn more about your voting options at www.elections.sk.ca.

On October 26, elect Ryan Meili and the Saskatchewan NDP.



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