

# A New Deal *for* British Columbia





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# A New Deal for British Columbia

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As British Columbians, we know our province is a special place. We're proud of our pristine coastline, our diverse communities, and our natural environment – and we'll do whatever it takes to protect them.

But our priorities here in BC are not our Prime Minister's priorities.

With all its abundance, BC should be a place where if you work hard, you can get ahead. We're finally recovering from 16 years of bad choices by the BC Liberals – but imagine what BC can do with a real partner in Ottawa.

Justin Trudeau promised he was going to be different. But his pretty words turned out to be empty promises.

Trudeau said he understood the urgency of climate change, but then he let big polluters off the hook and threatened our coast with a 700% increase in toxic oil tanker traffic. He failed to end fossil fuel subsidies – then he spent \$4.5 billion of *your* tax dollars on a pipeline. That's money we could have spent creating clean jobs.

Justin Trudeau also promised to make medication more affordable, but then failed to stand up to pharmaceutical companies and insurance lobbyists.

But no issue better shows Liberal neglect here in BC than their inaction on money laundering and the affordable housing crisis. While the BC government has done the hard work to tackle the crisis, Justin Trudeau's Liberals have refused to act.

And while the Liberals let us down, the Conservatives would make things worse. Andrew Scheer will promise to save you a few bucks but will cut things you count on. Just look at Christy Clark. Or Doug Ford in Ontario.

Elizabeth May and the Green Party have some good ideas on the environment, but they won't stop their MPs from re-opening the abortion debate. And they've disappointed so many people by being open to putting the Conservatives in power.

**But New Democrats are different.** We'll take bold action on the things British Columbians care about: improving our transit, building affordable housing, protecting our wild salmon, and defending our coast.

This election is an opportunity to finally get a partner in Ottawa that is in it for British Columbians. A chance to replace tag-team Conservative and Liberal governments – who change places but don't change policies.

Our BC New Deal for People is all about you.

We believe in government that takes you seriously. That takes your health care seriously. That takes money laundering seriously. That takes climate change seriously.

Our plan invests in the services British Columbians need, helps make housing more affordable, stands up for our coast, and delivers new jobs and training so British Columbians can have a more secure future in the community they call home.

**It all starts with sending New Democrats to Ottawa who are in it *for you*.**





# Making family bills more affordable

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We can make life in BC more affordable now – with a home you can afford, lower cell phone bills, expanded health coverage and help where you need it.

**New Democrat commitments will make a difference through:**

- ➔ New investments to build 500,000 new affordable homes
- ➔ Decisive action to end the speculation that's fuelling skyrocketing housing prices
- ➔ Cracking down on money laundering and establishing a federal Foreign Buyer's Tax to make sure that people can find affordable homes
- ➔ Giving renters who are struggling immediate help to make ends meet
- ➔ Capping cell phone and internet fees, saving you more than \$200 a year
- ➔ Working in partnership with the BC government to expand their innovative \$200 a month childcare pilot, making affordable childcare a reality for more families
- ➔ A New Deal for Tax Fairness that asks the very wealthiest multimillionaires to pay 1% more so we can invest in the services we all rely on
- ➔ Energy efficient retrofits for your home, saving households around \$900 a year
- ➔ Better and more affordable transit for everyone, including expanded bus service in rural regions like the Kootenays and Northern BC
- ➔ Making ferries more affordable for British Columbians by boosting federal funding to help to bring down fares and reservation fees







# Bold, urgent action to confront the climate crisis

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The BC government has made a good start on confronting the climate crisis, but they need a partner in Ottawa. It's time to put people and the planet ahead of the interests of corporate insiders. Together, we can cut emissions and build a sustainable economy that creates more opportunities for workers all across BC.

