

CANADA'S RECOVERY PLAN



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CANADA'S
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THE HEALTH OF CANADIANS

BALANCING
THE BUDGET

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THE FUTURE



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- 1. **SECURE JOBS**
by recovering the 1 million jobs lost during the pandemic within one year.
- 2. **SECURE ACCOUNTABILITY**
by enacting a new Anti-Corruption law to clean up the mess in Ottawa.
- 3. **SECURE MENTAL HEALTH**
through our Canada Mental Health Action Plan.
- 4. **SECURE THE COUNTRY**
by creating a strategic stockpile of essential products and building the capacity to manufacture vaccines at home.
- 5. **SECURE THE ECONOMY**
by balancing the budget over the next decade.



What is **Canada's** Recovery Plan?

It's a plan. A very detailed plan.

That's what Canada needs after the past year and half.

The most important thing about a plan is that it's about the future.

In this case, that means your future—your personal and financial economic future. Your well-being and security.

It is a plan to secure Canada's recovery from the pandemic.

To get the economy back on track. To bring back jobs. To get spending back under control.

To tackle high prices (especially home prices) and fight inflation.

To get serious about the mental health crisis in our country.

To secure our independence from other countries for the things we need in an emergency.

So, while the plan is detailed, the priorities are actually quite simple.

Next, it's a plan for all Canadians. It's one that puts working Canadians at the front of the recovery.

You'll probably notice ideas that you haven't heard from Conservatives like me before.

It's time for Conservatives to take inequality seriously, because that's becoming more of a problem in our country.

At heart, I'm an optimist. I've never found looking back to be terribly usefully. I know it's a cliché, but I truly believe that Canada's best days lie ahead.

Canada is a community.

Our goal is the common good of all Canadians: a society where everyone can fulfill his or her potential.

Our goal is to release the human spirit and potential of individual people, families and groups.

To nurture, mobilize, and encourage generosity, individual talent, patriotism, and sense of community.

And to provide the framework for a more sensitive and powerful means of protecting and supporting the deprived and vulnerable.

Thanks for reading,

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SECURE

JOB

OPS

BY RECOVERING THE 1 MILLION JOBS LOST DURING THE PANDEMIC WITHIN ONE YEAR.

Every Canadian deserves the security and dignity that comes with a secure, stable, and well-paid job. Canada's Conservatives will enact a comprehensive jobs plan to get Canadians back to work across the country.

- Take immediate action to help the hardest hit sectors, helping those - including women and young Canadians - who have suffered the most;
- Rebuild main street by assisting small business and providing incentives to invest in, rebuild, and start new businesses; and
- Create opportunity in all sectors of the economy and all parts of the country.



SECURE ACCOUNTABILITY

**BY ENACTING A NEW ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW
TO CLEAN UP THE MESS IN OTTAWA.**

- Canada's Conservatives will put the country first, by enacting the toughest accountability and transparency laws in Canada's history.
- Toughen the Conflict of Interest Act and impose higher penalties;
 - Toughen the Lobbying Act to end abuse by Liberal insiders; and
 - Increase transparency to end Liberal cover-ups.

THROUGH OUR CANADA

SECURE

MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN.

MENTAL

The last year has made clear the mental health crisis we face.
It's time to make it clear that mental health IS health,
and to treat it properly.

HEALTH

- Boost funding to the provinces for mental health care;
- Provide incentives to employers to provide mental health coverage to employees; and
- Create a nation-wide, three-digit suicide prevention hotline.



SECURE OUR COUNTRY

BY CREATING A STRATEGIC STOCKPILE OF ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS AND BUILDING THE CAPACITY TO MANUFACTURE VACCINES AT HOME.

We must never again be caught as unprepared as we were when COVID hit last year. Canada's Conservatives will make Canada more resilient, reduce our reliance on foreign countries like China, and take seriously our responsibility to protect the health of Canadians.

- Partner with pharmaceutical companies to increase production of critical medicines and build domestic vaccine production capacity;
- Use procurements by government and those receiving government funding to strengthen domestic production of PPE; and
- Overhaul and rebuild Canada's National Emergency Stockpile System to ensure we have the supplies we need be prepared at all times for future threats.

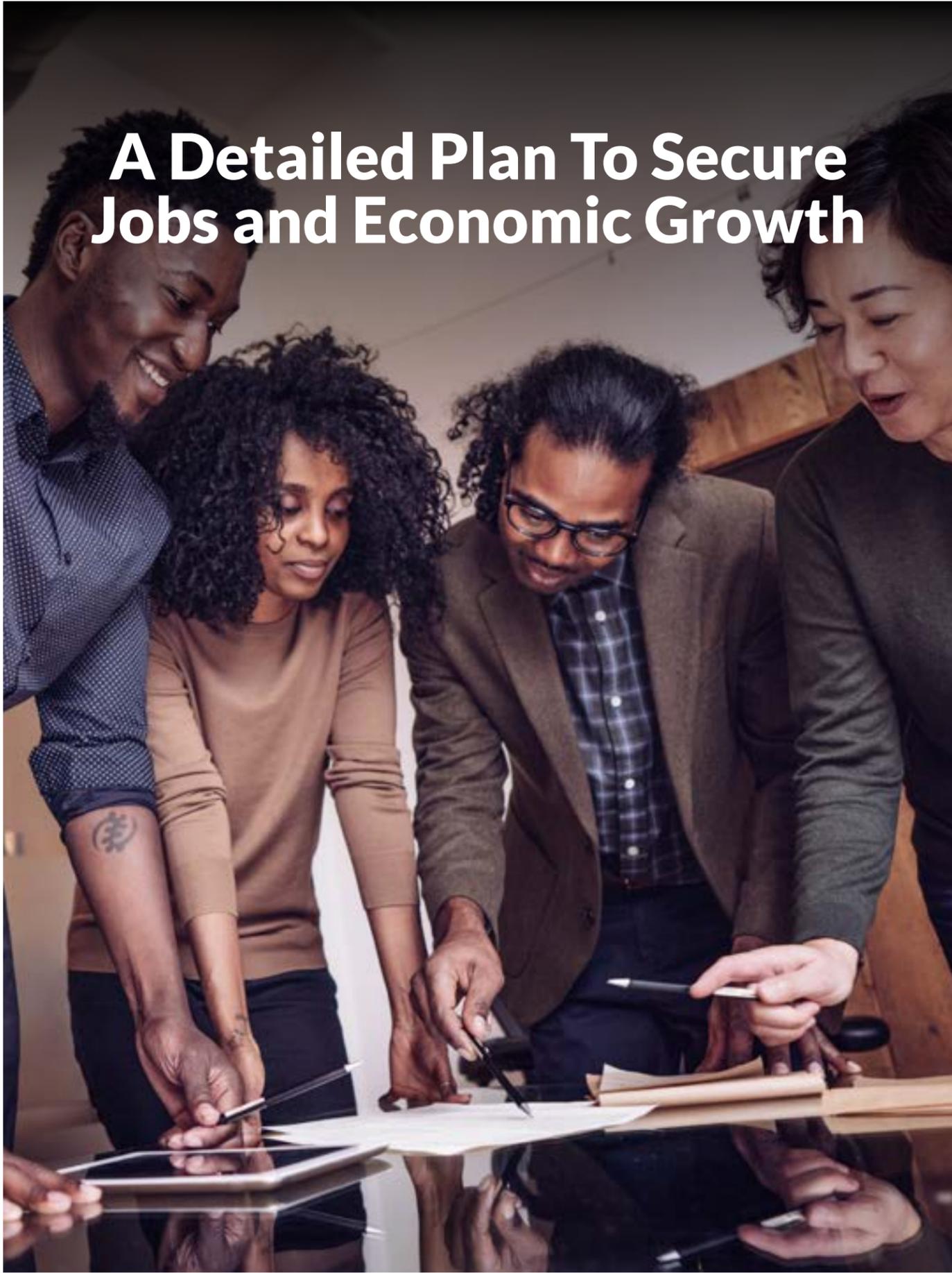


SECURE THE ECONOMY

BY BALANCING THE BUDGET OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

Spending to protect Canadians in the pandemic was the right thing to do, and Conservatives supported it. But we can't pass unsustainable debt on to future generations. Once the recovery starts, we will need to get spending under control.

- Wind down emergency COVID support programs in a responsible way as Canadians are vaccinated and the economy re-opens;
- Ensure that stimulus measures are targeted and time-limited to avoid creating a structural deficit; and
- Get the economy growing again after years of slow growth under the Liberals, so that we have the revenue to pay for the government services that Canadians rely on.



A Detailed Plan To Secure Jobs and Economic Growth

Over the last year and a half, Canada's unemployment rate has been among the highest in the G-7. Millions of Canadians have lost their jobs, and many of them have struggled for months to find work. The unemployment rate is compounded for young people just entering the workforce as well as for women and racialized Canadians.

Even worse, the Trudeau Government's painfully slow vaccine roll-out allowed the more dangerous and transmissible COVID variants to spread out of control into a third wave which necessitated lockdowns and stay-at-home orders across Canada. Hundreds of thousands more Canadians lost their jobs as a result.

The number of Canadians who have been unemployed for more than six months is stuck near its highest level ever. More and more people are spending months on end unemployed, making it hard for them to get back on their feet. When people can find jobs, most are part-time.

We're worried that millions of Canadian workers and small businesses are being left behind. It's time for a government with a jobs plan that will deliver for all Canadians.

The Liberals, NDP, and Greens and NDP don't have a plan to get Canadians back to work. They've given us the worst economy since the Great Depression. Even before the pandemic hit, Canada's economy had ground to a halt with zero growth at the end of 2019. Billions in investment and thousands of jobs left Canada because of ideological Liberal policies and attacks on job creators. The Liberals, NDP, and Greens have ruined the once-enviable finances of Canada with very little to show for it.

Our top priority is getting as many people back to work in good jobs, in every part of Canada, in every sector, as quickly as possible. We will do whatever it takes to get people working and get the economy back on track. Canada's Conservatives got us out of the last recession—we'll get us out of this one, too.

Our plan will also increase long-term economic growth. To create more good jobs and put our government finances on a stable footing, we can no longer accept the slow growth of the last few years.

Canada's Conservatives will protect the Canadian social contract. That means jobs and growth in every sector in every part of the country. There are many working Canadians who haven't kept up with the economic growth and prosperity enjoyed by others for years. Canada's Conservatives won't allow areas or sectors to be left behind.

Our detailed plan to get Canadians back to work includes will four major initiatives to create jobs:

- **Canada Job Surge Plan:** paying up to 50% of the salary of new hires for six months following the end of CEWS.
- **Canada Investment Accelerator:** getting companies spending money and creating jobs by providing a 5% investment tax credit for any capital investment made in 2022 and 2023, with the first \$25,000 to be refundable for small business.
- **Rebuild Main Street Tax Credit:** providing a 25% tax credit on amounts of up to \$100,000 that Canadians personally invest in a small business over the next two years, to get money flowing into main street businesses and create jobs.
- **Main Street Business Loan:** providing loans of up to \$200,000 to help small and medium businesses in hospitality, retail, and tourism get back on their feet, with up to 25% forgiven.

The following pages provide details of our plan to create jobs by:

- **Beating COVID-19 through vaccination and testing to fully reopen our economy:** The first step in getting Canadians back to work and keeping them there is avoiding future lockdowns by protecting Canadians from a fourth wave.
- **Taking immediate action to help the hardest hit sectors:** The downturn has hit sectors like hospitality, tourism, and airlines particularly hard, resulting in a recession that has hurt women and young people the most. We need to rebuild and get people back to work.
- **Supporting small business:** Small business is the engine of our economy. To rebuild, we will need thousands of new small businesses to fill the holes on our main streets.
- **Securing opportunities for women:** The COVID crisis has exposed how precarious the position of women is in the Canadian economy. Long-term prosperity depends on women having the support they need to be full participants in Canada's economy.
- **Making Canada the best place to invest and build a business:** The Liberals, NDP, and Greens have actively driven investment out of Canada, and the results are clear: jobs and investment are going to the US and China instead of Canada. It's time for that to change.
- **Building infrastructure to get the economy moving:** A modern Canada needs modern infrastructure: that means connecting all Canadians to high-speed internet and building the transportation infrastructure that brings Canadian goods to market and Canadian workers to work.
- **Unleashing innovation:** Canadians are among the most innovative people on earth but, all too often, Canadian innovators move to the U.S. to build their business or sell to foreign investors with the deep pockets to fund growth. It's time to make Canada the best place in the world to start - and scale - an innovative business.
- **Increasing trade with free nations:** Canada is a trading nation. Millions of jobs depend on trade. We need to pursue new trade deals - but we must focus on countries that share our values and treat workers with respect.
- **Creating opportunity in all sectors of the economy:** Justin Trudeau has made it clear that he wants to phase out industries that employ millions of Canadians. It's impossible to understand why Trudeau would choose now, of all times, to make more Canadians unemployed. We can't just have a recovery for the downtowns of a few big cities. Canada's Conservatives are focused on a recovery that works for all Canadians.

Beating COVID-19 through vaccination and testing, so we can fully reopen our economy.

The first step in getting Canadians back to work is beating COVID-19, and the key to keeping Canadians back at work is avoiding future lockdowns by protecting Canadians from a fourth wave.

Canada's Conservatives know that the government needs to work with the private sector, that we can't rely on the Chinese Communist Party, and that we need to see the world as it really is. While we can't rewind the clock and fix all of Trudeau's deadly mistakes, we can ensure that we do everything we can, now, to lead Canada out of this pandemic and reopen our economy.

We need to be prepared for whatever is next, including the emergence of new variants. As much as we would like it to disappear, it's likely that COVID will remain with us and almost certain that we will face other pandemic risks. Liberal failures have kept our country and economy shut down while others like

the US and UK are months ahead of us in reopening. Fighting COVID and similar risks will continue to be vital to rebuilding the economy and will be our top priority.

Canadians will likely need booster shots to protect against COVID-19. We need to be ready for this. Canada's Conservatives will implement a plan to ensure that Canada has faster and more consistent access to vaccines and that we have rapid access to booster shots to deal with future variants.

We will:

- Prioritize the signing of contracts for booster shots to ensure that Canadians are protected as quickly as possible against new variants. We cannot afford to repeat Justin Trudeau's failures which left Canadians behind in vaccine procurement.
- Accelerate homegrown development and production of vaccines by Canadian companies such as Providence Therapeutics, Sanofi, Medicago and others.
- Support the provinces by rapidly making available to them whatever logistical resources they need to deliver vaccines and booster shots to Canadians as quickly as possible.

Protecting our most vulnerable and keeping our economy open will depend on testing and contact tracing. A year into the pandemic, we are still not using all the tools at our disposal to fight and contain outbreaks. Under Trudeau's watch, Canada has fallen behind. Canada's Conservatives will get Canadians ahead.

Canada's Conservatives will implement a national rapid screening program to allow businesses and public institutions to remain open in the face of future variants and protect our country. Trudeau's failure to keep the variants out of Canada, after having almost a year to prepare, is one of his most profound failures. Conservatives have a plan to reopen and to remain open responsibly.

We will:

- Deploy rapid testing at all border entry points and airports to screen new arrivals.
 - Everyone entering Canada (by land as well as by air), irrespective of their vaccination status and whether they are considered an essential worker, will be required to take a rapid test and possibly a PCR test upon arrival.
 - Rapid testing will help screen out cases, while PCR tests will provide a higher level of protection.
- Accelerate Health Canada approvals for rapid tests approved by the UK, the US, the EU, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, and Taiwan. It is unacceptable that bureaucratic barriers have kept these tests out of the hands of Canadians.
- Make at-home rapid tests readily available to all Canadians.
- Immediately provide more rapid tests to provincial governments to allow them to conduct screening, particularly at schools.
- Develop a clear, evidence-based strategy for re-opening our border with clear timelines and metrics. We will restore urgency, rationality, and consistency to border regulations.
- Quickly close the border to travellers from hotspots where new variants are detected.
 - We will not allow new variants into Canada as Trudeau has done through his delays in enacting border measures to protect Canadians.

