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## From a Provincial Point of View

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### SASKATCHEWAN MOURNS THE LOSS OF JACK LAYTON

Saskatchewan people join with all Canadians in mourning the loss of national NDP Leader Jack Layton, who died today following a battle with cancer. I join with Premier Brad Wall and my colleagues to express deepest sympathy to Mr. Layton's wife Olivia Chow and their entire family.

"You couldn't help but admire Jack Layton's spirit," Wall said. "To find the physical and emotional strength to lead a successful national election campaign while fighting cancer - that will be remembered as one of the truly remarkable accomplishments in Canadian politics. And his spirit did not waver. Even at his final public appearance last month, he remained optimistic, hopeful and dedicated to public service."

The flags at the Saskatchewan Legislature will fly at half-mast until Layton's funeral and a condolence book will be set up in the rotunda of the Legislature for citizens to provide messages to Layton's family.

### BOOK OF CONDOLENCE FOR FAMILY OF JACK LAYTON AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the public wishing to express their sympathies to the family of Jack Layton may do so by signing a book of condolence located in the rotunda of the Legislative Building in Regina. Those unable to sign the book in person can send their message directly to [condolence@gov.sk.ca](mailto:condolence@gov.sk.ca), or through the Office of the Provincial Secretary's website at [www.ops.gov.sk.ca](http://www.ops.gov.sk.ca).

Layton passed away on Monday, August 22, 2011 following a battle with cancer. Since 2003 he served as leader of the federal New Democratic Party, and led the NDP to Official Opposition status after the federal election in May 2011.