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## “Saskatchewan, the next Norway?”

“Only four decades ago, Norway was considered a bit of a backwater in Scandinavia. It lagged behind its Scandinavian neighbours in per capita wealth, education attainment and other economic and social indicators. It had a significantly higher rural population and an economy reliant on traditional industries such as fisheries and agriculture... Today, Norway is viewed as one of the best countries in the world in which to live... Norwegians have high life expectancy, almost no poverty, low levels of unemployment and high levels of education attainment. The country’s vibrant economy, mostly known for its petroleum wealth, is more diversified than most realize.”

“Saskatchewan has the core elements and opportunities needed to become the next Norway, with a high standard of living, equality of opportunity, carefully planned resource development and long-term economic stability. Achieving these goals will not be easy. Norway shows what is possible through smart policy decisions and the strategic use and investment of natural resource revenue.”

### Can Saskatchewan become another Norway?

In this talk, Dr Poelzer will discuss the similarities between the Norwegian and Saskatchewan economies, and the important lessons to be learnt from policy decisions made by the Norwegian government over the past 30 years.

Among his many works, Dr Poelzer has published two key articles on the subject of this talk: Saskatchewan Vikings, published in *Policy Options* (March 2013) by the Institute for Research on Public Policy; and, What Crisis? Global Lessons from Norway for Managing Energy-Based Economies, published in *Commentary* (February 2015) by the MacDonald-Laurier Institute.

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