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PARTY PLATFORM ANALYSIS

A Community Sector Perspective
on the 2021 Federal election

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Federal Party Platform Analysis - A Community Sector Perspective:

As we prepare to cast our votes to elect our next federal government, we need to ensure that the voices of over 20,000 staff and volunteers in Nova Scotia's community sector alone, with thousands more across the country, are heard on September 20th.

Nonprofits and voluntary organizations across the country stepped up during the pandemic to help fill gaps not covered by the public and private sectors. Those working in the sector are embedded in community and have trusted relationships with our cities most vulnerable and underrepresented groups, thus they are able to identify needs and navigate local contexts to provide supports that wouldn't otherwise be available.

But too often these people and organizations are under-resourced and over-worked. Long before COVID-19, the sector suffered the effects of unsustainable funding and reporting models, leading to a multitude of organizational challenges and administrative burdens that distract from the ability to maximize impact. We know the sector is under distress as needs continue to grow and staff and volunteers face high levels of burnout. We have an opportunity in front of us to support a sustainable recovery for the community sector, and we need to hold our political leaders accountable for recognizing the value of the work that we do and supporting it accordingly.

The following tables represent a summary of platform commitments from across the four major parties on issues relevant to the sector. This work is not endorsed by any party. We are offering it as a tool to help inform your voting decision and to hold accountable any party that is elected. Regardless of the outcome, we are committed to continuing to raise awareness of the need for systems change in the community sector.

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Which parties mention **core supports** for the non-profit and voluntary sector in their platforms?

NDP Canada's New Democratic Party

- Dedicated re-building a package for the performing arts, theatre, festivals and other arts that have been most severely impacted by the pandemic.
- Support for Indigenous theatre at the National Arts Centre as part of our larger efforts to honour and support Indigenous arts and culture.
- Take immediate action to save not-for-profit child care centres that are at risk of closure with relief fund to re-open spaces that were lost during COVID-19.

Liberal Canada's Liberal Party

- Expand borrower eligibility to include non-profit and charitable social enterprises.
- Create a \$25 million Menstrual Equity Fund for women's shelters, not-for-profits, charities, community-based organizations, and youth-led organizations to make menstrual products available to vulnerable women.
- Commit \$1 billion in loans and grants to develop and scale up rent-to-own projects with private, not-for-profit, and co-op partners.
- Swiftly implement the Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund to be administered independently by Black Canadians to help support Black-led and Black-serving community organizations.
- Provide \$40 million over 4 years starting in 2021- 2022 for capacity funding to Canadian LGBTQ2 service organizations.
- Support women leaders and feminist groups who are leading efforts to promote peace and protect the rights of women and vulnerable groups, including new funding through the Women's Voice and Leadership program.
- Build on the progress made over the last 6 years and increase funding to multicultural community programs. These programs play an important role in supporting community organizations across the country as they fight racism.
- Federal budget commitments made earlier in 2021.

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- Establish a funding program within Health Canada to support community-based organizations offering targeted LGBTQI2+ youth's mental health and well-being programs, including suicide prevention, peer support, coming out, and counselling.
- In collaboration with women's and Indigenous organizations, develop a comprehensive Canada-wide plan of action – with a timetable and dedicated funding – to eliminate violence against women, girls and gender-diverse people.
- Provide \$25 million in additional funding to aid museums and cultural organizations in both post-pandemic reopening and continuing to offer accessible digital offerings.
- Increase support for community arts programs and facilities across Canada by establishing stable base funding at a set percentage of the federal budget.

CONSERVATIVE Canada's Conservative Party

- To boost charitable donations, increase the disbursement quota for charitable foundations to 7.5%
- Create a pilot program to provide \$150 million over three years in grants to non-profits and charities delivering mental health and wellness programming.
- Create a fund to incentivize educational institutions and private sector organizations to partner with women's shelters to provide career training for the women they serve.

We have overwhelmingly heard that staff and volunteer burnout are affecting community organizations. What are the party policies around **Mental Health and Burnout** relevant to the sector?

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Mental health care should be available at no cost for people who need it. As a first step, a New Democrat government would bring in mental health care for uninsured Canadians.
- Create better access to mental health and addictions support.
- Move immediately to legislate 10 paid sick days in the Canada Labour Code for federally regulated workplaces.

