

Calvert wants Conservatives to honour deals [CA-SK] ^[1]

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Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert is encouraging the new Conservative government to honour Liberal government commitments that had previously been made on aboriginal issues and a national child care program.

"I would encourage Mr. Harper ... to maintain some of the good work that has been accomplished between the provinces and the national government, regardless of whether that happened to be a Liberal government or not," he said.

In the year leading up to Monday's election, the federal government rolled out a \$5 billion, five-year child care plan and a \$5 billion deal with aboriginal groups to spend more to boost the living standards of aboriginal people.

The Conservatives have promised a different child care plan that involves giving Canadians money back to make their own decisions about child care. They have also said although they support the spirit of the aboriginal agreement, the details will change.

Calvert said he's been told the Conservative will honour the child-care agreement in the first year, but years two and three are in question.

Calvert was also urging the Conservatives to make good on their election promise to change the equalization formula as soon as possible.

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