

#7. 4th August...Federal Election Candidates Update & Party Platforms

Federal Election Candidates Update

...so in theory all candidates were to be confirmed by July 27th. The schedule below indicates the that are confirmed and those that are still TBD for two ridings in our area...

Richmond Hill Candidates

Liberal (incumbent)...Majid Jowhari
Conservative...Costas Menegakis
NDP...Adam DeVita ?
Green...??
PCP... Igor D. Tvorogov

Aurora Oak Ridges Candidates

Conservative (Incumbent)...Leona Alleslev
Liberal...Candidate to be elected Aug 10th
NDP...Aaron Brown
Green...??
PCP... Anil Dasaratha

CLIMATE CHANGE PLATFORMS, PROGRAMS AND PLANS

During August we have invited Candidates from each Party to provide us with their to provide a picture of the Climate Change positions of each of the parties in the Federal Election. We know that these will be expanded, tweaked and explained as the time progresses towards October 21st.

WEB-SITE EXTRACTS FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES

LIBERAL PARTY

CLIMATE CHANGE...2015

We will provide national leadership and join with the provinces and territories to take action on climate change, put a price on carbon, and reduce carbon pollution.

Climate change is an immediate and significant threat to our communities and our economy. Stephen Harper has had nearly a decade to take action on climate change but has failed to do so. His lack of leadership has tarnished Canada's reputation abroad, making it harder for Canadian businesses to compete.

The provinces and territories recognize the need to act now, and have already begun to price carbon and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **We will end the cycle of federal parties – of all stripes – setting arbitrary targets** without a real federal/provincial/territorial plan in place.

We will instead partner with provincial and territorial leaders to develop real climate change solutions, consistent with our international obligations to protect the planet, all while growing our economy. Together, we will attend the Paris climate conference, **and within 90 days formally meet to establish a pan-Canadian framework for combatting climate change.**

We will work together to establish national emissions-reduction targets, and ensure that the provinces and territories have targeted federal funding and the flexibility to design their own policies to meet these commitments, including their own carbon pricing policies.

These targets must recognise the economic cost and catastrophic impact that a greater-than-two-degree increase in average global temperatures would represent, as well as the need for Canada to do its part to prevent that from happening.

Partnering with the provinces and territories, we will create a new Low Carbon Economy Trust. The Trust will provide funding to projects that materially reduce carbon emissions under the new pan-Canadian framework. We will endow the Low Carbon Economy Trust with \$2 billion in our mandate.

We will protect our communities from the challenges of climate change and grow our economy by making significant new investments in green infrastructure.

We will fulfill our G20 commitment and phase out subsidies for the fossil fuel industry over the medium-term.

We will also work in partnership with the United States and Mexico to develop an ambitious North American clean energy and environmental agreement.

GREENER COMMUNITIES

We will invest in sustainable infrastructure that makes our communities safer and more resilient.

Responsible governments do not walk away from challenges, or pretend they do not exist. We will protect our communities from the challenges of climate change and grow our economy by making significant new investments in green infrastructure.

This includes investments in local water and wastewater facilities; clean energy; climate resilient infrastructure, including flood mitigation systems; and infrastructure to protect against changing weather.

We will boost investment in green infrastructure by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

National Energy Corridor

Our energy sector and the people working in it have faced tough times under this Liberal government.

Before Justin Trudeau became Prime Minister, we had three private companies willing to invest more than **\$30 billion** to build three, nation-building projects that would have created tens of thousands of jobs and generated billions in economic activity.

Those companies continue to invest in pipelines elsewhere in the world.
Just not in Canada.

That's why Andrew Scheer has come up with a six-point action plan that will strike down the barriers Justin Trudeau has created, and get pipelines built:

1. Cancel the carbon tax
2. Repeal Bill C-69, the No-More-Pipelines Bill
3. End the B.C. shipping ban
4. Establish timelines for approvals
5. Eliminate foreign interference in the approvals process
6. Invoke federal jurisdiction when necessary

A **National Energy Corridor** would move Canadian oil, gas, electricity, telecommunications, and potentially anything else that runs along the ground, across the country. This is crucial for our ability to create ***wealth, prosperity, and opportunity for all Canadians.***

We have had these legacy projects before, and an Andrew Scheer-led government will spearhead the effort to get them done again.

Justin Trudeau's Environmental Failure

Liberals have been all talk and no action on the environment.

Justin Trudeau's signature so-called environmental policy is, in reality, a tax plan.

He gave big polluters a pass and instead punishes Canadians driving to work and heating their homes with a carbon tax.

Canadian families and small businesses will be on the hook for 92% of Trudeau's carbon tax, while big polluters only have to pay 8%.

It's no wonder Canada will miss its emissions reductions targets under the Paris Accord.

Andrew's plan – A Real Plan to Protect Our Environment – is Canada's best chance to meet the Paris targets.

These new policies will further lower Canada's greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen environmental protection – *without* taking money out of Canadians' pockets.

