

Lloydminster, situated on the border of Alberta & Saskatchewan has been working under a special Charter .. since 1934 ... very similar to a mini TILMA. Lloydminster is living proof that it can work, but only because there has been a will to make it work.

- Lloydminster has learned to do business in a different way than anywhere else in Canada. We have worked very hard to not let the border divide our City. Not everyone is happy all of the time, but most importantly there is a framework to make it work .. and that is our Lloydminster Charter as well as other agreements that we have negotiated with both provinces.
- When you move out of the City however, even by ½ mile, doing cross border trade and business between Saskatchewan and other provinces has many barriers.
- Lloydminster has learned to work with the Education and Health Care Systems where funding is provided by both provinces, but the systems are managed by one province. Begs the questions however, about the equity of funding and the efficiency of the systems. However, Lloydminster has made it work, even if it isn't perfect, because of the will to make it work.
- Without some kind of framework, decisions and discussions are based on rhetoric and ideology rather than on a framework that deals with issues as they arise. Opportunities are lost while we sit on the sidelines.
- Tire re-cycling program
- Electronics re-cycling program
- Protectionism doesn't work. We have to find better ways to do business across borders most particularly in Canada.
- Reconciliation allows people to stay where they are rather than forcing them to leave and find a more business friendly place to do business.
- Partnering with neighboring provinces, under a negotiated agreement will not cause out migration. In fact the opposite has been true. Losing workers to other jurisdictions is happening right now. It could have the opposite effect. If there was free movement of professionals and trades people between provinces, folks may decide they prefer to live in one province and work in another. This could be a benefit to Saskatchewan. It would certainly work very well in Lloydminster.
- There is no reason why provinces couldn't or shouldn't retain many of their own structures as it pertains to taxes, social programs and the like, but let's at least explore other possibilities and options for opening up Trade, and Labour mobility and put into place a framework for working out some of these differences. Saskatchewan could have the most to gain from an agreement with other western provinces that would see freer mobility of workers. It also has the most to lose if we sit on the sidelines and go forward with protectionist policies.

- Perhaps the elimination of existing barriers could help to solve the underground activity for such things as the movement of animals, food, alcohol. Would it eliminate the current underground work being performed by trades and professionals who may not have the proper accreditation for each jurisdiction?
- Nationally and internationally we recognize one drivers license and one vehicle registration when we are a visitor traveling across Canada or abroad. Could some of these practices be applied to other areas.
- Reconciliation and recognition of the regulations for trades people and professionals could benefit Saskatchewan. Right now people are choosing to live and work in other provinces because Saskatchewan doesn't make it easy for them to live and work in Saskatchewan. No place is that more evident than in Lloydminster. We only have to look at the growth of the City to the west of the border to see very clearly what is happening. If Saskatchewan doesn't sign on to TILMA we will continue to be an isolated province that is not taken seriously by other western provinces. The credibility of Saskatchewan as a have province will be overlooked or unrecognized and opportunities will be lost. Will we join the modern world or be passed by?
- There is a lot to be learned from the Lloydminster experience. We hope that this committee will seriously consider joining TILMA. It would be very good for Saskatchewan, regardless of what the trade unions might tell you.