Taking immediate action to help the hardest hit sectors

It's been a challenging year for Canadians, but the impact of COVID-19 hasn't been felt equally by all. As much as the Prime Minister may want us to believe that "we're all in this together," the reality is that many better off white-collar workers have been able to work from home. Jobs lost by higher-income workers have, for the most part, come back.

For younger and lower-income workers, however, the story is different. Youth unemployment has skyrocketed and stayed high. Lower-income workers - particularly those working in restaurants, hotels, and other service jobs - have been devastated. Women have left the workforce at a much higher rate than men.

To get Canadians back to work, we need to focus on the hardest-hit sectors.

Canada's Conservatives will launch the Canada Job Surge Plan - paying up to 50% of the salary of net new hires for six months following the end of CEWS.

- The government will pay at least 25% of the salary of a net new hire, with the subsidy increasing up to a maximum of 50% based on how long the new hire has been unemployed.
- The salary maximum will be the same as for CEWS.
- This will get Canadians back to work and particularly benefit the long-term unemployed.

To **support the hospitality and tourism sectors** and help ensure that women and young workers share in the recovery, Canada's Conservatives will introduce a Dine and Discover Program:

- **Provide a 50% rebate for food and non-alcoholic drinks purchased for dine-in from Monday to Wednesday** for one month once it is safe to do so, pumping nearly \$1 billion into this sector.
- Launch the **Explore and Support Canada** initiative with a **15% tax credit for vacation expenses** of up to \$1,000 per person for Canadians to vacation in Canada in 2022, helping our tourism sector get back on its feet.
- **Eliminate the Liberal escalator tax on alcohol.**

Canada's Conservatives understand that the airline industry is essential for a united Canada, tying our massive country together and connecting us to the world. Under Justin Trudeau, Canada was slow to support its airline industry to survive the downturn.

- **Canada's Conservatives will help the airline sector rebuild** and get Canadian pilots, flight attendants, ground crews, mechanics, and all the other vital airline employees back to work.
 - Support will be conditional on airlines agreeing to provide refunds to customers whose flights they cancelled, ending layoffs, restoring regional routes, allowing travel agents to maintain commissions collected for cancelled travel, and banning executive bonuses until the support is repaid.
- We will also pass legislation implementing strong protection of passengers' rights based on the EU system. Among other things, this will make it clear that passengers are entitled to full refunds - not vouchers - when an airline cancels a flight and doesn't offer an alternative.

Canadian charities and non-profits employ over two million Canadians and do essential work supporting Canadian families. Never has their vital work been more evident than over the last year, as so many Canadians have lost their jobs and needed assistance.

To boost charitable donations, Canada's Conservatives will also increase the disbursement quota for charitable foundations to 7.5% to unlock billions of dollars built up tax-free in foundations and put this money to work to help Canadians.

Supporting Small Business

Small business has borne the brunt of the downturn. Across the country, hard-working women and men have lost their jobs. Entrepreneurs have been forced to close their businesses while watching massive competitors like big box stores and online web giants stay open, make record profits, and pay huge dividends to their shareholders.

From coast to coast, many main streets are hollowing out and are full of boarded-up storefronts and *For Lease* signs. Small businesses are the backbone of the job market, with two-thirds of Canadians working for a small or medium-sized business. We need them to survive in the short term to thrive in the long term.

It's time to rebuild main street.

Bringing back these jobs and rebuilding main street will take money to reopen and rebuild businesses that have struggled or closed their doors, not knowing if they will ever be able to reopen.

Canada's Conservatives will give small businesses the support they need to get back on their feet by:

- Launching the **Main Street Business Loan** to provide loans of up to \$200,000
 - The \$60,000 Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan is too small for thousands of small and medium businesses.
 - Canada's Conservatives will immediately offer a loan on similar terms but offering up to **4 months of pre-pandemic revenue up to a maximum of \$200,000**
 - **We will forgive up to 25% depending on a company's revenue loss.**
- Making the first \$25,000 of our Canada Investment Accelerator refundable for small business, **providing a 5% investment tax credit for any capital investment made in 2022 and 2023.**

Rebuilding main street will take investment to create new jobs by opening new businesses to fill the gaps left by all those businesses that couldn't survive Trudeau's recession and the failure of his business support programs.

Canada's Conservatives will launch the **Rebuild Main Street Tax Credit.**

- This will provide a **25% tax credit on amounts of up to \$100,000 that Canadians personally invest in a small business** over the next two years. This will give a strong incentive for Canadians to invest their money to help entrepreneurs rebuild our country.
- We will enable middle class investors to participate in the rebound while ensuring that those who want to open new stores, restaurants, and other small businesses to get Canadians back to work can get the investment they need.

Canada's Conservatives will also ensure that the Government of Canada stands behind Canadian workers. We will:

- **Reform BDC to ensure that its loan programs are accessible to small businesses.**
 - This will include broadening BDC's mandate to have it guarantee a portion of loans that Canada's banks make to small business, in the same way that CMHC guarantees mortgages.
- **Look for ways to make it easier to start a business** and reduce the time that entrepreneurs spend dealing with government when they should be concentrating on their business.
- **Fix the mortgage stress test** to stop discriminating against small business owners, contractors and other non-permanent employees including casual workers.

Addressing Credit and Debit Card Fees

The last Conservative government introduced the *Code of Conduct for the Credit and Debit Card Industry* to protect consumers and small businesses. The current government has neglected to update the Code as technology has developed and new issues have emerged. Canada's Conservatives will strengthen the Code of Conduct to better protect consumers and small businesses from fraud and things like unwarranted chargebacks that can be devastating for them.

Reforming the Canada Revenue Agency to Improve Treatment of Middle Class Canadians and Small Business

Canadians from coast to coast are worried about an unaccountable and overly aggressive Canada Revenue Agency. It seems like every day brings new stories of CRA overreach: denying disability tax credits to people with diabetes, refusing benefits to single mothers because CRA is not satisfied with proof of separation, and auditing small businesses for tiny amounts while writing off large amounts owed by multinationals.

Conservatives will ensure that CRA is responsive to the needs of Canadians, delivers quality service and advice, respects small business, and focuses efforts on wealthy tax evaders and big corporations.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Make the Taxpayer Ombudsman an officer of Parliament with order-making authority;
- Measure and report on the tax gap, in detail, by type of taxation and reason for the shortfall (similar to the UK model) so that CRA resources can be allocated where the problems exist;
- Impose a duty of care (a legal obligation to a reasonable standard) on CRA;
- Launch a comprehensive review of Canada's tax system to improve competitiveness, bring down rates and simplify the rules;
- Revise CRA's penalties so that first-time problems or errors receive only minor fines, with increasing severity for repeat offenders;
- Create a "welcome to CRA" program and materials for new small businesses; and
- Allow businesses with less than \$60,000 in revenues to use simple cash accounting.

Securing Opportunities for Women

Canada's Conservatives believe that all Canadians deserve an opportunity to fulfill their full potential, especially women. Canada's jobs recovery post COVID depends on it.

A recent study by Scotiabank economics estimates that, before COVID, the employment gap between men and women stood at 8% or 500,000 Canadian women. This employment gap has increased because of COVID, as the pandemic has disproportionately impacted sectors with large female workforces.

COVID has reinforced gender inequality. Between February and October 2020, almost 21,000 Canadian women left the labour force while nearly 68,000 men joined. Now, more than a year into the pandemic, women who have left the workforce risk an erosion of skills which may further exacerbate the gender wage gap that existed before the pandemic.

Canada's Conservatives have a comprehensive jobs plan that starts with taking immediate action to help the hardest hit sectors - those where women have suffered disproportionately. Our policies - including our Canada Job Surge Plan and our support for the tourism and hospitality sectors - will get women back to work and help combat gender inequality.

Child Care

Canada's productivity consistently lags our G20 counterparts. According to the IMF, increasing women's labour participation in the workforce could increase Canada's productivity by 4% in the medium term. As the Quebec example has shown, increasing child care affordability increases the number of women who choose to work outside the home.

Canada's Conservatives will 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. This will increase the support that lower income families receive by thousands of dollars per year and provide more assistance to almost all families.

We will enable more women to choose to participate in the workforce. Canadian families are tired of Liberal promises and inaction. Our flexible and comprehensive approach will help all families right away and offer extra support to those who need it most.

Job Training to Create Opportunity

Skilled trades in construction, energy and other industries face chronic employee shortages. The construction industry alone may have as many as 100,000 unfilled jobs in five years as current employees retire.

Canadian not-for-profit organizations like Build a Dream and Women Building Futures have programs especially designed to encourage women to pursue jobs in the skilled trades through training and mentorship. Canada's Conservatives will support these initiatives and ensure that women have the training they need to pursue careers in the trades and other areas of the economy through our comprehensive training plan.

We will ensure that women **have the training they need** for the jobs of today and tomorrow by supporting union and similar training programs and encouraging employers to invest in their workers.

We will also help bring women and New Canadians into the skilled trades. We will:

- Double the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit for the next three years to help create more places for apprentices.
- Invest \$250 million over two years to create the Canada Job Training Fund. The Fund will provide grants to organizations including employers, apprenticeship training delivery agents, unions, post-secondary institutions, and community organizations for projects that:
 - Give laid-off workers immediate access to training,
 - Reach out to traditionally underrepresented groups,
 - Support the talent needs of small businesses, and
 - Otherwise help workers get the training they need - focussing on areas where there are shortages of skilled workers.
- Create the Working Canadian Training Loan to provide low interest loans of up to \$10,000 to people who want to upgrade their skills.

Supporting Women Building Businesses

A Conservative government will provide funding and support to enable women-led small businesses to thrive. We will also cut red tape to make it easier to get a business off the ground, simplify the business-use-of-home deduction to provide more significant tax advantages for people starting businesses from their homes and allow new parents to start home-based businesses without facing any loss of parental leave income.

Stamping Out Sexual Harassment

A safe and respectful workplace free from sexual harassment is essential for women to succeed in the workforce. The recent examples of harassment in the ranks of the Canadian Armed Forces underscore the difficulties women often face in the workforce.

The Government of Canada needs to lead by example - starting with the Prime Minister. It is unacceptable that this Prime Minister kept the leader of Canada's military on the job for years and continued giving him raises when his government was aware of serious, credible accusations of sexual misconduct.

Canada's Conservatives will take real action to ensure that the Canadian Armed Forces - and the entire federal government - are safe and respectful workplaces. We will start by ensuring that the investigation of sexual misconduct is done by investigators outside the chain of command. It is unacceptable that allegations against a superior need to be reported to someone who reports to that person and may share information with them.

Supporting Women Who Care for Their Aging Parents

Canada's Conservatives know that the burden of caring for aging parents falls disproportionately on women and can be a deterrent to women remaining and advancing in the workforce.

We will help the many Canadians who are taking care of their parents and help seniors avoid having to live in Long-Term Care homes by introducing the **Canada Seniors Care benefit, paying \$200 per month per household to any Canadian who is living with and taking care of a parent over the age of 70.**

We will also take action to fix Long-Term Care and help seniors stay in their own homes as part of our comprehensive plan to help Canada's seniors.

Making Canada the best place to invest and build a business

Canadians and Canadian businesses have money to invest, but they are choosing to save it up, put it into real estate, or invest it abroad. The world's most famous investor - Warren Buffett - pulled his money out of Canada because of political risk - a risk normally reserved for countries like Venezuela.

To create jobs and get Canadians back to work, we need to attract investment. To do that, we need to make Canada a great place to build a business.

To get our economy growing faster and create good, stable jobs, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Introduce the Canada Investment Accelerator - **providing a 5% investment tax credit for any capital investment made in 2022 and 2023, with the first \$25,000 to be refundable for small business.**
- **Ensure a Level Playing Field for Canadian business and real competition** - Job creation in Canada is held back when Canadians are blocked from starting and building businesses by unfair competition from market-dominant firms - some Canadian but many foreign. Canada's Conservatives will ensure a level playing field by:
 - **Making foreign tech companies pay their fair share** of taxes, including sales tax and a digital services tax representing 3% of the gross revenue in Canada if they don't pay corporate income tax here; and
 - **Giving Canada's competition laws real teeth.**
 - Executives of companies that fix prices or abuse their dominant positions should go to prison, and companies that abuse their power should be broken up. Canada's Conservatives do not confuse supporting free markets and supporting consumers with doing favours for big businesses, as the Trudeau Liberals have.
 - For too long, Canadian governments have often rubber-stamped mergers that enrich executives while hurting workers and consumers. It's time for that to change. Canada's Conservatives will stand up to corporate Canada and reject mergers that substantially reduce competition and lead to layoffs and higher prices.

- **Cut Red Tape** - Every year it gets harder to build and grow a business and create jobs because the government puts more and more barriers in the way. It is important to regularly review regulations to eliminate any that are not serving the public interest.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- **Appoint a Minister Responsible for Red Tape Reduction** tasked with introducing and passing at least one red tape reduction bill per year, eliminating unneeded or counterproductive red tape.
- Create an **Office of Regulatory Best Practice** with business members who evaluate the costs of new regulation.
- Form **Industry Councils** (biotech, retail, etc.) that will provide recommendations on world-leading regulation.
- Improving **cost-benefit analysis of regulatory proposals** by requiring consultation with industry so that regulators understand the true impact and consider lower-impact alternatives to achieve the same result.
- **Fix the Impact Assessment process** that is making it impossible to build major projects in Canada, based on the bipartisan Senate recommendations, and repeal Trudeau's Tanker Ban.
- Create a **Fast Track Certification Process** that provides a faster path to approval for products that have already been approved in comparable jurisdictions.
- **Overhaul the tax system** - Canada's complicated tax system is full of special rules that favour the rich, big corporations and those with connections in Ottawa. Meanwhile, costs and complexity fall on the middle class and small businesses. Canadians cannot keep up with the complexity and cannot afford teams of accountants and lawyers to help them navigate the system. Canada's Conservatives will:
 - Appoint an **expert panel** tasked with reviewing the tax system and making recommendations to make it simpler and fairer while improving Canada's competitiveness to spur job creation.
- **Break down interprovincial trade barriers** - We need to ensure that Canada lives up to the economic union first proposed in Confederation by removing interprovincial trade barriers with the help and participation of provinces. This will help unlock GDP growth when it is needed the most to recover economically from COVID-19.

It's time we come together to increase trade and business with our fellow Canadians. Canada's Conservatives will:

- Convene a First Ministers Meeting on interprovincial trade and provide federal leadership to help move negotiations forward;
- Work with the provinces to increase standardization and mutual recognition of credentials to increase labour mobility within Canada and smooth the trade in services between provinces; and
- Introduce an **Admitted Free Act** clarifying federal intention with respect to interprovincial trade and s.121 of the Constitution to provide modern context for the Supreme Court to consider.

Building infrastructure to get the economy moving

Building infrastructure creates jobs in construction, project finance and manufacturing. It also creates more jobs by helping Canadian businesses get their products to market and helping Canadians get to work or do their jobs from wherever they live. As technology continues to advance, the infrastructure of the future - broadband and 5G - will be increasingly critical to job creation.

Unfortunately, the current government has spent all its time announcing and re-announcing the money it planned to spend but has failed to get shovels in the ground.

It's time to put Canadians to work and start building the infrastructure our country needs.