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- Establish a national mental health strategy and a suicide prevention strategy.
- Establish robust accountability mechanisms to ensure the delivery of mental health care on par with physical health.
- Negotiate the Canada Health Accord to prioritize expansion of mental health and rehabilitation services, and call for the inclusion of mental health services as medically necessary.
- Allocate increased direct federal investment in community-based mental health care.
- Increase investments in Indigenous-led mental health and Support First Nations, Métis and Inuit in (re)building traditional knowledge systems around healing and wellness.

Canada's Liberal Party

- Establish a new federal transfer to provinces and territories—the Canada Mental Health Transfer—to assist jurisdictions to expand the delivery of high quality, accessible, and free mental health services.
- Commit to permanent, ongoing funding for mental health services under the Canada Mental Health Transfer, with an initial investment of \$4.5 billion over 5 years.
- Include mental health as a specific element of occupational health and safety under the Canada Labour Code and require federally regulated employers to take preventative steps to address workplace stress and injury.
- Fully fund a national, three-digit mental health crisis and suicide prevention hotline.
- Introduce amendments to the Canada Labour Code to provide 10 days of paid sick leave for all federally regulated workers.
- Work with federally regulated employers and labour groups to co-develop a new policy for the right to disconnect so that workers can disconnect at the end of a workday without worrying about job security and restore healthy work-life balance

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Staff in our sector are disproportionately women. What are the party policies around **Childcare Services and Supports**?

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Immediately work with the provinces to build a universal, \$10 a day childcare system no matter where you live.
- Create a national perinatal mental health strategy to support growing families before and after birth.

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- Dedicate additional resources to making a universal, affordable, early learning and child-care (ELCC) system a reality.
- Ensure equitable access to high-quality, culturally appropriate ELCC programs for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children.
- Make parental leave more inclusive so it covers leave to care for elderly family members, leave following miscarriages and more flexible and better paid.
- Increase federal child care funding.
- Expand supports for low-income mothers.

Canada's Liberal Party

- Reduce fees for child care by 50% in the next year.
- Deliver \$10 a day child care within five years or less.
- Work with Indigenous partners to ensure Indigenous children have access to culturally appropriate, affordable, high-quality early learning and child care.
- Enact federal child care legislation to strengthen and protect a Canada-wide child care system.
- Strengthen provisions in the Canada Labour Code to better support women that need to be temporarily re-assigned to other duties during pregnancy and while breast-feeding.
- Provide up to 5 new paid leave days for federally regulated employees who experience a miscarriage or still birth.
- Expand the Canada Caregiver Credit into a refundable, tax-free benefit

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- Convert the Child Care Expense deduction into a refundable tax credit covering up to 75% of the cost of child care for lower income families.
- Allow those on maternity and parental leave to earn up to \$1,000 per month to enable them to stay connected to the workforce and ease their return to work.
- Expand the Canada Child Benefit by allowing benefits to begin at the 7th month of pregnancy rather than at childbirth.
- Support parents who have experienced the trauma of miscarriage by allowing them to receive 3 days of paid bereavement leave and financially support parents in the event of stillbirth or who have lost an infant.

Our sector is committed to contributing to dismantling systemic racism and inequities. What are the party policies around **Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion?**

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Confront systemic racism, and work together to tackle hate, white supremacy and the systemic discrimination.
- Strengthen the Accessibility Act to cover all federal agencies equally, with the power to make and enforce accessibility standards in a timely manner.
- Ensure Canadians living with a disability have a guaranteed livable income.
- Work with Autistic Canadians to develop and implement a national Autism strategy.
- Commit to ending police violence and increase investments in non-police interventions, such as mental health and addiction supports.
- Move immediately to ban carding by the RCMP.
- Address the chronic over-representation of Indigenous peoples and Black Canadians in the federal prison population.
- Prioritize the collection of race-based data on health, employment, policing and more with the goal of improving outcomes for racialized communities.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the existing employment equity regime to help close the racialized wage gap.
- Prioritize pay equity to put an end to gender-based wage discrimination.
- Deliver a National Action Plan to end gender-based violence.
- Address violence against Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQI2S+ people by working with Indigenous peoples to implement all the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry.
- Immediately legislate a ban on conversion therapy in Canada.
- Make sure that there is equal access to gender confirming surgery across the country.
- Do more to end employment discrimination based on race as well as faced by members of the LGBTQI2S+ community.
- End discriminatory blood ban.
- Enhance the Action Plan for Official Languages to improve access to services in the language of choice.

