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Saskatchewan Party gearing for fall campaign 🗳️

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Saskatchewan Party leader Brad Wall shared his new vision for the province at the Three B's- Beans, Beef and Brad supper in Swift Current on Tuesday.

"We need a different vision for the province of Saskatchewan than we have," Wall said to a sold out crowd at the Legion Hall. "We have NDP cabinet ministers sort of marginalizing the importance of population growth. An NDP minister saying when people leave Saskatchewan there is more left for the rest of us. It's unbelievable! Even (Premier Lorne) Mr. Calvert said well we are always going to be in and out of equalization. That's not a vision worthy of the province.

"We need to have a vision that we would be a permanent member of the club, that we would be growing, attracting people and all of that is reasonable given our amazing resources in the Southwest."

The SaskParty message is going strong all throughout the Southwest and Wall noted it builds momentum for the upcoming election.

"Well it's important to have momentum going into an election. The NDP, lately, has kind of lost its way and may not be providing the kind of Government we need here in Saskatchewan. They are still very good at politics - very good at politics. So we have to be ready to fight the campaign and these kind of things build momentum towards that."

Wall says the SaskParty is already prepared and ready to go for a possible fall election.

"We are nominated in all but four of the 58 constituencies. We have got the funding in place. Great candidates right across the province. Our incumbents are ready. It will be a tough campaign but we will be ready when he calls it."

Wall feels the election will be called in the fall, but says they will be prepared and ready to go any time the election date is revealed. He added that the public should not have to wait for an election to be called at the whim of the premier.

"It's a good question. It is asked everywhere we go. I hope one day in Saskatchewan we won't have to ask that question. We believe in set elections we believe we should have them every four years on a date, people will know the date by which they can hire or fire the government and the Saskatchewan Party will make that change. In the meantime were left to guess. I'm thinking fall but we are ready for any other scenario."

Wall was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan as the MLA for Swift Current in 1999, and re-elected in 2003. He became leader of the Official Opposition Saskatchewan Party on March 15, 2004.

Wall was pleased to see the sold out crowd in his home riding.

"It was a great crowd, we're very grateful for that."

"I think it's been over 20 (banquets) since February, these kind of events across the province that I've been speaking at and its just great to be home. To know everyone here, it was a great welcome."

Wall, who has been going around the province getting ready for a much-anticipated campaign, says crowds have been growing from previous years.

"We have had our biggest ever crowd in Regina last week. We had 1,200 people. That's the biggest sit down dinner anyone has ever had, politics or otherwise. In Saskatoon, 900 when we were traditionally getting 600. Places like Cupar 270, Limerick 240, and really good crowds. New people that are not members of the party are wanting to come and see what we are offering. We are grateful for that and happy that we can have that happen here in Swift Current, my home town."

Wall, who was born and raised in Swift Current, thanked his family and wife Tami for the full support they have given the career path he has decided to take since becoming the Official Leader of the Opposition in March 2004.

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