Canada's Conservatives will get Canadians working, putting shovels in the ground. We will:

- Immediately invest in critical projects that will put Canadians to work, cut commute time, and clean up the environment.
- Provide more flexibility to municipalities and First Nations. Under the Liberal government, cities can only receive funding if they find a way to describe a project as "green infrastructure." This is holding up major economic projects like roads and airports and slowing down all projects.
- Scrap the failed Canada Infrastructure Bank and commit the money sitting unused on its books to infrastructure projects that can strengthen our economy.
 - We will continue already committed projects and return to the successful model used in the last Conservative government of working in partnership with provinces, municipalities, and First Nations to encourage the use of Public-Private Partnerships.
- Reprioritize the *Investing in Canada Plan* towards infrastructure projects that would have the maximum benefit for economic recovery.
 - We will target projects that strengthen transit and trade, reduce congestion and gridlock, and advance economic reconciliation with First Nations. We will also reduce bureaucratic red tape in the application process so money can get out the door faster, to where it's needed.
- Build digital infrastructure to connect all of Canada to High-Speed Internet by 2025 - As the last 18 months have made abundantly clear, high-speed internet is essential for Canadians to learn, work, and compete. The Trudeau government has moved much too slowly and put in place a cumbersome process with five different agencies and departments working on this one critical priority. This is why provinces such as Ontario and Quebec are moving ahead on their own. The pandemic has exposed the digital divide in Canada that must be eliminated as quickly as possible.

Canada's Conservatives will accelerate the delivery of broadband from coast to coast to coast. We will:

- Accelerate the plan to get rural broadband built.
- Speed up the spectrum auction process to get more spectrum into use and apply "use it or lose it" provisions to ensure that spectrum (particularly in rural areas) is actually developed, with auction revenue dedicated to our digital infrastructure plan.
- Require that Huawei equipment not be used, to protect national security.
- Continue building the Trans-Canada Trail by providing \$12.5 million per year in funding
 - The Trans-Canada Trail is a national ribbon that connects Canadians to nature, to each other, and to globally recognized tourism destinations such as Niagara Falls and Banff National Park. Development of this Trail will promote fitness and mental wellness, which will be critical in the recovery from COVID-19.

Unleashing Innovation

Canadians are among the most innovative people on earth. This year marks a century since Canadian innovation gave the world insulin, saving millions of lives. We have one of the world's most talented workforces and towns and cities from coast to coast with an excellent quality of life. Canada has great advantages that should make it the best place on earth to launch - and grow - an innovative business.

And yet, all too often, innovators run into barriers here. Canada's Conservatives will clear these barriers away, unleashing innovation and creating jobs by investing in world-leading innovation:

Canada's Conservatives will invest \$5 billion over the next five years to fund programs aimed at making major advances in:

- Use of hydrogen;
- Small Modular Reactors
 - Including funding the work being done in Ontario, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick on nuclear energy technology and the work being done in Alberta on applying SMR technology to reduce GHG emissions in the resource sector;
- Private sector innovation in the space sector;
- Electric vehicle development and manufacturing, including electric trucks, micro-mobility, batteries, and parts manufacturers; and
- Pharmaceutical research and production.

This investment will be managed by a new Canada Advanced Research Agency headquartered in Calgary, where it will take advantage of Alberta's highly educated workforce and help diversify the Alberta economy.

Cutting taxes on innovation and making Canada a leader in patents

Canada's Conservatives will make Canada a low tax jurisdiction for innovation and new product development by introducing a "patent box" regime to cut the tax rate in half on income earned from patents on innovative products developed here.

Recognizing the importance of protecting more Canadian innovation with patents, Canada's Conservatives will cover up to \$10,000 of the administrative and legal costs of each of the first five patents filed by any Canadian small or medium-sized business.

Improving Canada's innovation programs so that they help innovators - and Canada

Innovators looking for assistance from the Government of Canada are confronted with a long list of programs with complex requirements and extensive paperwork. Canada's Conservatives will simplify these programs and reform them so that they benefit Canada.

We will streamline and accelerate the SR&ED program. This important program is a badly broken administrative nightmare that fuels an ecosystem of consultants and advisory firms instead of focusing on research and development. Overall, 25% of SR&ED funding goes to consultants rather than innovators. To fix it, we will:

- Move administration from CRA to ISED and have the program administered by the same group that administers the IRAP program;
- Allow ISED to issue a certificate of allowable deductions which would then be accepted by CRA, saving significant compliance paperwork and allowing innovators to focus on innovating instead of filling out forms; and
- Making it easier for software development to qualify for SR&ED.

We will then launch a review of all innovation programs at ISED and across the government to ensure they are as simple as possible, to remove duplication, and to ensure that all innovation spending benefits Canada by:

- Requiring that recipients demonstrate that intellectual property, production, ownership, and profits are likely to stay in Canada;
- Prohibit foreign state-owned entities or those with ties to foreign militaries from receiving funding;
- Requiring that all intellectual property developed with the support of the Canadian government be held by a Canadian entity and that recipients agree to pay back the subsidy if they sell the IP to a foreign buyer;
- Ending the payment of Canadian tax dollars to large foreign tech companies; and
- Putting any money saved by no longer subsidizing foreign multinationals into increasing SR&ED generosity for Canadian small business.

Making Canada the best place in the world to finance - and scale - a tech start-up

Canada's Conservatives will make it easier for entrepreneurs to finance an innovative business and raise the funding necessary to create jobs by:

- Introducing the use of flow-through shares for tech companies, based on the very successful model that has made Canada a leader in mining financing but avoiding the cost and complexity of listing on an exchange;
- Exempt Canadian-controlled start-ups headquartered and with at least 2/3 of their employees in Canada from the current plan to tax stock options.
 - Public company executives should pay their fair share - stock options cannot be a tax loophole for the rich.
 - At the same time, stock options provide an incentive for workers to join a risky start-up instead of working at a stable job. We will ensure that tax changes don't endanger this key tool, knowing that if Canada does so it will drive innovative companies to relocate elsewhere.

- Create a tax credit for buying from a Canadian start-up.
 - Canadian innovators used to complain about the challenge of raising venture capital funding here. These days, the world's top VCs come here to invest because they know how talented Canadians are. Yet our innovators still face a challenge scaling due to a lack of first sales to Canadian customers who they can reference to grow their businesses internationally.
 - This credit will encourage established Canadian companies to become the first customers for our innovative companies.
- Direct the Canadian government to finally start buying from innovative Canadian start-ups.

Creating jobs through Free Trade with Free Nations

Canada's Conservatives believe in the importance of trade agreements to open export markets and create jobs, but we also believe that trade agreements must also respect the interests of Canadian workers and our country's commitment to human rights, the rule of law, protection of the environment, and respect for Indigenous Peoples.

We do not promote free trade for the sake of free trade but instead believe in engaging international markets to create Canadian jobs, investment, and strategic partnerships.

We will negotiate new agreements with free countries that safeguard workers' rights and the environment, rebalancing our trade priorities away from countries like China and towards the Indo-Pacific and Africa.

We will create jobs by helping Canadian exporters leverage existing agreements and expand their sales abroad.

And we will ensure that our agreements - both bilateral and multilateral - provide us with the ability to protect and grow the critical industries that we depend on for the safety of Canadians.

Protecting Jobs and National Security

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Reform Canada's procurement rules to create a vital national interest category that must be sourced in Canada;
- Create a strategy to repatriate and diversify supply chains to move them away from China.
- Protect Canadian intellectual property with a strengthened Investment Canada Act that includes:
 - A presumption against allowing the takeover of Canadian companies by China's designated state-owned entities;
 - A reformed "net benefits" test to better account for the potential effects of a transaction on the broader innovation ecosystem with a particular focus on protecting intellectual property and human capital;
 - Automatic review of transactions involving sensitive sectors such as defence, artificial intelligence, and rare earth minerals; and
 - A mandatory national security review.
- Withdraw from the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank.

Creating Jobs Through Expanding Trade with Free Nations

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Pursue a Canada-Australia-New Zealand-United Kingdom ("CANZUK") agreement that could include:
 - Free trade and flow of capital investment between the partners;
 - Reciprocal freedom to study, live and work for citizens under expanded areas of labour coordination as agreed upon by all parties;
 - Enhanced defence and security partnerships, including defence production agreements to allow for shared procurement; and
 - Expanded intelligence cooperation, especially in the areas of cyber-warfare, combatting disinformation, and protecting critical infrastructure.
- Build deeper ties with India as part of an Indo-Pacific strategy, including:
 - Continuing to pursue free trade with India while concurrently pursuing an investment treaty to expand upon Canadian strengths as one of the world's largest investors in India.
- Leverage Canadian leadership in fintech by working to remove barriers for Canadian firms, provide Canadian regulatory expertise and best practices, support cooperation against illicit finance, and promote financial inclusion in developing regions.
- Seek to enlarge the CPTPP deal and pursue setting rules for digital trade through the CPTPP.
- Advocate for the speedy conclusion of the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA).
- Pursue a partnership with Africa's Continental Free Trade in infrastructure, energy, and technology.

Creating Jobs by Helping Canadian Companies Expand Export Sales

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Launch a historic trade promotion effort connecting all aspects of Canadian industries with international opportunities.
- Animate the full potential of the Canada-UK trade deal, encouraging complementary strengths for international joint ventures, employing more Canadians, advancing Canadian products and services, and pursuing robust economic growth.
- Establish a trade accelerator connecting all sectors of the Canadian economy with EU commercial opportunities, measuring progress in job creation and long-term economic projects.
- Assist Canada's nuclear industry with pursuing sales of Canadian nuclear technology to help other countries reduce their GHG emissions.
- Engage countries in the Middle East, including by pursuing opportunities created by a warm Emirati-Israeli peace.

Creating opportunity in all sectors of the economy

We can't just have a recovery for downtown Toronto.

Canadian workers have suffered for the last five years from Justin Trudeau's dislike of certain sectors of the economy and the families who depend on them. It's time for a government that believes Canadian workers - in all industries and regions of the country - deserve to share in the recovery.

Canada's Conservatives will create opportunity in all sectors of the economy through our plan to create jobs in industries neglected by the Trudeau Liberals.

Energy

Canada's Conservatives recognize the massive contributions that the energy sector and its workers make to our country. Unlike Justin Trudeau, who wants to phase out the sector and its jobs, we will support the energy sector as a critical part of our economy.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Eliminate the unfairness of Trudeau's Bill C-69. We will fix the Impact Assessment process created by Bill C-69, basing our changes on the bipartisan recommendations made by the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural Resources.
 - Over the last six years, billions of dollars of investment have left Canada.
 - We know that Canadian energy companies compete for investment with projects worldwide, in countries with much lower environmental, labour, and human rights standards than ours. Canadians are rightly proud of these standards, which make our energy sector a world leader in ESG policy. They should be an asset in attracting job-creating investment, but investors will continue to stay away without a predictable and consistent Impact Assessment process.
 - We need an assessment process that upholds best-in-class environmental standards and sets clear expectations and timelines for environmental reviews so that investors have the confidence and certainty they need to commit to major projects in our country.
 - We will remove political interference from the review process and set clear timelines so that investors get a timely yes or no.
 - Taking climate change seriously includes not letting critical GHG-reducing projects be held up by red tape and lengthy reviews. We will fast-track review of emissions-reducing projects to get shovels in the ground.
- End the Ban on Shipping Traffic on the North Coast of British Columbia. Justin Trudeau arbitrarily banned the export of Canadian oil from British Columbia's coast against the expressed wishes of many local communities and Indigenous groups.
 - Perversely, the ban applies only to Canadian oil, so Justin Trudeau has tied the hands of our industry while Alaskan crude continues to be shipped through Canadian waters and tankers bringing foreign oil continue to come and go in our east coast waters.
 - We will end this political targeting of the Western Canadian energy industry, repeal C-48, and improve access to international markets.
- Work with First Nations and other Indigenous groups to ensure they are partners in prosperity and the development of our natural resources by creating a Canadian Indigenous Enterprise Corporation.
 - Based on the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation, it will apply rigorous market analysis to guarantee loans to Indigenous groups so they can invest in natural resource projects and related infrastructure.
 - We will provide an initial \$5 billion of capital for investment in projects.
- Implement a hydrogen energy strategy that rapidly increases the use of hydrogen - especially green hydrogen - in Canada and builds our export capacity.
 - Hydrogen holds the potential to create thousands of good new energy jobs across Western Canada.

- Ensuring adequate pipeline capacity by
 - Getting Trans Mountain built - despite Justin Trudeau's rhetoric, the construction of the pipeline has faced numerous delays. We will get it built.
 - Ensuring that Canada does not lose the critical capacity provided by Line 3 and Line 5, the loss of which would cause energy shortages in Ontario, increase the cost of energy, and cost Canadian jobs.
 - Make pipelines that bring Canadian oil to export markets a priority
 - Unlike Justin Trudeau, who rolled over in the face of US cancellation of the project not once but twice, first under President Obama and then again under President Biden, Canada's Conservatives understand that the Keystone XL pipeline is important for our national economy.
 - Canadians deserve a government that will fight for their interests, which is why Canada's Conservatives will make increasing energy export opportunities a diplomatic priority in our dealings with the U.S. Government.
- Encourage Indigenous communities and resource development companies to work together
 - To promote mutually beneficial conversations between Indigenous communities and resource project proponents, we will provide \$10 million per year to organizations that foster collaboration and encourage partnerships between these two groups.
- Implement a federal LNG Export Strategy
 - Canada is blessed with abundant supplies of clean and affordable natural gas and the clean electricity required to create the cleanest LNG in the world. With much of the world still reliant on coal-generated electricity, we should be boosting exports to grow our economy and contribute to a cleaner world. Projects like LNG Canada create jobs for Canadians while benefiting the world.
- Pass a Critical Infrastructure Protection Act to prevent protestors from blocking key infrastructure
 - Last year's rail blockades demonstrated the importance - and vulnerability - of the infrastructure that ties our country together. Canada's Conservatives will amend s. 431.2 of the Criminal Code to create an offence of interference with an infrastructure facility or a public transportation system punishable by either summary conviction or indictment, depending upon the severity of the offence. Peaceful protest is a fundamental right in Canada, but respect for the rule of law means that illegal blockades that shut down critical infrastructure, threaten access to vital supplies, or endanger lives cannot be tolerated.
- Introduce a tax credit to rapidly accelerate the deployment of Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage technology in the energy sector and in important industries that have few alternatives to burning fossil fuels, like fertilizer and chemical production.
 - The Liberals believe that we can only reduce our emissions by "phasing out" entire industries and the jobs that provide a secure living for hundreds of thousands of Canadian families. Conservatives appreciate that we can't build a greener future if Canadians don't have jobs.
- Support Newfoundland and Labrador's Offshore Oil Industry by investing \$1.5 billion in an offshore rebound fund to spur the continued growth of the offshore oil industry, creating jobs in a sector that is critical to the province's future.

Mining

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Fix the Impact Assessment process created by Bill C-69, basing our changes on the bipartisan recommendations made by the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural Resources.
 - This will ensure that mining projects are held to world-leading environmental standards and that communities have a chance to be heard while not causing unnecessary delays in providing approvals for important projects to go ahead, particularly those involving the mining of critical minerals.
- Implement a Critical Minerals Strategy to take advantage of Canada's abundant resources of the minerals needed to power our clean energy future - creating jobs, supporting the Indigenous economy, contributing to a cleaner environment, and reducing global reliance on critical minerals from China.
 - This will include adopting policies to facilitate the responsible exploitation and mining of lithium.
- Support new Initiatives to recover critical minerals from historical mine wastes while remediating the long-term environmental liabilities.
- Work to secure greater access to markets for our mining exports, including uranium exports to responsible countries for use in civilian programs to curb emissions and empower economic development.
- Adopt a pan-Canadian low carbon aluminum purchasing policy.

