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Introduction

CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. BUT YOU HAVE TO VOTE FOR IT.

We are living in a moment of profound disruption. From climate disasters to rising authoritarianism, from hospitals stretched past capacity to housing costs that defy logic — people feel the ground shifting beneath their feet. And they're being told to put their faith in "stability," to trust that the same institutions that created this crisis will somehow get us out of it.

Change is not going to come from the top down. And there is no going back to normal.

What there is — what there has always been — is us.

This is a platform for everyone who has been pushed to the margins. People who've been sidelined, underestimated, or ignored — and are done with the status quo. People who are organizing, showing up, and demanding more.

This platform is not a collection of slogans or half-measures. It's a plan to transform the systems that shape our lives — because nothing short of transformation will meet the moment we're in. It tackles the root causes of inequality: wealth hoarded at the top, public services gutted, communities left to fend for themselves while billion-dollar corporations profit from the crisis they helped create. It's a platform that confronts what most political parties are afraid to say: that the system is working exactly as designed — and it's time to design something better.

We believe in a Canada that stands on its own feet, takes care of its people, and leads with courage and conviction. Where food, housing, and health care aren't treated as privileges, but as essentials. Where Indigenous rights are not a line in a speech, but a lived and legal reality. Where we are a truly bilingual country, ready to engage with the world. Where no one is left waiting for care, priced out of their neighbourhood, or punished for being poor.

We believe in a Canada where your ability to live a good life doesn't depend on your income, your race, your gender, your mobility, or where you live. Where public money serves the public good. Where everyone has what they need to live in dignity — from a guaranteed income to a place to call home.

This platform is not about playing it safe. It's your invitation to stop settling — for less, for later, for leaders who always seem to find a reason not to act.

If you want housing you can afford — [Vote For It](#)

If you want health care that will always be there when you need it — [Vote For It](#)

If you want fair taxes and a Guaranteed Livable Income — [Vote For It](#)

If you want free tuition, food security, and abundant clean energy — [Vote For It](#)

If you want change, with courage, clarity, and action — [Vote For It](#)

The Economy We Need Now

Canada should be a place where hard work pays off — and where people can build a good life, no matter where they live or what they do for a living. But for years, the economy has been tilted in favour of the wealthiest few, while everyday people carry more of the burden and get less of the reward.

We're ready to change that. Our plan is about fairness, plain and simple. We'll cut taxes for the majority of Canadians and make the richest corporations and individuals finally pay their fair share. No more sweetheart deals or hidden loopholes — just a tax system that works for people, not just profit.

We'll make smart public investments that put Canadians to work — building homes, upgrading infrastructure, powering our future with clean energy, and rebuilding industries that actually serve our communities. We'll protect workers' rights, support small businesses, and make sure people have the tools and opportunities they need to adapt in a changing world.

And we'll do all of this while standing up for Canada's independence. We can't afford to rely on other countries — especially not ones that don't share our values — for our energy, our food, or our future.

It's time to build an economy that works for everyone. We've got the talent. We've got the tools. What we need now is the courage to act.

Fair Taxation

For decades, Canada's workers and small businesses have shouldered an increasingly heavy tax burden, while big corporations and the ultra-wealthy have taken advantage of generous loopholes and subsidies, contributing less and profiting more at the expense of everyone else. This imbalance must end. It undermines economic equality, hampers our collective wellbeing, and weakens the foundation of Canadian society.

Our Fair Taxation policies will ensure that Canada's tax system finally works for working people, not just the wealthy few. We commit to dramatically reducing taxes for Canadians earning \$100,000 or less. At the same time, we will close loopholes, eliminate unfair subsidies, and ensure large corporations and the wealthiest Canadians contribute their fair share. By implementing a progressive wealth tax, strengthening corporate taxation, and cracking down on tax evasion, we will recover billions in revenue to invest directly into vital public services, infrastructure, and programs that benefit all Canadians.

This isn't just about making the tax system fairer — it's about creating a Canada where every individual and family has an opportunity to thrive. It's about choosing an economy that prioritizes fairness over corporate greed, transparency over secrecy, and collective prosperity over private wealth hoarding. The Green Party is committed to these bold, equitable reforms, because fairness isn't just a principle — it's essential for a Canada that works for all of us.

TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING CANADIANS

- Eliminate federal income taxes for low income Canadians and decrease the tax burden on Canadians earning \$100,000 or less by raising the Basic Personal Amount to \$40,000.

INCREASE CORPORATE & WEALTH TAXES

- Increase the corporate tax rate from 14% to 21% for businesses with profits over \$100 million (\$44 billion in revenue).
- Introduce a permanent Windfall Tax (Excess Profit Tax) on large corporations, including banks, grocery chains and fossil fuel companies, to prevent profiteering at the expense of Canadians. This tax will apply at a rate of 15% on profits exceeding 120% of a company's average profits over the previous four years, ensuring that large corporations contribute fairly when they generate excessive gains.
- Implement a 0.35% Financial Transactions Tax (Tobin Tax) on trades involving stocks, bonds, derivatives, and currencies. This measure will help curb speculative trading practices that destabilize markets and generate significant revenue for social, economic, and environmental programs.

Fair Taxation

- Apply a corporate tax on transnational e-commerce companies operating in Canada.
- Implement a progressive wealth tax on net wealth above \$10 million. The tax would apply at a rate of 1% on net wealth over \$10 million, 2% on net wealth over \$50 million, and 3% on net wealth over \$100 million. This policy would impact only .5% of Canadian households.
- Strengthen Canada's exit tax to prevent the ultra-wealthy from avoiding taxes by moving assets abroad. We will apply a net wealth-based exit tax of 35% on assets over \$10 million for individuals renouncing Canadian tax residency, ensuring those who have benefited the most from Canada's economy must contribute significantly before leaving. Loopholes that allow tax avoidance through corporate structures and exempt assets will also be closed.
- Ensure fair taxation of extreme capital gains by applying a progressive tax only to profits over \$10 million. To prevent wealthy investors from avoiding taxes indefinitely, we will also limit the ability to deduct past investment losses to a maximum of 10 years.
- Revise Canada's Select Luxury Items Tax Act to eliminate the "lesser of" rule and apply a flat luxury tax rate (e.g., 10% or higher on the full purchase price).
 - » Increase the tax rates for extreme wealth purchases (e.g., higher rates for private jets and superyachts.)
 - » Close corporate loopholes that allow businesses to buy these assets to avoid the Select Luxury Items Tax.
 - » Exempt Canadian-made commercial and recreational vessels from the Select Luxury Items Tax, to support small manufacturers and coastal industries.
- Work with international partners to implement a global minimum corporate tax and combat tax evasion.
- End tax agreements with known tax havens to disrupt international tax avoidance schemes.

CLOSE TAX LOOPHOLES & PREVENT TAX EVASION

- Close stock options and capital gains tax loopholes, which primarily benefit wealthy executives.
- End offshore tax evasion by taxing hidden funds and requiring proof of foreign business operations.
- Refocus the CRA on identifying hidden wealth and recovering tax revenue lost in offshore tax havens, rather than auditing low-income Canadians.
- Prohibit Canadian businesses from deducting advertising costs on foreign-owned sites (e.g., Google & Facebook).

- Eliminate the 50% corporate meals and entertainment expense deduction.

END CORPORATE SUBSIDIES THAT DON'T SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST

- Eliminate all fossil fuel subsidies immediately, including tax write-offs for LNG, oil, gas, and coal projects. No public funds should support continued fossil fuel expansion.
- Review and phase out corporate subsidies that fail to deliver proven economic, environmental, or social benefits, with priority given to eliminating subsidies that:
 - » Distort markets without improving public well-being.
 - » Contribute to corporate concentration of key industries.
 - » Benefit large corporations disproportionately over small businesses and workers.
 - » Are provided to corporations with majority foreign ownership, particularly U.S.-based firms, undermining Canadian economic sovereignty.
 - » Fail to pass a cost-benefit analysis.
- Increase transparency on business subsidies by mandating full public reporting on corporate tax benefits, grants, and loans — including which corporations receive them and their economic impact.
- Ensure clean economy subsidies serve workers and communities — not just corporate profits by requiring strong labour, environmental, and transparency conditions on all public funding.

TAX REFORM

- Establish an independent Federal Tax Commission to continuously review fairness in taxation.

INTERNATIONAL TAXATION & FINANCIAL REFORM

- Support a global tax on pollution from aviation and shipping, ensuring major international polluters pay their fair share. Work with global partners, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to develop a fair and effective system.
- Advocate for reforms to international financial institutions to stabilize the global economy, encourage fair trade, and promote sustainable development, ensuring Canada plays a role in shaping a just and resilient financial system.

Employment and Labour

A fair economy doesn't just create wealth — it makes sure workers get a fair share of the prosperity they help create. But for too long, Canadian workers have dealt with low wages, unstable jobs, and weak protections, even as the cost of living keeps going up. The rise of automation, gig work, and shifts in the economy call for bold action to protect workers' rights, security, and dignity.

Our Employment & Labour policies focus on making sure every worker in Canada has fair wages and job security. We'll actively protect and strengthen workers' right to unionize, and make sure collective bargaining helps secure fair pay, safer workplaces, and better working conditions. We'll enforce pay equity, crack down on gig economy exploitation, and boost protections against workplace abuse. As workplaces change, we'll also introduce strong rules for jobs affected by AI and automation, making sure workers aren't taken advantage of by automation and that employment decisions are clear and fair.

There is no economy without workers, and no economy worth having that doesn't treat its workers fairly. Our policies ensure Canadian workers and their communities will be supported by meaningful protections that safeguard them against abuses, and that ensure continued access to employment opportunities and training programs. We're committed to the welfare and rights of all workers, and are dedicated to ensuring they thrive in our rapidly changing economy.

ENSURE A LIVABLE WAGE & ECONOMIC STABILITY

- Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to \$21/hr and index it to inflation and productivity growth.
- Establish a National Livable Wage Index to set wage floors by region based on the cost of housing, food, and essentials.
- Mandate living wages for all federally funded jobs, including contractors and subcontractors.
- Work with Provinces & Indigenous Governments to implement a Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) ensuring economic security for all Canadians.

PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN WORKER RIGHTS

- Fully implement and enforce federal pay equity laws, ensuring equal pay for work of equal value. The Pay Equity Commission remains underfunded and requires a budget increase.
- Expand worker protections against misclassification and exploitation:
 - » Implement a clear ABC Test to classify workers properly and prevent gig economy exploitation.

Employment and Labour

- » Crack down on sham contracting and unjust misclassification of employees as independent contractors.
- Increase federal labour inspectors and compliance funding to strengthen enforcement against employer violations, including worker misclassification, wage theft, and unfair labour practices.
- Establish a Federal Worker Rights Ombudsman to support employees experiencing workplace harassment, wage theft, and unfair treatment.
- Expand and enforce full successor rights for workers, preventing contract flipping that reduces wages and benefits.

MANDATE FAIR TREATMENT OF GIG WORKERS

- Require gig companies (Uber, DoorDash, Amazon, etc.) to guarantee minimum pay, mileage reimbursement, and employment protections.
- Establish a Portable Benefits Fund for gig workers, ensuring access to:
 - » Pensions, health insurance, and paid leave regardless of employment classification.
 - » This fund will be financed through a mandatory per-trip or per-hour employer levy, ensuring companies contribute their fair share.
- Fund a permanent Statistics Canada study on gig work, ensuring accurate data for labour policy decisions.

REGULATE AI & WORKPLACE PRIVACY

- Establish a Federal AI & Workplace Privacy Roundtable to oversee AI-driven workplace changes.
- Strengthen worker protections in AI-integrated workplaces to prevent unfair job losses due to automation.
- Require mandatory AI impact assessments for federally funded companies, ensuring job security and ethical AI use.
- Expand Labour Code protections against workplace monitoring & algorithmic exploitation, ensuring workers can challenge AI-driven employment decisions.

A JUST TRANSITION

- Enact a Just Transition Act ensuring affected workers and communities lead their own transition plans with legally protected rights to income support, retraining, and career placement.
- Create a Just Transition Benefit, providing wage insurance, income protection, early retirement options, and relocation assistance for workers in declining industries.

Employment and Labour

- Establish locally driven Just Transition Centers, connecting displaced workers to new employment, training, and economic development opportunities.
- Establish a National Skills Tracking & Transition Database, ensuring every fossil fuel worker has a direct job-matching pathway to well-paid, long-term work.

GREEN JOBS

- Establish a National Civil Defence Corps — a civilian-led national service dedicated to building Canada’s resilience and preparedness for emergencies. This initiative will provide meaningful employment for workers impacted by economic transitions, equipping them with vital skills in disaster response, emergency management, infrastructure protection, and climate resilience. (See Emergency Preparedness for details)
- Launch a National Green Jobs Training and Apprenticeship Program to provide free training, paid apprenticeships, and wage support, prioritizing workers affected by the transition away from fossil fuels and automation.
- Expand Indigenous-led training and employment opportunities in clean energy, ensuring full Indigenous participation in Canada’s transition economy.
- Support the Youth Climate Corps to create tens of thousands of youth jobs in green infrastructure, conservation, and public service. (See Youth section for details)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING ACCESS

- Expand labour market training investments by making the top-up to workforce development agreements permanent.
- Expand access to training for all workers, ensuring employment programs cover:
 - » Secondary school completion and upgrading.
 - » Adult literacy and numeracy training.
 - » English/French language instruction.
 - » Union and community-led workforce development.
- Provide income support for workers seeking training, eliminating financial barriers to career shifts.

SAFETY NETS FOR WORKERS FACING JOB LOSSES

- Modernize Employment Insurance (EI) by:
 - » Lowering the eligibility threshold to 360 hours or 12 weeks.
 - » Extending maximum EI benefit periods to 50 weeks nationwide.
 - » Raising the EI replacement rate from 55% to 66.6% of previous earnings.
 - » Establishing an EI Emergency Response Fund for workers affected by disasters, economic downturns, or industry shutdowns.
 - » Setting a minimum EI benefit of \$450/week, increasing over time.
 - » Increasing Maximum Insurable Earnings (MIE) to \$94,000, aligning with Quebec's parental insurance plan.

Canadians are scared. The trade war with America has only just begun and already its painful repercussions are being felt across the country. Inflation continues to skyrocket. Canadian families are being forced to make difficult decisions about how they spend their money. And Canadian businesses continue to be hurt by the turmoil of extreme market volatility. The future of fair, peaceful trade — and what it means for everyday Canadians — has never been more uncertain. It's time to fight for our economic independence.

At the heart of our trade policy is the goal of protecting Canadians from the fallout of America's unfair and unprecedented attack on our economy. We believe we must put Canada first by prioritizing investment in Canadian businesses and infrastructure, while divesting ourselves of the influence of American corporations, especially by US companies tied to Trump and his allies. We must strengthen Canadian sovereignty. This means establishing a national reserve of key resources, banning the export of unprocessed materials like timber, and continuing to put pressure on America by applying export taxes on key resources. We must continue to build trade partnerships with Mexico and Europe in order to limit the fallout of America's illegal tariffs. And we must hold US corporations accountable by introducing taxes on US tech monopolies and oil companies operating in Canada and reinvesting these revenues in local economies and Canadian jobs. It's time US interests paid their fair share.

The future of Canada's trading partnership with America has never been more uncertain. But there's an opportunity here. By standing up to America's bullying, we can pave the way for a fairer, greener economic future — one rooted in sovereignty and independence.

DEFENDING CANADA FROM U.S. ECONOMIC COERCION

- Establish national strategic reserves of Canadian resources to protect against U.S. trade disruptions, stabilize domestic markets, and strengthen Canadian sovereignty.
 - » Stockpile essential raw materials to ensure stable supply and prevent price spikes during shortages.
 - » Ensure reserves are managed on a cost-recovery basis.
- Ban the export of unprocessed resources. Ensure Canadian oil, minerals, timber, and seafood are refined, processed, and value-added before export, creating Canadian jobs and reducing U.S. leverage over our economy.
- Apply export taxes on key Canadian resources that the U.S. relies on — such as oil, gas, uranium, aluminum, potash, and natural gas. This would make it more expensive for U.S. industries to source these materials, discouraging tariffs on Canadian goods while generating revenue to invest in domestic industries.

- Coordinate economic responses with Mexico and other key partners to create joint countermeasures to U.S. tariffs.

PUTTING CANADA FIRST

- Cancel government contracts with U.S. companies tied to Trump's corporate allies, redirecting public funds to Canadian businesses and ethical international partners.
- Strengthen protections against foreign takeovers by lowering the threshold for government review of U.S. and foreign acquisitions of Canadian companies. This will prevent American investors from buying up struggling Canadian industries at bargain prices and ensure critical sectors remain under Canadian control.
- Reform the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act to ensure all pension funds are invested in Canada, supporting Canadian workers, communities, and infrastructure. The current CCPIBA requires pension funds to be invested solely based on return on investment (ROI).
 - » Prioritize investments in Canadian industries, clean energy, public infrastructure, and long-term economic resilience rather than speculative market activities.
 - » Increase transparency and accountability in how CPP funds are managed, ensuring investments align with Canada's economic and social priorities.

HOLDING U.S. CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABLE IN CANADA

- Introduce a tax on U.S. tech monopolies operating in Canada, ensuring companies like Apple, Google, Meta, Tesla, and Starlink pay their fair share. This will include a Digital Services Tax (DST) on digital advertising, app store fees, streaming services, and consumer data monetization, as well as a corporate tax surcharge on tech giants. Revenue from these taxes will be reinvested in Canadian-owned technology, broadband expansion, and independent journalism, reducing reliance on U.S. corporate giants while strengthening Canada's digital sovereignty.
- Introduce targeted taxes on U.S. oil and gas corporations operating in Canada to ensure they contribute fairly to our economy. This measure would prevent American fossil fuel companies from profiting off Canadian resources while their government imposes tariffs on Canadian exports.

REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON THE U.S. AND EXPANDING GLOBAL TRADE

- Invest in East-West Canadian trade infrastructure. Improve rail, roads, and energy transmission lines to strengthen internal markets and reduce reliance on U.S. exports.
- Strengthen trade relationships with Europe, Latin America, Africa, and BRICS+ nations (India, Brazil, South Africa, etc.) to create new markets for Canadian goods and services.
- Revisit trade restrictions with China to strategically balance economic and environmental goals, maintaining tariffs on imported Chinese electric vehicles to protect Canadian manufacturing and jobs in our rapidly growing domestic EV sector, while reducing tariffs on Chinese solar panels to accelerate the adoption of affordable renewable energy and create jobs in solar installation.

PROTECTING WORKERS, CONSUMERS AND CANADIAN INDUSTRY

- Implement “Buy Canadian” policies. Prioritize domestic procurement and consumer spending on Canadian-made goods, ensuring federal and provincial governments lead by example.
- Reduce barriers to interprovincial trade while ensuring fairness for workers and industries.
- Support local and regional value chains. Invest in domestic food, energy, and manufacturing supply chains to build economic resilience and insulate Canadian households from global price shocks.
- Ban imports of food products containing substances prohibited in Canada to protect Canadian health, food safety, and agricultural standards.

ENSURING FAIR AND SOVEREIGN TRADE AGREEMENTS

- Ensure all trade negotiations and economic sovereignty measures reflect our commitment to shared decision-making through the Council of Canadian Governments. (see Council of Canadian Governments)
- Align national trade policy with climate goals and implement carbon-intensity tariffs on imported goods.
- Renegotiate trade agreements to remove Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions, which allow multinational corporations to sue Canada over public interest laws.
- Lead a global effort to reform the World Trade Organization (WTO) into a World Trade and Climate Organization, ensuring trade agreements prioritize environmental and social justice.

Natural Resources and Industry

Our economy faces a number of existential threats: The climate crisis, the trade war with America, and greedy corporate interests unfairly profiting from our natural resources. But we can protect ourselves from these threats — and create more long-term security for Canadians — by rethinking how we manage and protect our forests, watersheds, and minerals. We need to transition away from an economy based on resource extraction. We need an economy that is value-driven, clean, and inclusive — one that doesn't give away our resources and send Canadian manufacturing jobs overseas. We need an economy that serves the needs of Canadians.

Our policy for the country's natural resources puts Canada first and would see the return of domestic manufacturing and the processing of raw materials here at home. It doesn't make economic or environmental sense to send our natural resources overseas only to buy them back. We want to see the expansion of Canada's clean energy sector, and plan to make investments in battery production, green steel, and engineered wood production. This is good for the environment, and it's good for Canadian jobs. Our policies would also put in place regulatory protections to save our forests and waters from corporate abuses and pillaging by international interests. We also believe that Indigenous communities need to have bigger say in what happens to the development of Canada's resources. Our policies would fund Indigenous-led protection of old growth forest and expand Indigenous participation in environmental oversight.

The threats to our economy are real and imminent. But we can protect Canada's future — and create an equitable economy now — by taking a new, better approach to resource management.

RESTRUCTURE CANADA'S RESOURCE ECONOMY

- Establish national strategic reserves of critical resources — including critical minerals, metals, energy resources, and lumber — to stabilize domestic markets, counter trade disruptions, and strengthen Canadian sovereignty.
- Phase out raw resource exports by prioritizing domestic reserves, processing and manufacturing.
- Increase productivity by incentivizing value-added resource use through tax incentives, innovation grants, and industrial partnerships that maximize efficiency in processing and manufacturing.
- Expand Canada's clean industrial sector by investing in value-added industries such as:
 - » Battery production and critical minerals refining.
 - » Green steel and zero-emission aluminum processing.
 - » Mass timber and engineered wood production.