Canada's Green Party

- Implement recommendations to begin dismantling systemic racism in Canadian institutions.
- Implement the recommendations of the Report of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its Mission to Canada
- Dismantle systemic discrimination in the federal civil service.
- Conduct an immediate and comprehensive review of the RCMP role in policing municipalities and reserves and the RCMP's other duties and identify areas for de-tasking police and reducing police spending.
- Invest funds that are divested from police services in social and community services, which are more effective in preventing and reducing crime, strengthening individuals and communities, and creating a more just society.
- Advocate for an end to police street checks, carding, and arbitrary stops and detentions that disproportionately target Black and Indigenous Peoples.
- Address all forms of hate and xenophobia in all aspects of settlement in Canada.
- End the discriminatory, unscientific and homophobic blood ban.
- Ban and condemn the practice of conversion therapy, in all its forms.
- Ensure access to comprehensive sexual health care and gender affirming health care.
- Support the 23 recommendations outlined in the LGBT Purge Fund's report which highlights the reality that LGBTQI2+ people continue to experience significant discrimination in federal workplaces.
- Work to create a Canada Disabilities Act (CDA) to express Canadians' vision of a more equitable society.
- Enforce the Employment Equity Act to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal opportunity to long-term employment and advancement.
- Develop laws and policies aimed at providing social, housing, health, economic and educational support in order to reduce the over-policing and over-incarceration of Black and Indigenous peoples.
- Support laws and policies aimed at decolonizing, decriminalizing and decarcerating to help address the mass incarceration of Black and Indigenous Peoples, and racialized peoples.
- Develop a restorative justice model and reform the criminal justice system. pg 76
- Pass pay equity legislation, as recommended by the Pay Equity Task Force and develop tax incentives for companies to meet the highest standards of gender and pay equity.
- Allocate greater funding to provide training language skills, employment skills and accreditation recognition for any newcomer legally eligible to work in Canada.

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Liberal Canada's Liberal Party

- Develop and implement an employment strategy for Canadians with disabilities. This strategy will be focused on supports for workers and employers and creating inclusive and welcoming workplaces.
- Present a National Action Plan on Combating Hate by 2022 as part of a renewed Anti-Racism Strategy.
- Establish a National Support Fund for Survivors of Hate-Motivated Crimes to help survivors with any uninsured costs that they have had to bear such as mental health care, physiotherapy, medical equipment, and paramedical services.
- Develop a Black Canadians Justice Strategy to address anti-black racism and discrimination in the criminal justice system.
- Work to reform the RCMP.
- Introduce a 1-800 help line for seniors to provide a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits.

CONSERVATIVE Canada's Conservative Party

- Create an International Human Rights Advisory Committee to advise the government on international human rights issues.
- Double the Disability Supplement in the Canada Workers Benefit from \$713 to \$1,500, providing a major boost to lower-income disabled Canadians on top of our increase in the Canada Workers Benefit.
- Implement a national mentorship strategy for women of all ages to prepare them for and give them access to networks that will position them for senior leadership roles across corporate Canada and civil society.
- End discriminatory blood ban.
- Ban conversion therapy.

We need commitment to addressing the Calls to Action made by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada. What are the party policies around **Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights**?