Agriculture

Canada's farmers not only feed our cities but also supply good food to the world. With the global population growing and getting richer, the need for trusted food sources will only get larger. We have an opportunity to boost exports and jobs in the agricultural sector if we get this right. COVID-19 has also demonstrated the vital importance of a strong agricultural industry to maintain our supply chains and ensure the food security of Canadians.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Respect and defend supply management for our dairy and poultry farms and ensure that farming families are engaged in any trade negotiations or programs impacting the sector and that the Minister of Agriculture is at the table for those negotiations.
- Open new markets for our livestock, grain, and oilseed producers in our free trade negotiations.
- Within our first 100 days in office, finalize compensation program for supply managed processors under CPTPP and CETA and negotiate a compensation package for farmers and processors impacted by CUSMA.
- Work with the US Administration to remove the CUSMA limits on Canadian exports of powdered milk to third-party countries and establish reciprocal norms to ensure that our quality standards are respected.
- Work with the provinces to adopt a grocery supply code to deal with retailers' abusive pricing and contracting practices against farmers, producers, and processors.
 - Certain grocery retail giants have imposed special fees and fines on suppliers.
 - A code of conduct will guarantee Canadian consumers a reliable, affordable supply of food on their local grocers' shelves.

- Protect family farms by ending unfair tax treatment
 - The Trudeau Liberals defied Parliament by delaying the implementation of Bill C-208, despite it passing with broad support, and clearly plan to repeal it if they win a majority.
 - We will ensure that the sale of a family farm to a family member is not taxed at a higher rate than a sale to a stranger.
- Improve payment security for farmers and food processors by creating a statutory deemed trust for suppliers of perishable produce in bankruptcy and harmonize our regime with that of the US to regain reciprocal protection under the U.S. Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA).
- Work towards greater harmonization of farm product regulations with our trading partners, especially the United States.
- Ensure our farm safety net programs are predictable, bankable, and manageable.
- Implement a plan to tackle rural crime and ensure that farm families feel safe.
- Amend existing laws to allow livestock owners to use local abattoirs, reducing both stress to the animals and the production of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from transportation to distant facilities and make permanent the temporary measures that allowed provincial authorities to enable collaboration across provinces to use their provincial abattoirs for products that would move across provincial borders.
- Protect our food supply by implementing a food security strategy including:
 - Redirecting some federal agricultural research funding to partnering with the private sector to develop methods to grow more crops in Canada year-round in greenhouses.
- Work with provinces, industry and the CBSA to develop a national strategy to deal with a possible outbreak of African swine fever.
- Reform Business Risk Management programs, particularly AgriInvest and AgriRecovery.
- Bring agricultural stakeholders together for a summit-like meeting with the Minister of Agriculture to develop a way forward on insurance programs like AgriStability
- Modernize the Canada Grain Act and Canadian Grain Commission
 - To support farmers, we will make sure that the Canada Grain Act (CGA) and Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) align with modern agricultural practices, global market requirements, and the needs of our farmers.
 - Agriculture has changed drastically in recent decades. Unfortunately, the regulation of agriculture in Canada has not always kept up with the market. We will bring the CGA and CGC in line with today's standards in consultation with farmers.
- Implement an Agriculture and Agri-Food Labour Strategy
 - To better support farmers and food processors, we will help make sure they have access to the workers they need. Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector is an economic powerhouse with a global reputation for safe, high-quality products. Many parts of this sector, however, are hampered by chronic labour shortages across all skill levels. The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food will develop a strategy for dealing with these labour shortages in close consultation with industry.
 - We will:
 - Recognize the need for international farm workers and facilitate their timely entrance into Canada to work on Canadian farms.
 - Develop a long-term strategy to attract skilled workers to the meat processing sector, which is currently facing a 30,000 worker deficit that is putting Canada's supply chains at risk and harming our long-term competitiveness.
- Extend "right to repair" to farm vehicles to provide farmers with choice on where to repair their vehicles.

Forestry

Canada's forestry industry has struggled in recent years, but as an essential industry providing products that have been in high demand during the pandemic, they have been given some breathing room. However, the problems facing the industry before 2020 have not gone away, so we must capitalize on this moment. Canada's Conservatives see massive potential for the future of the forestry industry if we take advantage of this moment to act strategically. Forestry is well-placed to be an important contributor to the fight against climate change. Land management, sequestration of carbon into long-lived wood products, and bioenergy are all pathways for this important industry to make a difference. However, if we are to realize these benefits, we must also ensure that the primary business is healthy.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Resolve the Softwood Lumber Dispute with the United States
 - To ensure that our forestry workers are protected and treated fairly, we will work with the US government to find a solution to this continuing dispute that Justin Trudeau has ignored. Canadian lumber producers are paying tariffs of over 20 percent on exports to the US, costing the industry millions of dollars and shuttering mills across the country.
- Establish a Task Force on the Woodland Caribou
 - To protect the woodland caribou while ensuring that the forestry sector remains strong, we will establish a task force to work collaboratively with provinces and local communities to propose solutions sensitive to local expertise and management.
- Protect our Forests from Pests
 - Forest pests are expected to become increasingly problematic due to climate change. To control the species that pose a substantial threat to forest health, we will increase funding to control pest species in national parks and federal lands.
- Improve our Response to Wildfires
 - We will invest in remote sensing and other technology that will improve the early detection of wildfires and better predict fire behaviour
- Develop a Forestry Future Strategy
 - We will work with Provinces, Territories, and industry stakeholders to develop a vision for the future of forestry that includes pathways to helping fight climate change and the development of new wood technology and bioproducts.

Fisheries

Conservation and Community

Canada's fishing communities feel beset by crisis. Many critical stocks are in trouble, new conflicts are arising, and many whose livelihoods are made on the water are feeling ignored and excluded. Resource users, whether Indigenous or non-Indigenous, commercial, or recreational, are feeling frustrated. They want to leave well-managed, sustainable fisheries to future generations, yet they are now more divided than ever and fearful for their future. There is no reason for this. What is needed now is unity in a common purpose: restoring and maintaining healthy stocks that support commercial, recreational, and cultural fisheries. A Conservative government will restore calm and confidence to Canada's fisheries sector by respecting the importance of all resource users and putting conservation first. To do this, we will:

- Prioritize stock assessments, stock recovery planning and enforcement of science-based catch limits because these have been shown to be the most important predictors of well-managed fisheries. We will also ensure that stock recovery plans incorporate climate change risks.
- Strengthen the role of advisory bodies in fisheries management to enhance cooperation between resource users and ensure that commercial, recreational, and cultural fishers can all have confidence in management decisions.
- Work collaboratively with Indigenous rights-holders and commercial harvesters to develop management plans which fulfill the rights recognized in the Marshall decisions, protect the sustainability of our fisheries, and ensure that coastal communities can continue to thrive.
- Improve the Marine Protected Area (MPA) designation processes by:
 - Ensuring that MPAs are focused on contributing to the sustainability of critical stocks;
 - Restoring meaningful public consultation to the MPA process; and
 - Exploring the feasibility of new models, such as dynamic MPAs, that will improve climate change resiliency.
- Work with stakeholders, First Nations, and regional jurisdictions to implement ecosystem-based fisheries management, including control of abundant predator populations which impact commercial and SARA-listed species.
- Update and strengthen DFO's national aquatic invasive species program and ensure that the Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations are being implemented.
- Address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, seafood fraud and ghost gear.
- Restore community-based conservation initiatives like the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program, provide more support for hatcheries, and support public conservation education initiatives.
- Create a Canadian Seafood Development Agency to advance the sustainable growth of the sector
 - The Agency will be responsible for developing a long-term strategy and sustainable growth plan in partnership with the provinces.
- Work with governments and communities in Nunatsiavut, Nunavut, Nunavik, and the Inuvialuit Settlement Region to develop community-based marine fisheries, which will help create employment and fight local and regional food insecurity.
 - For communities across Inuit Nunangat, oceans are an essential lifeline and source of food.

Small Craft Harbours

Coastal communities rely on the Small Craft Harbours Program to maintain more than 10,000 commercial wharves in Canada. While they are found in all parts of the country, they are especially central to communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. Although these wharves are vital pieces of community infrastructure that support jobs and economic opportunity, there has been no increase in permanent funding for years.

A Conservative government will provide sustainable funding for small craft harbours by doubling annual funding.

Pacific Salmon Strategy

The iconic Pacific salmon species are part of the fabric of life for communities throughout British Columbia and are an essential part of BC's marine and freshwater ecosystems. While some stocks are robust, many are under threat. This has consequences for Indigenous peoples, coastal communities, and commercial and recreational fishers, as well as to the health of BC's rivers and streams and to endangered populations like the Southern Resident Killer Whales.

Building on the commitments already outlined above, we will develop a Pacific Salmon Strategy focused on making measurable progress toward restoring at-risk stocks. This will include:

- Enforcing a strict timeline for the completion of stock assessments;
- Prioritizing funding for community-led habitat restoration or other projects that support at-risk stocks;
- Ensuring the Salmonid Enhancement Program is sufficiently resourced to support at-risk stocks;
- Increasing support for and engagement with Indigenous- and community-led hatchery and enhancement projects;
- Implementing mass-marking programs at BC fish hatcheries and allowing mark-selective harvest of salmon in BC's sport fishery, protecting sensitive fish populations while maintaining the health of BC's public fishery;
- Creating a pinniped management plan that will address threats to at-risk stocks in a balanced way; and
- Identifying the likelihood of future threats due to climate change.

Aquaculture

The Conservative Party supports the sustainable development and growth of Canada's world-leading aquaculture sector due to its ability to provide a solid economic base in coastal communities, create stable, long-term employment, and contribute to Canadian food security while succeeding as a leading Canadian export to global markets.

Internationally, aquaculture is widely seen as an essential source of protein and a key component of improving global food security. Many shellfish and finfish species are grown throughout Canada, and many First Nations have pursued aquaculture as a business that can support their communities and provide meaningful work for their members.

However, we also understand that salmon farming on Canada's West Coast has been controversial and that local communities are confused and torn by conflicting studies and claims. Further, we know that decisions made here could have ripple effects on the East Coast as well.

Conservatives will not take an ideological position on this issue. We want the aquaculture industry to succeed, but it is a simple fact that this sector can only grow as long as Canadians can have confidence in our ability to protect wild salmon. Therefore, any decisions related to salmon aquaculture must be based on robust science, guided by conservation, and be respectful of the communities and families that rely on these jobs.

To accomplish this, a Conservative government will:

- Maintain the decision to remove salmon farms from the Discovery Islands, but model the transition after the process that has been undertaken in the Broughton Archipelago to be more respectful of local First Nations, communities, and workers;
- Assign responsibility for the management and sustainable growth of the sector to a department other than DFO so that DFO can be solely focused on enforcement;
- Create a modern Aquaculture Act that can help restore public confidence;
- Ensure the roles of DFO and the CFIA are clearly defined in the National Aquatic Animal Health Program and adequately resourced;
- Strengthen monitoring requirements for salmon farms;
- Develop, in consultation with industry, First Nations, communities and other stakeholders, a comprehensive Salmon Aquaculture Management Strategy that addresses both the risks and opportunities of this sector; and
- Develop a tax incentive program for the development and adoption of technologies that reduce contact between wild and farmed salmon.

Manufacturing

The scramble to secure everything from PPE to vaccines has been a stark reminder of the importance of domestic manufacturing capacity. When we outsource jobs - particularly to countries we can't rely on in an emergency - we put the health and safety of Canadians at risk.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Only pursue free trade agreements with free countries that respect workers' rights and maintain high environmental standards.
- Bring manufacturing of critical equipment like PPE and pharmaceuticals back to Canada by ensuring that government and government-funded procurement of these essential products favours Canadian producers.
- Rebuild our domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity.

Defence Industries

From the software that forms the heart of our warships to rapidly deployable field hospitals, Canadian workers are world leaders at developing technology and equipment for our armed forces and those of our allies.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Identify our key defence industry capabilities and invest in them; and
- Re-evaluate the risk management measures in defence contracts that shift risk and therefore control to contractors at the expense of selecting Canadian components.



A Detailed Plan to Lift Up Working Canadians

Under the Liberals, NDP, and Greens, economic and social divisions among Canadians have grown wider – particularly between Canadians who are thriving and those who are struggling.

Canada's Conservatives will create jobs through our Jobs Plan, providing stability to working Canadians. We need a recovery for all Canadians in every sector, which our plan will deliver. We also need to make work pay, make it more secure, and protect workers. That's precisely what our plan delivers.

\$1/hour Raise for Working Canadians

Canada's Conservatives believe that it's time to make work pay and help those most in need.

We will: **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.

This will put an average of an extra thousand dollars into the pockets of the most vulnerable workers, helping three and a half million families put food on the table.

We will be giving someone making \$20,000 per year a \$1/hour raise.

We will also double the disability supplement from \$744 to \$1,500. This will help almost 90,000 disabled workers.

DOUBLING THE CANADA WORKERS BENEFIT WILL HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON LOWER-INCOME WORKING CANADIANS.

AN INDIVIDUAL EARNING \$14,000 PER YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT INCOME WILL RECEIVE \$2,800 OF CANADA WORKERS BENEFITS PER YEAR, UP FROM \$1,400 UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

AN INDIVIDUAL EARNING \$25,000 WILL RECEIVE \$2,500 OF BENEFITS, COMPARED WITH \$78 UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

AND IT IS EVEN BETTER FOR FAMILIES.

A FAMILY WITH A TOTAL INCOME OF \$23,000 WILL RECEIVE \$5,000 OF BENEFITS, WELL ABOVE THE \$1,900 THEY RECEIVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

A FAMILY WITH A TOTAL INCOME OF \$35,000 WILL RECEIVE \$3,700 OF BENEFITS, FAR MORE THAN THE \$458 UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

Protecting Canadian Workers During Recessions

Canada's Conservatives understand how a recession can be devastating for Canadian workers and their families. When people are laid off and can't find jobs, the government has to be there with the support that families need. The challenge is to provide generous benefits without breaking the bank and hitting workers with soaring EI premiums. We recognize that Canadians want to work hard in a good job, but they want to know that the government has their back in a crisis.

We will 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, as evidenced by three months of job gains.

Security for Gig Economy Workers

Canada's Conservatives recognize that millions of Canadians don't qualify for Employment Insurance because they are gig workers, independent contractors, online platform workers, contract, on-call, and temporary workers. Roughly 1.7 million people are engaged in independent, temporary work. They don't have the insurable hours and contributions of a typical employee. This means they have no safety net.

We believe that it's time to make gig economy companies pay their fair share to give workers the protection they need.

We will require gig economy companies to make contributions equivalent to CPP and EI premiums into a new, portable Employee Savings Account every time they pay their workers. The money will grow tax-free and can be withdrawn by the worker when needed.

Supporting Workers Suffering from Illness

Canada's Conservatives will increase EI sickness benefits to 52 weeks for those suffering from a serious illness.

The current EI sickness benefit limit of 15 weeks is not enough for those undergoing treatment for serious illnesses like cancer. We will ensure that ill workers receive the support they need to recover.

Helping Workers Who Have to Move Temporarily

Canada's Conservatives will introduce a Construction Mobility Tax Credit to help with expenses construction workers incur when they temporarily relocate for work.

Workers often leave their homes and families to take on temporary contracts elsewhere and the costs can be quite significant, averaging around \$3,500 for a relocation. Some parts of Canada, often in rural and northern regions, are struggling with a shortage of skilled construction workers, while in other regions tradespeople are facing unemployment. We want to accelerate investment in infrastructure that will create jobs and build a more productive, more connected Canada. To do that we need to help workers get to where they are needed most.

The construction mobility tax credit will allow workers to subtract up to \$4,000 per year of temporary relocation expenses (moving, temporary lodging) from taxable income. This will make it easier for Canadian workers to go to where the work is.

Supporting Workers

Canada's Conservatives will give workers a real voice and the support they need against major multinational corporations. We will:

- Give workers a seat at the table by requiring federally regulated employers with over 1,000 employees or \$100 million in annual revenue to include worker representation on their boards of directors;
- Level the playing field between unions and multinationals by consulting with union leaders and then implementing changes to the Canada Labour Code to remove barriers that prevent unions from organizing large employers with a history of anti-labour activity;
- Work with unions to modernize the Canada Labour Code to provide more flexibility in working hours and working from home.
- Give unions standing at the Canada International Trade Tribunal to allow them to bring actions on issues like dumping.