Natural Resources and Industry

- Leverage public procurement to drive demand for domestically processed materials, ensuring federal infrastructure projects use Canadian resources first.
- Align Canada's resource policies with the Pan-Canadian Energy Strategy to ensure resource extraction, processing, and industrial development support the transition to a net-zero economy.
- Develop a National Industrial Decarbonization Strategy to transition manufacturing, resource processing, and heavy industry away from fossil fuels.
- Redirect Natural Resources Canada's resources toward supporting low-carbon industrial development, sustainable resource extraction, and clean technology innovation.

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AND LAND CONSERVATION

- Develop a National Forest Strategy focused on carbon sequestration, wildfire resilience, and biodiversity restoration.
- Expand tree nursery infrastructure and invest in sustainable forestry research to accelerate reforestation efforts.
- Fund Indigenous-led protection of old-growth and boreal forests while supporting sustainable community forestry initiatives.

MINING FOR THE CLEAN ECONOMY

- Transform Canada's mining sector into a hub for green technology innovation by ensuring responsible extraction and refining of critical minerals for clean energy and advanced manufacturing.
- Invest in a Sudbury-based mining innovation cluster to drive sustainable mining practices and processing.
- Mandate strong environmental and labour protections in all mining developments.

PROTECTING WATER

- Develop a National Water Strategy to ensure long-term protection of freshwater resources in collaboration with Indigenous and provincial governments.
- Recognize water as a collective resource in federal legislation to prevent privatization and unsustainable extraction.

Natural Resources and Industry

STRENGTHEN INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERSIGHT

- Expand Indigenous participation in decision-making on industrial projects through increased funding to the Canadian Impact Assessment Agency.
- Co-develop federal legislation with First Nations to establish revenue-sharing frameworks for natural resources, ensuring structured, rights-based agreements that honour Treaty obligations and the principles of UNDRIP.
- Implement stronger environmental accountability measures to prevent corporate abuse of Canada's natural resources.

STRENGTHEN CANADIAN MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRY

- Support the transition to a circular economy by investing in repair, remanufacturing, and local recycling industries, reducing dependence on raw material extraction while creating jobs in sustainable production.

Energy Transition

It's well past time that Canada phased out its dependence on fossil fuels. For too long, we've relied on dirty energy to power our homes, our businesses, and our economy. Fortunately, more and more Canadians are waking up to the looming catastrophe of the climate crisis, and there's an ever-urgent sense that we need a plan — a real plan — to transition away from our toxic reliance on oil, gas, and coal. We can't continue with our old energy habits. We can't afford to keep subsidizing corporations at the expense of our safety and the health of our communities. It's time to reimagine Canada's energy future.

The Green Party's policies for energy transition will see Canada free itself of fossil fuels with a ban on all new pipeline and oil and gas development projects, and an immediate end to subsidies for fossil fuels. Public funds should not support industries that continue to destroy our environment and delay Canada's transition to clean energy. Instead, we will invest in renewable energy, including hydro, wind, and solar, and transform Canada into a global leader of clean energy. We will connect Canada's regional power grids to create a true national grid powered by 100% renewable electricity. When the sun is shining on the prairies or the winds are blowing on the coasts, the power generated will be fed into and stored in the grid to service regions that may be generating less power at any given moment. Connecting Canada in this way ensures that our energy infrastructure will be nimble and resilient as we face a more unpredictable future. We will also develop a nationwide energy efficiency program to reduce energy demands in our homes and businesses. Energy-efficient buildings mean less waste, and more savings for individuals, families, and small businesses. Our energy transition policy is good for the planet, and it's good for all Canadians.

The climate crisis affects every Canadian, and we believe it's the responsibility of government to meet this crisis head on, with the kind of bold plan that this moment demands. Building a clean energy future requires the conviction to stand up to corporate interests and to push past government apathy. Our policies offer meaningful action that address some of Canada's gravest challenges. And we're hopeful that we can bring about real change, and build a secure future together.

BUILDING CANADA'S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

- Swiftly transition Canada to a fully renewable electricity system by eliminating coal, oil, and gas-fired power generation.
- Invest in solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal energy, supported by modernized transmission, smart grids, and energy storage systems.
- These investments will fully decarbonize Canada's electricity supply, enable clean industry and transportation, and position Canada as a global leader in renewable energy exports.

Energy Transition

- Implement a National Electrical Grid Strategy to connect and modernize regional grids, improve interprovincial energy sharing, and ensure renewable electricity can flow efficiently across the country.
- Support northern and remote communities in transitioning off diesel by expanding access to community-owned renewable microgrids, tailored to local needs and priorities.
- Ban new nuclear development and direct federal investment exclusively to proven, cost-effective renewable energy solutions.

IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CUTTING DEMAND

- Launch a nationwide energy efficiency retrofit program to lower emissions from buildings, homes, and industrial facilities.
- Provide direct grants and zero-interest loans for renewable energy installations in homes, businesses, and communities.
- Mandate net-zero building standards by 2030 by updating the National Building Code.
- Set a national target to reduce overall energy demand across all sectors by 50% by 2050 through efficiency measures, electrification, and sustainable urban planning.

PHASING OUT FOSSIL FUELS

- Cancel all new pipelines and oil exploration projects.
- End federal fossil fuel leases and retire existing licenses.
- Ban new offshore oil and gas development and phase out existing operations.
- Ban fracking due to environmental and seismic risks.
- Phase out bitumen production for fuel through a managed decline strategy.
- Explore options for public ownership or nationalization of fossil fuel assets in cases where foreign-controlled companies withdraw from environmental obligations or threaten Canada's energy and climate security.
- Make fossil fuel companies fully liable for abandoned wells and tailings ponds. Where viable, repurpose orphaned wells for geothermal energy, and restore all remaining sites through soil remediation, rewilding, and Indigenous-led land recovery.

Energy Transition

ENDING FOSSIL FUEL FINANCE AND BUILDING CANADIAN INDUSTRY

- End all fossil fuel subsidies immediately.
- Divest federal public investment funds from fossil fuels and require Crown corporations to do the same.
- Mandate Canadian banks and pension funds to phase out fossil fuel investments and transition financing toward clean energy.
- Prioritize Canadian workers and supply chains in the energy transition by investing in domestic manufacturing of solar panels, wind turbines, and energy storage technologies.
- Use public procurement policies and trade agreements to strengthen domestic clean energy industries and reduce reliance on imported technology.
- Introduce carbon border adjustments to protect Canadian industries from high-emissions imports and ensure fair competition. Use these tools to encourage global emissions reductions and incentivize climate action in international trade.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND ENERGY JUSTICE

- Support a just global transition by contributing to international climate finance, including a Global Justice Fund.

Procurement

In the middle of the trade war with America, it's more urgent than ever for the government to support our homegrown economy. By purchasing Canadian-made goods and local labour — and by fostering clean technologies manufactured inside our borders — the government can have a real impact on our stability and economic sovereignty. The federal government has enormous spending power, and an obligation to use that power to foster growth in our communities and to secure the welfare of future generations of Canadians.

Our federal procurement policy introduces a comprehensive Buy Clean and Buy Canadian strategy that prioritizes Canadian-made, low-carbon, and ethically produced goods. Our policies set strong targets for the adoption of clean tech, the sourcing of locally grown food for schools and hospitals, and the economic reconciliation and self-determination of Indigenous business owners. We'll boost purchases of domestically manufactured clean tech — like solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and heat pumps. We're committed to using public contracts to nurture Canadian industries and to help Canadian families share in the nation's wealth. And we'll provide these supports while accelerating the necessary transition to a green economy that will lead to a prosperous future.

We will leverage public spending to strengthen local supply chains, build long-term jobs for Canadians, and create a fair, equitable economy for all.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL ECONOMIES AND TRANSPARENCY

- Implement a national Buy Clean strategy, ensuring that:
 - » At least 75% of federal procurement prioritizes Canadian-made goods and services.
 - » At least 50% of federal procurement prioritizes clean technology and low-carbon materials.
 - » All federally funded infrastructure projects align with Buy Clean standards.
 - » A procurement review ensures compliance with trade agreements while protecting Canadian industries.
- Expand Canadian clean-tech procurement to support solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and heat pumps produced domestically.
- Ensure all government contracts are publicly tendered for transparency and fairness.
- Strengthen “Buy Canadian” initiatives across all sectors, ensuring federal infrastructure and transit projects use Canadian goods and labour.
- Require at least 5% of federal contracts be awarded to Indigenous businesses, supporting economic reconciliation and Indigenous economic self-determination.

Procurement

- Ensure that First Nations governments — not federal officials — determine eligibility for Indigenous procurement programs, and introduce safeguards to prevent fraudulent Indigenous identity claims.
- Implement mandatory human rights and labour due diligence standards for all government contractors, ensuring ethical supply chains.
- Expand farm-to-institution procurement, ensuring public institutions (schools, hospitals, universities) prioritize Canadian-grown food.
- Mandate a “Canada First” purchasing policy for all federally funded food procurement programs, requiring a minimum of 75% Canadian-grown food, with priority given to local and provincial suppliers
- Use social procurement to support worker co-ops, community-owned businesses, and non-profits in government purchasing.
- Require that federally procured goods prioritize circular economy principles, including reparability, durability, and recycled content, reducing waste and supporting sustainable industries.

PUTTING CANADA FIRST

- Cancel government contracts with U.S. companies tied to Trump’s corporate allies, redirecting public funds to Canadian businesses and ethical international partners.
- Reform the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act to ensure all pension funds are invested in Canada, supporting Canadian workers, communities, and infrastructure. The current CCPIBA requires pension funds to be invested solely based on return on investment (ROI).
 - » Prioritize investments in Canadian industries, clean energy, public infrastructure, and long-term economic resilience rather than speculative market activities.
 - » Increase transparency and accountability in how CPP funds are managed, ensuring investments align with Canada’s economic and social priorities.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Canada's public transportation infrastructure is aging and out-of-date. We're not meeting the needs of local communities or the demand for affordable and accessible public transportation. And we've treated public transportation as an afterthought in our attempts to address the climate crisis. We're failing Canadians, we're failing our cities, and we're failing the planet. But there's still time to fix these things. It's time to invest in modern, affordable, green transportation that works for everyone. We can reduce carbon emissions, cut costs for families, and build responsible cities that serve and connect our local neighbourhoods.

As part of our plan for Canada's transportation future, we're committing to the decarbonization of public and freight transport, and the necessary transition away from internal combustion engines in passenger vehicles. The transition to zero-emission vehicles is badly needed and long overdue. To accelerate this transition, our policies include provisions for the expansion of EV charging stations at all federal facilities, the reduction of tariffs on EV imports, and the creation of federal tax exemptions for the purchase of new and used zero-emission vehicles. We also believe that making commuter services more available will encourage Canadians to embrace green and affordable alternatives. We're committed to building a high-speed rail system for intercity travel between major corridors, and we'll provide funding support for local public transit services. We'll also create a national fund to help expand bike lanes and create municipal bike-share programs.

Together, these efforts will lay the foundation for a cleaner, greener transportation system. Our policy isn't just about reducing emissions; it's about improving the quality of life for all Canadians by making transportation accessible, responsible, and affordable.

ZERO-CARBON PUBLIC TRANSIT BY 2040

- Adopt a National Transportation Strategy to reach zero-carbon public ground transportation across Canada by 2040.
- Commit to a permanent, dedicated federal public transit fund annually starting in 2026.
- Require all federally funded transit projects to purchase only zero-emission buses to accelerate the transition away from diesel.
- Allow cities to use federal transit funding for operations, including hiring drivers, increasing service frequency, and reducing fares.
- Advocate for user-fee-free public transit, with an annual federal transfer to municipalities.
- Support preferential public transit tariffs for youth and ensure safe, accessible transit options for seniors.
- Require all passenger ferries to convert to electric or hybrid systems.

Transportation and Infrastructure

MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING PASSENGER RAIL

- Build high-speed rail in the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal-Quebec and Calgary-Edmonton corridors to provide fast, low-carbon intercity travel.
- Make rail the hub of transit networks, with light rail and electric bus connections in every city and region.
- Pass the VIA Rail Act to protect passenger rail services and ensure reliable public transit between major cities.
- Invest in dedicated passenger rail lines to expand high-frequency VIA Rail service and prioritize passenger trains over freight.
- Support regional rail and rural transit expansion to connect underserved communities.
- Increase regional rail funding, with long-term investments to strengthen national rail networks.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Create a National Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Fund to expand bike lanes, pedestrian infrastructure, and municipal bike-share programs.
- Prioritize walking, cycling, and transit in city planning, reducing car dependency.
- Introduce fair tax measures to encourage sustainable mobility choices, including public transit use and active transportation.
- Introduce regulations on the production, sale, and advertising of oversized light trucks to reduce environmental and safety risks.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Ban the sale of internal combustion engine passenger vehicles by 2030.
- Exempt new and used zero-emission vehicles from federal sales tax.
- Expand EV charging stations at all federal facilities and parking lots.

FREIGHT THAT WORKS: CLEAN, SAFE, AND PUBLIC

- Nationalize Canada's freight rail line (CN) as public infrastructure to ensure efficient, climate-friendly transport and economic resilience. To ensure service for Canadian farmers and ensure passenger rail has priority over freight
- Re-route freight rail tracks away from populated areas and strengthen rail safety regulations.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Develop a Green Freight Transport program with logistics industries to cut emissions from trucking and shipping.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION AND SHIPPING

- Introduce an international aviation and shipping fuel tax to ensure these industries contribute to climate initiatives.

Innovation

We believe that fostering technological innovation and leading-edge research is vital for Canada's future. If we hope to overcome the many challenges we're facing — including the climate crisis, the nationwide crunch in healthcare, and the evolving landscape of international competition — we'll need to rely on a healthy and robust community of scientific researchers and technologists. Fortunately, government can have a hand in nurturing these communities. Our Innovation Policy prioritizes a return of support for Canadian research and development.

We're committed to increasing funding to Canadian research councils annually, and pledge to restore and expand meaningful climate research. In addition to this reinvestment, and increased funding for research focused on developing zero-waste manufacturing technologies and advanced recycling systems, we will implement a Scientific Integrity Policy to protect research independence. Funding isn't enough; Canadian scientists need the freedom to speak. We're committed to scientific transparency and openness and will mandate that all government funded research be open and available to the public. But our support of research and development extends beyond universities and government institutions. Our Innovation policy promises increased funding for private enterprises and student-run businesses. We want to see more research turned into real-world products right here in Canada.

We believe that policies supporting innovation are good for Canada — especially those that help us move away from an economy based on non-renewable resources. It stimulates the economy and creates jobs and wealth for all Canadians. And fostering homegrown innovation doesn't just create new industries — it also helps Canada take the lead in the global shift to new energy and green tech. This forward-thinking approach will build a stronger, more resilient economy for the future.

DRIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

- Increase R&D funding to 2.7% of GDP to bring Canada in line with the OECD average.
- Increase funding for research councils (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR), ensuring a minimum 60% success rate in grant competitions.
- Restore and expand Climate Change and Atmospheric Research (CCAR) funding and provide annual funding for the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Lab.
- Ensure full implementation of Scientific Integrity Policies across government departments to protect research independence.
- Increase research and innovation funding for circular economy solutions, including material recovery technologies, zero-waste manufacturing, and advanced recycling systems.

STRENGTHEN TECH TRANSFER AND INNOVATION COMMERCIALIZATION

- Increase direct annual federal funding for private and student-led business R&D, ensuring more research is commercialized by Canadian companies.
- Support tech transfer partnerships between businesses and universities while ensuring publicly funded research remains accessible.
- Develop flexible IP licensing tools and provide discounted federally funded IP for Canadian firms to strengthen Canada's innovation ecosystem.
- Fully implement House of Commons recommendations on IP and tech transfer, ensuring knowledge transfer policies benefit both researchers and the public.

ENSURE EQUITY IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

- Mandate ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) considerations in federal research grants to ensure ethical and sustainable research funding.
- Ensure equity in STEM funding by allocating at least 10% of all research council funding to support underrepresented groups in science and technology.
- Introduce a program of direct, non-reviewed research funding to all Canadian universities based on graduate student size, with the condition that all results are made fully public.
- Mandate open access for publicly funded research, following Europe's "Plan S" model to make science freely available.
- Create a public portal for government science and decision-making evidence to enhance transparency and public trust.

STRENGTHEN CANADA'S INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

- Provide direct research funding to Canadian universities, allocated automatically based on graduate student enrollment in thesis-based programs, to ensure stable baseline funding for curiosity-driven, early-stage research. This will support long-term scientific inquiry and breakthrough discoveries without the burden of competitive grant applications.
 - » Require that all research funded through this program be fully public, preventing the privatization of publicly funded knowledge and ensuring open access for researchers, businesses, and the public.

Innovation

- Require Statistics Canada to conduct an annual technology survey to track innovation trends and investment needs.
- Create an 'Entrepreneur-in-Residence' Program in national labs to facilitate knowledge-sharing between researchers and businesses.

Small Business

Right now, the world is full of economic uncertainty. An escalating trade war with America. Inflation. Supply chain disruptions, resource scarcity — and other countless obstacles driven by the climate crisis. Unfortunately, it's small businesses that face an unfair share of these challenges. And they're falling behind. Which means we're in danger of losing this essential piece of the Canadian economy. We can't let this happen. Small business drives innovation and job creation. It's the heart of every community in Canada. It's our responsibility to do everything we can to help small business thrive.

Our policy is focused on building a more resilient and equitable economy for all by supporting small business. We will expand access to capital for startups and small- and medium-sized enterprises. We will reduce the paperwork burden on small businesses and streamline tax reporting. Our policies will encourage the continued transition to a green economy through financial support for local startups and clean tech adoption. And we're committed to an equitable economy — one that lifts up every Canadian. Through training and funding initiatives, our policies nurture businesses run by Indigenous, Black, and women entrepreneurs. And we'll make sure that small business gets a bigger piece of the federal pie. Under the Green Party, a significant portion of federal contracts will be awarded to small businesses, and businesses owned by underrepresented groups will receive their fair share.

Canadian small businesses are the core of our communities. It's time we gave them the support they deserve, and begin building a more inclusive, green, and prosperous future for all Canadians.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH AND INNOVATION

- Expand access to capital for small businesses through an annual loan and grant program, ensuring startups and SMEs can scale up.
- Create an impact/social enterprise designation for federally registered businesses that use revenue to support environmental and social impact.
- Hold the small business tax rate at 9% on the first \$500,000 of active income.
- Continue reducing the paperwork burden on small businesses by eliminating duplicative tax filings and red tape, including full digitization of SME tax reporting.
- Streamline approvals for SMEs to adopt new technology, ensuring they remain competitive.
- Ensure all new legislation considers the impact on small businesses.

Small Business

EXPAND GREEN AND INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Establish a federally funded Green Venture Capital Fund to support local green startups.
- Subsidize clean tech adoption for SMEs with investment to accelerate business-led climate solutions.
- Expand entrepreneurship training and support for equity-seeking groups, including Indigenous, Black, and women-led businesses, with an annual grant program.

ENHANCE SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO FEDERAL CONTRACTS

- Ensure at least 30% of federal procurement contracts are awarded to small businesses, with priority for equity-seeking entrepreneurs.
- Invest in Digital and Rural Business Infrastructure.
- Ensure affordable, accessible internet nationwide with investments in broadband expansion for rural businesses.

Agriculture and Food Security

Canadians need healthy, nutritious, and affordable food. And yet, government after government has done almost nothing to protect our basic access to food. Harmful agricultural practices continue to introduce dangerous chemicals into our food supply. Food insecurity is on the rise. And shortsighted government policies have prioritized corporate profits over the welfare of labourers, animals, and all Canadians who just want to feed their families safely and affordably. There is no future without food; it's time we commit to securing the future of food in Canada.

Our plan to strengthen agriculture and food security is built on the idea that we must strengthen and increase local and regional food production. This means investing in local farming infrastructure, helping small-scale food producers secure access to larger markets, and redirecting government subsidies away from industrial agribusiness to small- and mid-sized organic farms. It means empowering growers with economic incentives that free them from a reliance on pesticides and petrochemicals. It means protecting farmland from non-agricultural development and banning the bulk acquisition of farmland to ensure that we protect Canada's food sovereignty now and for generations.

The Green Party is committed to creating a future where no Canadian goes hungry, where farmers prosper in the pursuit of low-impact practices, and where the stewardship of the land reflects a responsible attitude toward the future of our country.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS AND FARMER PROTECTIONS

- Build and expand food processing, storage and distribution infrastructure.
- Increase Canada's food self-sufficiency by replacing one-third of food imports with locally produced food.
- Create a system of regional food hubs.
- Strengthen regional food value chains ensuring access to markets and the removal of unnecessary interprovincial trade barriers and regulations.
- Strengthen supply management to protect Canadian farmers, while ensuring small-scale and cooperative food producers have fair access to markets.
- Reduce regulatory barriers for small-scale processors to ensure local producers have access to food processing.
- Invest in urban agriculture to increase food production and distribution in high density areas.

Agriculture and Food Security

- Expand farmers' markets, culinary tourism, and direct-to-consumer food sales, reducing corporate control over food distribution and supporting local food cooperatives and processing facilities.
- Create policies and programs that strengthen food sovereignty and incorporate this lens into political decision making to advance the public interest.
- Implement safeguards to prevent speculation of agricultural lands.
- Support a transition to agroecological systems using and respecting Traditional Ecological Knowledge.
- Ensure that the National School Lunch Program prioritizes purchasing local and regional food.

SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

- Promote plant-based eating in alignment with Canada's Food Guide, supporting public health and lowering the environmental impact of food production.
- Redirect industrial agribusiness subsidies to regenerative and organic small and mid-scale farms.
- Incentivize carbon sequestration in soil by expanding support for regenerative farming practices.
- Invest in research and direct farm support for organic and regenerative practices.
- Invest in climate-resilient farming, supporting drought-resistant crops, precision agriculture, water conservation systems and research.
- Establish sector-specific climate emission targets, including fertilizer reduction strategies, methane capture for livestock, and lower-carbon food production incentives.
- Restore the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Program ensuring drought adaptation, soil conservation, and water management initiatives are fully funded.
- Re-establish Environmental Farm Plans providing direct financial support for sustainable water and soil conservation farming practices.
- Support farmland preservation in partnership with provincial and municipal governments.
- Restructure Business Risk-Management Programs to provide disaster relief, climate resilience, and rapid-response aid for farmers facing extreme weather events.
- Revive and expand the National Pesticides Monitoring and Surveillance Network to assess the environmental impacts and public health risks of pesticides.

Agriculture and Food Security

- Ban neonicotinoid pesticides and invest in direct farmer support for alternative pest management systems.
- Reduce the use of agricultural pesticides and non-selective herbicides by 50% by 2030.
- Strengthen the regulatory oversight by PMRA, CFIA, (spell out on first reference) and Health Canada to ensure the best science-based practices are used in agriculture and food production.
- Implement National Food Waste Strategy reducing food waste and incentivizing surplus food redistribution and composting.

FARM WORKER RIGHTS

- Comprehensively review the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) to protect workers from exploitation while ensuring critical labour needs are met in agriculture. This includes strengthening enforcement of labour protections, fair wages, adequate housing, and safe working conditions for foreign agricultural and other seasonal workers, and address barriers these seasonal workers face to access social safety net programs such as employment insurance and disability protections.
- Reduce reliance on the TFWP by expanding employer-driven immigration pathways, ensuring migrant agricultural workers have clear, fair routes to permanent residency.
- Prevent labour trafficking and exploitation by mandating open work permits, increasing unannounced workplace inspections, and enforcing strict penalties for abusive employers.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- Create an independent ministry responsible for animal welfare and security, separate from agriculture and agri-food.
- Recognize animals as sentient beings under Canadian law, encourage provincial governments to repeal exceptions that diminish protections for certain animals.
- Implement comprehensive national animal welfare legislation that mandates humane treatment standards for farm animals.
- Invest in improving farm animal housing and welfare
- Support farmers who wish to transition from animal agriculture to sustainable, plant-based agriculture practices.
- Establish national minimum standards for the humane sale, transport, and processing of farm animals, reducing maximum transportation times to four hours.

Agriculture and Food Security

- Introduce strict penalties and increase federal inspections to ensure compliance with animal welfare laws.
- Phase out animal testing and impose a nationwide ban, funding research and promoting ethical, cruelty-free alternatives.

PROTECTING FARMLAND AND SEEDS

- Reinstate the Canada Land Inventory ensuring accurate tracking of agricultural land use, soil health, and farmland conversion to prevent loss of agricultural land.
- Ban the bulk acquisition of farmland by non-resident investors, ensuring Canadian farmers retain ownership and control over agricultural land.
- Work with provinces to strengthen farmland protection laws, ensuring land remains in agricultural use and is accessible to new farmers.
- Protect collective rights to seeds. Ensure that farmers can save, exchange, and use their own seeds without corporate restrictions.
- Support farmer-led seed banks, seed exchanges, and community land trusts to prevent corporate control over essential agricultural resources.

Fisheries and Oceans

Our oceans are in serious trouble. Over decades, we've witnessed fish populations dwindle as ecosystems and fisheries continue to collapse at alarming rates. Meanwhile, local communities struggle as they're pushed to the margins by big industry. Indigenous Nations, who've been stewards of our coastal waters for generations, are ignored by government policymakers. We haven't treated our oceans or fishing communities with respect. It's time we did. We have a responsibility to restore the health of our oceans and return dignity to our coastal communities.

Our plans for Canada's fisheries and oceans are rooted in fairness, conservation, and local control. We want to empower Indigenous leaders and fishing communities, and to put the stewardship of fisheries back in the hands of the people who depend on it. And we want to support these communities by putting conservation first. This means using the best available science to set catch limits. It means banning destructive practices like open-net pen fish farming. It means phasing out harmful industrial aquaculture and investing in small-scale alternatives like shellfish and seaweed farming. And above all, it means making fisheries management transparent. Because we believe that the decisions that shape our coasts should belong to the people who live there.

Healthy oceans matter — for our environment, our economy, our food security, and our future. The time to act is now.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

- Shift nearshore fisheries management to Indigenous and community-led governance, ensuring that quota-setting, conservation decisions, and enforcement reflect traditional knowledge and local stewardship.
- Transition the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) toward a co-governance and Indigenous-led management model in key regions.
- Update federal fisheries regulations to align with Indigenous laws and management plans, ensuring their legal authority over conservation measures and resource management.
- Implement science-based catch limits, habitat protections, and stronger enforcement against overfishing, following recommendations from Oceana's 2024 Fisheries Audit.
- Ensure all fish caught in a fishery — including bait and recreational fishing — are counted in management decisions to improve stock assessments and sustainability.
- Ensure all fisheries policies account for the impacts of climate change, adjusting quotas and protections to reflect shifting fish populations.
- Complete recovery plans for all dangerously depleted fish stocks.

Fisheries and Oceans

- Invest in independent fish stock research over five years to ensure management decisions are based on the best available science and to close critical data gaps.
- Ensure transparency in fisheries management by making all quota-setting, conservation measures, and decision-making processes publicly accessible.
- Conduct a review of the Recovery Potential Assessment (RPA) process to determine whether its shortcomings are due to unnecessary complexity or poor implementation.
- Protect independent fishers and coastal communities by preventing corporate control of inshore fishing licenses.
- Implement key recommendations from Parliament's 2024 West Coast Fisheries report to ensure fair access to fisheries resources and stronger protections for coastal communities.
- Develop a Canadian "Sea Grant"-style program to fund fisheries research, support coastal communities, and enhance public engagement on sustainable fisheries management, in consultation with key Canadian and international scientific societies.

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP AND MARINE GOVERNANCE

- Enter into a formal transition process to replace the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) with Indigenous-led marine governance in regions where Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis Nations have asserted or are working toward the exercise of sovereign marine stewardship.
- Until the sovereignty of Indigenous governance is fully recognized, ensure that the DFO operates only in an advisory capacity in these regions, supporting Indigenous-led management rather than directing it.
- Support Indigenous Nations actively developing regional governance models — such as the Haida Gwaii model — and ensure federal recognition of emerging Indigenous marine governance systems.
- Recognize Indigenous laws and management plans as legally binding within their territories, ensuring full authority over conservation measures, quota-setting, and enforcement.
- Reform and expand the co-management provisions of the Oceans Act to reflect the legal authority and sovereignty of Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis Nations. Ensure these provisions support the full transition to Indigenous-led governance, with DFO operating in an advisory role where appropriate.
- Ensure stable, long-term funding for Indigenous-led marine conservation, monitoring, and stewardship initiatives, including Guardians Programs and locally managed fisheries.

AQUACULTURE REFORM AND REGULATION

- Require all finfish aquaculture operations to transition to closed containment systems, starting with the phase-out of open-net pen fish farms in Pacific waters by 2025 and all Canadian waters by 2030, ensuring a just transition for affected workers and communities.
- Remove Fisheries and Oceans Canada's mandate to promote salmon aquaculture, ensuring its regulatory role prioritizes environmental protection over industry interests.
- Transfer aquaculture regulation from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to prevent conflicts of interest in fisheries management.
- Support sustainable shellfish and seaweed aquaculture in partnership with Indigenous communities, ensuring these industries create local jobs while protecting marine ecosystems.

MARINE CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Protect and restore coastal and marine ecosystems, including seagrass meadows, kelp forests, and salt marshes, to support biodiversity and enhance natural carbon storage. Expand habitat restoration programs and reduce human impacts on marine biodiversity.
- Support a moratorium on deep-sea mining until at least 2030 to prevent irreversible damage to marine ecosystems.

MARINE WASTE AND POLLUTION REDUCTION

- Implement Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for synthetic fishing gear to fund retrieval and recycling.
- Set strict cruise ship waste discharge standards that exceed international regulations.

Safeguarding Canada's Future

The world is changing fast — and not always for the better. From wildfires and floods to rising authoritarianism and economic instability, the threats we face are serious and growing. But Canada has everything it needs to meet this moment: the resources, the people, and the courage to chart our own course.

This platform sets out a plan to protect what matters most. We'll defend our democracy, our land, and our future from foreign interference, environmental collapse, and the fallout of a rapidly shifting global order. We'll take strong action on climate change — not just by cutting emissions, but by investing in local resilience, clean energy, and Indigenous-led conservation. We'll make sure Canada can stand on its own two feet by rebuilding our emergency systems, defending our borders and infrastructure, and working with global partners who share our values.

Protecting Canada doesn't mean retreating from the world. It means showing up — with integrity, independence, and a commitment to justice. It means refusing to be pushed around by foreign powers, preparing for real risks at home, and standing firmly for the people and values this country was built on.

The future is uncertain — but we're not helpless in the face of it. With clear priorities and the political will to act, we can protect what we love, prepare for what's ahead, and build a country that stays strong, free, and firmly in our own hands.

International Affairs

In the wake of America's unprecedented economic attack on Canada and the rest of the world, it's more important than ever that we forge meaningful, productive relationships with our allies in Europe and elsewhere. We need to protect our economic and political freedom in the face of corporate interests and foreign powers that would exploit our citizens and our natural resources. We also have a duty to ensure peace elsewhere in the world and to defend Canadian families from the insecurity caused by the climate crisis and political instability.

Our policies focus on forming diplomatic and economic alliances with democracies around the world. We can no longer rely on America; it's time to forge partnerships that will protect us from U.S. economic pressure. We must also re-engage in the UN system and increase funding for peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts. A stable world is good for Canadians — it protects our economy and ensures our own ongoing peace. And we need to protect ourselves from meddling by hostile nations who would undermine our free and fair elections. The ever-present danger of foreign interference is a real threat to Canadian sovereignty. Our policies introduce measures to protect ourselves from online disinformation campaigns and mandate more transparency in media ownership. We need to know where our news is coming from — and that it reflects Canadian values.

The world is an increasingly uncertain and dangerous place. We must enact just policies that protect Canadians and other nations from the rising tide of authoritarianism, economic exploitation, and environmental collapse.

FOREIGN POLICY AND GLOBAL DIPLOMACY

- Ensure decisions affecting national sovereignty and international partnerships reflect the shared governance framework established through the Council of Canadian Governments (see Council of Canadian Governments).
- Form a common diplomatic and economic alliance (“economic NATO”) with democracies including EU, UK, Japan, Australia, South Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Mexico, Brazil, and ASEAN nations to counter US economic pressure.
- Terminate the Safe Third Country Agreement with the US, ensuring asylum seekers are not forced to remain in a country violating international refugee protections.
- Re-engage in the UN system, increasing Canada's funding for peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts. Explore opportunities to host expanded UN programs and institutions in Canada to strengthen global geographic equity in multilateral governance.
- Expand Canada's role in global peace efforts, with a focus on climate security, nuclear disarmament, and conflict prevention.

International Affairs

- Commit to global climate diplomacy that centres equity, international justice, and the leadership of the Global South. Prioritize contributions to international climate finance and support reforms to global trade and financial institutions that advance sustainability and human rights.
- Sustain diplomatic initiatives with a PR campaign involving prominent Canadian personalities to emphasize Canada's historical alliances and independence.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE

- Recognize the State of Palestine and advocate for its full UN membership, aligning with Canada's commitment to international law and multilateral diplomacy.
- Continue Canada's economic and military support for Ukraine, including increased humanitarian aid, intelligence-sharing, and further military assistance.

COUNTERING FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND CYBER THREATS

- Expand the Canadian Election Security Task Force, incorporating AI-based threat detection to combat election interference and foreign manipulation.
- Mandate transparency in media ownership, requiring full disclosure of foreign interests in major Canadian media outlets.
- Establish a National Cyber Defence Agency, centralizing Canada's response to digital warfare, cybercrime, and disinformation campaigns.

National Defence

We will never let outside threats weaken what makes Canada strong. In an age of rising authoritarianism, threats from the current US administration, foreign interference, cyber warfare, and climate-driven instability, our national defence must be bold, self-sufficient, and unshakably principled.

We would revise Canada's Defence Doctrine for the modern era; one that confronts these threats head-on. We must prepare for the worst, while also showing the world what it means to stand up for the values of justice, equality, and freedom. Canada's response must be swift, coordinated, and unwavering.

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We stand for urgent action to defend Canada's borders, protect Canadians from disinformation and cyber threats, and secure our natural resources and critical infrastructure from foreign interference.

Our plan expands Arctic and coastal security patrols, upgrades surveillance and defence capabilities, and restores domestic production of key defence assets. We will cancel the F-35 contract and invest in Canadian and allied alternatives that strengthen our sovereignty and industrial capacity.

Canada's security is not just physical — it is also ethical. We would end arms exports to human rights abusers, ban autonomous weapon systems, and ratify the global treaty to abolish nuclear arms.

And we recognize that military readiness must be paired with civilian resilience. Through the National Civil Defence Corps, we will prepare Canadians to respond to climate disasters and emergencies here at home.

A MODERN CANADIAN DEFENCE DOCTRINE

- Revise Canada's Defence Doctrine to address modern threats, including hybrid warfare, cyber threats, and the risk of direct U.S. aggression.
- Equip the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) with tailored, modernized capabilities to address today's threats, including cyber warfare, climate-related disasters, and hybrid warfare.
- Stabilize capital investment in the military to ensure consistent training and modern equipment.

ARCTIC AND COASTAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Expand Arctic and coastal security patrols, upgrading surveillance, monitoring, and defence equipment to protect Canada's northern and maritime sovereignty.
- Expand naval and coast guard capacity in the Arctic to protect Canada's northern borders.
- Reinforce Arctic sovereignty through increased patrols and community investments.
- Increase Arctic sovereignty measures through military infrastructure investment and strategic partnerships.

DEFENDING CANADA'S BORDERS AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Increase border security resources, deploying additional drones, thermal sensors, and surveillance capabilities to monitor irregular crossings and illegal trafficking.
- Ban imports of U.S. food and pharmaceuticals that fail to meet international safety standards, protecting Canadian consumers from deregulated products.
- Defend Canada's digital infrastructure — including financial systems, communications networks, and supply chains — from foreign surveillance, sabotage, and disruption.
- End Canada's reliance on U.S.-owned defence, digital, and IT systems by investing in sovereign infrastructure and partnerships with like-minded democracies to strengthen cyber defence and national security.

NON-MILITARY DEFENCE AND CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

- Normalize CAF deployment for civilian protection during climate disasters.
- Increase disaster assistance and rapid response capabilities through defence spending.
- Support civilian preparedness through the National Civil Defence Corps (See Emergency Preparedness).

DISARMAMENT AND ETHICAL MILITARY POLICY

- End Canadian arms exports to regimes that commit human rights abuses, ensuring Canadian-made weapons are not used in conflicts that violate international law.

National Defence

- Sign and ratify the Treaty to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and press for global disarmament.
- Ban autonomous weapons systems and lead a global pact to outlaw them.
- Ban weapons exports to dictatorships and rights-violating regimes.
- Ban the importation of Saudi oil into Canada.

FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION

- Separate our security architecture from that of the United States, and pursue production and acquisitions of defensive military material domestically, as well as with like-minded democracies.
- Expand Canada's role in UN peacekeeping missions and post-conflict institution building.
- Support the UN doctrine of the duty to protect while rejecting corporate-driven militarism.
- Work with the Global Greens network to foster the creation of a new security alliance for democracies, encompassing Europe, South America, and the Asia Pacific.

Emergency Preparedness

As the climate crisis worsens, weather patterns are becoming dangerously erratic and natural disasters of all kinds threaten the lives and livelihoods of more and more Canadians. In the last ten years, we've seen unprecedented increases in wildfires, floods, and extreme weather events that have devastated communities across the country. Of course, we need policies that meaningfully tackle the climate crisis. But we also need a practical, well-coordinated plan to protect Canadians from the state of environmental emergency that now threatens our homes and our families.

Our plan would strengthen disaster prevention, expand climate-resilient infrastructure, and ensure that Canada is ready to respond swiftly and effectively when crisis strikes. We will create a national emergency management agency to coordinate disaster response across all levels of government and establish a fully-funded rapid response force to protect Canadians. We will improve wildfire and flood prevention strategies using AI-powered risk mapping, and increase domestic manufacturing of emergency supplies, medical equipment, and pharmaceuticals to reduce reliance on foreign supply chains. And we will ensure that when Canadians are hit by disaster, they can access fast-track financial assistance to help them recover.

The climate crisis continues to put us all at risk. We must act now — while it's still possible — and do everything we can to protect Canadian families.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

- Transform Public Safety Canada into Canada's National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), a FEMA-equivalent agency with specialized disaster intervention teams ready for rapid deployment.
- Incorporate Indigenous governments in all national emergency planning and response efforts through the Council of Canadian Governments. (see Council of Canadian Governments)
- Create a Federal-Provincial-Territorial Emergency Response Framework, ensuring seamless coordination between federal, provincial, municipal, and Indigenous governments.
- Expand and fully fund emergency response forces, including:
 - » Northern Rangers
 - » Coast Guard
 - » National Civil Defence Corps
 - » Park Rangers
 - » Fisheries Patrol

Emergency Preparedness

NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS (NCDC)

- Establish a National Civil Defence Corps (NCDC) to strengthen Canada's emergency readiness, protect critical infrastructure, and support national resilience in the face of 21st-century threats.
- Structure the NCDC as a multi-tiered program that includes paid service placements, seasonal or term-based roles, and civilian volunteers, all contributing to community preparedness and national resilience.
- Create paid civil service placements in emergency response, infrastructure protection, and environmental restoration, prioritizing workers and communities affected by economic transition, including former fossil fuel and resource sector workers.
- NCDC members will support emergency response, disaster recovery, and climate adaptation efforts in their own communities.
- NCDC members will deliver universal civil defence training to Canadians — covering first aid, crisis response, and cybersecurity awareness — and those who complete it will receive Civil Defence Certification, recognizing them as part of Canada's broader resilience network.
- Promote non-militarized national preparedness by supporting public awareness campaigns, universal training opportunities, and community-led civil defence engagement.
- Ensure that NCDC opportunities are open and accessible to people of all backgrounds, ages, abilities, and regions, reflecting the diversity and strength of Canadian society.

WILDFIRE, FLOOD, AND INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE

- Launch a National Wildfire Resilience Strategy, invoking federal emergency powers to expand tree planting, fire breaks, and wildfire suppression efforts.
- Procure additional water bombers for high-risk zones.
- Restore natural buffer zones to protect vulnerable communities from wildfires and floods.
- Mandate Floodplain and Disaster Risk Mapping, improving floodplain, tornado corridor, and natural hazard mapping to support local emergency planning.
- Integrate AI-based disaster prediction tools into national planning.
- Expand climate-resilient infrastructure investments, prioritizing drinking water and wastewater systems to protect against flooding, droughts, and contamination.
- Expand adaptation funding for the most vulnerable communities, particularly Indigenous and remote communities.

Emergency Preparedness

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN READINESS

- Expand Canada's emergency production capabilities by funding domestic manufacturing of critical disaster response equipment, including water bombers, search-and-rescue tools, and emergency medical supplies.
- Establish a national strategic stockpile of essential emergency supplies.
- Increase Canada's domestic pharmaceutical production to ensure self-sufficiency during crises.
- Establish a PPE Reserve to prevent shortages in future pandemics or climate disasters.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

- Establish a National Community Disaster Resilience Fund to support community-based disaster training, planning, and prevention.
- Prioritize local emergency preparedness programs for rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.
- Provide permanent federal funding for the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to protect public health and maintain surge capacity in national crises.
- Implement standardized federal evacuation guidelines to ensure seamless coordination across federal, provincial, and municipal agencies.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND ALERTS

- Modernize Canada's emergency alert and communication networks, upgrading national emergency broadcasting systems to ensure real-time disaster communication.
- Expand satellite-based emergency alerts for remote areas.
- Develop redundant emergency communication systems, including:
 - » Backup ham radio networks.
 - » Decentralized alerts that function when cell towers fail.

EMERGENCY INCOME SUPPORT

- Establish EI Emergency Response Measures, ensuring automatic eligibility adjustments during national disasters.
- Provide immediate payouts for disaster-affected workers, waiving standard waiting periods.
- Expand the EI Work-Sharing Emergency Special Measure to prevent mass layoffs.

Canada must meet the climate crisis with unflinching resolve and unwavering leadership. We would bring in legally binding emissions reductions under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, setting Canada on a path to zero emissions by 2050.

Through a modernized national grid and energy storage infrastructure powered entirely by hydro, wind and solar, we would deliver 100 per cent renewable electricity to the country by 2035. New fossil fuel infrastructure would be halted, subsidies eliminated, and we would aim for a full phaseout of fossil fuel production and exports by 2045.

A National Adaptation Strategy would empower communities to lead resilience from the ground up. We would pass a Just Transition Act that centers workers and their families, guaranteeing job training, income security, and dignified retirement.

Two new workforces will be created to support these adaptation strategies. The Youth Climate Corps will focus on future-proofing our climate resilience via ecosystem restoration, conservation, and disaster prevention. The National Civil Defence Corps will, among other responsibilities, tackle national preparedness for emergencies, including climate disasters.