It is built on three policy principles:

Green technology, not taxes

A cleaner and greener natural environment

Taking the climate change fight global.

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Power to Change...A New Deal for Climate Action and Good Jobs

A clean economy that works better for people

Our plan to fight climate change will create at least 300,000 new jobs, save families money, and take on big polluters. The time for delay and denial is over – it's time to act.

People across Canada are worried about the future. Flooding and forest fires are threatening our homes. Polluted air and water are hitting communities hard. And rising temperatures are threatening our farming and forestry industries. It's clear there's no time to waste.

But wasting time is exactly what Justin Trudeau is doing. He talks a good game, but instead of getting results, he lets the biggest polluters off the hook.

Instead of investing in clean energy, he bought a \$4.5 billion pipeline. And Canada continues to spend \$3.3 billion a year on subsidies for big oil and gas companies – more per person than the US or the UK. And while Trudeau and the Liberals delay, the Conservatives deny that a problem even exists!

It's time to fight climate change like we actually want to win. But we also know that a plan that leaves workers or communities behind is no plan at all. Our plan lays out a path that will make life more affordable, create good jobs, and ensure our environment is protected for our kids and grandkids.

We'll create at least 300,000 good jobs in communities across the country, and provide training and supports for workers as our economy changes. We'll improve the buildings where we live, go to work, and go to school with retrofits that reduce energy demand – while cutting down energy bills for families.

We'll make it easier to own a zero-emission vehicle, and make sure those cars are made in Canada. We'll move to 100% electric transit, help communities work towards free transit, and improve access to affordable bus and rail service in rural and remote communities.

And instead of giving billions in subsidies to huge oil and gas companies, we'll invest in a future where Canadians have good jobs, clean air and water, and can afford to live a good life.

And we'll do it with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis as our full and equal partners.

The time to act is now. Together, we have the power to change.

GREEN PARTY

Mission: Possible...The Green Climate Action Plan

PREFACE

Canadian Civil society organizations are rallying behind efforts to create our own version of the Green New Deal expounded by **U.S. Democrats**. They are calling it The Pact for a Green New Deal. Canadian Greens applaud their commitment and enthusiasm and wholeheartedly endorse their demands for decisive action on the climate emergency, mainly because we have been describing and promoting this exact thing sometime past forever.

The Green New Deal has created a moment. Now we must seize this moment in common cause with civil society in Canada and the large number of NGOs challenging political parties to set out a Canadian Green New Deal. We must respond and support the youth from over 50 countries who have developed the People's Platform.

Today, we launch Mission: Possible – the Green Climate Action Plan.

From Vision Green to Mission: Possible

The Green Party of Canada foundational policy book, **Vision Green**, sets out our vision for Canada rooted in six core values:

- Social Justice
- Ecological Wisdom
- Respect for Diversity
- Grassroots Democracy
- Peace and non-Violence
- Sustainability

Distilling that foundation to a clear call to action, we release

Mission: Possible - The Green Climate Action Plan

We commit to all Canadians that our 2019 election platform will meet and exceed the Green New Deal (U.S.) and The Pact for a Green New Deal (Canada). We call on our Canadian allies to adopt similar targets.

We pledge that even with these ambitious measures, our detailed platform will be fully costed and will be more fiscally responsible than that of the other parties. We will, in the coming weeks, submit our entire platform and budget to the Parliamentary Budget Office for independent review and verification.

Invest in the Green Economy

The green economy means good, stable jobs. Many Canadian industries are already there, from ecotourism to renewable energy, fisheries to fine wines, green infrastructure leads to economic growth and more liveable communities. Green jobs grow Canada's middle class and strengthen its global competitiveness.

Yet the Liberals and Conservatives wrongly pit our environment against our economy. They keep insisting we bind our future to the extractive industries, which not only deplete and destroy our natural resources but also put us at the mercy of global market booms and busts. Fossil fuels are risky and costly to extract, to transport and to subsidize. And Canadian workers deserve better options.

It's time to upgrade our economy. We need to expand our narrowing focus and invest in the Green industries that create reliable, long-term jobs and diversify our local value chains. We need national investments that meet our cities' infrastructure needs, encourage smart growth and lift up Canadian workers.

To grow a sustainable and prosperous green economy, Green MPs will:

- Develop a Sustainable Generations Fund to invest in green training for the trades, apprenticeships and education facilities
- Create targeted, national infrastructure investments in renewable and efficient energy production, digital upgrades, clean-tech manufacturing and ecotourism
- Incentivize homeowners to update their appliances to energy efficient solutions through an expanded home renovation tax credit
- Invest in our tourism industries, which contribute more to our GDP than mining, telecommunications and food manufacturing
- Fund community supported agriculture, farmers' markets, small-scale farms and producers, and the wineries and microbreweries that Canadians love
- Establish Green Worker Training Programs that teach fossil fuel workers the renewable energy industries