Canada's Conservatives will **ensure that our infrastructure spending benefits Canadian workers** by requiring that equipment and materials for federally funded infrastructure projects be purchased from Canadian companies or those from countries with which we have agreed to mutually allow our workers to supply each other's infrastructure projects.

- We will negotiate agreements with our traditional trading partners like the United States while ensuring that Canadian workers' taxes don't fund purchases from countries that abuse their workers or shut out Canadian workers.

Canada's Conservatives will **ensure that workers have the training they need** for the jobs of today and tomorrow by supporting union and similar training programs and encouraging employers to invest in their workers. We will also help bring women and New Canadians into the skilled trades. We will:

- Double the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit for the next three years to help create more places for apprentices.
- Invest \$250 million over two years to create the Canada Job Training Fund. The Fund will provide grants to organizations including employers, apprenticeship training delivery agents, unions, post-secondary institutions, and community organizations for projects that:
 - Give laid-off workers immediate access to training,
 - Reach out to traditionally underrepresented groups,
 - Help tourism and hospitality workers who have been hit hard by the recession,
 - Support the talent needs of small businesses, and
 - Otherwise help workers get the training they need - focussing on areas where there are shortages of skilled workers.
- Create the Working Canadian Training Loan to provide low interest loans of up to \$10,000 to people who want to upgrade their skills, empowering workers to determine what training they need rather than having the government tell them.

Canadian employees deserve the opportunity to earn more than just a salary for their hard work. They also deserve greater security in retirement. Canada's Conservatives will **increase employee ownership of Canadian companies by establishing Employee Ownership Trusts**, which provide a tax advantage for company owners to sell to their employees. This will take the form of a reduction in capital gains tax when the owner sells to a trust owned by the employees, enabling ownership to transfer to the people who have partnered in building the business. We will also ensure that BDC makes financing available to support these trusts.

Protecting Pensions

Workers should be able to rely on their pensions. Unfortunately, all too often, we have seen workers forced to take big cuts to their pensions when, due to bad management or changes in the economy, the company they work for goes bankrupt.

It's time for the government to better protect pensions.

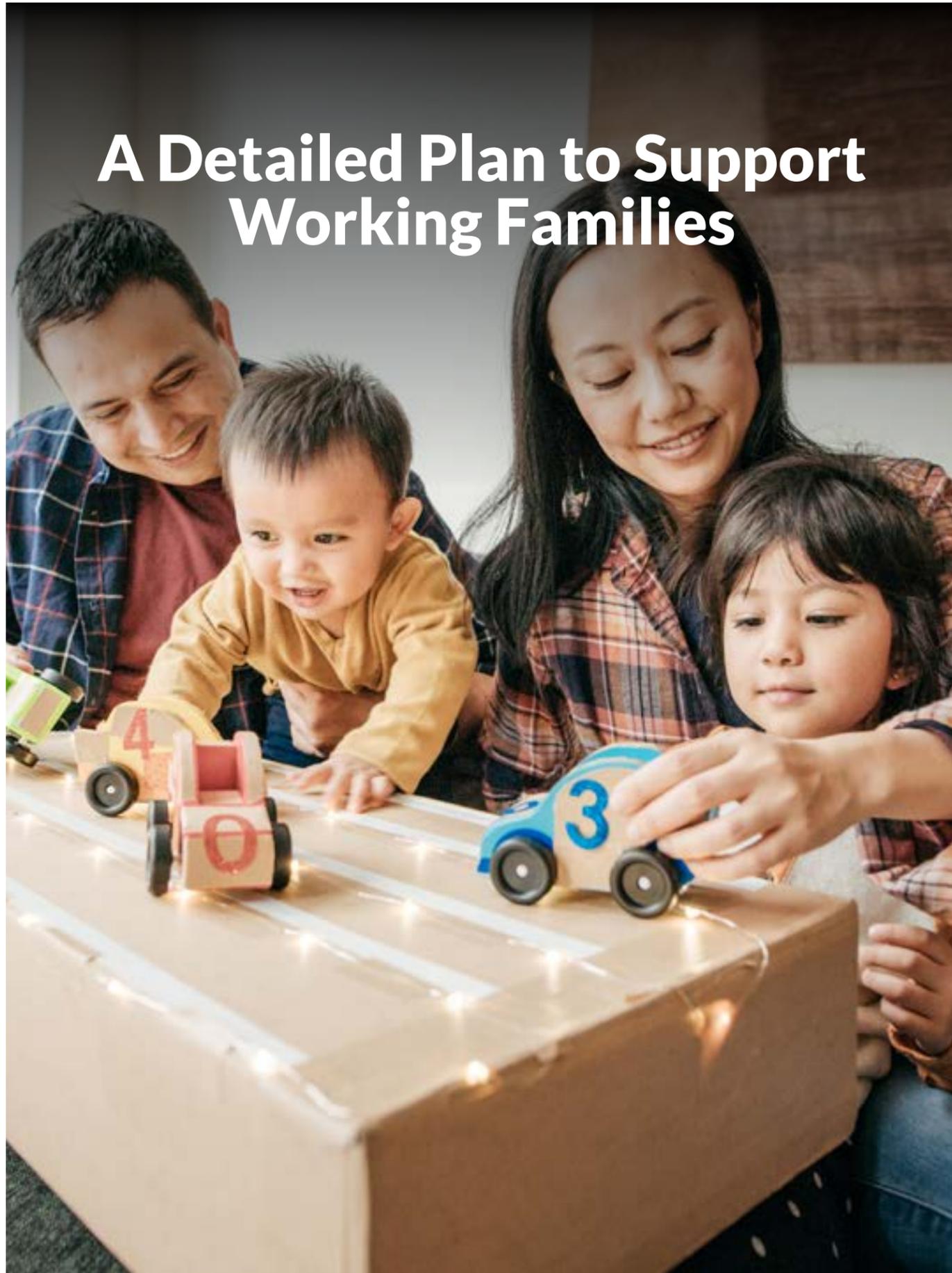
Canada's Conservatives will **change legislation to ensure that pensioners have priority over corporate elites** in bankruptcy or restructuring.

We will also better protect pensions by:

- Preventing executives from paying themselves bonuses while managing a company going through restructuring if the pension plan is not fully funded;
- No longer forcing underfunded pension plans from being converted to annuities, something that currently locks in losses and results in workers getting less money; and
- Requiring companies to report the funding status of their pension plans more clearly.



A Detailed Plan to Support Working Families



Strong families provide the bedrock of a strong society. Our goal is nothing less than to make Canada the most family-friendly country in the world.

We recognize that the pandemic and recession have not affected all Canadians equally. Women have disproportionately borne the brunt of unemployment and the cross-pressure of time at work and time at home. Our policies will address this inequality with real help, not lip-service or grandiose schemes that generations of Liberal politicians have promised with no understanding of the real needs of families.

Two principles will guide our action: the need to direct help to those who need it most and the knowledge that every family is unique. A top-down, one-size-fits-all approach isn't the answer. Parents should decide what's best for their families.

Supporting Families Through Better Funding for Child care

Canada's Conservatives will support working families with children by providing increased funding for child care. The recession has hit women hardest and set back the full integration of women in Canada's workforce. Allowing women to reach true equality in the workforce is impossible without child care. Nobody should be prevented from getting back to work because they can't afford child care.

Canada's Conservatives will 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. This will massively increase the support that lower income families receive and provide more assistance to almost all families. We will also pay out the deduction over the course of the year so that families do not have to pay the cost of child care and then get the money back later.

OUR CHILD CARE PLAN

UNDER OUR PLAN, ALL FAMILIES WITH INCOME UNDER \$150,000 WILL BE BETTER OFF, WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT GOING TO FAMILIES WITH INCOME UNDER \$50,000. THE BIGGEST BOOST WILL BE TO LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES - MAKING CHILD CARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE AFFORDABLE.

FOR EXAMPLE,

- A FAMILY WITH AN INCOME OF \$30,000 CAN TODAY CLAIM A MAXIMUM OF \$1,200. UNDER OUR PLAN THEY WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$6,000.
- A FAMILY WITH AN INCOME OF \$50,000 CAN TODAY CLAIM A MAXIMUM OF \$1,200. UNDER OUR PLAN THEY WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$5,200.
- A FAMILY WITH AN INCOME OF \$80,000 CAN TODAY CLAIM A MAXIMUM OF \$1,200. UNDER OUR PLAN THEY WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$4,800.
- A FAMILY WITH AN INCOME OF \$120,000 CAN TODAY CLAIM A MAXIMUM OF \$1,640. UNDER OUR PLAN THEY WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$4,560

Supporting Parents Through More Generous Maternity and Parental Leave

Canada's maternity and parental leave programs play an essential role in enhancing equality and strengthening our economy. To improve these programs, Canada's Conservatives will 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.

Supporting Expectant Parents

Canada's Conservatives recognize that the cost of raising children continues to sky-rocket and the birth of a child often brings a myriad of first-time costs for cribs, clothes, car seats and a range of other items needed for the family. We will expand the Canada Child Benefit by allowing benefits to begin at the 7th month of pregnancy rather than at childbirth.

We also recognize how traumatic a miscarriage is. We will **support parents who have experienced the trauma of miscarriage by allowing them to receive three days of paid bereavement leave**. Our rules and programs are currently enforced in a cold and uncaring way that does not promote healing and family wellness.

Furthermore, we will reform EI parental benefits to ensure that parents who lose a child are not abruptly cut off from their benefits. Currently, EI parental benefits end immediately following the death of a child, which is shocking enough without the government adding financial stress amid their mourning. We will **ensure that EI parental is extended for at least eight weeks following the death of an infant**.

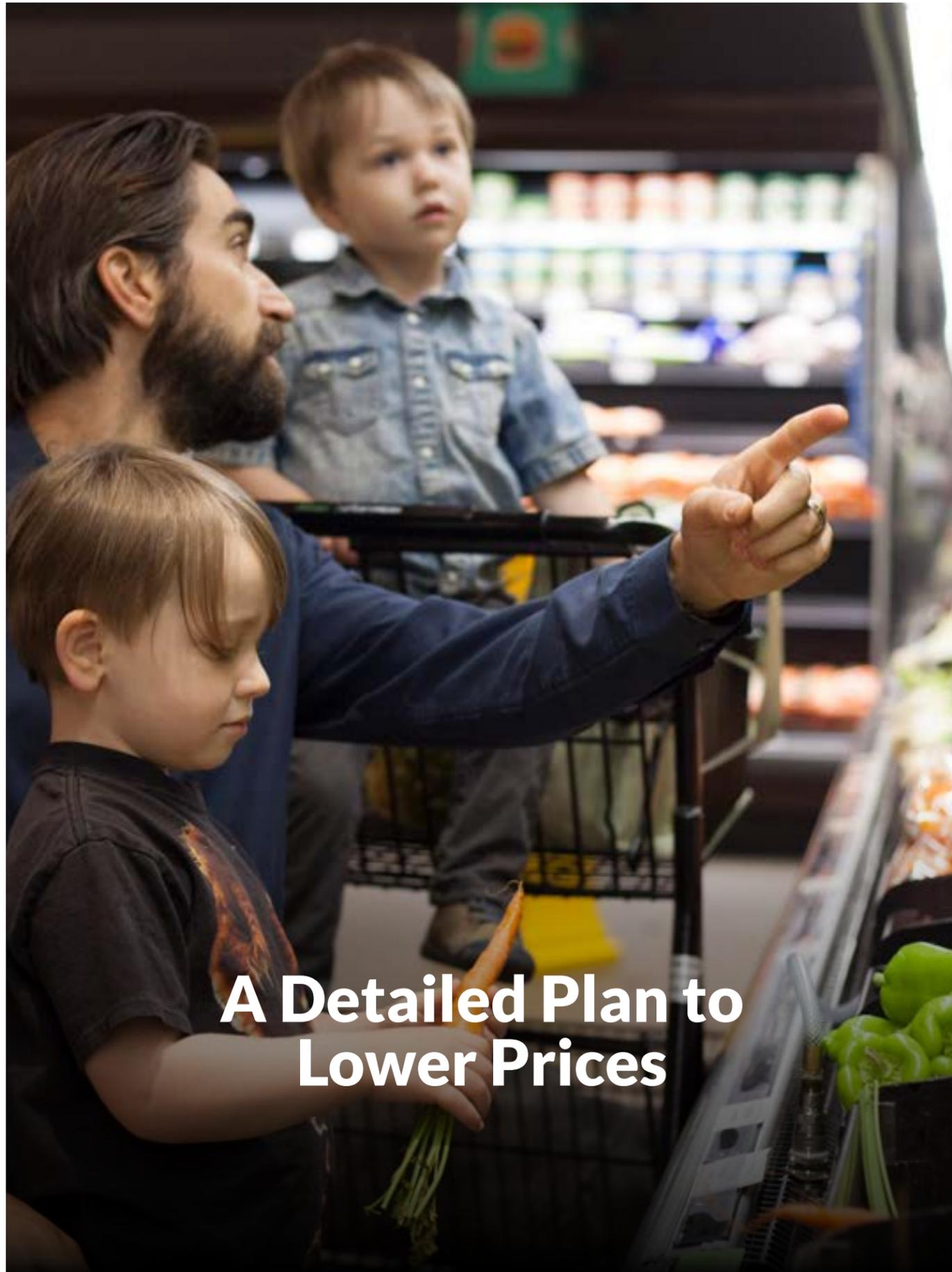
We also recognize that the death of a child is particularly devastating for a parent. However, Canada's bereavement laws do not recognize this difference, as they treat the death of a child the same as the death of another immediate family member. We will correct this by **providing up to eight weeks of paid leave from employment in the event of a child's death or stillbirth**.

Adoption Strategy

Canada's Conservatives will create a National Adoption Strategy, including an awareness campaign to promote adoption, and work with the provinces to ensure equal access to adoption for all children. This will include:

- Supporting international adoption by working with other countries to align processes, speeding and easing the adoption process;
- Creating an EI benefit for adoptive parents, modelled on EI maternity benefits; and
- Increasing the maximum a parent can claim under the Adoption Expense Tax Credit from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and making the credit refundable.





A Detailed Plan to Lower Prices

The last few months have seen an alarming increase in prices. With inflation rising, families are struggling to make ends meet. Canada's Conservatives have a detailed plan to lower prices and help families.

GST Holiday

To help families and help our hard-hit retail stores recover, Canada's Conservatives will implement a month-long GST holiday this fall. All purchases made at retail stores will be tax free for this month.

Lower Cellphone and Internet Bills

Canadians continue to pay some of the highest prices in the world for accessing the internet – both at home and on their mobile phones. A few giant companies have too much power, and Canadians are suffering for it.

It's time for a government that takes the side of consumers.

Canada's Conservatives will take real action to reduce how much Canadians pay for this essential part of life. Our four part affordability plan includes:

- **Accountability:** Put consumers first and hold the big telecom service providers accountable for anti-competitive behaviour and practices that hurt consumers.
- **Competition:** We will promote competition by:
 - Allowing foreign telecommunications companies to provide services to Canadian customers, provided that the same treatment is reciprocated for Canadian companies in that company's country.
- **Access:** Build digital infrastructure to connect all of Canada to High-Speed Internet by 2025, ensuring that all Canadians have reliable access to the Internet regardless of where they live.
- **Investment:** Promote investment in communications facilities by local and regional communities and businesses. This will reduce local and regional dependence on national telecommunications giants.

Lower Food Prices

Canada's Conservatives will ensure that Canadians pay lower prices for food by:

- Increasing the maximum fine for price-fixing from \$24 million to \$100 million and introduce criminal penalties for executives for price-fixing.
- Bringing in a tough code of conduct to protect suppliers and to promote grocery competition.