## **New Democrat commitments will make a difference through:**

- ➔ Creating a \$15 billion climate-jobs plan to cut emissions and create good jobs in every community in BC
- ➔ Establishing science-based targets in law – to hold global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees or less and make government legally accountable for meeting them
- ➔ Acting in full partnership with Indigenous Peoples and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- ➔ Investments to help communities make both urban and rural transit more convenient and more affordable
- ➔ A plan to protect 30% of our land, freshwater, and oceans by 2030 – and back up these protections with funding and enforcement

For the complete NDP climate plan, visit: [ndp.ca/climate-and-jobs](https://ndp.ca/climate-and-jobs)



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*In it for you.*







# Good jobs for the future

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Making investments today will build an economy that works better for more people – and creates a more secure future where British Columbians can count on good jobs in every community.

## **New Democrat commitments will make a difference through:**

- ➔ Creating 300,000 good new jobs in energy efficiency retrofits, affordable housing, renewable energy, infrastructure, and transit
- ➔ New rules to make sure part-time and contract workers get the same benefits and compensation as full-time workers
- ➔ Employment Insurance that's fairer – boosting benefits and making it easier to get training
- ➔ Support for workers, families and communities in the BC resource sector so that the changing economy works for everyone
- ➔ Boosting BC's sustainable fishery by protecting and restoring the wild salmon population
- ➔ Backing for BC's innovative technology culture – with a focus on helping companies commercialize new technologies and scale-up, train, and retain a skilled high-tech workforce
- ➔ Reduce raw log exports and helping to create value-added forestry jobs in communities in BC – including through made-in-BC wood products.



# Building a healthier future

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Tommy Douglas said: “The ultimate goal of Medicare must be to keep people well rather than just patching them up when they get sick... [and] expanding and improving Medicare by providing Pharmacare and Denticare programs.” BC’s provincial government has made great strides in repairing the health care system after 16 years of bad Liberal choices, but they need a federal partner to help make health services even better.

## **New Democrat commitments will make a difference through:**

- Extending prescription drug coverage to every single Canadian, so you just need a health card – not a credit card – to get the medicine you need. Families in BC will save more than \$500 a year starting in 2020, whether you are already insured or not
- Immediately extending dental insurance to people in BC who don’t have coverage
- Expanding Medicare to fully cover dental, vision, and a full range of mental health service
- Ensuring that safe, accessible abortion and reproductive health care services are available to everyone who needs them
- Action to confront the opioid crisis that is hurting people in BC, and save lives in our communities – declaring a public health emergency and making sure treatment on demand is available, while ending the criminalization and stigma of drug addiction so people can get the help they need without fear of arrest
- Making sure seniors have access to quality home care services, no matter where you live, keeping more people in their own home



# Defending our coasts and waterways

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British Columbia has some of the most beautiful – and vulnerable – coastlines, waterways and marine habitats. It is our duty to protect them for future generations. But Justin Trudeau broke his promise to B.C. – and purchased a pipeline that will increase risky tanker traffic by 700%. We need someone on BC's side to protect the coast.

## **New Democrat commitments will make a difference through:**

- ➔ Protecting our oceans, coastline and southern resident killer whales through increased conservation and stopping risky projects that threaten our coast, like the Trans Mountain pipeline and a 700% increase in toxic oil tanker traffic
- ➔ Working with the provincial government to protect wild salmon, move fish farms out of salmon migration routes, and implement the Cohen Commission recommendations
- ➔ Helping those who keep us safe on the water by updating Canada's aging Coast Guard fleet and making sure coastal communities have the right equipment, training, and support to help save lives and protect our marine environment
- ➔ Cleaning up abandoned, derelict vessels to protect our coastal communities and the environment
- ➔ Giving communities a voice on anchorage of big ships so that B.C.'s coastal waters don't become overflow parking lots
- ➔ Banning single use plastics and hold companies responsible for the entire lifecycle of their plastics products and packaging – working towards a zero-waste future
- ➔ Harnessing the potential of our coastline and spurring jobs through investments in research, ocean science, and technology
- ➔ Fully restoring navigable waters protections for all of B.C.'s lakes and rivers, and investing in research to support freshwater protections in key watersheds like the Fraser

# A new partnership with Indigenous peoples

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It's past time for Canada to honour our commitments to Indigenous peoples and make reconciliation more than just words.