Our Climate Change Act would establish binding emissions targets and establish penalties, with a focus on high-polluting industries. Other priorities include sector-specific emissions caps, the introduction of right-to-repair laws, investments into Indigenous-led conservation, and the expansion of sustainable agriculture. When it comes to new cars, we would ban the sale of passenger gas vehicles by 2030.

We seek to bring about a just transition to fossil fuel dominance and a new beginning of climate justice.

REGULATORY MEASURES AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

- Establish a Cross-Party Climate Cabinet and mandate annual climate progress reports to Parliament to ensure accountability, ensuring that climate policy decisions remain stable regardless of changes in government.
 - » This body will include MPs from all federal parties, key Indigenous leaders, and climate experts, ensuring long-term, science-based decision-making on emissions reductions, energy transition, and climate resilience.
- Use part four of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act to implement legally binding emissions reduction targets aligned with the Paris Agreement. Achieve zero emissions by 2050 with clear interim goals every five years. Establish sector-specific carbon budgets for all major industries. Require independent audits and annual reporting to ensure compliance.

Climate Action

- Immediately halt new fossil fuel infrastructure and eliminate fossil fuel subsidies. Phase out all fossil fuel production and exports by 2045.
- Introduce a Polluter Pays Act, ensuring that corporations responsible for environmental damage bear the full cost of cleanup and climate adaptation.

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

- Modernize Canada's grid, creating interconnected regional electricity grids, ensuring 100% renewable electricity nationwide by 2035 through hydro, wind, solar, and energy storage. (see Energy Transition)
- Swiftly transition Canada to 100% renewable electricity by investing heavily in solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal technologies.
- Expand public R&D funding for next-generation technologies, including green hydrogen, long-duration battery storage, and carbon capture for hard-to-abate industries.
- Re-establish and gradually increase Canada's revenue-neutral carbon pricing system ensuring fairness for low-income Canadians and rural communities.
- Strengthen carbon border adjustments to protect Canadian industries from unfair competition with high-emission imports.
- Launch a Low-Cost Heat Pump Program providing rebates to support the adoption of electric heat pumps. Prioritize low-income households, rural communities, and regions with extreme weather.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

- Mandate Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to allocate at least 50% of its investments to climate resilience projects, including flood defenses and wildfire mitigation. Establish low-interest financing and grants for municipalities and Indigenous governments to implement climate-proofing measures in public infrastructure projects.
- Scale up Canada's green workforce by leveraging the National Green Jobs Training and Apprenticeship Program, ensuring displaced workers transition into renewable energy and clean infrastructure careers.
- Establish a National Civil Defence Corps (NCDC) to help strengthen Canada's climate disaster preparedness. This civilian corps would have a key role in responding to climate-related threats, like wildfires, and assisting communities with disaster recovery. (See Emergency Preparedness)
- Launch a Youth Climate Corps, employing tens of thousands of young Canadians in ecosystem restoration and conservation projects, wildfire prevention and other ecology-based climate resilience strategies.

- » Prioritize Indigenous leadership and local conservation efforts, ensuring that projects align with traditional ecological knowledge and community needs.
- » Provide fair wages and career development pathways so participants can pursue long-term opportunities in the environmental sector.
- Establish a National Adaptation Strategy, ensuring that climate adaptation gaps not covered by the NCDC, YCC, National Green Jobs Training and Apprenticeship Program or the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) are fully addressed.
 - » Focus funding on community-driven adaptation initiatives, particularly for Indigenous, rural, and remote communities, to enhance local resilience.
 - » Provide targeted emergency preparedness funding for climate-resilient evacuation routes, cooling centers, wildfire shelters, and disaster response systems.
 - » Launch regional climate risk planning and resilience grants, equipping municipalities with the resources needed to develop long-term adaptation strategies tailored to local climate threats.
- Expand agricultural climate resilience by integrating the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Program and Environmental Farm Plans into national climate adaptation efforts.
- Ensure drought adaptation, water conservation, and sustainable soil management are fully supported through Canada's climate strategy.

WASTE REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION

- Adopt circular economy principles to extend product lifespans, minimize waste, and create local jobs in repair, reuse, and recycling industries.
- Eliminate corporate tax deductions for unsold consumer goods, ending financial incentives for wasteful inventory disposal.
 - » Require large retailers and manufacturers to donate, recycle, or repurpose excess inventory instead of destroying it.
 - » Establish federal waste diversion targets and provide funding for logistics support to help businesses donate surplus products to food banks, shelters, and community programs.
- Introduce a national sustainability index for household appliances and electronics, requiring manufacturers to display durability, repairability, and recyclability ratings on all products.

Climate Action

- » Require all federally funded procurement to prioritize high-scoring appliances and electronics, ensuring public funds support durable, repairable products.
- Implement Right to Repair legislation, ensuring consumers and independent repair businesses have access to spare parts, manuals, and software updates.

Environmental Protection

The climate crisis is an existential threat to our communities, families, and the land we call home. From devastating wildfires and floods, to the loss of wildlife and polluted waterways, the consequences of climate change are here. Protecting Canada's environment shouldn't be a partisan issue. Every resident needs clean water, stable food systems, and breathable air to survive, regardless of their politics. There's no future in Canada — economic or otherwise — without a healthy ecosystem.

Our policies focus on conservation and protecting the natural environment that belongs to all Canadians. We will support the expansion of protected habitats and prioritize Indigenous-led conservation efforts by ensuring long-term funding for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) and Land Guardian programs. Indigenous leadership will guide land, marine, and park conservation, ensuring lasting protection through co-governance and ecological knowledge.

We intend to address biodiversity loss through wetland rehabilitation, river restoration, and expanding marine protections. We also need to limit threats to our environment by tackling pollution by eliminating single-use plastics and strengthening our recycling infrastructure. Microplastic pollution is a devastating environmental issue for our waterways, and Canada's current microbead ban needs to be expanded to include household and industrial cleaning products.

Clean water is a human right, and we'll end boil-water advisories while defending watersheds from pollution and privatization. We'll tackle toxic waste and e-waste, holding corporations accountable for cleanup and recycling. Environmental justice isn't optional; it's essential. Our plan brings nature back into our cities, safeguards endangered species, and defends every ecosystem, from oceans to urban forests.

The Green Party is committed to significant investment in large-scale conservation of ecosystems, the strengthening of pollution regulations and protection of clean water under Indigenous leadership, while holding industry accountable and building climate resilience across Canada.

LAND AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

- Commit to annual funding for biodiversity conservation, ensuring that 30% of Canada's land and waters are protected by 2030 and expanding to 50% by 2050 through protected areas, habitat restoration, and conservation agreements with provinces and Indigenous nations.
 - » Prioritize Indigenous-led conservation efforts, ecological connectivity, and protection of carbon-rich ecosystems like peatlands, wetlands, and boreal forests.

Environmental Protection

- Restore the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) to its pre-2012 standards, ensuring robust, science-based environmental reviews for industrial and resource extraction projects. Require cumulative impact assessments to account for climate, biodiversity, and Indigenous land use considerations in all federal project approvals.
- Commit to annual funding for Indigenous-led conservation efforts, ensuring long-term support for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) and Land Guardian programs.
- Expand Indigenous co-management of national parks and conservation lands, integrating traditional ecological knowledge into Canada's biodiversity strategy.
- Invest in ecosystem restoration and rewilding efforts, reversing biodiversity loss through wetland rehabilitation, afforestation, and species recovery projects. Prioritize nature-based climate solutions that enhance carbon sequestration, flood mitigation, and wildlife habitat restoration.
- Allocate funding to establish wildlife corridors, protect key migration routes and link national parks, conservation lands, and Indigenous-managed territories. Ban industrial development in key wildlife corridors, ensuring habitat continuity for species at risk and migratory wildlife.
- Commit to funding endangered species recovery plans, ensuring strict federal oversight and enforcement of habitat protection measures. Prioritize woodland caribou, freshwater fish and migratory birds, collaborating with provinces and Indigenous nations to restore critical habitats.
- Increase annual funding for Parks Canada, ensuring stronger ecological protection, trail maintenance, and Indigenous-led stewardship of national parks and heritage sites.
- Invest in urban biodiversity initiatives, expanding tree canopy coverage, pollinator-friendly landscapes, and naturalized green spaces in cities. Require biodiversity action plans for all major cities, integrating urban ecosystems into climate resilience planning.

CLEAN WATER AND MARINE PROTECTION

- Launch a National Water Strategy,, ensuring universal access to safe drinking water, freshwater ecosystem protection, and stronger watershed management.
 - » Recognize water as a public common resource, prohibiting international water basin transfers and bulk freshwater exports to prevent privatization and speculation.
 - » Strengthen legal protections for Canada's watersheds, groundwater, and aquifers, preventing pollution, overuse, and corporate extraction.

Environmental Protection

- Co-develop and introduce a strengthened First Nations Clean Water Act to affirm First Nations jurisdiction over source water, drinking water, wastewater, and related infrastructure, ensuring alignment with the minimum standards of UNDRIP — and permanently end boil-water advisories through long-term, Indigenous-led solutions.
- Expand marine protected areas (MPAs) to cover 30% of Canada's waters by 2030, and invest in coastal ecosystem conservation, sustainable fisheries and marine biodiversity restoration.
 - » Prioritize Indigenous-led conservation efforts, ensuring IPCAs receive permanent funding and legal recognition within Canada's marine governance framework.
- Invest in a National Waterway and Carbon Sink Restoration Program, restoring rivers, wetlands, and buffer zones to improve water quality, mitigate floods, and sequester carbon.
- Fund marine ecosystem restoration, focusing on seagrass, kelp forests and ocean-based carbon sequestration initiatives to combat ocean acidification and habitat degradation.
- Ban new offshore oil and gas development and phase out existing operations, protecting coastal ecosystems and marine biodiversity from pollution and industrial expansion.
- Strengthen emissions reduction policies for shipping, oil spills, and coastal industries, ensuring long-term protection for Canada's oceans.

POLLUTION REDUCTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Sign onto the Global Plastics Treaty and implement a National Plastics Pollution Strategy, ensuring that Canada eliminates non-essential single-use plastics, expands reusable alternatives, and strengthens recycling infrastructure.
- Mandate producer responsibility for plastic waste, requiring corporations to finance plastic collection, reuse systems, and post-consumer recycling efforts.
- Expand Canada's microbead ban to include household and industrial cleaning products, preventing microplastic pollution in waterways and ecosystems.
- Mandate microfibre filters in all new washing machines sold in Canada by 2026, ensuring manufacturers adopt proven filtration technology to prevent microplastic pollution.
- Expand Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs, requiring corporations to finance collection, recycling, and disposal of packaging, electronics, and hazardous waste.

Environmental Protection

- Mandate producer responsibility for toxic electronic waste (TEW), ensuring that corporations finance collection, safe disposal, and recycling.
- Establish a National E-Waste Recycling and Cleanup Fund, financed through manufacturer waste fees to support large-scale recycling programs and environmental remediation of toxic e-waste sites.
- Ban polluting e-waste smelters and require closed-loop recycling systems for electronic waste, preventing the release of toxic heavy metals into air and water.
- Ban the export of Canada's solid waste by 2030, ensuring that hazardous and plastic waste is processed domestically under strict environmental standards.
- Invest in domestic waste management infrastructure, expanding plastic, hazardous, and organic waste processing capacity.
- Establish a permanent high-level Office of Environmental Justice within Environment Canada, implementing Canada's national strategy on environmental racism and justice.

Security for Every Canadian

Real security isn't just about feeling safe. It's about knowing you'll have a roof over your head, food on the table, and care when you need it — no matter who you are, or what life throws at you. That's not the Canada we're living in today. But it could be.

We're ready to take on the housing crisis with the scale and urgency it demands. We'll triple Canada's social housing stock in just seven years — bringing back the federal government's role in building, financing, and protecting non-market housing. That means retooling the CMHC, launching regional prefab housing plants, and bringing land back into public hands. And we'll end the free ride for corporate landlords and speculators, so homes serve people — not investors.

We believe that no one should be forced to live in poverty. Our Guaranteed Livable Income would replace outdated, demeaning social assistance programs with a single, unconditional income floor — based on what it actually costs to live. It's a simple promise: if you fall on hard times, you'll still be able to eat, pay rent, and live with dignity.

And we believe that care should never be for sale. We'll enforce the Canada Health Act, expand public delivery, and bring mental health fully into Medicare. From long-term care to reproductive health to addiction services, we're building a care system that's public, universal, and rooted in compassion — not profit.

This is what real security looks like. Not just surviving, but living — with stability, support, and the freedom to build a future.

Housing

Housing is a human right, and it's time we treated it like one. Canada is facing a housing crisis, and we're done with band-aid solutions. Housing affordability needs to be declared a national emergency and we would launch a bold, ambitious plan to end homelessness within a decade. This starts by making housing a human right in federal law, with significant investments in strong tenant protections, rental assistance, and non-market housing.

Our ambitious plan would build permanently affordable homes over seven years with an aim to triple Canada's social housing stock and return the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to its roots of financing and building non-market housing directly. Mandate the CMHC to establish prefabricated housing plants to slash construction costs and create jobs, and then provide long-term, low-interest loans to nonprofits, co-ops, and public housing agencies to cut out private lenders and accelerate development.

No more public money for private profit — every publicly funded home would remain affordable forever.

We would seek a permanent ban on foreign ownership of residential real estate and close the loopholes that allow foreign capital to devastate the Canadian real estate market. We would seek to tax extreme housing wealth to fund affordable housing, and launch a public land acquisition fund to bring land back into public hands, where it belongs.

With climate-ready homes, universal accessibility, Indigenous-led housing strategies, and strong tenant protections, this is a full-spectrum plan to house everyone — from youth and students to rural communities and people with disabilities.

This is a national project. It's time to treat housing like the infrastructure it is — essential, foundational, and non-negotiable. Let's build the future, one home at a time.

MAKE HOUSING A NATIONAL PRIORITY

- Declare housing affordability and homelessness a national emergency. Recognize housing as a national crisis and commit to ending homelessness within a decade through strategic investments in non-market housing, rent assistance, and stronger tenant protections.
- Legislate housing as a fundamental human right, ensuring federal policies and funding prioritize those most in need.
- Set a uniform federal definition of affordable housing, requiring that all federally funded housing meet the affordability standard of costing no more than 30% of household income.
- Ensure that affordability thresholds account for regional cost of living differences.

Housing

- Prioritize federal funding for deeply affordable housing targeted specifically at households earning between 0% and 50% of area median income (AMI).

INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Triple the amount of social housing in Canada by building 1.2 million permanently affordable homes (non-market rental or cooperative) over seven years.
- Restore the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) mandate to directly finance and develop non-market housing, as it did from the 1940s to the 1990s.
- Require CMHC to provide long-term, low-interest loans to nonprofits, co-ops, and public housing agencies, cutting out private lenders to lower costs and accelerate the development of non-market homes.
- Mandate CMHC to establish five regional prefab/modular housing plants to mass-produce affordable housing, cutting construction costs and delays while creating thousands of skilled jobs in manufacturing and construction.
- Require all housing developed with public financing to have permanent affordability covenants to protect public investments.
- Redesign and expand the Public Land Acquisition Fund, creating a dedicated, multi-year fund to bring more private land into public ownership for the construction of non-market affordable housing. Place a moratorium on selling off publicly-owned land that could be used to meet important social needs, like affordable housing.
- Eliminate the GST on non-market housing construction materials.
- Extend the existing GST removal for developers of for-profit rental housing to include all homes built for affordable home ownership through organizations like Habitat for Humanity.
- Increase the Canada Rental Protection Fund to help nonprofits acquire existing rental buildings and keep them permanently affordable.
- Expand the use of CMHC's rental construction financing initiative to post-secondary institutions, incentivizing them to build affordable student housing.
- Create a dedicated infrastructure funding stream under the National Housing Strategy to support student housing development, supplementing investments by colleges and universities.

CLIMATE-READY HOUSING

- Expand green retrofitting programs for existing affordable housing, ensuring low-income tenants benefit from lower energy bills.

Housing

- Require all federally funded housing to meet stringent climate resilience standards, including flood-proofing, fire resistance, and energy efficiency to protect communities from worsening climate disasters.
- Ensure CMHC's modular housing plants prioritize energy-efficient, sustainable construction, integrating low-carbon materials into Canada's public housing expansion.

ENDING FINANCIAL SPECULATION IN HOUSING

- Permanently ban foreign ownership of residential real estate. The temporary ban must be made permanent, preventing speculative international investors from further distorting Canada's housing market.
- Close loopholes that allow foreign capital to flow into Canadian real estate. Restrict foreign-backed corporations and investment funds from bypassing ownership bans through partnerships or shell companies.
- Increase transparency in real estate transactions. Strengthen beneficial ownership registries to track who is really buying properties.
- End preferential tax treatment for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and other corporate landlords.
- Crack down on corporate housing speculation. Introduce stricter regulations on hedge funds, private equity firms, and corporate landlords that drive up housing prices and push Canadians out of the market.
- Introduce a deferrable property surtax on homes over \$1M, ensuring windfall housing wealth contributes to affordable housing development.

STRONGER RENT CONTROL AND TENANT PROTECTIONS

- Require all provinces and territories to have strong rent and vacancy controls and sufficiently funded landlord/tenant dispute resolution agencies to access all federal housing funding.
- Strengthen legal protections for renters by implementing a National Renters' Bill of Rights, ensuring fair lease terms, eviction protections, and transparent rent-setting mechanisms.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT

- Create a new annual, consistent Homelessness Prevention and Eradication fund to cut chronic homelessness across the country in half.
- Expand investments in Housing First programs and wraparound support services, ensuring those experiencing homelessness have access to mental health care, harm reduction, and addiction recovery supports alongside permanent housing.

Housing

- Increase municipal funding for emergency shelters and transitional housing, ensuring cities have long-term, stable federal support for frontline homelessness services.
- Expand the Rapid Housing Initiative, accelerating the creation of supportive housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness.

HOUSING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- Develop and implement a For Indigenous, By Indigenous Housing Strategy, ensuring long-term, sustainable funding for Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous housing rather than short-term project-based allocations.
- Transfer federal land to Indigenous-led housing organizations to support community-driven housing solutions, in alignment with self-determination principles under UNDRIP.
- Ensure all Indigenous housing projects are funded through direct, non-market financing, removing barriers to co-operative and community-led Indigenous housing developments.

YOUTH HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- Expand federal funding for youth shelters and transitional housing, ensuring dedicated housing supports for young people at risk of homelessness.
- Support co-operative housing models for youth, enabling young people to access affordable, community-based housing solutions.
- Provide mental health and social support services within youth housing programs, addressing the root causes of youth homelessness.

RURAL AND DISABILITY HOUSING INITIATIVES

- Expand accessibility retrofitting grants for existing housing, ensuring barrier-free homes for people with disabilities.
- Require universal design in all federally funded housing, ensuring new homes are accessible for people of all ages and abilities.
- Develop a dedicated rural housing strategy, ensuring federal funding supports housing affordability and availability in remote communities.
- Leverage modular housing production to expand affordable housing in rural and remote communities, overcoming high construction costs and labor shortages that have historically limited development.

Ending Poverty

Every Canadian deserves a life of opportunity, free from the stress of poverty. We would fully fund the Canada Disability Benefit, ensuring recipients get the full amount they're entitled to, with expanded eligibility that cuts out red tape and clawbacks. Poverty should never be the price of living with a disability.

Families come first, and we would support them with a new end poverty supplement, delivered through the Canada Child Benefit that delivers meaningful support to low-income families. Because no child should grow up hungry in a wealthy country like Canada.

Benefits should be automatic, fast, and accessible. That means automatic tax filing, instant enrollment into programs like the guaranteed income supplement and Canada Child Benefit as well as free, community-based tax help for those who are navigating informal work, are missing documents, or face digital barriers. A new one-month benefit guarantee would ensure that no one waits months for help in moments of crisis.

To ensure that low- and middle-income earners increase their take-home pay, we'd seek to raise the federal income tax threshold and work with provinces to establish a fair, living minimum wage to ensure what people earn reflects the real cost of living across the country.

And yes — we are fully committed to a Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) based on residents' regional costs of living. GLI would replace outdated existing income support programs and work to eliminate extreme poverty. This ensures that all Canadians have access to the resources they need to afford food, housing, and other essentials.

Let's build a Canada where no one is left behind.

Immediate Poverty Reduction Measures

STRENGTHENING INCOME SUPPORTS

- Fully fund the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) and expand eligibility.
 - » Ensure recipients receive the maximum amount they are eligible for under the legislation that created the benefit.
 - » Expand eligibility to remove restrictive barriers, ensuring broader access without excessive means-testing or clawbacks.
- Introduce the End Poverty Supplement, delivered via the Canada Child Benefit (CCB). Target support to families earning under \$19,000 per year, with a phased reduction as incomes rise.

MAKING BENEFITS MORE ACCESSIBLE

- Implement automatic tax filing to ensure all low-income Canadians receive the benefits they are entitled to.

Ending Poverty

- » Automatically enroll recipients of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) and other federal/provincial benefits into tax-based income supports.
- » Expand automatic filing to include low-income workers, seniors, and people with disabilities who do not regularly file taxes.
- Provide free tax-filing assistance as a backup for those not covered by automatic filing.
 - » Expand free, community-based tax clinics to assist those with gig work, informal income, or missing documentation.
 - » Ensure that newcomers, caregivers, and people with disabilities can access the benefits they qualify for.
- Implement a one-month benefit guarantee, ensuring fast delivery of income supports.
 - » Require the CRA to process and deliver federal benefits within one month of major life changes (job loss, disability onset, family changes).

STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- Raise the federal income tax floor to \$45,000.
 - » Ensure that low- and middle-income earners pay no federal income tax on the first \$45,000 of earnings, increasing take-home pay for millions of Canadians.
 - » Prevent taxation from pushing vulnerable workers back into poverty as they transition to full employment.
- Establish a \$21/hour federal minimum wage, indexed to inflation.
 - » Work with provinces to implement regionally appropriate living wages that reflect local cost-of-living realities.

Long Term Poverty Reduction Measures

Canada can't afford poverty—not economically, not socially. Despite decades of piecemeal solutions, systemic poverty persists. To truly break this cycle, we must shift our approach to income support.

For over two decades, the Green Party has advocated for a universal Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) — structured as a negative income tax and accessible to all, not just those who meet traditional needs-based criteria. To achieve this transformative change, we will first partner with Prince Edward Island, a province already prepared to pilot this groundbreaking initiative.

Leveraging the success of this initial partnership, we will expand the GLI program nationwide through the Council of Canadian Governments.

Implementing a universal GLI addresses critical calls to action from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). It will also reduce reliance on outdated, fragmented support programs, generate significant savings for provincial and municipal governments, and strengthen local economies by transitioning more Canadians from the underground economy to stable, tax-paying employment.

IMPLEMENTING GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME (GLI)

- Implement a universal GLI structured as a negative income tax, available to all Canadians without means-testing.
- Begin implementation in Prince Edward Island, leveraging provincial support, and expand nationwide through negotiations facilitated by the Council of Canadian Governments.
- Ensure the federal government provides initial funding, recognizing significant long-term savings at provincial and municipal levels.

REGIONAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

- Set GLI payments according to regional Market Basket Measure (MBM) standards and Living Wage calculations, ensuring individuals can afford basic necessities such as food, housing, and essentials.

REPLACING OUTDATED INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Simplify and consolidate existing welfare, provincial disability assistance, Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), and Canada Worker's Benefit (CWB) into a single, unconditional income support framework.
- Maintain separate programs such as Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), childcare subsidies, social housing, and health benefits.

Ending Poverty

ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AND ENDING THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY

- Ensure no clawbacks on the first \$10,000 of earned income, with gradual and moderate reductions above that threshold, eliminating “benefit cliffs” and incentivizing work.
- Recognize that additional income earned remains with individuals, transitioning them into taxpaying citizens, reducing participation in the underground economy.

SUPPORTING CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES

- Guarantee that no member of the disability community lives in poverty, ensuring they have adequate income to live with dignity.

Health Care

It's time to deliver real universal health care — public, equitable, and for everyone. We plan to strengthen and enforce the Canada Health Act, to make sure public dollars support public care and prevent the expansion of for-profit clinics, extra billing, user fees, and privatization creep.

No more people struggling without a family doctor. Our plan guarantees access to primary care by passing a new Primary Care Health Act — because everyone deserves a family doctor and a care team. We would seek to expand community health clinics and train the next generation of health workers, especially in rural, remote, and underserved regions.

Mental health care is health care. We'll fully integrate it into Medicare, covering therapy, counselling, and psychiatric services. A new Canada Mental Health Transfer will fund community-led programs, Indigenous-led healing services, and harm reduction initiatives — building toward full public coverage.

We would implement universal pharmacare and expand dental care, ensuring no one has to choose between medical care and rent. We'll grow mobile clinics, expand telemedicine, and demand culturally safe care for Indigenous people and marginalized communities.

Canadians deserve the right to have a healthy environment, and it should be legislated into law. We would pledge to reorient Health Canada's mandate to prioritize a healthy environment and ban toxic chemicals and harmful pesticides, with an eye towards disease prevention. We would also seek to mitigate harms in a changing world, which means training healthcare professionals on climate-related health threats and make Canada a leader in building a resilient, equitable health system for a changing world.

This is more than just policy, we plan to bring about a revolution in care, because health should be for people, not profit.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE EXPANSION AND EQUITY

- Enforce and strengthen the Canada Health Act, ensuring that all new federal health care funding goes to public, not-for-profit services, while preventing the expansion of for-profit clinics, extra billing, user fees, and privatization creep.
- Increase federal health transfers with accountability measures, ensuring funds are used to improve access and equity.
- Reform the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) to guarantee fair funding for rural and remote healthcare services, ensuring staffing levels, facility funding, and service access are equitable across all regions.
- Pass a new Primary Care Health Act, complementing the Canada Health Act, to ensure that every Canadian can access a family doctor, nurse practitioner, and community-based primary care team.

- » Link new federal health transfers to measurable targets, requiring provinces and territories to demonstrate that no one goes without a primary care provider.
- » Expand group practices and community health clinics by hiring more nurse practitioners, mental health professionals, physician assistants, and allied health workers to reduce wait times and improve preventive care.
- Hire 7,500 new family doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners over five years to address health worker shortages.
- Train and certify 50,000 personal support workers (PSWs) and establish a minimum wage of \$25/hour for PSWs and long-term care workers.
- Implement Universal Pharmacare to establish single-payer pharmacare across Canada.
- Expand the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) immediately to all Canadians who meet the eligibility requirements.
- Expand community health services, including mobile clinics for rural and remote communities and increased support for telemedicine.
- Require provinces to provide culturally safe and inclusive primary care services, especially for Indigenous Peoples, rural and remote communities, and historically marginalized groups.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

- Make mental health services fully insured under the Canada Health Act, ensuring public coverage of therapy, counselling, and psychiatric care through general provincial health transfers.
- Establish a Canada Mental Health Transfer (CMHT) as a transitional measure, ensuring mental health funding reaches community services while provinces fully integrate mental health into Medicare. The CMHT will be phased out once full integration is achieved.
- Earmark 50% of all mental health funding for community-based providers, ensuring stable, long-term funding for nonprofit mental health agencies, harm reduction services, and Indigenous-led programs.
- Launch a National Suicide Prevention Strategy, including 988 crisis services expansion and peer-based crisis response models.
- Expand funding for supervised consumption sites and harm reduction services, ensuring nationwide access, including rural and correctional facilities.
- Legislate full decriminalization of drug possession for personal use, replacing discretionary policies with a consistent legal framework.
- Establish a Federally Managed Safe Supply Program, providing pharmaceutical alternatives to prevent overdose deaths.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

- Increase funding for the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support long-term investments in public health monitoring.
- Develop a nationwide public health equity framework to address social determinants of health and reduce disparities.
- Establish a permanent National Pandemic Preparedness Plan, ensuring strategic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpiles, domestic vaccine production, and a rapid-response task force for future health emergencies.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH AND RECONCILIATION

- Fully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action 18-24, ensuring all Indigenous Peoples have equitable access to culturally safe health care.
- Guarantee full funding for Jordan's Principle, ensuring no First Nations child is denied care due to jurisdictional disputes.
- Expand Indigenous-led health services, eliminating barriers to primary and mental health care for Indigenous communities.
- Double funding for the Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative (AHHRI) to train, recruit, and retain Indigenous health professionals.
- Support Indigenous self-governance in health care, ensuring Indigenous organizations lead policy development and service delivery.
- Permanently fund Indigenous-led, land-based healing programs that support trauma recovery and cultural reconnection.
- Ensure that every Indigenous person who seeks addiction or substance use treatment can access timely, culturally appropriate care — with no financial or logistical barriers.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAiD)

- Create an independent federal oversight body to regulate MAiD, investigate complaints, ensure accountability, and guarantee accessible reporting and appeals processes.
- Mandate that no person be offered or approved for MAiD without first being provided access to appropriate health care, social services, housing, and income supports.
- Pause the planned expansion of MAiD to cases where mental illness is the sole underlying condition, until meaningful mental health care and social supports are in place.

- Ensure robust consultation with Indigenous governments and communities on MAiD policy, consistent with the principles of free, prior, and informed consent.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

- Advocate for the enforcement of the Canada Health Act to ensure all provinces and territories provide comprehensive reproductive health services, including abortion, without financial or logistical barriers.
- Support the expansion of telemedicine services to provide medication abortion and related care, particularly in underserved and remote communities.
- Ensure that reproductive health services are inclusive and affirming for LGBTQ+ individuals.
- Enhance the collection of disaggregated data on reproductive health to identify and address disparities in access and outcomes.
- Oppose any legislation that seeks to restrict access to abortion or undermine reproductive rights.

REDRESSING ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE RELATED HAZARDS IN THE WORKPLACE

- Mandate workplace protections for extreme heat, wildfire smoke, and climate-related hazards, including:
 - » Additional hazard pay for workers exposed to climate hazards.
 - » EI emergency benefits for climate-related work stoppages.
- Provide tax rebates for heat-related safety equipment in high-risk workplaces.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE RELATED PATIENT CARE

- Legislate the right of Canadians to a healthy environment.
- Require health impact assessments in all government policies.
- Reorient Health Canada's mandate to prioritize:
 - » Mental health, disease prevention and climate risks.
 - » Training healthcare professionals on climate-related health threats.
- Create a national database for doctors and emergency rooms to track adverse effects of pesticides and chemicals.
- Mandate the reporting of pesticide-related illnesses and toxic chemical exposure, integrating this data into Canada's health monitoring systems.

Health Care

- Fund long-term health studies on the impact of chemical exposure, focusing on vulnerable populations.
- Support investment in Canada's National Adaptation Strategy, prioritizing climate-adapted hospitals and decentralized, renewable-powered health infrastructure.

CHEMICALS, TOXINS AND PESTICIDES

- Set targets to reduce pesticide use and support a transition to organic farming.
- Strengthen the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) to limit toxic chemicals.
- Ban all toxic ingredients in personal care products.
- Ban neonicotinoid pesticides and support farmers in adopting alternatives.
- Ban forestry and cosmetic uses of glyphosate-based herbicides and its use as a pre-harvest desiccant.
- Ban the most harmful pesticides and industrial chemicals linked to cancer and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Long-Term Care

Every Canadian deserves to grow old with a sense of safety and care — not neglect. That’s why we aim to set enforceable national standards for Long-Term Care (LTC) that ties federal funding to real accountability. No more unchecked abuse, no more corporate neglect. We will mandate a national minimum of four hours of regulated care per resident, every day — because care must be consistent, compassionate, and safe.

Under our plan, all LTC facilities would be required to have emergency plans in place, with strong infection control and staffing protections. Family presence is essential care, and we’ll protect it with public health protocols that uphold connection and compassion.

Our vision begins with the frontline. We would fight for the rights of LTC workers with better wages, paid sick days, and long-overdue support. Fair pay and respect will rebuild the care workforce — and we plan to open the doors to skilled immigrants ready to work in our communities.

But we wouldn’t stop at reforms, we want to build from the foundation up. We plan to expand publicly funded and community-based LTC. A new Seniors’ Care Transfer will support home care, community programs, and aging in place — because seniors’ independence is part of a healthy life.

Families who care for loved ones will no longer be left behind. Refundable caregiver credits and expanded support for home modifications will help make staying at home not just possible, but empowering.

With accountability and compassion, we seek to revolutionize care, because no one should put profit above the well-being of our elders — and everyone deserves to age with dignity.

NATIONAL STANDARDS AND PUBLIC OVERSIGHT

- Create and enforce binding National Standards for Long-Term Care (LTC) to ensure quality, safety, and accessibility, with federal funding tied to compliance.
- Mandate a national standard of four hours of regulated care per day per resident, ensuring evidence-based staffing levels.
- Require emergency and pandemic preparedness plans for all LTC facilities, ensuring infection control, staffing capacity, and resident safety.
- Enforce LTC standards with accountability measures and criminal penalties for non-compliance, preventing repeat violations by LTC operators.
- Ensure safe family access to LTC facilities, maintaining public health protocols without isolating residents from loved ones.

Long-Term Care

STRENGTHENING THE LTC WORKFORCE

- Expand wage top-ups for LTC workers and implement a minimum wage of \$25/hour for personal support workers (PSWs).
- Fund 10 paid sick days for LTC staff, reducing the risk of illness transmission in care facilities.
- Invest in national workforce recruitment and retention strategies, ensuring fair pay, benefits, and professional development for LTC workers.
- Prioritize immigration pathways for senior care professionals, addressing long-term labour shortages in the sector.

EXPANDING PUBLIC LTC, HOME CARE AND AGING IN PLACE

- Create a dedicated Seniors' Care Transfer, funding LTC, home care, and community-based supports.
- Phase out for-profit LTC, ensuring a gradual transition to community-based, publicly funded care models.
- Expand public LTC infrastructure with interest-free loans, prioritizing public and non-profit providers.
- Shift LTC policy toward aging in place by expanding home support programs and ensuring adequate funding for at-home care.
- Increase community and home-based care funding to align with OECD best practices.
- Make the Caregiver Tax Credit refundable, providing greater financial relief for families caring for loved ones.
- Expand the Home Renovation Tax Credit, ensuring home modifications support seniors living independently.

Disability Support and Rights

We will not tolerate a Canada where people with disabilities are forced to live in poverty, and we believe it's time to fully fund and fix the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). That means automatic enrollment, no more hoops and no more gatekeeping through unfair tax credits. We will tie benefits to individual income, protect against clawbacks, and ensure the benefit cannot be undermined by private insurance or provincial cutbacks.

But we're not stopping there. We would work with provinces to build a guaranteed livable income to ensure financial security for all, including those with disabilities. The Disability Tax Credit will finally be reformed with clear rules, plain language and no more fees for basic medical forms. We would create a system that works for people, not against them. And we'll make it a refundable credit, so low-income Canadians can benefit.

Our vision is to transform accessibility from an afterthought into a guarantee. The Accessible Canada Act would be strengthened to cover all federally funded projects, from housing to health. A national equipment fund would be established to ensure people have the wheelchairs and assistive devices they need. Universal design will be the standard in every new federally-funded home.

We'll reform CPP-Disability to align with modern realities and support employment for working-age recipients, not punish it through clawbacks. And we'll enforce workplace equity so disabled workers are no longer the last hired and first fired.

Transit, websites, services — everything must be made more accessible, because inclusion isn't optional, it's a right.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- Fully fund the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) to lift all Canadians with disabilities out of poverty.
 - » Fix the CDB to ensure automatic enrollment for those already receiving provincial, territorial or federal programs.
 - » Strike down the use of the Disability Tax Credit to block access.
 - » Tie CDB to individual income rather than household income.
 - » Legislate protections from private insurance and provincial or territorial clawbacks.
- Work with the provinces to implement a Guaranteed Livable Income, ensuring financial security for all, including people with disabilities.
- Reform the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) to ensure it is accessible, automatic, and fair, including:
 - » Clear, simplified eligibility rules and plain-language application materials.

Disability Support and Rights

- » Expanding the list of healthcare providers who can certify applications.
- » Removing financial and administrative barriers (e.g., free medical form processing).
- » Ensuring automatic eligibility for people already receiving provincial disability benefits.
- Convert the Disability Tax Credit into a refundable credit, ensuring accessibility for low-income individuals.
- Redesign CPP-Disability eligibility to ensure it does not exclude working-age people with disabilities who seek employment, aligning with the DTC where appropriate.

ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY RIGHTS

- Strengthen and enforce the Accessible Canada Act (ACA), expanding its scope to cover all federally funded projects, including housing and social programs.
- Establish a national equipment fund to provide wheelchairs and other essential accessibility tools.
- Mandate universal design in federally funded housing, ensuring accessible rental and ownership options.
- Direct federal health transfers to provinces for rehabilitation services, ensuring consistent access to therapy and assistive devices.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE EQUITY

- Enforce the Employment Equity Act to improve job opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Ensure people with disabilities are not the last hired and first laid off through stronger workplace protections.
- Expand employment support programs to assist people with disabilities in securing and retaining meaningful work.

INCLUSIVE PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

- Expand public transit accessibility, ensuring barrier-free buses, rail services, and transit stations.
- Increase funding for home care and community-based disability support programs, ensuring personalized care options.
- Ensure digital accessibility of government websites and online services, mandating compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 standards.

Seniors

Our seniors built this country — and they deserve more than broken systems and empty promises. It's time for a new deal for older Canadians. We aim to protect pensions as a first priority when companies go bankrupt. Our plan for annual pension health checks, a government-backed protection fund, and a refundable tax credit to protect pensions will ensure no retiree is left behind. We would pass a federal law with strong legal protections to end elder abuse.

Aging Canadians deserve support at every level. That means launching a national seniors strategy to improve health care, housing, and social services and a new Federal Office of the Seniors' Advocate to monitor senior care and look for where improvements can be made. We champion affordable housing for seniors, from home-sharing programs to increasing the numbers of community-based long-term care beds, and ensure tax filing is automatic so no one misses out on benefits.

Seniors also need investment in more affordable, accessible transit to help them stay mobile, engaged, and connected. We would also invest in care that meets people where they're at. That means more public funding for home care, long-term care, and support services. It also means expanding home renovation programs so more seniors can live safely and independently, and training more personal support workers, earning fair wages, to ensure quality help.

We honour our elders with safe, affordable accommodations and compassionate, competent care.

PENSIONS AND FINANCIAL SECURITY

- Make sure pensioners come first when companies go bankrupt by giving their pensions top priority over other debts.
- Require federally regulated pension plans to undergo annual financial health checks and take corrective action if they fall below safe funding levels.
- Provide a refundable tax credit to help retirees recover some losses if their pension plan fails.
- Create a government-backed fund to protect pensions when companies go under, ensuring retirees don't lose their income.

HEALTH AND AGING SUPPORT

- Create a National Seniors Strategy to improve health care, housing, and support services for seniors so they can live with dignity.
- Create a Federal Office of the Seniors' Advocate as part of the National Seniors Strategy to monitor and improve senior care.

Seniors

- Support home-sharing programs and other affordable housing solutions to help seniors stay in their homes and communities.
- Make tax filing automatic for seniors who don't regularly file, so they don't miss out on benefits.
- Build more long-term care beds in community-run, non-profit facilities to improve care options.
- Pass a federal law to prevent elder abuse and neglect, including stronger legal protections and support services.
- Make public transit more affordable and accessible for seniors.

LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) AND AGING IN PLACE

- Provide dedicated federal funding to improve long-term care, home care, and community-based support for seniors.
- Expand home support programs so more seniors can live independently instead of moving into care homes.
- Increase financial support for home renovations so seniors can make their homes safer and more accessible.
- Boost funding for home care and community-based disability services to provide personalized care options.
- Train and certify more personal support workers (PSWs) and set a \$25/hour minimum wage for PSWs and long-term care workers.

Veterans

It's time to repay veterans for their sacrifices and service with more than just words and holidays. We would permanently fund comprehensive, wraparound support for veterans and their families — ensuring access to health care, housing, and financial stability from the moment they return home.

Disabled veterans deserve long-lasting security and guaranteed access to specialized care and long-term rehabilitation. Veterans should never have to face homelessness or joblessness. Our plan would lock in permanent funding for veteran housing, training, and transition services to build solid futures.

It's time to restore what was taken. We would restore lifetime pensions, ending the era of one-time payouts that leave veterans struggling. Survivor benefits would be protected, without arbitrary restrictions, and the broken Veterans Review and Appeal Board would be overhauled to make it transparent, accountable, and veteran-centred.

We would seek to consult directly with veterans and military families across the country to modernize the Veterans Charter, because no one understands the needs of veterans better than they do.

Health care must include mental health care. Veterans with PTSD will receive the treatment and support they need, not a fast track to discharge. We'll fund permanent, community-based mental health programs and addiction services, so no one falls through the cracks.

Veterans served this country with courage and sacrifice. Now it's Canada's turn to serve them with compassion, honour, and the full measure of our commitment. Their service doesn't end when they take off their uniforms, and neither should our support.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES

- Permanently fund integrated support services for veterans and their families, ensuring access to healthcare, housing, and financial assistance.
- Ensure disabled veterans receive specialized healthcare, rehabilitation services, and long-term financial security.
- Permanently fund veteran housing, job training, and support services to ensure stability and prevent homelessness.
- Conduct a nationwide consultation with veterans and military families to modernize the Veterans Charter and improve federal support programs.

Veterans

FINANCIAL SECURITY AND PENSION PROTECTIONS

- Restore lifetime pensions for veterans, ensuring long-term financial security and replacing inadequate lump sum payments.
- Eliminate unfair restrictions on survivor benefits, ensuring veterans' spouses receive full pension entitlements regardless of marriage date.
- Overhaul the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB) to ensure a transparent, accountable, and veteran-friendly appeal process.
- Expand eligibility for disability benefits and eliminate unnecessary barriers to access.

HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Guarantee veterans access to fully funded healthcare, including specialized rehabilitation, long-term care, and mental health services.
- Ensure veterans with PTSD receive specialized treatment, prioritizing recovery and long-term support over discharge.
- Permanently fund community-based mental health programs, ensuring veterans have access to counseling, peer support, and suicide prevention services.
- Ensure veterans have full access to addiction treatment services, removing financial and bureaucratic barriers to care.

Post-Secondary Education

We see education as a right, not just a privilege for the few who can afford it. We are committed to a future where every student can learn, grow and thrive without the fear of ending up crushed by debt. Our plan has a clear goal: phase in tuition-free public post-secondary education in Canada.

It starts with free tuition for low-income students, Indigenous students, and those studying in high-need fields, because equity is how we build excellence. And we won't stop there. We want to build a path to universal access, backed by stable public investment. No more student loan debt, no more barriers.

Our universities and colleges should be places of innovation, inclusion and academic excellence, free from dependence on corporate donors. That's why we would increase long-term public funding to strengthen faculty support, expand mentorship, and protect academic freedom. We plan to invest in infrastructure, accessibility, and the next generation of educators and researchers.