Making Banking Affordable

Canada's Conservatives will ensure that Canadians get the banking services they need at a price they can afford by:

- Bringing in legislation on open banking so that Canadians can connect with fintech companies that can give provide a better offer for banking services such as a mortgage, line of credit or credit card.
- Ordering the Competition Bureau to investigate bank fees.
- Requiring more transparency for investment management fees so that seniors and savers don't get ripped off.
 - This will include requiring the banks to show investment returns net of fees.

Reining in the Big Tech Companies

Canada's Conservatives will create a technology task force within the Competition Bureau to examine whether dominance and anti-competitive behaviour of big tech is damaging to Canadian industry. We will examine how algorithms and data give big tech an advantage over Canadian business, as well as how fintech and new technologies could foster improved competition.

Lowering Prices by Increasing Competition

Canada's Conservatives will give our competition laws real teeth to prevent a few big companies from dominating whole industries and pushing up prices. We will also stand up to corporate Canada and reject mergers that substantially reduce competition and lead to layoffs and higher prices.





A Detailed Plan to Tackle Home Prices

It's time to face the fact: We have a housing crisis in Canada. Affording a home - to rent, let alone to buy - is slipping out of reach of Canadians across our country. The primary cause is that supply simply isn't keeping up with demand. Governments have not let Canadians build enough housing to keep up with our growing population.

We need action - from all levels of government. We need to treat this like the crisis it is. Years of study and delay will just leave more and more Canadians and newcomers trapped in inadequate or insecure housing. We need shovels in the ground building enough housing not just to keep up with but to get ahead of population growth. We need to ensure that Canadians, first and foremost, can afford the housing that we do have, keeping out foreign speculators, corruption, and laundered money that force up prices. And we need to remove unnecessary roadblocks preventing Canadians from getting mortgages.

Canada's Conservatives have a plan to make housing more affordable.

To swiftly increase supply, we will implement a plan to build 1 million homes in the next three years. To do so, we will:

- Leverage federal infrastructure investments to increase housing supply. We will:
 - Build public transit infrastructure that connects homes and jobs by bringing public transit to where people are buying homes; and
 - Require municipalities receiving federal funding for public transit to increase density near the funded transit;
- Review the extensive real estate portfolio of the federal government - the largest property owner in the country with over 37,000 buildings - and release at least 15% for housing while improving the Federal Lands Initiative;
- Incent developers to build the housing Canadians both want and need, by:
 - Encouraging Canadians to invest in rental housing by extending the ability to defer capital gains tax when selling a rental property and reinvesting in rental housing, something that is currently excluded; and
 - Exploring converting unneeded office space to housing.
- Continue the Conservative commitment to Reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous Peoples by enacting a "For Indigenous, By Indigenous" strategy - long called for by Indigenous housing advocates, who have been ignored by this Liberal government;
 - Canada's Conservatives are committed to putting a stop to federal paternalism and instead partnering with Indigenous communities and empowering Indigenous Peoples with the autonomy to meet their own housing needs.
- Enhance the viability of using Community Land Trusts for affordable housing by creating an incentive for corporations and private landowners to donate property to Land Trusts for the development of affordable housing.
 - The incentive will mirror that which exists for donating land to ecological reserves.

To root out the corrupt activities that drive up real estate prices and put homeownership out of reach, we will:

- Implement comprehensive changes to the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*, and give FINTRAC, law enforcement, and prosecutors the tools necessary to identify, halt, and prosecute money-laundering in Canadian real estate markets
- Establish a federal Beneficial Ownership Registry for residential property.
- Closely examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in British Columbia, which is doing important work, and quickly implement recommendations at the federal level.

To arrest and reverse the inflationary impacts of foreign buyers and speculation in the housing market, we will ensure that housing in Canada is truly for Canadian citizens and residents first. The Liberals are on record stating, “we’re a very safe market for foreign investment but we’re not a great market for Canadians looking for choices around housing.” This must change.

We need a real estate market that serves the interests of everyday Canadians: the young family who needs more space for their kids, the recent university grad trying to find an apartment in the city, the tradesperson moving to a new community for work, the retired empty-nesters wanting to downsize without losing all their home equity to pay for an overpriced condo – all are underserved by Canada’s lack of affordable housing options.

We will:

- Ban foreign investors not living in or moving to Canada from buying homes here for a two year period after which it will be reviewed.
- Instead, encourage foreign investment in purpose-built rental housing that is affordable to Canadians.

To address homelessness, we will:

- Re-implement the Housing First approach, which has been watered down by the current federal government, to aid in the fight against Canada’s addictions crisis.
- Revise the federal government’s substance abuse policy framework to make recovery its overarching goal.
- Invest \$325 million over the next three years to create 1,000 residential drug treatment beds and build 50 recovery community centres across the country.
- Support innovative approaches to address the crises of mental health challenges and addiction, such as land-based treatment programs developed and managed by Indigenous communities as part of a plan to enhance the delivery of culturally appropriate addictions treatment and prevention services in First Nations communities with high needs.

To make mortgages more affordable, we will:

- Encourage a new market in seven- to ten-year mortgages to provide stability both for first-time home buyers and lenders, opening another secure path to homeownership for Canadians, and reducing the need for mortgage stress tests.
- Remove the requirement to conduct a stress test when a homeowner renews a mortgage with another lender instead of only when staying with their current lender, as is the case today. This will increase competition and help homeowners access more affordable options.
- Increase the limit on eligibility for mortgage insurance and index it to home price inflation, allowing those in high-priced real estate markets with less than a 20% down-payment an opportunity at home-ownership.
- Fix the mortgage stress test to stop discriminating against small business owners, contractors and other non-permanent employees including casual workers.

Canada’s Conservatives will never tax Canadians’ capital gains on the sale of their principal residence, something many within the Liberal party are threatening to do.



A Detailed Plan to Protect Canada from Future Pandemics



We know that we will face more COVID-19 variants in the years to come. We need to be ready.

Canada's Conservatives will ensure that our country is ready to face future pandemics, including the elevated risk of bioterrorism threats. Our goal is simple: be prepared and take rapid action to protect the health of Canadians while avoiding long-term impacts on the economy and the mental health of Canadians.

We will call an immediate public inquiry to examine every aspect of the government's pandemic response. The inquiry will ensure that all lessons learned from the crisis are publicly aired, and learnings can be immediately adopted. It will include all aspects of Canada's pandemic preparedness and response.

We will also work with our allies to support an investigation into the origins of COVID-19.

Canada's Conservatives will implement a Canada Emergency Preparedness Plan. The Plan will be measured and updated annually, including by incorporating the findings of the inquiry.

Part 1: Making Canada resilient to threats

- **Vaccine Research, Trials & Manufacturing Capacity**
 - Ramp up Canadian research and production capacity by **making Canada one of the best jurisdictions globally for pharmaceutical research and development** and the production of vaccines and medicines.
 - We won't allow Liberal regulation to drive pharmaceutical companies out of Canada anymore.
 - We will follow the UK's example by putting in place a sector strategy to grow the sector in a well-thought-out way rather than just handing out money.
 - We will also end the Liberal hostility to the pharma sector that has driven investment out of Canada, left us near the back of the line for vaccines and risks leaving us at the back of the line for new medicines. Instead, we will negotiate constructively with the industry to reduce drug prices while providing long-term regulatory certainty.
 - Overhaul Canada's Pandemic Plan and preparedness to include **domestic vaccine research, trials development and manufacturing capacity and readiness** - with a focus on novel vaccine platforms, keeping and attracting the best minds in Canada, and ensuring secure access to supply during pandemic scenarios - working with universities, the private sector, provinces and territories, and international partner countries to build for the future; and
 - **Review Health Canada's regulatory processes** and the balance between Canada's industrial, health, and economic relationships with the global biomanufacturing sector in light of Canada's poor performance in accessing vaccines during COVID-19.
- **Increasing Domestic Production of Critical Supplies**
 - Partner with pharmaceutical companies to **increase production of critical medicines and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients** in Canada;
 - Work with the United States to **strengthen the North American supply chain** for pharmaceuticals to reduce our shared reliance on imports; and use procurements by government and those receiving government funding to **enhance domestic production** of PPE.

- **Reinstate the tariff on imported PPE** to recognize and secure the longevity of Canadian manufacturers of PPE. Canadian manufacturers have responded to the pandemic by enhancing their capacities to produce PPE, and they deserve to compete within a fair domestic market. A strong domestic manufacturing industry for PPE is a pillar of pandemic readiness and ongoing resiliency. Canadian manufacturers are also at the forefront of PPE innovation, seeking to address the environmental impact of the mass manufacturing of PPE.
- **Stockpiles, Lab Testing & Contact Tracing**
 - Overhaul Canada's National Emergency Stockpile System to ensure supplies are there to rapidly respond to infectious disease, bioterrorism, and similar threats, including ensuring the security of supply for personal protective equipment, diagnostic reagents, and swab supplies, and adopting modern tracking systems to ensure supplies are used before they expire and available when needed;
 - Overhaul **federal lab testing** processes and the support PHAC provides for provinces and territories to markedly improve consistency and scaling of lab capabilities across Canada, including the development of rapid testing capabilities at our borders, across our cities, in rural and remote communities, and within long term care facilities; and
 - Fill the response gap left by Ottawa between lab testing and costly lockdowns by working with Canadian infectious disease experts, provinces, and territories to **develop evidence-based contact tracing systems** for our borders and support public health efforts. Delaying and pushing unproven technologies on the provinces and territories over scientific procurement processes allowed the virus the time to spread and undermined Canada's social, economic and health structures.
 - Develop a **national system for sharing data** across jurisdictions on pathogen transmission, immunity levels, and vaccination rates with transparent reporting requirements and coordination among jurisdictions.
- **New High Containment Laboratory Capacity and Infection Control Capacities**
 - **Bolster** our infectious disease and **pandemic science infrastructure**, research, and expertise, through the development of new and novel high containment laboratory capabilities, alongside the National Microbiology Laboratory, to rapidly identify the threat to Canadians of novel and emerging infectious disease and bioterrorism agents, including by:
 - **Enhancing our basic scientific understanding** of the transmission of novel pathogens in built environments (notably, long term care facilities, hospitals, and other communal settings) on different surfaces (e.g. nurse stations, medical equipment, doorknobs, retail, and workplace surfaces) and the importance of infection control measures (e.g. masks, hand washing);
 - Supporting the development and testing of **new infection control products/biomaterials**, safe and high-performance architectural designs, airflow systems, and isolation facilities for the control of infectious diseases during regular times, and ensure Canada has the rapid response capabilities – including issuing science-based public health guidelines for front line workers and essentials services - during outbreaks and pandemics. Never again should essential workers be left to their own devices or our economy simply be allowed to collapse.

Part 2: Preventing pandemics

- **Addressing the Threat Posed by Animal Markets and Trade in Wild Animals**
 - Support and encourage the closure of poorly regulated wildlife markets globally that carry an elevated risk of becoming sources for future pandemics;
 - End the importation of and trade in wild or exotic animals and their products that carry an elevated risk of spreading zoonotic diseases.
- **Prohibiting the export of deadly viruses to jurisdictions that cannot be trusted.**
 - The government will create a list of these countries subject to the export prohibition based on a national security assessment.

Part 3: Detecting and assessing threats

- **Public Health Intelligence**
 - Overhaul Canada's public health intelligence-gathering systems, including restoring the Global Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN) shut down by the Liberal government and strengthen the sharing of public health intelligence across the federal government and with the provinces and territories.
 - Establish a threat-level warning system that uses data points and sources from our overhauled public health intelligence-gathering systems to assign risk levels from a scale of 1-5 for Canadians when a new virus is detected.
 - Overhaul the federal government's disastrous risk communications infrastructure, including developing trusted mechanisms for communicating the real threat to Canadians of novel and emerging pathogens and rapidly changing information.



Part 4: Countering the threat

- **Scientific leadership**
 - Assign ultimate responsibility for the **Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)** to a **qualified physician** - public health expert with field and front line experience;
 - Establish a set of actions corresponding to each level of risk in our new threat-level warning system, including but not limited to when border measures will be implemented, when travel should be restricted, and data-sharing requirements across jurisdictions.
 - Develop a **data-driven system of benchmarks** for removing bans, restrictions, and quarantines to provide certainty to businesses and their populations.
 - Ensure adequate **enforcement** of these actions is undertaken and that **monitoring** both internationally and domestically is consistent and ongoing.
 - **Restore** the dual leadership role of the **National Microbiology Lab** in Winnipeg, within the Public Health Agency of Canada, so that infectious disease science and expertise drives our domestic pandemic response and Canada once again is a global pandemic leader; and
 - **Overhaul Canada's Pandemic Plan** and preparedness to include a focus on infectious diseases and bioterrorism threats rather than solely on "influenza," which led to Ottawa's slow response and mishandling of the novel coronavirus pandemic.
 - Maintain **access security and stringent screening protocols** for scientists granted access to the Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg.
- **Strengthening Health Canada**
 - Strengthen the department to **ensure it can rapidly review crucial innovations** like new tests, treatments, and vaccines. With new variants on the horizon, we can't afford the same bureaucratic pace as in the past.
 - **Partner with the private sector** rather than over-rely on government. We know that there are some things best done by the private sector and will be faster to reach out for help.
 - Work with the provinces to harmonize ICU training to ensure that ICU credentials are transferable among jurisdictions so that that capacity can be bolstered in emergencies.





A Detailed Plan to Secure Healthcare

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the cracks in our healthcare system and reminded us all of the need to strengthen it. Canada's Conservatives believe that the federal government should pay its fair share. Under the last Conservative government, federal transfers to the provinces grew at 6% per year. Unfortunately, in 2017, the Trudeau government cut this in half, putting lives at risk.

Canada's Conservatives will take immediate action to restore health funding and to tackle the urgent crises of mental health and addiction.

Secure, Predictable Funding

Canada's Conservatives will meet with the Premiers within the first 100 days of forming government to propose a new health agreement with the provinces and territories that boosts the annual growth rate of the Canada Health Transfer to at least 6%. This will inject nearly \$60 billion into our healthcare system over the next ten years.

Treating Mental Health as Health - the Canada Mental Health Action Plan

Mental health and addiction were serious problems long before COVID hit. After a year of lockdowns made them worse, these are crises that our government needs to address. Canadians are suffering and dying. It's time for real action - and a new approach.

Canada's Conservatives will introduce the *Canada Mental Health Action Plan* that will:

- Propose to the provinces that they partner with us by dedicating a significant portion of the stable, predictable health funding to mental health to ensure that an additional million Canadians can receive mental health treatment every year;
- Encourage employers to add mental health coverage to their employee benefit plans by offering a tax credit for 25% of the cost of additional mental health coverage for the first three years;
- Create a pilot program to provide \$150 million over three years in grants to non-profits and charities delivering mental health and wellness programming; and
- Create a nationwide three-digit suicide prevention hotline.

Supporting Canadians Suffering from Addiction

Canada's Conservatives will treat the opioid epidemic as the health issue that it is. We believe that law enforcement should focus on dealers and traffickers. The last thing that those suffering from addiction should have to worry about is being arrested. Any interaction the government has with them should focus on keeping them safe and helping them recover.

To help more Canadians recover from addiction, Canada's Conservatives will revise the federal government's substance abuse policy framework to make recovery its overarching goal. We will reorient the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy towards ensuring that everyone suffering from addiction has the opportunity to recover and to lead a drug-free life and that all policies that fall under the Strategy have the reduction of harm and promotion of recovery as their objectives.

To realize this goal, we will:

- Invest \$325 million over the next three years to create 1,000 residential drug treatment beds and build 50 recovery community centres across the country.
 - This will give spaces to those who suffer from addiction, their families, and those who have recovered where they can get the help they need and support each other.
- Support innovative approaches to address the crises of mental health challenges and addiction, such as land-based treatment programs developed and managed by Indigenous communities as part of a plan to enhance the delivery of culturally appropriate addictions treatment and prevention services in First Nations communities with high needs.
- Partner with the provinces to ensure that Naloxone kits are available for free across Canada.

