

# ISSUE IN FOCUS



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## Support for the Clarence Campeau Development Fund

### Background:

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) recently launched an Indigenous Engagement Charter in early 2020 that has shown great promise and support from the businesses across the province. A key goal of the Charter is to have businesses in all sectors increase their procurement and partnership with Indigenous businesses.

The Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) plays an invaluable role in building business in Saskatchewan. With more Metis businesses operating because of CCDF, Charter Signatories and the Saskatchewan business community also benefit by having greater options available to them. In addition, both First Nations and Metis-owned businesses have an excellent track record of hiring Indigenous workers.

### Issue:

The current challenge in long-term funding for CCDF has important implications. Fewer Metis businesspeople will be able to start, sustain or expand their businesses, ultimately translating into a loss for the Saskatchewan economy. Many qualified Metis businesses operate in the sectors of mining, forestry, and national resources – all sectors highlighted in the Saskatchewan Growth Plan for growth – and will be affected by the challenges currently faced by CCDF.

### Recommendations:

1. That the Ministry of Finance consider retaining this important service for Metis businesspeople.

### History:

Letter to Minister of Trade & Export Development 2020