We'll end the exploitation of international students with national tuition caps and enforce ethical recruitment, transparency, and fair treatment, from application to graduation. Canada's future depends on the academic excellence of its citizens. With expanded apprenticeships, reskilling opportunities, and world-class research funding, we would unlock potential in every region of the country — and at all income levels.

UNIVERSAL AND ACCESSIBLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Commit to implementing tuition-free public post-secondary education in Canada through a phased approach, drawing on successful international models.
 - » Begin by offering free tuition to low-income students, Indigenous students, and those in critical fields, with the goal of expanding access to all students over time.
 - » Develop sustainable funding strategies to support this transition, ensuring that financial barriers do not impede access to higher education.
- Eliminate all federal student loan debt, providing financial relief to graduates and current borrowers.
- Fully fund the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) to cover tuition and living expenses for all Indigenous students who qualify.
 - » Once tuition-free post-secondary education is fully implemented, refocus PSSSP on funding relocation and living expenses for Indigenous students.

Post-Secondary Education

INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Increase stable, long-term federal funding for universities and colleges to support mentorship programs, expand faculty diversity, and create more tenure-track positions.
- Invest in post-secondary and trade school programs to improve student resources, faculty support, and infrastructure.
- Guarantee stable public funding for universities and colleges to reduce dependence on corporate donors and safeguard academic independence.

ETHICAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND TUITION FAIRNESS

- End the financial exploitation of international students by capping tuition fees at fair and reasonable rates.
- Establish a national regulatory framework for the ethical recruitment of international students, ensuring full transparency and accountability in tuition fees, housing, and employment expectations.
- Require post-secondary institutions to disclose accurate information on housing costs, rental availability, and cost-of-living expectations for international students before enrollment.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

- Expand re-skilling and apprenticeship programs through the Canada Training Benefit, ensuring workers can transition into sustainable, high-demand careers.
- Increase federal funding for graduate research by tripling Canada Graduate Scholarships for master's students and doubling them for PhD students.
- Strengthen Canada's position as a global research leader by increasing funding for universities and attracting top international scholars and students.

Young people need to have a future they can believe in, and we need to invest in youth for the future well-being of all Canadians. Our plan intends to build that future with a bold vision that places youth at the centre. We would start with the elimination of all federal student loan debt and begin the transition to tuition-free post-secondary education. Give young people the freedom to learn, without a lifetime of repayment.

This includes full funding for Indigenous education, the expansion of local campuses and co-op programs, and investment in Indigenous-led language and cultural education, because learning should lift communities, not leave them behind.

But education is just the beginning. Our implementation of a Guaranteed Livable Income would mean that no young person would be forced to choose between paying rent or buying groceries and building their future. We would seek to expand apprenticeships in climate change mitigation-related jobs like clean energy, and our Youth Employment Strategy would create real pathways to meaningful, well-paid work, especially in green industries and community infrastructure.

From our creation of a Youth Climate Corps to remote work models, we would open doors to sustainable, fulfilling careers for young people, building this country's sustainable energy infrastructure.

We are also fighting for improved mental health, digital safety, and stricter online privacy laws, so youth can thrive without exploitation from social media giants and data farmers. We plan to lower the voting age to 16, expand land access for young farmers, and tackle the overrepresentation of Indigenous youth in foster care and prisons, with community-led solutions.

The future belongs to youth, and we're here to help them take it back.

EDUCATION AND STUDENT DEBT RELIEF

- Transition to tuition-free post-secondary education through a phased approach, beginning with low-income students, Indigenous students, and those in high-demand fields.
- Guarantee full funding for Indigenous post-secondary education by eliminating the 2% cap and ensuring all First Nations and Inuit students receive adequate financial support.
- Eliminate all federal student loan debt and permanently end interest on new student loans, ensuring young Canadians are not burdened by education-related debt.
- Expand access to post-secondary education in sustainable industries by funding local campuses, online programs, and co-op learning opportunities.

- Increase federal funding for Indigenous-led education programs, ensuring the preservation of Indigenous languages and cultural knowledge.

YOUTH CLIMATE CORPS (YCC)

- Create a national Youth Climate Corps, inspired by the success of Katimavik, empowering youth aged 18-30 to lead Canada's response to the climate crisis through meaningful employment, leadership development, and community-building.
- Offer structured placements lasting from six months to two years, engaging young people directly in climate-focused work, including ecosystem restoration, wildfire prevention, flood mitigation, renewable energy projects, and sustainable agriculture.
- Provide participants with a guaranteed living wage, indexed annually, comprehensive health benefits, and completion bonuses applicable toward post-secondary education or vocational training.
- Deliver professional certifications, skills training, mentorship, and job placement assistance to enhance long-term employment opportunities in Canada's green economy.
- Ensure inclusive participation with culturally appropriate placements, particularly prioritizing Indigenous-led initiatives and community collaboration, reflecting commitments to reconciliation and intercultural understanding.
- Establish collaborative governance managed jointly by federal ministries responsible for youth, employment, environment, and climate change, supported by an independent advisory council with Indigenous leaders, youth advocates, climate experts, and community representatives.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Implement a Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) for all Canadians, ensuring young people have the financial security to pursue education, training, and early-career opportunities without poverty barriers.
- Expand the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy to create stable, well-paid job opportunities for young workers in high-demand fields.
- Develop a National Community Benefit Strategy to create youth employment opportunities in public service, infrastructure, and community development projects.
- Increase funding for apprenticeships and vocational training in clean energy, construction, and other sustainable industries.

Youth

- Create long-term career pathways for young workers by investing in renewable energy, sustainable manufacturing, and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- Encourage flexible and remote work models for young Canadians, ensuring better work-life balance and access to diverse job opportunities.

YOUTH WELL-BEING AND DIGITAL SAFETY

- Ensure all young Canadians have access to free mental health services, including counseling, peer support, and crisis intervention programs.
- Mandate stronger protections for young people on social media platforms, preventing harassment, exploitation, and design practices that encourage addiction to social media.
- Enforce strict digital privacy laws to prevent social media companies from collecting, storing, or exploiting youth data for profit.

YOUTH RIGHTS AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

- Lower the voting age to 16.
- Expand access to land and farming opportunities for rural youth interested in sustainable agriculture.
- Address the overrepresentation of Indigenous youth in the correctional system and foster care, prioritizing community-led alternatives.

Taking Care of Kids

Building a better future starts with our youngest citizens, and it's time that families were put at the centre of government policy. A government committed to equity and care would deliver direct financial support, universal child care, and the protections every child needs to thrive, and that's what we plan to do.

Parental leave would be expanded, with better wage replacement and new options for elder care and miscarriage recovery, recognizing the full spectrum of caregiving.

We would expand and protect the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system with long-term public funding ensuring affordable, accessible daycare for all. Workers in the childcare profession would see higher wages, stronger training, and real career pathways. A national workforce strategy would tackle shortages, while underserved communities such as those living in rural areas, Indigenous people, and families with disabled children would see priority investment.

New childcare centers would be built to green standards, located near public transit, and be fully accessible. Retrofits and targeted funding would ensure no family faces waitlist fees, surprise costs, or barriers to care. We would seek to see every child be nourished with a Universal School Food Program, offering free, healthy meals in every school and made with fresh, local, culturally relevant ingredients.

A federal Children's Advocate would stand for the rights of every child, holding governments accountable and upholding Canada's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We would build a bright future for our children from the ground up, they deserve nothing less.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- Expand and improve parental leave, including dedicated leave for elder care and miscarriage recovery, ensuring more flexibility and higher wage replacement.

UNIVERSAL EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE (ELCC)

- Strengthen and expand the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system, ensuring long-term, stable funding to maintain affordability and accessibility.
 - » Ensure that federal funding commitments continue beyond the current agreements to support universal child care as a permanent public service.
- Address workforce shortages by increasing wages and improving working conditions for child-care professionals.

Taking Care of Kids

- » Develop a national child-care workforce strategy, including higher wages, better training, and improved career pathways.
- Expand access for underserved communities, including rural areas, Indigenous communities, and families with children with disabilities.
 - » Ensure that every region in Canada has adequate child-care spaces, with priority for historically underserved areas.
 - » Fully fund the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework, ensuring that all Indigenous-led child care programs receive adequate support.
- Ensure child-care facilities remain climate-conscious, energy-efficient, and located near public transit.
 - » Provide targeted federal funding to retrofit and build child-care centers with green building standards and climate resilience in mind.
- Eliminate all remaining financial barriers to access.
 - » Ensure that additional fees, waitlist costs, and administrative hurdles do not prevent families from accessing the \$10-a-day child care system.

CHILD RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING

- Establish a federal Children’s Advocate as an independent office to uphold children’s rights, improve child welfare policies, and ensure compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

SCHOOL NUTRITION AND CHILD POVERTY REDUCTION

- Establish a fully funded Universal School Food Program providing every primary and secondary student with free, nutritious meals made from fresh, locally sourced, and culturally appropriate ingredients.

Dismantling Hate and Defending Human Rights

No one should live in fear because of who they are, who they love, or how they move through the world. Our party seeks to move beyond performative gestures and toward action grounded in justice and compassion.

It would implement a national action plan to end gender-based violence, with sustained, community-led support for women, girls, and gender-diverse people, including Indigenous, Black and racialized communities. It would also give life to the promises of the Emerging from the Purge report on inclusion in the federal workplace and implement its recommendations.

Across Canada, coercive control would be made a distinct offence in the Criminal Code, so these patterns of harm are clearly named and criminalized. Survivors would no longer face their abusers in court, nor be asked to relive pain for proof. Instead, they would be met with care: trauma-informed services, protection, and support.

The erasure of identities would end: our federal census would finally reflect the fullness of trans and non-binary lives. Online platforms would be held accountable through transparency, oversight, and strong digital rights protections. No law would pretend neutrality while enabling harm.

Online, where hate metastasizes, truth and safety would be guarded by a Special Rapporteur. Platforms would be held to account, misinformation cut off at its root, and public education supported to counter online manipulation. And in full solidarity, the criminalization of sex work would end — replaced by laws that protect the health, safety, and labour rights of sex workers, developed in full consultation with them.

ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTING 2SLGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

- Ensure full implementation of a national action plan to eliminate gender-based violence, with dedicated funding for services supporting women, girls, and gender-diverse people, including Indigenous and racialized communities.
- Provide sustained core funding for community-led 2SLGBTQIA+ and gender-based violence support organizations, with priority given to those serving marginalized communities.
- Fully implement the 23 recommendations from the LGBT Purge Fund's Emerging from the Purge report, ensuring justice and reparations for 2SLGBTQIA+ Canadians affected by state discrimination.
- Establish safe and timely pathways to asylum for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals fleeing gender-based or state-sponsored persecution.
- Improve access to justice by ending discriminatory policing practices and expanding trauma-informed, culturally safe legal supports for 2SLGBTQIA+ people, with a focus on survivors of state violence and hate crimes.

Dismantling Hate and Defending Human Rights

- Strengthen enforcement of the federal ban on conversion therapy to ensure survivors have access to justice and support services.
- Strengthen the federal census to accurately capture data on trans and non-binary Canadians, ensuring better policy decisions based on real demographic data.
- Strengthen federal employment equity programs to explicitly include gender identity and gender expression, and require federally funded employers to uphold non-discrimination standards for 2SLGBTQIA+ workers.
- Mandate the inclusion of gender-neutral washrooms in all federal buildings while ensuring trans and non-binary Canadians maintain access to gendered spaces that align with their identity.

PREVENT AND CRIMINALIZE COERCIVE CONTROL IN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS

- Amend the Criminal Code to make coercive control a distinct offence, including patterns of psychological abuse, isolation, surveillance, threats, and control over finances, movement, or personal expression.
- Prohibit personal cross-examination by abusers and ensure coercive control is considered in bail, sentencing, and custody decisions. Train police, judges, and service providers to respond with a trauma-informed approach.
- Ensure coercive control is recognized under the federal Divorce Act and support cooperation with provinces to improve how family courts handle these cases.
- Direct funding to services for those at highest risk of coercive control, including Indigenous women, women with disabilities, migrant women, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.
- Invest in prevention and support through public education, legal aid, housing, counselling, and culturally safe services, in partnership with survivors and advocates.
- Expand training for immigration officers, RCMP, and federally funded service providers. Work with provinces to extend training to frontline workers in family services and child welfare.
- Monitor how coercive control is addressed in the justice system through disaggregated data and public reporting, to identify gaps and prevent misuse.

Dismantling Hate and Defending Human Rights

COMBATING HATE, MISINFORMATION, AND DIGITAL HARMS

- Appoint a Special Rapporteur on Online Hate and Extremism to monitor, research, and recommend policies to counter digital radicalization and misinformation.
- Enforce clear guidelines to prevent the misuse of free speech protections for spreading hate speech and inciting violence.
- Fund direct support services for people targeted by online hate and harassment, including legal aid, counselling, and emergency response programs delivered through community organizations.
- Increase federal funding for research on how online hate and misinformation fuel real-world violence, ensuring transparency in findings and policy recommendations.
- Support strong protections against digital interference in Canadian elections, as outlined in Democratic Reform and Good Governance, including new rules on foreign influence, truth in political advertising, and transparency in political data use.
- Reinforce youth protections online through measures outlined in Managing Technological Change, including banning social media targeting of minors and expanding youth mental health and digital literacy supports.
- Uphold digital rights protections — including safeguards against profiling, surveillance, and algorithmic discrimination — through legislation outlined in Managing Technological Change.
- Ensure platform accountability for hate and misinformation through audit and transparency measures described in Managing Technological Change.

RESPECTING SEX WORKERS' RIGHTS

- Decriminalize sex work, replacing criminal laws with legislation that protects the health, safety, and labour rights of sex workers. New laws would be developed in full consultation with sex workers, human rights experts, and frontline organizations.
- Ensure sex workers have access to the same workplace protections as other workers, including the right to organize, access to health and social services, and protection from discrimination and violence.
- Create a pathway for clearing past convictions related to consensual sex work, so that those affected are not unfairly punished for laws that have since changed.

Dismantling Hate and Defending Human Rights

- Fund training and policy reform within the RCMP and other federally regulated policing bodies to ensure responses to sex workers are grounded in human rights, harm reduction, and non-discrimination. Encourage provinces to adopt best practices through federal funding agreements.
- Ensure that online safety tools and communication platforms used by sex workers are not criminalized under vague or overbroad laws intended to target trafficking or exploitation.
- Align anti-trafficking efforts with the approach outlined in Justice, ensuring that prevention, victim support, and prosecution efforts do not criminalize or endanger consensual adult sex workers.

Government That Works for You

Canadians are tired of watching governments serve the well-connected while everyone else is told their problems can't be fixed. We deserve better — and we know government can work differently. Not as a machine for corporate influence or political theatre, but as a force for fairness, justice, and the common good.

We'll start by rebuilding the foundation. That means putting an end to winner-take-all politics and bringing in proportional representation so every vote counts. It means stronger ethics rules, more transparency, and a hard stop to the revolving door between government and corporate lobbyists.

But democracy isn't just about elections — it's about how decisions get made, and who gets to be at the table. We'll establish a permanent Council of Canadian Governments that brings Indigenous, municipal, provincial, territorial, and federal governments to the table as equal partners. We'll strengthen Quebec's voice in Confederation, and we'll finally act on the full implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the MMIWG Calls for Justice.

We'll restore trust by delivering results. That means public services people can actually access, from local journalism and broadband to Canada Post and transit. It means action on justice reform, arts and culture, digital protections, and immigration policy that reflects both compassion and long-term planning.

We're not here to protect the status quo. We're here to build a democracy that's transparent, responsive, built on fairness, and driven by what's right — not what's easy. That's what government should be. And that's what we're fighting for.

Democratic Reform and Good Governance

The strength and integrity of our democracy is a core value. We believe that a truly democratic nation is one where every voice is heard, every vote matters, and public trust is honored. Our vision is to build a democracy that is transparent, accountable, and inclusive for all Canadians.

The Green Party will modernize Canada's electoral system by implementing proportional representation and convening a citizens' assembly on democratic renewal to examine crucial reforms like online voting, lowering the voting age to 16, and mandatory voting.

To protect our political system from foreign influence, we will restore the per-vote subsidy, reduce donation limits, and introduce a foreign influence transparency registry. We will empower Elections Canada to proactively investigate foreign interference and provide public reporting on threats to election integrity, including from emerging technologies like AI.

We must restore Canadians' trust in our democracy. That begins with transparency and integrity. Strengthening the Conflict of Interest Act to include personal, political, and family ties is essential, Canadians deserve to know that public service means serving the public, not private interests. A government with nothing to hide would close the revolving door between politics and lobbying, enforce real penalties for conflicts of interest, and shine a light into every backroom meeting.

We would implement real-time transparency in lobbying, and ensure all regulatory board appointments undergo meaningful conflict-of-interest screening. Whistleblowers must be protected, not punished. And our parliamentary watchdogs — the ethics commissioner and auditor general — must have true independence and the power to act. Ethics aren't optional, they're the foundation of democracy.

ELECTORAL REFORM

- Modernize Canada's electoral system and protect Canadian democracy by implementing Proportional Representation.
- Convene a Citizens' Assembly on Democratic Renewal to study proportional representation systems, lowering the voting age to 16, online voting, and mandatory voting.
- Ensure the Citizens' Assembly is independent, diverse, and consensus-driven. (Align bullet point)
- Require political parties to report on candidate recruitment from underrepresented groups.

Democratic Reform and Good Governance

POLITICAL FINANCE AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE PROTECTIONS

- Restore the per-vote subsidy for political party funding and reduce donation limits to curb foreign influence in elections, strengthen financial transparency, and reduce reliance on private donors who may act as conduits for foreign interests.
- Strengthen protections against foreign funding and influence in Canadian elections, including expanding third-party political financing rules.
- Establish a Foreign Influence Transparency Registry, requiring individuals and entities lobbying on behalf of foreign governments to disclose their activities.
- Expand the mandate of Elections Canada and the Commissioner of Canada Elections to proactively investigate suspected foreign interference.
- Require political parties and candidates to report any known instances of attempted foreign influence or coercion.
- Introduce public reporting on foreign interference threats in elections, balancing transparency with national security concerns.

CAMPAIGN INTEGRITY AND ELECTION OVERSIGHT

- Require all political parties to submit campaign platform cost estimates to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.
- Mandate Elections Canada to create a truth-in-advertising framework for election campaigns.
- Empower the Commissioner of Canada Elections to regulate and sanction false political advertising.
- Mandate full transparency in publicly released polls, requiring disclosure of sample size, weighting methods, funding sources, question wording, and margin of error to prevent misinformation.
- Hold media and polling firms accountable for responsible poll reporting, ensuring all published polls are independently verified and presented with clear methodological context.

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY FROM EMERGING THREATS

- Establish an all-party standing committee to examine the risks and opportunities of emerging technologies, including AI and digital platforms, in elections.
- Oppose the pre-emptive use of the notwithstanding clause and support legislative measures to restrict its application, ensuring it remains a tool of last resort in exceptional circumstances.

Democratic Reform and Good Governance

ETHICS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND LOBBYING REFORM

- Strengthen the Conflict of Interest Act by broadening the definition of conflicts to include personal, political, and family interests, with meaningful financial penalties for violations.
- Impose mandatory conflict of interest screening and disclosure for all federal regulatory board appointments.
- Close the revolving door between politics and lobbying by enforcing a five-year cooling-off period for former politicians and senior public officials.
- Enhance transparency by requiring lobbyists to publicly disclose, in real-time, all interactions with elected officials and public servants.
- Expand whistleblower protections with robust safeguards against retaliation and secure channels for confidential disclosures.
- Strengthen the independence and investigative powers of parliamentary officers, including the Auditor General and Ethics Commissioner.
- Replace the secretive Board of Internal Economy with an independent oversight committee to transparently review MPs' salaries, expenses, and budgets.
- Prohibit federal funding for industry-backed NGOs that advocate private interests under the guise of public benefit.
- Mandate open government practices, ensuring proactive disclosure of government documents and timely responses to access to information requests.

RESTORING EXCELLENCE IN THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE

- End reliance on costly private consulting firms such as McKinsey and Deloitte, ensuring that core governmental functions and services are delivered by professional, experienced public servants.
- Reinstate effective, citizen-focused service delivery models, reversing damaging restructuring from previous governments, such as the creation of Service Canada under Harper.
- Reinvest in Canada's federal public service, rebuilding capacity, morale, and expertise to deliver high-quality, efficient services that Canadians expect and deserve.
- Enhance oversight and accountability to prevent misuse of taxpayer dollars.
- Reduce wasteful spending at the political level, including significantly cutting the Prime Minister's Office budget from \$10 million to \$1 million.

Democratic Reform and Good Governance

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

- Extend the Access to Information Act to the Prime Minister's Office, ministers' offices, and Parliament.
- Scrap all Access to Information (ATI) fees except for filing fees.
- Enforce deadlines for timely ATI request processing and empower the Information Commissioner to order the release of information.
- Override government secrecy exemptions in the public interest.
- Allow the Information Commissioner to review cabinet confidentiality claims.

PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE, AND DATA PROTECTION

- Expand Privacy Commissioner powers to protect personal data and enforce privacy laws.
- Require CSIS and CSE to obtain warrants before surveillance on Canadians.
- Ban routine surveillance of protestors and NGOs and prohibit data sharing with agencies like the National Energy Board.
- Require internet service providers (ISPs) to release user data only with a legal warrant, except in emergencies.
- Make political parties subject to the Privacy Act.
- Mandate data breach reporting for all government agencies, companies, banks, and political parties.