Building on Canadian Leadership in Medical Isotopes

Canada began regular production of radioisotopes in 1947 and, since then, we have been one of the world's leaders in the development and application of nuclear medicine.

From treating cancers and other diseases to the sterilization of single-use medical devices, medical isotopes save lives every day and protect healthcare workers worldwide. But Canada is losing its leadership position in this critical area. Now is the time for the federal government to develop a National Isotope Strategy to solidify our role as a global health care innovation leader and isotope superpower.

Canada's Conservatives will develop and implement a National Isotope Strategy that will establish a framework for cooperation in which governments, nuclear reactor and accelerator owners and operators, and other stakeholders can work together to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disruptions of critical infrastructure and, most importantly, continue to move forward with research and development of critical isotopes to improve people's lives.

Supporting Canadians Who Are Suffering

Canada's Conservatives believe that the Government of Canada should have appealed the Quebec Superior Court decision on Medical Assistance in Dying. Instead, the Trudeau government passed a vague law with no safeguards that devalues human life.

When it comes to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), Conservatives will:

- Reinstating the ten-day waiting period to make sure somebody does not make this decision at their lowest point.
- Restore the requirement for two fully independent witnesses to ensure that a vulnerable person is not being forced or coerced.
- Require that any discussion of MAID only occur if raised by the patient and prevent healthcare workers from suggesting it to someone who is not seeking it. Canadians living with disabilities report regularly being in situations where MAID is suggested to or pushed on them and report how this undermines their sense of security in healthcare environments.
- Repealing the Bill C-7 provision allowing MAID for those with mental health challenges. Require any patient receiving MAID to be informed/reminded immediately before receiving it and given the opportunity to withdraw consent.

- Protect the right of patients to choose to receive care in a MAID-free environment.
- Require healthcare practitioners approving MAID requests (MAID assessors) to examine and consult directly with the patient before approving the request (with allowances made for virtually-enabled examination where required).
- Require MAID assessors to complete MAID assessor training to ensure full awareness of and compliance with laws and best practices around MAID.

We will also invest in palliative care.

- To help Canada become a place where all Canadians who suffer are offered relief, we will double the direct federal investments in palliative care. The Canadian Hospice and Palliative Care Association has estimated that under 30 percent of Canadians who need it have access to palliative care services.





A Detailed Plan to Secure Accountability

In 2006, in response to the Liberal Party Sponsorship Scandal, Conservatives brought forward the toughest piece of anti-corruption legislation in Canadian history, the Federal Accountability Act.

Unfortunately, the current government has shown us that these rules didn't go far enough. At the height of the pandemic, the Liberals gave a billion dollars to a Liberal-friendly charity that awarded lucrative contracts to members of their families. They accepted illegal gifts from organizations that lobby their government. They interfered in the judicial process to help their well-connected friends. They don't believe the rules apply to them.

We need stricter laws to require ethics in government, prevent cover-ups, and ensure that lobbying is adequately regulated.

Canada's Conservatives will pass an **Anti-Corruption Act** to strengthen our legislation on ethics, lobbying, and transparency.

Ethics

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Bring forward **tough new changes to Canada's ethics regime**:
 - **Toughening the Conflict of Interest Act** by expanding the monetary penalties to cover all violations of the Act. Justin Trudeau and Bill Morneau were both found to have behaved unethically but faced no penalties for doing so. This needs to change.
 - **Increasing the monetary penalties in the Conflict of Interest Act** from a maximum of \$500 to a maximum of \$50,000, with the fine to be proportionate to the severity of the offence and the offender's history and personal net worth.
 - **Amending the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament** to prevent Members of Parliament from collecting speaking fees while serving in the House of Commons since speaking to Canadians is a part of the job.

Lobbying

The minimum threshold for a lobby registration to be required was created to avoid creating an undue burden on organizations that only had a one-off meeting with the government or met with government officials infrequently.

Unfortunately, it has become clear that Liberal insiders have abused this rule to avoid registering their lobbying contacts.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Mandate full transparency by requiring all corporations and other organizations that lobby to register and report their meetings; and
- Ban lobbying by an individual or entity on a matter that is the subject of a criminal proceeding, to prevent a future Liberal government from repeating the SNC-Lavalin scandal.

A Conservative government will also fulfil the statutory obligations that this Liberal government has long ignored by conducting long-overdue reviews of the Lobbying Act and Access to Information Act to ensure that they are up to date and as strong as needed to earn the trust of Canadians.

Transparency: Ending Liberal Cover-Ups

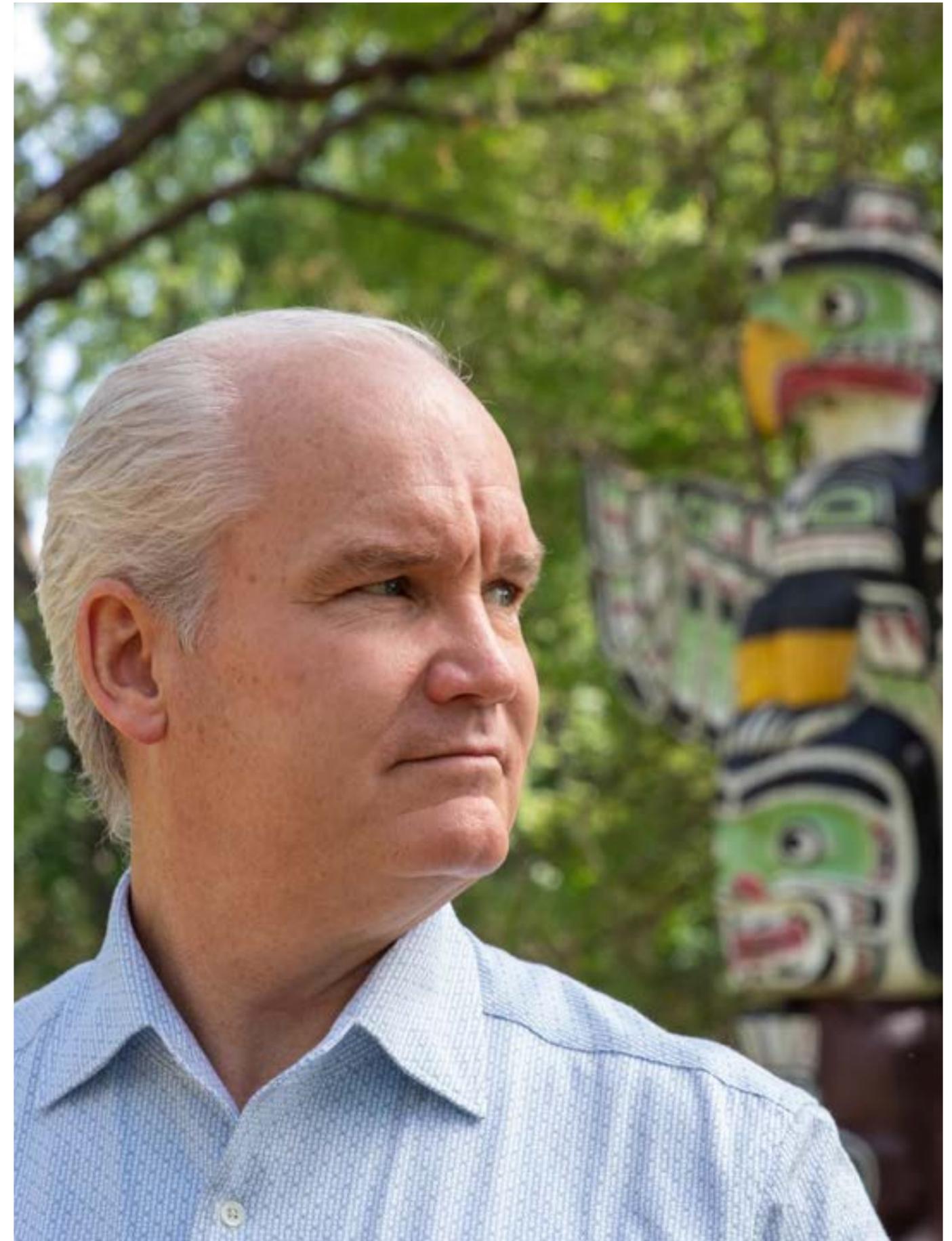
Despite entering office with promises of transparency, this government has used all the tools at its disposal to prevent Canadians from learning the truth about **scandals like SNC-Lavalin**. Canadians have the right to know what their government is up to.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Prohibit the application of non-disclosure agreements in circumstances where an individual is disclosing information to a lawful authority or seeking medical assistance or legal advice.
 - This would apply across all federally regulated enterprises as well as the government.
- **Amend the Canada Evidence Act** to ensure that Cabinet Confidence can no longer be used to shield government insiders from criminal investigation.
 - Where the government does not want to turn over information or allow the police to interview an official, Cabinet Confidence would need to be asserted in writing by the Clerk of the Privy Council with an explanation of the reasons that the government believes Cabinet Confidence applies.
 - The RCMP would then be able to apply to the Justice of the Federal Court to access information protected by Cabinet Confidence.
 - The information will be provided to the RCMP if there is a reasonable basis to believe an offence has been committed and that the information is relevant to the investigation.
 - This new application mechanism would set a high bar to **protect the principle of Cabinet confidence** and to ensure that genuine Cabinet deliberations are protected. Cabinet confidence is meant to **ensure good government, not shield illegal behaviour**. These measures will safeguard our democracy against the whims of unscrupulous politicians.
- Fix Access to Information by giving the Commissioner of Information the power to make orders to departments to release information promptly, to bring an end to the current government's practice of endless delays that makes a mockery of the law.
- Strengthen whistleblower protection by creating a strong federal legislative framework that will enable workers to speak up about wrongdoing without fear of reprisal.
- Mandate that government departments, Crown Corporations, and those receiving public funds publish more data in machine-readable formats using prevailing open standards.

Preventing Foreign Interference Through Greater Transparency

Canada's Conservatives will pass a **Foreign Agents Registry Act** requiring individuals and companies acting as agents of designated foreign principals (country, corporation, entity or individual) in a political or quasi-political capacity including lobbying, policy development, advertising, and grassroots mobilization to register. Requirements for disclosure would include the amount of payment, the nature of the relationship, and the activities performed.





A Detailed Plan to Secure the Environment

Protecting the environment has always been a core Conservative value. Our party was built by farmers, hunters, and anglers – people who respect and live off the very lands and waters we need to conserve.

We all want a green future for our children.

A future of clean air, pure water, where Canada's beautiful, wild spaces are protected. A future where we create less waste and deal responsibly with the waste we do create.

That's the future Canada's Conservatives envision and will deliver for Canadians.

Canada's Conservatives will take action to protect our environment.

Building Public Transit

We will immediately invest in projects that will put Canadians to work, cut commute times, and clean up the environment.

Conservation

Conservatives have a proud history of being strong proponents of conservation and have a strong track record of creating parks and protecting critical habitats. In 2010, the previous Conservative government committed to conserving 17% of terrestrial lands through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures. As of January 2020, Canada had reached 12%.

We remain committed to reaching this target and will seek to increase our goal to 25%. However, we will remain mindful that there is a significant risk in expressing our ambition strictly in terms of how much area is protected. If we focus solely on area, we will tend to favour the creation of large parks in remote areas and risk making it harder to protect our most endangered ecosystems, which predominantly lie in the southern working landscape.

Protecting the southern working landscape presents many challenges but brings many benefits as well. Much of the land is already in productive use, making it harder and more expensive to set aside, but protecting this land is essential: it can significantly benefit local communities and is important for things like flood and drought protection and carbon sequestration.

To conserve lands in all parts of Canada, including the southern working landscape, Conservatives will:

- **Reach the target** of protecting 17% of Canada’s land and water and work towards 25% with a focus on:
 - Using remote sensing to identify conservation gaps in the southern working landscape and gather data that can be used to determine the potential for lands to provide ecosystem services;
 - Putting in place other effective area-based conservation measures in the southern working landscape;
 - Working with Indigenous communities to expand the creation of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) managed and stewarded by Indigenous Guardians; and
 - Continuing to develop parks and protected areas in all parts of Canada.
- **Restore funding for the National Wetland Conservation Fund and the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program**, which Justin Trudeau cancelled.
- **Support Wetlands and Watershed Protection** Our wetlands, rivers, and lakes are essential to our quality of life. They provide us with drinking water, provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife, and offer recreation opportunities.

To support our wetlands, rivers, and lakes, we will:

- Support the completion of the Canadian Wetland Inventory;
 - Explore ways to protect wetlands on private lands; and
 - Provide funding for watershed protection, including restoring funding for the clean-up of Lake Simcoe and maintaining funding for the Great Lakes in Ontario and Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba.
- Create a powerful incentive for agriculture and forestry sectors to protect the environment and sequester carbon by allowing for greater creation of land-based offset credits.
 - Invest an additional \$3 billion between now and 2030 in natural climate solutions focused on management of forest, crop and grazing lands and restoration of grasslands, wetlands, and forests.

Water Quality

To clean up our waters and protect water quality, we will:

- **End Raw Sewage Dumping**
 - To bring an end to the practice of dumping raw sewage into our lakes, rivers, and oceans, we will work with provinces and territories and municipalities. Since taking office, Justin Trudeau has failed to protect our waterways from pollution. In one of its first acts, this government allowed Montreal to dump 8 billion litres of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence River.
 - We will also tighten the rules on cruise ships in Canadian waters to align with Alaska’s rules and prevent sewage & gray water dumping.

- **Reinstate the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund**
 - To protect the vital natural resource that so many rely on and call home, we will reinstate the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund.
 - Justin Trudeau cancelled the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in 2017. It funded over 200 community-based projects that restored fish and wildlife populations, planted thousands of new trees, and reduced harmful sewage and waste dumping.

Tackle the Challenge of Plastic Waste

We can all agree that we need to reduce the use of single-use plastics, minimize how much plastic ends up discarded, and keep plastic out of our oceans.

The current government’s approach has been heavy on slogans but light on action. Declaring plastics “toxic” isn’t helping our environment but is driving jobs out of Canada. The last year has reminded us of the importance of domestic capacity to produce things like PPE. We need to ensure that we are manufacturing things here - in as environmentally friendly a way as possible - while responsibly taking care of any waste we produce.

Rather than showy bans or declarations, Canada’s Conservatives will focus on reducing the use of single-use plastics, ensuring that plastic products are produced in a more environmentally responsible way, promoting a circular economy, and ensuring that plastic waste is responsibly recycled and never ends up in the ocean.

Canada’s Conservatives will:

- **Ban the export of plastic waste**
 - To manage our plastic waste, rather than using other countries as dumping grounds, we will ban the export of plastic waste unless the exporter shows that it will be recycled. In too many cases, the plastics Canada ships overseas to developing countries are not.
- **Work with international partners to combat oceans plastic**
 - To meaningfully contribute to tackling ocean plastic, we must recognize that plastic is a global problem and that much of the plastic that ends up in the ocean does so because developing countries cannot afford to manage plastic waste properly. Justin Trudeau’s refusal to face this reality has set back Canada’s efforts to be part of the solution. While there are good reasons why Canada should do a better job of managing its plastic waste, it is not because we are a significant contributor to oceans plastic. Banning plastic straws in Toronto will have no impact on plastics in the Pacific Ocean.
 - Conservatives will focus on the real problem and work with international partners to ensure that Canada is making a meaningful contribution to practical solutions.
- **Improve value recovery from plastics**
 - We will work with provinces and territories to increase the recovery of clean energy products and other valuable by-products from existing plastics waste. Plastics waste is a problem, but it is also a potential resource. Technology will allow us to turn plastics – even non-recyclable plastics – into valuable products like chemicals and renewable fuels.



A Detailed Plan to Tackle Climate Change

Canada must not ignore the reality of climate change. It is already affecting our ecosystems, hurting our communities, and damaging our infrastructure.