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.
- Work with Indigenous peoples to co-develop a National Action Plan for Reconciliation and establish a National Council for Reconciliation to provide oversight and accountability.
- Ensure there are funds to communities to commemorate a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to acknowledge the painful legacy of colonization, honour the Survivors of residential schools, and help communities across Canada commit to meaningful reconciliation
- Recognize and respect treaties, supporting Indigenous Nations who are building and re-building their governance structures.
- Respect Inuit and Métis self-determination.
- Work with Indigenous communities to help protect and revitalize the diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada with new legislation and stable funding.
- Fully fund the search for grave sites at former residential schools, as well as the maintenance, commemoration, reburial, and protection of residential school cemeteries according to the wishes of Indigenous families, residential school Survivors and communities.
- Commit to ending discrimination against Indigenous children, young people and families by fully implementing the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal orders.
- Support and resource Indigenous jurisdiction over child welfare systems.
- Fully implement Jordan's Principle.
- Build reconciliation into the heart of our plan to address the climate crisis, ensuring Indigenous peoples are equal partners in Canada's efforts to confront the climate crisis.
- Support Indigenous food sovereignty, working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to expand access to healthy food, including traditional and country foods.
- Work with Indigenous communities to implement co-developed, fully funded Indigenous National Housing Strategy within our first 100 days in office.
- Implement "Shannen's Dream" of equitable access to education.
- Work with the provinces to establish Indigenous history education programs for all Canadians, based on the TRC's Calls to Action 62 and 63.
- Ensure that the federal government steps up to close the health gap in Indigenous communities.
- Implement the Inquiry's Calls for Justice and the calls to action brought forward by communities. This includes establishing a comprehensive, plan to address violence against Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQI2S+ People.
- Work to end systemic discrimination against Indigenous peoples in the justice system.
- Commit to the promotion and revitalization of Indigenous languages.



Read the full **NDP Party Platform on Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights, page 70.**

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- Implement all 94 of the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Implement all the Calls for Justice from the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Protect the traditional fishing rights of Indigenous Peoples including the right to engage in fishing in pursuit of a moderate livelihood.
- Uphold Jordan's Principle in full, ensuring Indigenous Peoples receive the health care they need.
- Guided by Indigenous leadership, establish a process to transition out from under the Indian Act.
- Honour the original request from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for funding for work on the Missing Children and Unmarked Burials Project.
- Uphold fiduciary responsibilities, honour treaties, and respect all rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Work with First Nations, the Métis Nation, and Inuit and their governing institutions on a nation-to-nation basis.
- Honour the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling to compensate every child and family who was taken from their home on reserve.
- Adopt recommendations on funding for First Nations Child and Family Services from the Institute for Fiscal Studies and Democracy's 2020 report.
- End all drinking water and boil water advisories.
- Ensure access to quality education for every First Nations, Métis Nation, and Inuit child.
- Improve food security in northern communities by consulting with residents on Arctic farming, working with non-profit groups to build greenhouses or hydroponic towers and funding education programs in nutrition and horticulture.
- Develop clear laws and guidelines aligned with the principles set out by the Supreme Court in R. v. Ipeelee and R. v. Gladue, and implement additional laws to reduce incarceration of Indigenous Peoples.



Read the full **Green Party Plan on Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights, page 62.**

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Canada's Liberal Party

- Commit an additional \$1.4 billion for a distinctions based mental health and wellness strategy with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation.
- Provide the necessary supports for communities who wish to continue to undertake the work of burial searches at the former sites of Canadian Residential schools.
- Continue to reform child and family services in Indigenous communities and continue to work with Indigenous partners to ensure equitable compensation for those harmed by the First Nations Child and Family Services program.
- Continue to fully fund Jordan's Principle and Joyce's Principle.
- Invest a further \$2 billion in Indigenous housing for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation, with over half of the funding available by the upcoming summer construction period.
- Expand access to culturally appropriate, trauma-informed mental health services for Indigenous peoples.
- Make any investments necessary to eliminate all remaining water advisories.
- Continue to support First Nations-led processes to transition away from the Indian Act.
- Continue to support Indigenous-led processes for rebuilding and reconstituting nations, advancing self determination and work in partnership on implementation of treaties, land claim and self government agreements.
- Further support and fund the revitalization of Indigenous laws, legal systems, and traditions.
- Accelerate the implementation of the Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ People with Indigenous partners.
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- Expand the Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program to enable businesses to access a new, zero-interest loan when a 10% advance is not possible.
- Create a navigator position to help Indigenous entrepreneurs find programs that apply to their situation.
- Work with Indigenous partners to co-develop an Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy and support this strategy with dedicated investments.