## **New Democrat commitments will make a difference through:**

- ➔ Fully implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and working with Indigenous peoples to co-develop a National Action Plan for Reconciliation
- ➔ Replacing mere consultation with a standard of free, prior, and informed consent for Indigenous communities affected by government policies
- ➔ True reconciliation that upholds Indigenous rights, sovereignty and self-determination, while delivering funding and services that communities urgently need
- ➔ Supporting communities as they rebuild Indigenous governance structures that were outlawed by previous governments
- ➔ Properly funding First Nations Child Welfare, closing the education gap and expanding access to good jobs all across BC
- ➔ Making sure that all Indigenous communities have clean drinking water, good health services, and safe and affordable housing
- ➔ Working with Indigenous women, the families of the missing and murdered, and communities to implement the Inquiry's Calls for Justice

# Want a champion in your corner who gets things done? Elect an NDP MP.

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BC's NDP MPs are effective, passionate champions for British Columbians — and they get results on the things that matter to people like you.

Some of our achievements include:

## **Taking the lead on climate action**

The NDP is the only party in Canada to put forward legislation calling for a 'Green New Deal' that addresses climate change and systemic inequality head-on. Experts have praised our climate plan as "the most comprehensive" and "worker-oriented" solution, and "Canada's version of the Green New Deal."

## **Urgent action on the housing crisis**

BC's housing crisis demands immediate action at the federal level. But the Liberals are actually investing less in affordable housing than Stephen Harper did, as a percentage of GDP.

We believe everyone should have a safe and affordable place to call home. That's why we'd build 500,000 new affordable homes, give struggling renters immediate help, and take action against speculators who are driving up prices.

## **Taking money launderers to task**

An NDP government would crack down on the money launderers who are overheating BC's housing market. Under the Liberals, not a single RCMP officer is dedicated to fighting money laundering. New Democrats pushed for measures to make real estate more transparent — and we'll deliver.

## **Defending our coast from oil spills and fighting the Trans Mountain pipeline**

Long before the Trans Mountain pipeline was even proposed, your NDP MPs were standing strong against a bitumen pipeline on BC's north coast. We championed a North Coast tanker ban, introducing a motion that passed in the House of Commons. We've opposed the Trans Mountain pipeline from the beginning and pushed the House of Commons to recognize that this pipeline does not respect Indigenous rights.





### **Action against plastic pollution in our oceans**

Last December Parliament unanimously passed an NDP motion from a BC MP to establish a national program to combat plastic pollution in our oceans. This paved the way for Canada to tackle pollution, reduce waste, and protect our oceans and coastal communities.

### **Promoting food security**

BC's NDP MPs are passionate advocates for Canadian farmers and food security. This spring the House of Commons unanimously passed an NDP bill to create a National Local Food Day.

Plus, New Democrats are at the forefront of supply management that puts safe, locally-sourced foods, farmers, and Canadian families first.

### **Standing up for refugee families**

In Parliament, NDP MPs have fought hard to protect the most vulnerable people in Canada, particularly newcomers and refugees. We've worked to hold the Liberal government to account — including calling out the Canada Revenue Agency for spending \$1 billion to target refugee families, instead of taking on tax-evading mega-corporations and multimillionaires.

### **Putting seniors and elders first**

Knowing that one in four Canadians will be a senior by 2036 and that seniors are increasingly falling into poverty, our NDP MPs in BC led the charge to establish a Minister of Seniors for Canada — something the government finally put into place in 2018.

BC's NDP team fights hard and gets results. Let's send Ottawa a message they can't ignore. Vote NDP and elect an MP who works for you.

