

How to Lobby Your Local MLA and MP

Provincial Lobbying – Saskatchewan

Process for contacting your local MLA for the provincial government:

1. Go to <https://www.elections.sk.ca/voters/gis/>
2. In the search bar under ADDRESS LOOKUP enter your full address and click the 'submit' button – the constituency information should appear
3. Click on the link under the MLAs name to redirect you to their contact information on the <https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/mlas/> page where you will find their:
 - a. First and Last Name
 - b. Name of Constituency
 - c. Political Party
 - d. Contact Information: Their email address will be listed on the bottom right corner of this biography page.

Our ask – What you should include in your email (Provincial)

1. The note should include that you are a constituent
2. Be to the point, firm and direct. Do not worry about it being lengthy, use your own words – this will come across as authentic. Speak from the heart.
 - a. The SCA is asking two things of our provincial government at this time:
 - i. Proactive communication between the government and our camps regarding guidelines and expectations for summer 2021 as we need to have as much clarity as possible about mandated expectations before registration and hiring opens in December/January for many of our camps.
 - ii. For direct financial support for overnight camps due to the mandated closure by our government
3. Ask that they follow up with you, e.g. "I look forward to hearing from you on this matter."
4. Remember to state the facts and ask for a solution - write with kindness.
5. CC the Saskatchewan Camps Association (director@saskcamps.ca), so it is clear you are working in conjunction with us.

Federal Lobbying

Process for contacting your local MP for the federal government:

1. Go to <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en>
2. In the search bar under FIND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT enter your postal code and click the 'search' icon – the MP's info should appear
3. Click on the MP's name – this will take you to their page which will have their picture and the following information
 - a. Their first and last name
 - b. Their political affiliation
 - c. Their constituency
 - d. The province they are based in

- e. Their preferred language
4. Click the 'Contact' tab to see their details – their email should be available

Writing to your MP for federal efforts:

1. The note should include that you are a constituent
2. Be to the point, firm and direct. Do not worry about it being lengthy, use your own words – this will come across as authentic.
 - a. The CCA is asking for a direct financial sustainability fund for camps across Canada
3. Ask that they follow up with you, e.g. “I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.”
4. Remember to state the facts and ask for a solution. Do not write with an angry tone.
5. CC the Canadian Camping Association (president@ccamping.org) so it is clear you are working in conjunction with them.

Success! You have just lobbied your provincial MLA and federal MP and brought your camp needs to their attention