Read the full **Liberal Party Plan on Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights, page 55.**

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- Develop a comprehensive plan to implement TRC Calls to Action 71 through 76.
- Fund the investigation at all former residential schools in Canada where unmarked graves may exist, including the sites where children have already been discovered.
- Develop a detailed and thorough set of resources to educate Canadians of all ages on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.
- Create the Canadian Indigenous Opportunities Corporation that will support First Nations and Inuit organizations seeking to purchase an equity stake in major projects.
- Require future governments to consult with Indigenous Communities before cancelling approved projects when they have signed or are negotiating benefit agreements or partnerships.
- Support Indigenous Protected Areas that safeguard culturally significant areas.
- Commit \$25 million to a national police support and community training program to reduce the incarceration rates of Indigenous communities.
- Work with Indigenous community groups, establish a national working group in the Canadian public service to encourage applications from Indigenous communities.
- Develop an Indigenous Business Mentorship Program and improve opportunities for Indigenous businesses to receive government contracts.
- Recognize safe drinking water as a fundamental human right and end long-term drinking water advisories.
- Develop, in collaboration with Indigenous groups, a National Action Plan that addresses violence against Indigenous women and girls.
- Provide \$1 billion over five years to boost funding for Indigenous mental health and drug treatment programs and support the development of mental health and drug treatment programs by Indigenous people to develop capacity at the community level and allow for the delivery of culturally appropriate programs delivered in the appropriate Indigenous language.



Read the full **Conservative Party Plan on Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights, page 115.**

Addressing poverty is critical for community well-being. What are the party policies around **Poverty Reduction and Social Services?**

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Work right away building towards a guaranteed livable income for all Canadians.
- Put in place a living federal minimum wage starting at \$15 an hour and rising to \$20 an hour, indexed to the cost of living.
- Put in place a universal, publicly funded national pharmacare and dental care program that will offer full benefits to all Canadians.
- Immediately deliver dental care coverage for people who don't have any private insurance.
- Commit to making work better with supports like paid sick leave and prescription drug coverage.
- Make sure that every Canadian has access to affordable, reliable high-speed broadband.
- Modernize and expand public transit within and between communities across Canada.
- For provinces and municipalities that identify it as a priority, we will help them build towards fare-free transit to ease commutes.
- Work towards a national school nutrition program that will give every child in Canada access to healthy food.

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- Create a comprehensive and equitable Guaranteed Livable Income for every person in Canada.
- Expand the Canada Health Act by fully funding a universal pharmacare program.
- Expand Medicare to include free dental care for low-income Canadians.

Liberal **Canada's Liberal Party**

- Develop a National School Food Policy and work towards a national school nutritious meal program with a \$1 billion dollar investment over five years.
- Continue to expand the Canada Workers Benefit to support about 1 million additional Canadians in low wage jobs, helping them return to work and increasing benefits for Canada's most vulnerable, who will be eligible for up to \$1,400 a year.
- Move forward with a stronger and more inclusive EI system that addresses gaps made obvious during COVID-19.

CONSERVATIVE **Canada's Conservative Party**

- Help for Working Families: Double the Canada Workers Benefit to make work pay and help those most in need.
- Double the Canada Workers Benefit up to a maximum of \$2,800 for individuals or \$5,000 for families and pay it as a quarterly direct deposit rather than a tax refund at year-end.
- Launch a Super EI that temporarily provides more generous benefits (75% of salary instead of 55%) when a province goes into recession (a 0.5% increase in the unemployment rate, as defined by the "Sahm Rule"). EI will return to normal levels once the recession is over.
- Build digital infrastructure to connect all of Canada to High-Speed Internet by 2025.

We all need a safe and affordable place to call home in order to thrive. What are the party policies around **Affordable Housing and Homelessness?**

NDP Canada's New Democratic Party

- A core component of the NDP approach is fully implementing the right to housing and working toward the goal of ending homelessness in Canada within a decade.
- Partner with provinces and municipalities to create 500,000 units of affordable housing over the next 10 years. This will include social housing, community and non-market housing, as well as rental assistance for co-ops.
- Encourage provinces to work with social enterprises to make sure that the training and jobs associated with building affordable housing go to those who need opportunities the most.
- Work with Indigenous communities to implement co-developed, fully funded Indigenous National Housing Strategy within our first 100 days in office.
- To help people find an affordable home in the long term, support the creation of more social housing and other affordable options.
- Spur the construction of affordable homes by waiving the federal portion of the GST/HST on the construction of new affordable rental units.
- Provide immediate relief for families that are struggling to afford rent.
- Put in place a 20% Foreign Buyer's tax on the sale of homes to individuals who aren't Canadian citizens.

