



FIGHTING FOR TODAY – BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

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As Leader of the Alberta Liberal Party, I want you to know that I'm working hard to build a better Alberta — not just for today but for tomorrow as well.

That's why in this Legislative Session, the Alberta Liberal Team and I will be focusing on a two-pronged approach: tackling the most pressing issues of today and putting forward ideas for a more prosperous, sustainable future.

We're fighting for today while building for tomorrow.

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FIGHTING FOR TODAY

DEFEND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The United Conservative Party has passed a motion calling for two-tier private healthcare for the rich at the same time the UCP government is cutting 11,000 healthcare jobs. This is just plain wrong.

The evidence is crystal clear: private healthcare costs more and delivers less, and a two-tier system drains resources from the public system.

We will stand up for our public healthcare and the Canada Health Act

BRING IN A PST

The NDP says they support our public services, but when push comes to shove, they have no plan to sustain them.

Nobody wants a sales tax. But every other province in Canada uses a provincial sales tax to pay for healthcare and education in a responsible way.

We can't rely on oil and gas royalties the way we once did.

That is why we're calling for the implementation of a PST to protect our public services.

IMPLEMENT A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

The CERB benefit showed Canadians the transformative power of direct income transfers and exposed the fragility of our outdated social safety net.

It's time for Alberta to embrace the idea of a Universal Basic Income. By giving all Albertans a baseline income, we not only ensure no one falls through the cracks, but we empower Albertans to find new ways to contribute to society and help out-of-work Albertans transition to new careers more quickly.

It's the smart, direct and straightforward way to combat poverty and support Albertans during this pandemic and beyond.

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

PROMOTE A GREEN RECOVERY

The global economy is changing, and Alberta must change with it.

The climate crisis and the development of new technologies mean shrinking demand for Alberta's energy resources produced in their current form.

If we face these changes head-on, we can create new jobs and opportunities for Albertans in industries like hydrogen, solar and geothermal.

Oil and gas will, of course, remain a vital part of Alberta's economy. Demand for Alberta's oil and gas reserves will exist for decades.

But we can also utilize conventional resources in new ways, such as converting bitumen into carbon fibre for manufacturing and construction or harnessing lithium waste for battery production.



INVEST IN EDUCATION AND ENSURE A SAFE AND EQUITABLE COVID-19 RECOVERY

We must invest in education at all levels and in all disciplines. There are no shortcuts to economic recovery.

We must invest in helping Albertans retrain and adjust to the new economic realities. We will focus on making sure the recovery is fair for all to prevent the further entrenchment of inequalities.

The road to recovery from COVID-19 is going to be challenging. We will fight for a safe and equitable recovery for all.

COMBAT SYSTEMIC RACISM

Racialized Albertans feel the pervasive influence of systemic racism every day. That is why we will continue to advocate for common-sense solutions to combat racism.

We would make juries more diverse, modernize the Human Rights Act, radically overhaul policing services and end the practice of police carding.

We will work towards Indigenous economic reconciliation and Indigenous representation in the Legislature.

Alberta is at a crossroads. The decisions we make today will set the stage for our future and that of future generations.



Let's build a better tomorrow together.
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