Council of Canadian Governments

Greens believe Canada is strongest when all levels of government cooperate instead of compete. It's time to transform how we govern this country. We would replace the First Ministers' meetings with a permanent Council of Canadian Governments: a bold, collaborative forum where federal, provincial, territorial, municipal, and Indigenous governments work as equal partners. Rooted in the spirit and substance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), this Council would honour nation-to-nation and Inuit-Crown relationships, not as symbolic gestures, but as foundational pillars of our democracy.

Together, we would set national priorities and tackle the big challenges: climate change, healthcare, housing, reconciliation, and economic justice. We would build a unified response to emergencies like pandemics, wildfires and floods. Through transparent, public meetings and regular consultations, this Council would restore trust and accountability in Canadian governance.

Infrastructure investments would be strategic and equitable, designed to empower rural and remote communities and lift Indigenous communities as full partners. Fair fiscal policies would deliver the stable funding every region needs for schools, hospitals, homes, and transit.

This is a vision of a more cooperative, responsive, and enduring federation where governments don't compete but instead work together to shape Canada's future under a shared vision.

THINKING LIKE A COUNTRY

- Establish a permanent Council of Canadian Governments, replacing traditional First Ministers' meetings with a collaborative forum where federal, provincial, territorial, municipal, and Indigenous governments set national priorities and tackle common challenges together.
- Include Indigenous governments as equal partners, fully reflecting nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, and government-to-government relationships in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
- Jointly set national goals and priorities, ensuring cooperative approaches to climate change, healthcare, infrastructure, immigration, economic equity, and reconciliation, bridging jurisdictional divides.
- Develop coordinated national responses to emergencies, improving Canada's ability to quickly and effectively respond to public health crises, climate disasters, economic disruptions, and other national threats.
- Ensure transparent and democratic governance, with publicly accessible meetings, decisions, and regular consultations to strengthen public trust and accountability.

Council of Canadian Governments

- Collaborate on critical infrastructure investments, jointly funding projects that benefit all regions, support rural and remote communities, empower Indigenous communities, and meet shared national objectives.
- Promote fair and collaborative fiscal policies, improving financial relationships and resource-sharing among governments, ensuring stable funding for healthcare, education, affordable housing, and essential public services nationwide.
- Commit to a long-term, shared vision for Canada, setting clear national objectives beyond electoral cycles, and regularly reporting progress to the Canadian public.

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination are at the heart of our policy. The Green Party rejects the outdated colonial doctrines of extinguishment and assimilation, and recognizes that Canada was built on Indigenous lands. We support and respect the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations and their right to assert and implement their Aboriginal title, treaty rights and the right of self-determination. We commit to work together on a respectful, nation-to-nation basis and support the principles and standards as stated within the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

We would advance justice and reconciliation with the development of a legal framework to implement UNDRIP, and commit to include Indigenous governments as equal nation-to-nation partners. We would also commit to working together with Indigenous peoples in a way that considers Indigenous human rights and constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, instead of fighting it out in a courtroom. We also pledge to end the over-representation of Indigenous people in the prison system by investing in Indigenous-led restorative justice. We also support turning over the custody, treatment, and reintegration of Indigenous offenders to Indigenous communities and organizations (see Justice).

We support efforts of Indigenous people to affirm their Aboriginal title, as upheld in the Supreme Court ruling with Tsilhqot'in Nation, and with the history-making Haida Title agreement. This includes supporting land restitution and identifying federal and Crown lands that are suitable for transfer to Indigenous ownership.

Enough is enough. These lasting impacts of colonialism must be addressed through the full implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations, alongside the calls for justice from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls inquiry.

We are also committed to Indigenous-led governance and services, and prioritizing education, language revitalization, and health equity, with an emphasis on culturally relevant services. This includes initiatives like eliminating drinking water advisories and expanding access to health care. Economic justice is also central to our vision, with a focus on strengthening Indigenous economic sovereignty, increasing food security, and supporting Indigenous entrepreneurs through procurement opportunities.

Through these actions, we aim to foster long-lasting and culturally appropriate infrastructure, housing, and economic opportunities, ensuring a brighter, more equitable future for Indigenous peoples across Canada.

CALLS TO ACTION AND JUSTICE

- Fully implement all 94 Calls to Action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission to repair harm, support healing, and build a fair relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

- Implement all 231 Calls for Justice from the MMIWG Inquiry, including a national strategy to end gender-based violence and ensure accountability.
- Fully fund the Missing Children and Unmarked Burials Project, as recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, with long-term stable funding and Indigenous-led oversight to uncover and address Canada's colonial history transparently and respectfully.
- Confront the systemic over-incarceration of Indigenous Peoples — especially Indigenous women — through a coordinated justice strategy grounded in Indigenous self-determination. This includes supporting Indigenous-led alternatives to incarceration and dismantling the colonial systems that disproportionately criminalize and imprison Indigenous Peoples (see Justice).

INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY AND LAND RIGHTS

- Formally reject the colonial doctrines of terra nullius and discovery, affirming that Canada was built on Indigenous lands whose rights and sovereignty must be respected.
- Formally recognize Indigenous sovereignty over self-defined and self-governed lands, ensuring full jurisdiction and self-determination.
- Explicitly recognize and support Inuit sovereignty over Inuit Nunangat, empowering Inuit-led governance.
- Identify federal and Crown lands suitable for transfer to Indigenous ownership, following Supreme Court rulings such as Tsilhqot'in Nation, to support land restitution.
- Expand support for Indigenous-led conservation and stewardship of land, water, and cultural sites, ensuring stable funding and recognition of Indigenous governance.

INDIGENOUS-LED GOVERNANCE AND SERVICES

- Establish an Indigenous-led process to transition from colonial governance structures to self-determined Indigenous governance models.
- Support Nation-to-Nation partnerships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit governing institutions, ensuring meaningful, equitable, and respectful collaboration — including full participation in national decision-making through the Council of Canadian Governments (see Council of Canadian Governments).
- Expand stable, multi-year funding for Indigenous-led services, including Friendship Centres and community-driven organizations providing essential services.

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

- Guarantee every First Nations, Métis, and Inuit child equitable access to high-quality, culturally relevant education, regardless of location.
- Expand access to land-based learning, recognizing its essential role in cultural revitalization, intergenerational knowledge transmission, and holistic education rooted in connection to territory and community.
- Fund Indigenous-led curriculum development prioritizing Indigenous languages, cultures, histories, and knowledge systems.
- Remove barriers such as the funding cap on Indigenous education, providing stable funding for Indigenous schools and educational institutions.
- Increase investments in Indigenous language revitalization, supporting community-driven initiatives and culturally relevant resources.

HEALTH EQUITY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- Permanently end all drinking water advisories in Indigenous communities through sustained federal funding for water infrastructure, maintenance, and community-based oversight.
- Fully implement Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action 18-24, guaranteeing equitable access to culturally appropriate health care.
- Ensure access to land-based healing and culturally grounded addiction treatment, recognizing the links between disconnection from land, intergenerational trauma, and the substance use crisis.
- Expand eligibility for Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) to all Indigenous Peoples, regardless of status.
- Significantly expand culturally appropriate mental health, maternal, infant, and reproductive health services, ensuring comprehensive, community-based, culturally safe care.
- Sustain and significantly expand the Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative to train, recruit, and retain Indigenous healthcare professionals.

INDIGENOUS HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Significantly expand investments in for Indigenous, by Indigenous solutions for urban, rural, and northern communities, ensuring culturally appropriate, affordable, and adequate housing.
- Support for Indigenous, by Indigenous housing models such as land trusts, cooperatives, and community-driven projects to strengthen Indigenous self-determination in housing.

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

- Develop affordable housing solutions, including modular and climate-resilient housing, tailored specifically for Indigenous communities.
- Provide stable funding and comprehensive assessments for essential First Nations infrastructure, prioritizing child welfare facilities and ensuring that block funding meets community-defined needs.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

- Prioritize economic reconciliation by significantly expanding federal support for Indigenous-led land ownership, economic development, and entrepreneurship programs to strengthen Indigenous economic sovereignty.
- Increase food security in northern and remote Indigenous communities through substantial investments in Arctic agriculture, community greenhouses, traditional harvesting, and nutrition education programs.
- Protect Indigenous Peoples' traditional fishing rights and moderate livelihood fishing.
- Guarantee at least 5% of all federal procurement contracts are awarded to Indigenous-led businesses, supporting economic reconciliation and providing stable, long-term opportunities for Indigenous entrepreneurs and communities.

Quebec

We recognize Quebec as a nation and its right to self-determination. We believe that this right and Quebec's national affirmation is best expressed within the federation.

Quebec has a unique role in the Canadian federation — shaped by its language, culture, legal traditions, and history. The Green Party of Canada affirms Quebec's right to make decisions about its future and to protect its identity, while continuing to contribute to a stronger, fairer, and more united Canada. We recognize that the current federal system does not fully reflect the values of partnership and mutual respect. Our vision is to build a renewed relationship with Quebec — one based on clear constitutional recognition, respect for Quebec's jurisdiction, and a shared commitment to justice, equity, and cooperative federalism.

Quebec's distinct character is a strength for all of Canada. To protect it, we must recognize the French language as central to Quebec's identity, support its efforts to shape immigration and social policy, and ensure meaningful representation in national institutions. We also recognize that reconciliation with Quebec must go hand in hand with reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Canada must confront its colonial past, respect the self-determination of all nations within its borders, and repair the historic exclusions that have shaped the federation.

We pledge to build a strong, respectful partnership with Quebec — grounded in democratic principles, constitutional fairness, and a strong commitment to protect the French language and culture.

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION AND FAIR FEDERALISM

- Ensure that Canada formally recognizes Quebec as a nation within its Constitution, with the definition of this status to be determined by Quebecers themselves.
- Respect Quebec's demand for a provincial veto over future constitutional amendments.
- Respect Quebec's right to "opt-out" from federal programs in areas of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, with full compensation and no strings attached.

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND LEGAL AUTONOMY

- Accept that, in the event of a "Yes" to a clear referendum question, Canada must negotiate Quebec's secession in good faith, in accordance with the Constitution and international law.

Quebec

- Guarantee Quebec's participation in Supreme Court appointments by requiring the federal government to choose from a list of nine candidates submitted by the Quebec government, from which three would be appointed.

LANGUAGE

- Support constitutional protections for the French language and culture in Quebec, recognizing the importance of maintaining these within a predominantly English-speaking continent.

Rural and Remote Communities

Canada's rural and remote communities are the heart and backbone of this country, and they deserve real investment, lasting equity, and a future that's thriving, connected, and sustainable. We would build that future together.

Transportation is essential. We would develop high-speed rail and bus networks to reconnect rural areas to urban hubs and expand transit infrastructure so that people can move freely, safely, and affordably, no matter where they live.

Healthcare is a human right. We'd address long-standing gaps in rural healthcare by ensuring the Canada Health Transfer reflects the true cost of delivering services in remote regions. Through innovative solutions like telemedicine, we'd bring healthcare closer to home.

To build strong rural economies, we'd invest in rural and northern infrastructure alongside an annual boost to the Universal Broadband Fund, which lays the groundwork for prosperity through connectivity and local job creation. We'd break up telecom monopolies and empower rural consumers with fairer choices and pricing.

Canada Post is a lifeline for rural communities, and we'd expand on that by offering banking, internet access, EV charging, and fair pay for its rural workers.

To keep rural communities strong for the long haul, we need targeted investment in local industries. That means supporting local renewable energy projects, building stronger regional food systems, and expanding small-scale processing in forestry and fisheries. We'll also protect farmland through land trusts and provide direct support to farmers, keeping rural economies resilient and rooted in the land.

REVITALIZING RURAL CANADA STARTS BY MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT.

- Develop high-speed rail and bus networks to connect rural and urban areas.
- Expand transit services and infrastructure in rural communities.
- Address disparities in rural service delivery, access, and funding.
- Reevaluate the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) to ensure equitable rural funding.
- Support innovative health delivery models like telemedicine.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY

- Provide funds annually for rural and northern infrastructure beginning in 2028.

Rural and Remote Communities

- Build broadband infrastructure to revitalize rural economies.
- Expand the Universal Broadband Fund.
- Break up telecom monopolies to ensure fair treatment of rural consumers.

CANADA POST AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- Expand Canada Post's mandate to include banking, internet hubs and EV charging.
- Increase salaries for rural Canada Post employees and close pay gaps.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL ECONOMIES

- Support local investments in renewable energy and green manufacturing.
- Help farmers transition from industrial agribusiness to localized food systems.
- Replace half of food imports with domestic production.
- Create land trusts to control farmland prices and protect arable land.
- Fund value-added forestry-based manufacturing in rural Canada.
- Ensure sustainable and economically viable timber, pulp and paper industries.

Immigration

Immigration is one of Canada's greatest strengths. It brings new skills, energy, ideas, and cultural richness to our communities. At a time when many regions face labour shortages and an aging population, immigration can help build a more vibrant, sustainable future — for newcomers and long-time residents alike.

But immigration must be planned and responsible. We need newcomers, but we must be ready to welcome them. The Liberal government made a serious error when, without parliamentary review, it followed the advice of McKinsey & Company and set an annual immigration target of 500,000. There was no plan for where people would live or how communities would adapt. There were also no published targets for temporary residents until 2024. We believe in learning from these mistakes: immigration targets must be thoughtful, transparent, and aligned with Canada's real capacity and long-term planning — for both temporary and permanent immigration.

Canada's immigration system should reflect our values: compassion, fairness, and a belief in the strength of diverse, welcoming communities. That means reducing delays, protecting people from exploitation, reuniting families, and ensuring newcomers can access the services they need to thrive.

We also believe immigration policy can play a role in strengthening depopulated communities. We'll begin exploring, in partnership with local governments and community organizations, how immigration could support population renewal and climate resilience in regions where homes and schools sit empty, and services are at risk of disappearing. These conversations will be guided by local needs, equity, and community consent.

WORKFORCE INTEGRATION AND ACCREDITATION

- Invest annually in provincial immigration settlement programs, expanding funding for language training, employment support, and multicultural community-building.
- Ensure accreditation bodies modernize foreign credential recognition, allowing faster integration into Canada's workforce.
- Increase funding for skills training programs, prioritizing sectors facing chronic labour shortages.
- Require professional associations to adopt faster, more transparent foreign credential assessments, reducing bureaucratic barriers.

PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY AND CITIZENSHIP

- Provide annual funding to reduce processing times for permanent residency applications and expand pathways for essential workers.
- Create a new employer-driven immigration program to transition foreign workers in essential sectors to permanent residency.

Immigration

- Introduce income-based exemptions for permanent residency and citizenship application fees.
- Create a limited pathway to permanent residency for international students entering occupations experiencing critical labour shortages — such as doctors, nurses, lab technicians, and other essential health care roles — where qualified Canadians are not available to fill the need.
- Commit to a principled, case-by-case process for regularizing the status of undocumented residents — one that upholds Canada’s humanitarian values and recognizes their contributions to our communities and economy.
- Reduce PR application fees and financial requirements for international students, eliminating excessive financial burdens.

REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION

- Expand refugee resettlement programs, ensuring refugees receive housing, language training, and employment support.
- Commit to reducing refugee application processing times, resolving claims within 12 months or less.
- Terminate Canada’s Safe Third Country Agreement with the U.S., ensuring asylum seekers can claim protection in Canada without restrictions.

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

- Expand parent and grandparent sponsorship caps, ensuring more families can reunite in Canada.
- Reduce processing times for family reunification applications, prioritizing dependent children and spouses.
- Eliminate visa requirements for parents visiting their children, allowing longer stays for family support.

WELCOMING GROWTH WHERE IT’S NEEDED MOST

- Begin exploring how immigration policy might support rural renewal and climate resilience, in collaboration with communities and local governments.
- Engage with municipalities, provinces, Indigenous governments, and community organizations to assess the potential for voluntary resettlement strategies that align with local development goals.

Immigration

- Study best practices from other jurisdictions that have successfully used immigration to reverse population decline and strengthen rural economies.
- Ensure any future policy development in this area is grounded in equity, climate adaptation, and community consent.

IMMIGRATION SYSTEM OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Reintroduce legislation to establish a Civilian Complaints and Review Commission for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), ensuring independent oversight.
- Increase penalties for unethical immigration consultants, and crack down on fraudulent practices that exploit newcomers.
- Ensure 'Lost Canadians' regain their citizenship, automatically restoring status for those affected by outdated laws.
- Sign and publicly endorse the London Statement, establishing a national regulatory framework for education agents and ensuring ethical recruitment of international students.
- Periodically assess all designated learning institutions (DLIs) approved to host international students, restricting visas for institutions with low student retention rates.
- Require institutions to provide financial transparency to international students, ensuring they receive accurate cost-of-living estimates before arriving in Canada.

REFORMING THE TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER PROGRAM (TFWP)

- Phase out the TFWP in non-agricultural sectors, shifting toward permanent residency pathways.
- Eliminate employer-tied work permits, allowing temporary foreign workers to switch employers freely and avoid exploitation.
- Increase penalties for labour law violations, protecting foreign workers from abuse.
- Ensure domestic workforce development aligns with labour market needs, reducing future dependence on temporary labour.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students make vital contributions to Canada's cultural and economic life. The Green Party will ensure they are fully informed, protected from exploitation, and able to focus on their studies while in Canada.

Immigration

- Double the current proof-of-funds requirement to \$20,000 for the applicant, plus \$8,000 for the first accompanying family member and \$6,000 for each additional family member.
- Review and update the estimated cost of living used to assess study permit and Student Direct Stream (SDS) visa applications at least every three years.
- Require study permit and SDS visa holders to periodically report proof of sufficient financial support (minimum funds in a Canadian financial institution) to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) as a condition of maintaining their status.
- Re-establish the limit on off-campus work to a maximum of 20 hours per week, ensuring students remain primarily focused on their studies.
- Give incoming international students a package explaining their legal rights, how to find housing, provincial/territorial housing rights, employment standards, and resources for reporting crimes or harassment.
- Adopt the London Statement into Canada's framework for education agents, create a code of ethical practice and impose penalties for noncompliance.
- Conduct detailed assessments of DLIs, restricting visa issuance for schools where 15% or more of international students fail to enroll, withdraw, or transfer out.
- Require colleges and universities to include accurate cost of living and housing information — on-campus costs, local vacancy rates, average rents — in acceptance letters to international students.
- Require post-secondary institutions to dedicate a portion of international tuition revenue to expanding on-campus housing.

Justice

The Green Party of Canada believes true justice is not found in the current adversarial model — but in healing, accountability, and compassion. For too long, our justice system has relied on prisons that isolate, dehumanize, and fail to prevent future harm. We are ready to break this cycle and build a new path rooted in restorative justice, human rights, and community strength.

We would overhaul the criminal justice system to prioritize rehabilitation and reintegration over incarceration. Resources would be directed to putting restorative justice at the centre — rather than an exception — guided by an amended Criminal Code and substantial investments in education, training, and community-based programs. Incarceration will be limited to cases that pose a threat to public safety, and solitary confinement will be permanently abolished.

The over-incarceration of Indigenous Peoples in this country needs to end. We would accomplish this by supporting Indigenous-led justice systems, investing in preventative measures to remedy the impact of colonization and residential schools, expanding the use of healing lodges, and the full implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the Calls for Justice from the MMIWG Inquiry. We will turn over custody and reintegration of Indigenous offenders to Indigenous communities, creating real alternatives to prisons.

Our vision includes humane jails, national standards for the use of force in policing, and independent oversight to stop abuses of power. The RCMP will be held accountable — no more military tactics against peaceful land defenders. We'll invest in mental health, housing, education, and healing — not more prisons.

This is a call to reclaim justice. Not as punishment — but as restoration. Not as a tool of oppression — but as a responsibility. The future of justice in Canada must be people-centred, Indigenous-led, and rooted in dignity for all.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

It is well-known that the use of prisons does little to reduce recidivism, and that, most often, it exacerbates the underlying conditions that lead to the commission of offences. Furthermore, the traditional adversarial model, while highly valuable and appropriate in some circumstances, is ineffective in healing victims or offenders. There are other, more effective and compassionate options available. It's time that Canada puts more resources into restorative justice and into a drastic reduction of the current prison model.

EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO CRIME; HEALING FOR VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS; MOVE AWAY FROM THE INEFFECTIVE TRADITIONAL PRISONS MODEL

- Amend the Criminal Code to direct prosecutors to use restorative justice processes, not just at the sentencing stage, but also in place of the traditional adversarial trial model.
- Invest in restorative justice education and systems.
- Ensure that there is proper education and training in restorative justice models, so that victims can benefit by being more engaged in the process, and by finding more meaningful healing; and so that offenders are better able to take on accountability and can have the support they need to reintegrate into society safely.
- Limit incarceration strictly to cases necessary for public safety.
- Create a safer, more compassionate society by changing our prison models and systems to ones that are focused more on rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners into society, and less on isolation and punitive measures.
- Permanently end sustained and regular use of “Structured Intervention Units,” i.e., solitary confinement.
- Implement the recommendations of the Office of the Correctional Investigator following the death of Stéphane Bissonnette.
- Increase investment in community-based mental health services and treatment options, to reduce incarceration of individuals with mental illness.
- Require judges to explicitly consider systemic racism in sentencing, aligning sentencing with Supreme Court decisions.
- Ensure incarcerated individuals remain close to their home communities.
- Invest in increased and improved rehabilitation programs, so that people who complete their sentences can more easily and meaningfully reintegrate into society.