Liberal Canada's Liberal Party

- Appoint a new Federal Housing Advocate within the first 100-days of a new mandate to ensure the federal government's work toward eliminating chronic homelessness.
- Move forward with our plan to invest in Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy.
- Work with municipalities to identify vacant or underused property that should be converted to housing on the principle of use it or lose it.
- Stop "renovictions" by deterring unfair rent increases that fall outside of a normal change in rent.
- Introduce a new rent-to-own program to help make it easier for renters to get on the path towards home ownership while renting.
- Ban foreign money from purchasing a nonrecreational, residential property in Canada for the next 2 years, unless this purchase is confirmed to be for future employment or immigration in the next 2 years.
- Invest \$4 billion in a new Housing Accelerator Fund which will grow the annual housing supply in the country's largest cities every year, creating a target of 100,000 new middle class homes by 2024-25.
- Build, preserve, or revitalize 1.4 million homes by 2025-26.
- Introduce a tax-free First Home Savings Account will allow Canadians under 40 to save up to \$40,000 towards their first home, and to withdraw it tax-free to put towards their first home purchase, with no requirement to repay it

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- Declare housing affordability and homelessness a national emergency and immediately appoint the Federal Housing Advocate, as established in the National Housing Strategy Act.
- Maintain a moratorium on evictions until the pandemic is over and for a reasonable time thereafter.
- Create national standards to establish rent and vacancy controls.
- Reinvest in affordable, non-profit, co-operative and supportive housing.
- Develop a strategy to face housing challenges in rural areas.
- Increase access to housing for people with disabilities.
- Increased access to high-quality mental health services would recognize the intersections between those experiencing homelessness and those experiencing mental health issues.
- Strengthen regulation to limit foreign investment and end predatory practices in residential real estate.
- Create an "empty home" tax for foreign and corporate residential property owners who leave buildings and units vacant.

CONSERVATIVE Canada's Conservative Party

- Implement a plan to build 1 million homes in the next three years.
- Release 15% of federally owned real estate for housing.
- Continue the Conservative commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples by enacting a "For Indigenous, By Indigenous" strategy – long called for by Indigenous housing advocates.
- Re-implement the Housing First approach.

We know the climate is in crisis and immediate action must be taken to combat the effects for future generations. What are the party policies around **Climate Justice and the Environment**?

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Ensure First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples are full and equal partners in Canada's efforts to confront the climate crisis and to build a low-carbon future.
- Ensure that climate investments are directed towards reducing inequality, honoring Indigenous rights and supporting communities that have been left behind.
- Work with Indigenous governments, respecting Indigenous knowledge, and upholding Indigenous rights to protect lands, waterways and biodiversity.
- Create an Office of Environmental Justice to address the disproportionate impacts of pollution and loss of biodiversity on low-income, racialized and other marginalized communities.
- Reduce our emissions by at least 50% from 2005 levels by 2030.
- Power Canada by net carbon-free electricity by 2030, and move to 100% non-emitting electricity by 2040.
- Enshrine in law an Environmental Bill of Rights and protecting 30% of our land, freshwater and oceans by 2030.
- Fulfill Canada's G-20 commitment to eliminate these fossil fuel subsidies and redirect these funds to low carbon initiatives.
- Work with partners to establish multi-year national and sectoral carbon budgets.
- Work with provinces to put in place a framework for corporate climate accountability.
- Create jobs building green infrastructure in communities across Canada.
- Support investments in innovative community-owned and operated clean energy projects
- modernize and expand public transit, ensuring that federal transit funding flows to scale up low carbon transit projects with the goal of electrifying transit and other municipal fleets by



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- Support Indigenous-led protected and conservation areas and fund stewardship of these lands and waters by Indigenous guardians.
- Establish a high-level Office of Environmental Justice at Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- Ensure a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 60 per cent from 2005 levels by 2030, with clear enforceable targets and timelines starting in 2023 to achieve net zero emissions.
- Cancel all new pipeline projects (beginning with Trans Mountain).
- End all extractions of fossil fuels.
- Replace every high paying fossil fuel sector job with a high paying green sector job through wage insurance, retraining programs and early retirement plans – and support a just transition for workers.
- Enact a detailed Carbon Budget, determining the cumulative amount of GHG that Canada can emit to do its part to keep warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- Institute a ban on further development of nuclear power in Canada.
- Develop a national renewable energy electricity grid.
- Support green buildings and transportation.
- Provide universal access to safe, inclusive, and accessible green and public spaces.
- Modernize the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.
- Protect a minimum of 30% of freshwaters and lands in by 2030 and 50% by 2050, prioritizing carbon-rich ecosystems.
- Reduce threats to ocean ecosystems, including supporting a moratorium on deep seabed mining at least until 2030.



