

#11. 15th September...The Writ Has Dropped!...the election is underway!! Promises made by the parties! Overview of Party Platforms (Bloomberg)!

Federal Candidates Update...

Richmond Hill Candidates

Liberal (incumbent)...Majid Jowhari

Conservative...Costas Menegakis

NDP...TBD

Green...TBD

PCP... Igor D. Tvorogov

Aurora Oak Ridges Candidates

Conservative (Incumbent)...Leona Alleslev

Liberal...Leah Taylor Roy

NDP...Aaron Brown

Green...Timothy Flemming

PCP... Anil Dasaratha

THE WRIT HAS DROPPED as of 11th September...well it really isn't a drop!!!

Nothing has actually dropped, of course — and there's a lot more than just a single writ involved.

In fact, writs are drawn up for each of the country's 338 ridings for a federal election. A writ is a formal written order instructing the returning officer in a single electoral district to hold an election to select a member of Parliament. It specifies the day the names of the candidates must be officially recorded and sets a polling date.

PROMISES MADE BY THE PARTIES

• Conservatives

- **May 5:** Scheer says a Conservative government would balance the books in five years
- **May 7:** Scheer delivers a speech on foreign policy pledges, promising an “eyes wide open” approach with China. He says he would move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He also promises to stand up to Russia.
- **May 16:** In a speech at the Economic Club of Canada, Scheer unveils a series of pledges on the economy, including “a Canada fueled exclusively by Canadians by 2030.”
- **May 28:** As Bill C-71 passes, Scheer promises he would repeal the Liberals' new firearms legislation.
- **May 28:** Scheer outlines several commitments on immigration. He says he would close a loophole in the Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the United States. He also promises improved language training, better recognition of work credentials and refocusing the government-sponsored refugee program on victims of atrocities.
- **June 3:** Scheer says that as prime minister, he would establish an Interprovincial Free Trade Agreement as part of a plan he dubs “a closer and freer federation.”

- **June 18:** A Conservative government would establish clear timelines for pipeline approvals, and at times invoke federal jurisdictions, the Tories say.
- **June 19:** Scheer reveals a climate plan with \$2.5 billion worth of pledges, which he touts will focus on “tech not taxes.”
- **June 20:** The Conservatives promise to revoke Bill C-69, saying the Liberal bill will “phase out Canada’s oil and gas industry.”
- **Aug. 20:** Scheer says he will make maternity and paternal benefits “tax-free,” providing a non-refundable tax credit of 15 per cent and include a corresponding credit to apply in Quebec.
- **Sept. 6:** Scheer says if elected his government would create a certification system to let consumers know if certain digital products meet federal security standards. He dubs it a “Canada Cyber Safe” certification.

- **Liberals**

- **March 19:** Liberals table the federal budget, outlining a series of promises pegged on reelection. Some key promises include the the creation of a Canadian Drug Agency, \$300 million in incentives for those buying zero emission vehicles, and help cheaper mortgages for first-time homebuyers.
- **May 22:** Liberals promise to provide up to 18 new large ships, built in Canadian shipyards, for the Canadian Coast Guard fleet. He also vows to open up the National Shipbuilding Strategy to a third shipyard, billed by defence analysts and political insiders as a move targeting voters in Quebec.
- **June 10:** Trudeau announces Liberals will ban “harmful” single-use plastics, such as forks and takeout containers, by 2021.

- **NDP**

- **Feb 20:** Singh says he would re-introduce 30-year terms to CMHC-insured mortgages for people who qualify for mortgages but need extra room in their budget. He says the NDP plan to build 500,000 affordable homes in the next decade, including investments in co-operative and non-market affordable housing units.
- **May 13:** Singh outlines a plan for climate change, saying he would help cut Canada’s greenhouse-gas emissions almost in half over the next decade.
- **June 16:** Singh introduces his campaign platform, promising a range of policies, including a national pharmacare plan, higher taxes for the wealthy, caps on cellphone and internet bills, more affordable housing, and improved education and living conditions for First Nations communities.
- **June 21:** Singh says an NDP government would make National Indigenous Peoples Day a statutory holiday, and ensure the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is enshrined into Canadian law.
- **Sept 2:** New Democrats say the party would “immediately” establish a \$15 federal minimum wage.
- **Sept. 4:** At a townhall, Singh outlines his plans to beef up police resources to investigate hate crimes and impose a federal ban on carding.

- **Green Party**
- **May 16:** Green Party unveils an extensive climate action plan dubbed “Mission: Possible,” which includes ending all imports of foreign oil and prioritizing “adaptation measures” for Canada’s agriculture, fishing and forestry industries.
- **Aug. 8:** May reveals a plan to help transition Canadian fossil fuel workers to jobs in the renewable energy sector.

Looking for a quick overview of where the parties stand...Bloomberg provides an easy place of reference. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/2019-federal-election-platform-tracker-where-the-major-parties-stand-so-far-1.1308714>

Canadian voters will head to the polls on Oct. 21 after what is expected to be a heated federal election campaign.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is aiming for the Liberals’ re-election in the wake of the SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. scandal, while Andrew Scheer’s Conservatives, Jagmeet Singh’s New Democrats and Elizabeth May’s Green Party jockey for power.

Most parties are expected to release their full election platforms after campaigning officially kicks off. But some proposals and party stances have already been released.

Here’s a look at what each of the four main national parties have promised so far on the major issues affecting the economy, business and your finances. BNN Bloomberg will keep this platform guide updated as more details are announced.