END INDIGENOUS OVER-INCARCERATION AND IMPLEMENT INDIGENOUS-LED JUSTICE PRACTICES

- Adopt and implement a decarceration strategy in dealing with Indigenous offenders.
- Commit to ending the systemic over-incarceration of Indigenous Peoples by substantially investing in preventative measures to remedy the impact of colonization, residential schools, forced displacement, and the Sixties Scoop, including Indigenous education, languages, cultural and spiritual institutions, housing, and mental health.

- Establish benchmark goals for the reduction of the number of Indigenous prisoners, and actively work to take Indigenous persons out of the prison system earlier. This includes creating alternatives to prisons and reinventing current risk assessment models.
- Turn over the custody, treatment, and reintegration of Indigenous offenders to Indigenous communities and organizations.
- Invest in Indigenous-led restorative justice and healing practices.
- Expand the number of healing lodges that are available across the country, so that there are more healing lodges available close to every community that has an Indigenous population.
- Fully implement TRC justice-related Calls to Action (25-42).
- Fully implement Calls for Justice from the MMIWG Inquiry.

ENSURING HUMANE JAILS AND RESPONSIBLE POLICING

Most people serve their sentences in provincial/territorial jails. At the same time, the majority of the population in these remand jails is there for pre-trial detention. Addressing the problems in these remand jails requires collaboration between the two levels of government.

Collaborate with the provinces and territories to address the increasingly unsafe, inhumane, and unhygienic conditions in jails and to develop universal and consistent policing standards:

- Work with provinces to develop a more effective, compassionate, and consistent model across all provincial and territorial jails.
- Develop and enforce uniform standards to address and alleviate overcrowding, reduce lockdowns, and improve the availability of meaningful educational, vocational, spiritual, medical and other rehabilitative and reintegrative resources.
- Establish a national, evidence-based police use-of-force standard, banning chokeholds, carotid holds, and other dangerous techniques.
- Implement a national standard for independent police oversight.
- Establish a national database tracking police use-of-force incidents.

ADDRESS AND PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Significantly strengthen federal action against human trafficking by increasing resources for prevention, victim support, and survivor-led services, while ensuring robust investigation, prosecution and accountability measures targeting traffickers and exploitative networks.

THREATS BY FOREIGN POWERS:

- Amend the Criminal Code to prohibit advocating for or assisting any efforts aimed at the unlawful annexation of Canada by a foreign power, or forcibly overthrowing Canada's federal or provincial governments.

POLICING REFORM AND INDIGENOUS JURISDICTION

- Place strict limits on how the RCMP can exercise its injunction powers, particularly when acting for private interests. Specifically, RCMP must not use military gear or weapons, and must stop the harassment of Indigenous persons who are living peacefully on their own lands or on unceded territory.
- Develop clear laws on how the RCMP can use third party or private companies to collect and use personal information about Canadians, so that the privacy rights and other fundamental rights of individuals are protected.
- Collaborate with Indigenous communities to reduce RCMP involvement in community policing, and replace with Indigenous-created and led law enforcement mechanisms; Re-allocate police funding to social services and mental health support.
- Affirm First Nations jurisdiction over policing by recognizing it as an essential service and co-developing federal legislation to support Indigenous-created and led law enforcement systems, with long-term, equitable funding.
- Launch a national inquiry into systemic racism in policing, including an investigation into recent in-custody deaths and the disproportionate use of force against First Nations.

Arts, Culture and Heritage

As the arts are a vital component of Canada's economic, social and intellectual well-being, the Green Party is invested in seeing an arts, culture, and heritage sector not just survive but thrive. Our policy focuses on supporting the incredible diversity and creativity of Canada's artists, which in turn enriches us all.

We will work to significantly enhance a direct infusion of funding to Canada's arts and cultural sectors, including Canada Council for the Arts, Telefilm Canada, orchestras, and performing arts organizations. We will also establish stable, multi-year funding for community arts programs across the country. The pandemic dealt a blow to theatre arts, museums and galleries, so additional funding will also target these institutions to help them recover, and improve digital accessibility and public engagement moving forward.

Supporting artists and creative workers is an investment that lifts all boats.

The protection and support of Indigenous arts and cultural heritage is a top priority, and significant funds will go towards the creation, conservation, and public accessibility of Indigenous art. We will also work to protect Indigenous intellectual property rights for existing artists and offer mentorship programs for emerging Indigenous artists.

We know artists and those in the creative sector struggle to find financial security due to fluctuations in funding, so we will offer programs like income averaging to help stabilize their finances and provide targeted funding for touring artists, especially in rural and underserved areas. Federal incentives will encourage provinces to enhance arts education in schools.

To safeguard Canadian cultural sovereignty, we will increase public funding for Canadian-owned media, strengthen regulation of digital platforms, and support local journalism with sustained and reliable funding for the Local Journalism Initiative. Finally, we will modernize the Official Languages Act to ensure linguistic equality across Canada.

FUNDING FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

- Enhance funding for Canada's arts and cultural sectors, including significant increases for the Canada Council for the Arts, Telefilm Canada, orchestras, and performing arts organizations nationwide.
- Establish stable, multi-year base funding for community arts programs across Canada, ensuring long-term sustainability and access to cultural activities at the community level.
- Provide targeted funding to help museums and cultural institutions fully recover from pandemic impacts, improve digital accessibility, and broaden public engagement.
- Establish permanent federal funding dedicated to festivals, events, and celebrations that showcase Canadian culture, heritage, and diversity.

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- Provide targeted additional funding specifically to the Canada Council for the Arts, National Film Board, and Telefilm Canada to support creative projects that focus explicitly on climate action, sustainability, and raising public awareness about the climate crisis.
- Ensure stable federal funding for minority-language post-secondary institutions, supporting cultural preservation and linguistic diversity across Canada.

SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS

- Provide federal incentives to provinces and territories to restore, expand, and enhance arts education programs, especially within rural and remote schools, promoting equal educational opportunities in arts and culture nationwide.
- Implement income averaging for artists and cultural workers to stabilize their financial circumstances, accommodating the income fluctuations typical within the creative sector.
- Establish dedicated federal funding to support touring artists and cultural events, particularly in rural and underserved communities, ensuring equitable access to arts and cultural experiences across Canada.
- Fund initiatives that support communities in reinterpreting historical monuments, plaques, and heritage sites associated with Canada's colonial past, emphasizing accuracy, reconciliation, and inclusivity.

INDIGENOUS ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Provide dedicated federal funding to support the creation, conservation, and public accessibility of Indigenous art and cultural expressions.
- Protect Indigenous intellectual and artistic property rights by legislating and enforcing meaningful recognition and protections, ensuring Indigenous artists and communities retain full control over their cultural creations and heritage.
- Fund initiatives for Indigenous artists to travel and provide mentorship in Indigenous communities, supporting cultural transmission, artistic development, and youth engagement.
- Provide targeted federal funding to ensure that all museums and cultural institutions across Canada fully comply with UNDRIP and the TRC Calls to Action, facilitating accurate representation and meaningful reconciliation.
- Establish dedicated national funding for reconciliation-focused commemoration projects, supporting initiatives that recognize and honour Indigenous histories and experiences.

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- Provide stable federal funding dedicated specifically to the preservation, revitalization, and promotion of Indigenous languages across Canada, in alignment with the Indigenous Languages Act.

CBC AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING

- Increase CBC/Radio-Canada funding to match per-capita funding levels of internationally recognized public broadcasters like the BBC, ensuring robust national public broadcasting.
- Provide stable, multi-year core funding to CBC/Radio-Canada, indexed to inflation, guaranteed for minimum periods of seven years through a formal memorandum of understanding to maintain independence and stability.
- Restore CBC local news outlets to historical levels, specifically re-establishing local news bureaus and daily supertime TV news programming in multiple locations within each province and territory, in both official languages (English and French).
- Fund CBC TV news and information programming to be commercial-free or minimally commercial, implementing a maximum of four minutes of advertising per hour to preserve program integrity and reduce commercial influence.
- Develop a public, community-oriented online service through CBC/Radio-Canada, offering essential local updates including emergency alerts, fire notifications, and community events, providing an effective alternative to commercial social media platforms.
- Expand CBC Indigenous broadcasting significantly, ensuring culturally relevant, Indigenous-led content is widely accessible and reflects diverse Indigenous experiences and perspectives across Canada.
- Prohibit CBC from airing syndicated foreign entertainment programming (“junk food TV”), such as U.S. commercial game shows, prioritizing quality Canadian cultural content that reflects Canada’s unique identity and creativity.
- Reform CBC/Radio-Canada’s governance structure to ensure appointments to its board are transparent, merit-based, and free from political interference.

CANADIAN MEDIA AND CULTURAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Significantly increase public funding for Canadian-owned media, reducing reliance on foreign media, supporting domestic journalism, and safeguarding media independence.

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- Restrict foreign ownership of Canadian media, introducing clear legislative measures to protect cultural sovereignty, promote ownership diversity, and limit exposure to foreign propaganda or misinformation campaigns.
- Create an Independent Commission to study media ownership in Canada, with a clear plan to break up media monopolies, support local journalism, encourage diverse ownership, and ensure Canadians have access to trustworthy, independent news sources.
- Direct all government advertising spending exclusively to Canadian-owned publications and platforms, ensuring federal support prioritizes domestic media and journalism.
- Strengthen CRTC regulation of digital streaming platforms (as outlined in Bill C-10), mandating contributions to Canadian content production and cultural programming.
- Increase CRTC bandwidth allocation specifically for independent, non-profit, and community broadcasters, ensuring these voices are clearly heard within Canada's media landscape.
- Modernize and maintain Canadian Content (CanCon) regulations, ensuring they effectively sustain domestic creative industries and Canadian storytelling in a rapidly evolving digital environment.
- Increase sustained, reliable long-term funding for the Local Journalism Initiative with a continued focus on Canadian media organizations offering local civic journalism in underserved communities.

LANGUAGE AND OFFICIAL BILINGUALISM

- Modernize the Official Languages Act to strengthen protections for French and English minority communities, ensuring robust linguistic rights and services across Canada.
- Guarantee bilingual federal government services in every province and territory, actively supporting French-speaking immigration and integration, and ensuring linguistic equality nationwide.
- Prioritize implementation of a modernized Official Languages Act within the first year of the next Parliament, underscoring federal commitment to linguistic equity and minority-language rights.
- Actively defend and promote the equal status of Canada's two official languages (English and French), ensuring full linguistic equality and accessibility across all Canadian communities.
- Significantly increase federal funding for French immersion programs and second-language education, providing enhanced opportunities for bilingualism to students throughout Canada.

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HERITAGE PRESERVATION

- Implement a federal income tax credit for restoration expenditures on heritage properties, encouraging private owners to preserve historic buildings and sites, enhancing community heritage and local tourism.
- Establish charitable tax credits for donations of heritage easements, encouraging private contributions to preserve culturally significant properties, landscapes, and heritage sites.

Municipal Affairs

Strong communities are built from the ground up. Yet for decades, municipalities have been forced to do more with less — struggling to deliver critical services while federal governments hoard resources and offload responsibilities. Whether it's housing, transit, infrastructure, or disaster response, local governments are on the frontlines of the challenges Canadians face. But they've been treated as afterthoughts in national decision-making.

We believe it's time to treat municipalities as equal partners. That means providing predictable, long-term funding, protecting public services from privatization, and making sure every federal dollar serves the public good — not corporate profits. It means empowering cities and towns to build the affordable housing, climate-ready infrastructure, and accessible transit systems their residents need.

When we support municipalities, we strengthen the foundation of our democracy and deliver real improvements to people's lives — right where they live.

MUNICIPAL AUTONOMY AND STABLE FUNDING

- Permanently allocate 1% of federal GST revenue to municipalities — providing predictable annual funding for affordable housing, infrastructure, and community services.
- This investment will strengthen local autonomy and ensure communities have the resources to build economic and climate resilience.

PUBLIC TRANSIT INVESTMENT AND OPERATIONS

- Establish permanent federal public transit funding to support operations and infrastructure, including hiring transit drivers, improving service frequency and reliability, reducing fares, and transitioning to zero-emission fleets.
- Funding will be contingent upon municipalities aligning transit expansion with affordable housing, climate goals, and accessibility for underserved communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

- Redirect the Canada Infrastructure Bank's \$13.8 billion surplus to municipalities for investment in affordable housing, sustainable infrastructure, and public transit.
- Prohibit federal funding of privatized infrastructure through P3s, ensuring public funds are used for publicly owned and democratically accountable projects that directly serve communities — not corporate shareholders.

Municipal Affairs

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND DISASTER MITIGATION

- Increase and stabilize federal investment in the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) to help municipalities prepare for and respond to floods, wildfires, extreme heat, and other climate disasters — while strengthening long-term infrastructure resilience.
- Provide dedicated federal funding for municipal wildfire prevention, response, and recovery initiatives, protecting communities from escalating climate threats and ensuring public safety.

Managing Technological Change

The Green Party of Canada is committed to shaping a future where technology works for everyone, not just the powerful few. As we face the rapid rise of automation and artificial intelligence, we refuse to let workers, communities, or the planet be left behind. We believe that technology must serve the people, not the other way around.

We will protect Canadians by implementing a bold, national framework for artificial intelligence, setting clear standards for ethical use, transparency, and accountability. We will ensure that AI respects the environment, upholds privacy, and is developed with the well-being of all people in mind. No one will be left vulnerable to the unchecked power of technology.

Our fight for displaced workers will mean introducing an automation impact fee on large companies that profit the most from automation. This money will go towards retraining programs and support for workers, ensuring that the transition to a technological economy is just and equitable. We will eliminate tuition fees so that everyone can get the skills they need to thrive in the workforce, today and tomorrow.

Sometimes technology can change the landscape faster than we can adapt. As part of guaranteeing economic security, we will implement a guaranteed livable income so no Canadian gets left behind financially as they adjust to new technological realities.

In the digital world, we will hold social media companies accountable, redefining them as publishers and forcing them to take responsibility for the harmful content they allow to spread. We will protect our youth, banning platforms from targeting minors and investing in mental health and digital literacy.

Together, we will build a future where technology empowers all Canadians.

RESPONSIBLE AI AND AUTOMATION

- Protect Canadians by creating a comprehensive national framework for AI, setting standards for ethical use, transparency, accountability, environmental impacts, and robust data privacy protections.
- Implement an automation impact fee on large companies benefiting significantly from automation, requiring contributions equivalent to displaced workers' income taxes. Direct this revenue toward education, retraining, and displaced worker supports.
- Eliminate tuition fees to ensure equitable access to retraining, supporting workers adapting to technological changes.

Managing Technological Change

WORKER SUPPORT AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Implement a Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) to provide economic security to all workers displaced by automation, ensuring no Canadian is left economically vulnerable due to technological advancement. (see Eliminating Poverty)
- Establish federal monitoring systems to track automation impacts on jobs, enabling targeted job creation and retraining initiatives in sectors heavily affected by technological change.

PLATFORM ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION

- Legislatively redefine social media companies and digital platforms as “publishers,” making them accountable under common law for content they publish, allowing legal recourse for libel, slander, misinformation, and interference in elections.
- Hold social media platforms accountable for harmful content, ending the protection from liability that platforms currently enjoy, thereby incentivizing responsible moderation and reducing misinformation and harmful algorithmic content.
- Require online platforms to enforce clear content moderation standards, ensure transparency in how their algorithms rank and recommend content, and submit to regular independent audits as a condition of operating in Canada.

PROTECTING YOUTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Ban social media platforms from targeting or providing services to minors, following Australia’s lead, and invest significantly in youth-focused mental health support, education, and digital literacy initiatives to counteract online risks such as addiction, radicalization, and mental health issues.

DIGITAL RIGHTS AND CIVIC LITERACY

- Enshrine digital rights in Canadian law, including protections against online profiling, mass surveillance, and algorithmic discrimination, ensuring that Canadians’ rights are upheld in digital spaces as they are offline.
- Expand federal investment in civic media and digital literacy programs to equip all Canadians with the critical thinking skills needed to identify misinformation, resist online manipulation, and engage safely in the digital public sphere.

Consumer Protection

When it comes to protecting the rights of consumers, the Green Party makes no compromises. Consumers must be empowered with the tools to make informed decisions and take control of their own resources. Our vision is one of a future where fairness and transparency guide every choice we make — from the products we purchase to the services we rely on.

Our national Right to Repair legislation forces manufacturers to provide consumers and independent repair businesses with affordable replacement parts, tools, and repair information. This transformative policy will reduce electronic waste, extend product lifespans, and challenge the built-in obsolescence of modern goods. To support this, we will introduce a federal sustainability index for household appliances and electronics, allowing Canadians to choose products based on repairability, durability, and environmental impact.

In our commitment to fair and just financial practices, we will cap credit card interest rates, regulate ATM fees and banking charges and end predatory lending that traps consumers in cycles of debt. We will also overhaul telecom regulations, ensuring universal, affordable internet access and greater competition in cellular and broadband services. Consumers will be protected by enforceable penalties for misleading contracts, while telecom billing practices will be made more transparent and accountable.

Our vision is clear: an end to predatory business practices and a fair economy based on justice and equality where individuals, communities, and the planet can thrive together.

RIGHT TO REPAIR & SUSTAINABILITY

- Enact national Right to Repair legislation requiring manufacturers to provide consumers and independent repair businesses with affordable replacement parts, tools, and repair information, significantly reducing electronic waste and extending product lifespan.
- Reform Canada's copyright and intellectual property laws to allow Canadians to bypass digital restrictions for the purpose of repairing, modifying, or repurposing products they own — including US-manufactured devices subject to restrictive firmware or software locks.
- Introduce a federal sustainability index for household appliances and electronics, enabling consumers to choose products based on repairability, durability, and environmental impact.

FAIR CREDIT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Cap credit card interest rates at a maximum of 10 percentage points above the Bank of Canada's prime lending rate, protecting consumers from predatory lending practices.

Consumer Protection

- Limit ATM fees and regulate banking charges, ensuring banks and financial institutions charge fair, transparent fees, with clear disclosure of all charges.

INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Amend CRTC regulations to significantly improve transparency in telecom billing, advertising practices, and consumer service terms, ensuring fairness and informed consumer decision-making.
- Mandate clearer disclosure of banking and financial service fees to empower consumer choice and increase transparency.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL RIGHTS

- Enact regulations ensuring affordable universal internet access and increased competition in cellular and broadband services.
- Require clear, transparent contracts from telecom providers, with enforceable penalties for misleading or unfair contract terms.
- Enforce strict data privacy protections against misuse by foreign corporations.

Canada Post plays a vital role in connecting Canadians and delivering essential services, particularly in rural, remote, and underserved communities. We are committed to strengthening Canada Post to ensure it is an institution that continues to thrive, serves all Canadians.

Our plan to reinvigorate Canada Post first involves listening to what postal workers in mailrooms and neighbourhoods all over Canada say they need, to most effectively do their jobs in safety, comfort and dignity. We support those workers' right to strike for fair working conditions, and pledge to listen to their concerns.

We will also restore door-to-door mail delivery nationwide, reversing previous cuts and reinstating home postal delivery in communities where it was discontinued. This will be done with a special emphasis on vulnerable residents and those who need access to essential services like seniors, people with disabilities and rural residents. Our expansion of postal banking services will increase access to residents in remote and Indigenous communities, promoting financial inclusion.

To ensure digital equality, we will provide high-speed internet access at Canada Post locations to people living in remote and underserved areas who may not have any other access points. This aligns with current federal projects like Connected Coast, which also seeks to connect rural and remote communities to high speed internet.

As part of our commitment to Northern communities, we will re-establish Canada Post's Food Mail program to ensure reliable, affordable food delivery. This is a replacement for the ineffective Nutrition North subsidy. We will also bring in "Elder Check-in" services to support seniors with regular wellness checks, which are especially needed with the increasing frequency of extreme weather events.

In line with Canada's climate goals, the Green Party will electrify the entire Canada Post vehicle fleet, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a greener postal system. We will also retrofit Canada Post facilities with solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations.

BY ENHANCING CANADA POST'S SERVICES, THE GREEN PARTY WILL ENSURE IT CONTINUES TO SERVE THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS ACROSS CANADA.

- Honour Canada Post workers' request for fair wages, safe working conditions, the right to retire in reasonable comfort and expansions of services at the post office.
- Restore door-to-door mail service nationwide, reversing previous cuts and re-establishing home postal delivery in communities where it was discontinued, especially benefiting seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Canada Post

- Electrify the entire Canada Post vehicle fleet, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Retrofit Canada Post facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, including installing solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations at Canada Post facilities.
- Provide high-speed internet access at Canada Post locations in rural and underserved communities, using existing postal infrastructure to reduce Canada's digital divide.
- Expand pilot initiatives to provide postal banking services through Canada Post, ensuring accessible financial services for underserved rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.
- Re-establish Canada Post's Food Mail program, offering affordable, reliable food delivery to Northern and remote communities, significantly improving food security by replacing the current ineffective Nutrition North subsidy.
- Implement "Elder Check-in" services through Canada Post, enabling postal workers to provide regular wellness checks, supporting seniors' independence and community well-being, particularly in rural areas.
- Facilitate community meetings and gatherings at Canada Post locations, maximizing available space to serve as vital local community hubs.
- Establish "last-mile" zero-emission delivery services for urban areas, significantly reducing local emissions, traffic congestion, and improving air quality in densely populated areas.
- Expand Canada Post's delivery and logistics capacity to support a national e-commerce network for Canadian-made products and Canadian-owned businesses, offering an affordable public alternative to platform monopolies.