Read the full [Green Party Plan](#) on protecting the environment and combatting climate change, page 3.

We know the climate is in crisis and immediate action must be taken to combat the effects for future generations. What are the party policies around **Climate Justice and the Environment? (continued)**

Liberal Canada's Liberal Party

- Work with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis partners to support new Indigenous Guardians programs and establish new Indigenous Guardians Networks.
- Advance new measures to achieve an ambitious 40-45% reduction in emissions by 2030 compared to 2005 levels.
- Accelerate our G20 commitment to eliminate fossil fuel subsidies from 2025 to 2023.
- Develop a plan to phase-out public financing of the fossil fuel sector, including from Crown corporations, consistent with our commitment to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Introduce a Clean Electricity Standard that will set Canada on a path to cut more emissions by 2030 and to achieve a 100% net-zero emitting electricity system by 2035.
- Provide grants of up to \$5,000 for home retrofits and interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 for deep retrofits.
- Invest an additional \$700 million to add 50,000 new electric vehicle chargers and hydrogen stations to Canada's network.
- Create more opportunities for women, LGBTQ2 and other underrepresented people in the energy sector.
- Accelerate major public transit projects and support the switch to zero-emission buses.
- Establishing 10 new national parks and 10 new national marine conservation areas (NMCAs) in the next 5 years – doubling the amount.
- Accelerate the implementation of our zero plastic waste action plan



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CONSERVATIVE Canada's Conservative Party

- Work with Indigenous communities including by expanding the creation of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) managed and stewarded by Indigenous Guardians.
- Reach the target of protecting 17% of Canada's land and water and work towards 25%.
- Ban the export of plastic waste.
- Restore funding for the National Wetland Conservation Fund and the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program.
- Require 30% of light duty vehicles sold to be zero emissions by 2030.
- Put in place a minimum requirement for 15% renewable content in natural gas by 2030.
- End raw sewage dumping.
- Work with provinces, territories, and applicable utilities to put in place a Residential Building Retrofit Initiative.
- Develop a Net Zero Foundations program to begin putting in place the building blocks required to meet our net zero goals.
- Develop a National Clean Energy Strategy.



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Our youth are our future - we need equitable systems to enable opportunities for all. What are the party policies around **Creating a Future for Nova Scotia's Youth?**

Canada's New Democratic Party

- Lower the voting age to 16.
- Cap and reduce tuition fees, and building towards making post-secondary education part of our public education system.
- Remove interest from federal student loans.
- Introduce a targeted debt forgiveness program for graduates that will forgive up to \$20,000 in student debt.
- Move away from loans and permanently double non-repayable Canada Student Grants.
- A new Civilian Climate Corps to mobilize young people and create new jobs supporting conservation efforts and addressing the threat of climate change.

green **Canada's Green Party** PARTY OF CANADA

- Lower the voting age to 16.
- Boost apprentice program opportunities, specifically in sustainable fields.
- Establish a federal student minimum wage of \$15 to provide parity with the general minimum wage.
- Abolish post-secondary education tuition and cancel all federally held student loan debt.
- Establish federal youth employment programs that would be active year-round.
- Develop a new working model that will allow for more young people to work remotely from home if it is their preference.

Liberal **Canada's Liberal Party**

- Permanently eliminate the federal interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans.
- Increase the repayment assistance threshold to \$50,000 for Canada Student Loan borrowers who are single.
- Introduce a new fund for student well-being to increase access to mental health care at colleges and universities. The fund will support the hiring of up to 1200 new mental health care counsellors, including those who can support the needs of BIPOC students.

CONSERVATIVE **Canada's Conservative Party**

- Double the apprenticeship job creation over the next 3 years.

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