As the world continues to mobilize to meet this challenge, it will inevitably lead to change. This will present challenges for Canada but also opportunities if we are smart. If we are to secure our future, we must be prepared for both.

Increasingly, the world will be demanding cleaner products, and investors will be demanding to see real efforts to lower emissions. Fortunately, Canada is well-placed to compete in this world. All it needs is a government that is focused on helping Canadians succeed in every sector and in every region of the country.

We will fight climate change and protect the environment, but we won't do it on the backs of working Canadians or by hurting the economy. Canadians can't afford Justin Trudeau's carbon tax hike.

Canada's Conservatives will meet our Paris climate commitment and reduce emissions by 2030, but without the government taxing working Canadians and driving jobs and investment out of the country.

We recognize that the most efficient way to reduce our emissions is to use pricing mechanisms. However, having a market-based approach means that we cannot ignore the fact that our integrated North American partner - the United States - does not yet have a national carbon pricing system. Further, the present state of global trade allows some of the world's worst polluters to become free riders to the detriment of Canadian workers. Any serious plan has to recognize these realities.

Carbon pricing should not result in Canadians sending billions of dollars of new tax revenue to the government - revenue which it will be increasingly tempted to spend.

To reach our goal, we'll work with the provinces to give Canada the best chance to be a leader in climate action. We'll bring the provinces together to discuss the next steps in climate action and how we can work together to meet Canada's goal. This is the plan we will put to the provinces as a federal partner.

Personal Low Carbon Savings Accounts:

Canada's Conservatives will work with the provinces to implement an innovative, national, Personal Low Carbon Savings Account. This will put a price on carbon for consumers without one penny going to the government. It will be completely transparent and engage consumers in the process of building a lower carbon future.

Canadians will pay into their Personal Low Carbon Savings Account each time they buy hydrocarbon-based fuel. They will be able to apply the money in their account towards things that help them live a greener life. That could mean buying a transit pass or a bicycle or saving up and putting the money towards a new efficient furnace, energy efficient windows or even an electric vehicle.

Canadian families and businesses have been trailblazers in the use of affinity or rewards programs and have great expertise in both managing and using them. This program will operate similarly and may be managed by a consortium of companies as the INTERAC system is.

We'll scrap the consumer carbon tax backstop. Wherever carbon taxes have been tried, governments have been unable to resist the billions of dollars they bring in. This is true in Canada today, where the Trudeau government is only returning to Canadians some of the revenue the carbon tax brings in - and where some Canadians, particularly farmers and those living in rural areas, are unfairly penalized. Justin Trudeau has already broken his promise by increasing the carbon tax, so Canadians cannot trust that he won't be tempted to use the carbon tax revenue to fund his big government plans.

Our plan will ensure that all Canadians can do their part to fight climate change, in the way that works best for them, and at a carbon price that is affordable: starting at \$20/tonne and increasing to \$50/tonne but no further. Even at this lower carbon price, we will ensure that this does not place an excessive burden on low-income Canadians and will protect farmers by ensuring that they have affordable options.

Businesses that aren't subject to the Output Based Pricing System but buy fuel will have a Small Business Low Carbon Savings Account that will operate similarly.

More Zero Emission Vehicles

Public transit is important, but let's be realistic: Canada is a big, northern country, where for many people the idea of giving up a car and taking transit is simply impossible. Even in cities and suburbs, most families cannot meet the challenges of work and parenting without one or more cars. That makes electric and hydrogen vehicles essential to meeting our climate goals. Canada's Conservatives will go big on zero emission vehicles by:

- Introducing a zero emission vehicle mandate based on British Columbia's, requiring 30% of light duty vehicles sold to be zero emissions by 2030;
- Working with the Biden administration to strengthen vehicle emission standards in North America;
- Investing in transmission infrastructure to bring clean energy to where it's needed and ensure that our electricity grid can support the growth in electric vehicles;
- Investing a billion dollars in building out electric vehicle manufacturing in Canada, including investing in battery production, parts manufacturing, micro-mobility solutions and electric trucks;
- Investing a billion dollars in deploying hydrogen technology including hydrogen vehicles;
- Working with the U.S. to set a standard for charging and then add mandatory charging stations or wiring required for chargers to the national building code;
- Working with provinces, territories, and municipalities to encourage the inclusion of a minimum number of EV charging spaces for new developments;
- Requiring that every building where the federal government has employees or offers services to the public and provides parking to have a charging station by 2025; and
- Supporting improved electric vehicle battery repurposing and recycling in order to lower the environmental impact of these batteries and lower the cost of vehicles on the resale market.

Lower Industrial Emissions

Canada now has a working system to reduce carbon emissions from industry, built on the leadership of provincial governments from coast to coast.

We aren't going to change the rules just for the sake of change. Justin Trudeau has already created far too much regulatory uncertainty, driving investment and jobs away. We will minimize changes to rules that industry is already working with, so that we restore Canada's reputation as a safe place to invest and create jobs.

Where we make changes, we'll improve the system to achieve greater emissions reductions.

We'll do this by proposing to the Biden administration minimum North American standards for key industrial sectors, backed up by border carbon adjustments to prevent leakage of emissions - and jobs - to countries with lower environmental and emissions standards like China. This will allow us to raise standards for trade exposed sectors.

Rather than choosing an arbitrary carbon price in advance, we'll tie Canada's industrial carbon price to that of our biggest trading partners - the European Union and the United States, starting with those regions that have carbon markets and expanding as the U.S. creates a national market. This will ensure that we travel the path to our Paris targets together while reducing the risk that serious climate action will just shift jobs out of Canada to competitor countries.

We will assess progress after two years and be prepared to set industrial carbon prices on a path to \$170/tonne by 2030, but only if the combination of adopting a price based on that of our major trading partners and working with the U.S. on North American standards has not assured us that we are on a path to our Paris commitment.

More Renewable Natural Gas

We will introduce a Renewable Natural Gas Mandate, based on British Columbia's policy, requiring 15% of downstream consumption to be renewable by 2030.

Capturing methane from organic sources such as farms and landfills reduces carbon emissions and creates a renewable source of energy. We will put in place a minimum requirement for 15% renewable content in natural gas by 2030. That means the gas we use in our power plants, furnaces, water heaters, dryers, stoves, and other gas appliances will have less impact on the environment, and the methane that is wasted from agriculture, sewage and landfills will be significantly reduced.

Low Carbon Fuel Standard

We'll finalize and improve the Clean Fuel Regulations to reduce carbon emissions from every litre of gasoline (and other liquid fuels) we burn, turning them into a true Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

Our improvements will include:

- Basing our Low Carbon Fuel Standard on British Columbia's policy to achieve a 20% reduction in carbon intensity for transport fuels;
- Increasing the ability of the agricultural and forestry sectors to create land-based offset credits by improving the carbon sequestration of agricultural lands and managed forests, and incenting environmental protection in those sectors. This will generate emissions reductions at lower cost, and protect Canadian jobs;
- Allowing clean, carbon-neutral biomass energy, including wood waste or agricultural waste, to be eligible for carbon credits where appropriate; and
- Recognizing existing legislation for Land Use and Biodiversity (LUB) and harmonizing with provincial rules.

We will also pilot the use of Canadian renewable fuels by the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), a major user of fuel, with the goal of using CAF purchases to stimulate an increase in renewable fuel production in Canada.

Carbon Capture

While electric vehicles are quickly growing in popularity, the truth is that the world will still be burning oil and gas for decades to come. We can do our part for the planet by helping ensure that energy is produced as cleanly as possible. Canada's energy sector has made massive progress in reducing its impact on the planet and we'll work with the industry to help them go further.

Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) is a key part of what will allow our energy sector to become even cleaner and a major building block of the energy transition.

Canada's Conservatives will introduce a tax credit to rapidly accelerate the deployment of CCUS technology in the energy sector and in important industries that have few alternatives to burning fossil fuels, like fertilizer and chemical production. This tax credit will include an early mover bonus for facilities that have CCUS in place before 2030.

The Liberals believe that we can only reduce our emissions by "phasing out" entire industries and the jobs that provide a secure living for hundreds of thousands of Canadian families. Conservatives appreciate that we can't build a greener future if Canadians don't have jobs.

We will also invest in Direct Air Capture, a promising technology that captures carbon dioxide from the air. Canada is a technology leader in this area. By partnering with Canadian innovators to secure Canadian leadership in this important area, we will reduce emissions in Canada and advance technology that Canada could soon be exporting to the world.

In total, we are investing \$5 billion in CCUS.

Natural Climate Solutions

We will invest an additional \$3 billion between now and 2030 in natural climate solutions focused on management of forest, crop and grazing lands and restoration of grasslands, wetlands, and forests. These solutions can have multiple benefits: not only will they help sequester carbon, but they can also provide protection for communities and additional benefits for wildlife.

We will also recognize and build on the world-leading, sustainable practices of Canada's agricultural and forestry sectors by:

- Recognizing and encouraging emissions-reducing practices like low/no till and 4R Nutrient Stewardship.
- Establishing transparent and reliable standards for carbon credits associated with land management practices with the eventual goal of establishing a national carbon offset market. This market would link together existing compliance programs associated with federal and provincial regulations.
- Exploring the use of incentives to preserve and enhance natural infrastructure on private lands that contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation, with a particular focus on working landscapes with downstream impacts on populated areas.
- Working with provinces, territories and the agriculture and forestry sectors to identify and support ways in which the sectors can contribute to enhancing carbon sequestration.
- Investing in forest health and wildfire prevention and early detection.
- Working with Indigenous communities including by expanding the creation of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) managed and stewarded by Indigenous Guardians.

Carbon Border Tariffs

We will stand up for Canada in the world by insisting that major polluters like China clean up their act. We won't hurt Canada's growth while the worst climate offenders do nothing.

We will study the imposition of a carbon border tariff which would reflect the amount of carbon emissions attributed to goods imported into Canada. Producers in countries with emissions reductions mechanisms that are compatible with our own will be exempt. We will urge our American trade partners to adopt this approach as well.

"First Five" Policy for Deploying New Emissions Reduction Technology

One of the significant barriers for deploying new emissions reduction technology is that early adopters often pay higher costs as they learn how to apply the technology to real-world situations. To recognize this, we will provide tax relief to the first five facilities that use new technology that provides meaningful emissions reductions and has a high cost to build.

National Clean Energy Strategy

We will develop a National Clean Energy Strategy that will include the following components:

- Strengthening Canada's Grid: a plan to build a cleaner, more resilient grid that is adaptable to regional conditions and priorities. This will include strategies for developing and expanding smart grids, improving interties, increasing the use of mass storage, and developing and deploying new clean energy technology such as nuclear, hydrogen and renewables.
- ESG-I Leadership: a serious approach to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) is increasingly an expectation of the global capital markets and Canada has become a world leader in Indigenous (I) engagement and partnerships within the energy sector. Canadian ESG-I leadership will help us demonstrate the leadership of our oil and gas sector with respect to emissions intensity reduction, stewardship, and Indigenous partnerships as we strive to rebalance global trade and practices with respect to resources.

- **Building a Hydrogen-Powered Future:** a plan to explore how Canada can become a world leader in the production of blue and green hydrogen, how hydrogen technology can contribute to a low carbon future, and how Canada can build a foundation for taking advantage of hydrogen's potential.
- **Liquid Natural Gas Exports:** thanks to our clean grid, Canada is able to make the lowest-emission LNG in the world. LNG can be used as an important transition fuel to replace coal as a source of reliable base power, and to provide responsive back-up power for inconsistent renewables in the absence of adequate grid storage.
- It can also be used as an important transition fuel for developing countries seeking to move away from subsistence fuels like wood and dung. Our strategy will focus on exporting LNG while ensuring that new facilities are electrified to reduce emissions.

Clean Buildings Plan

There is a real opportunity to reduce our emissions in this sector because improving building efficiency leads to long-term cost savings and the emissions reductions tend to be durable. However, there are challenges to realizing these benefits: the up-front costs are a significant barrier for many people, and we don't have enough people in the skilled trades to do these retrofits at the scale we will need by 2050.

In order to kick-start building emissions reductions by 2030 and achieve significant, broad-scale reductions in building emissions by 2050, Conservatives will:

- Provide a regulatory and financial framework that will facilitate Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC). This is a model that involves the private sector in financing and implementing retrofits and then being paid back through savings. Our program will be modelled after the SOFIAC program in Quebec.
 - We will work with provinces and territories to promote ESPC for government and publicly-funded institutional buildings, including a "2030 Bonus" that will provide an additional benefit for those buildings that complete their retrofits prior to 2030.
- Develop a Net Zero Foundations program to begin putting in place the building blocks required to meet our net zero goals. This will include:
 - Continuing to develop the building codes and standards necessary to support net zero goals for both new builds and retrofits;
 - Developing curriculum for trade schools and institutes that support building design and construction;
 - Improving certification standards; and
 - Developing initiatives to pilot new technologies and solutions that will lower the cost and speed up the pace of retrofits, particularly residential retrofits.
- Work with provinces, territories, and applicable utilities to put in place a Residential Building Retrofit Initiative that will:
 - Provide an "efficiency concierge" service for homeowners that acts as a one-stop-shop to access programs and information; and
 - Apply lessons learned from technology pilots and from government, institutional and commercial retrofits, to a residential context.

Plus More

We'll also take further actions to cut emissions by:

- Creating an accelerated Impact Assessment process for projects that will reduce GHG emissions.
- Investing a billion dollars in Small Modular Reactors, to get this zero emissions source of electricity and heat to the point that it starts to be deployed across the country, including in the oilsands.
- Studying the potential for introducing new taxes on frequent flyers, non-electric luxury vehicles and luxury second homes to deter activities that hurt the environment.

Canada's Conservatives will take this plan to the provinces but, unlike the current government, we will work with them, knowing that by doing so we'll achieve more.

As much as leadership begins at home, the truth remains that Canada only accounts for less than 2% of global emissions. If we are going to pull our weight globally, we need to do our part to help other countries cut their emissions - particularly those not blessed with our wealth or resources. To do so, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Implement a Liquefied Natural Gas export strategy to displace coal in electricity generation. Using natural gas instead of coal cuts emissions in half, and countries across Asia are eager to buy Canadian natural gas. Red tape imposed by the Liberals means that massive projects like Kitimat LNG are in danger of cancellation - hurting the planet and costing Canadian jobs.
- Develop export markets for Canadian nuclear technology and uranium, to help countries generate more electricity with this zero emission energy source.
- Increase exports of our cleanest resources and products to replace items made with higher pollution. For example, Canada produces aluminum more efficiently than the rest of the world and it will get even cleaner as Canadian producers continue to innovate. As we raise standards at home, we have the opportunity to help the world while creating jobs here.
- Export Canadian emissions reduction technology around the world.

Our plan has been independently analyzed by Navius Research

Canadian leaders in quantifying the impacts of energy and climate policy, Navius simulated the expected outcome of our plan using a model that accounts for all economic activity in Canada.

This model is used by most provincial governments and the federal government to assess the impact of climate policy.

Navius found that our plan would be expected to achieve substantially the same emissions reductions by 2030 as A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy - the government's December 2020 plan to meet our Paris commitment, while resulting in a boost to jobs and the economy.

Dealing with the Impacts of Climate Change

It is critical that Canada do its part to reduce its emissions, both to live up to our international commitments and to ensure that Canada is well positioned to succeed in a world where climate action will be an important consideration in international trade. However, since Canada only produces less than 2% of global emissions, we have to accept the fact that even if we reach net zero by 2050 we will still have to deal with the effects of climate change.

Climate change increases the risks of fires, droughts, flooding, and extreme weather events. Canada is already demonstrably feeling the impact of this given the fact that insurance payouts due to environmental events – particularly flooding – have dramatically increased in the last 12 years. As a result, homes are becoming harder to insure, costs for insurance are going up, and maximum payouts are going down.

Canada's Conservatives will build resiliency and better prepare Canada for the impacts of a changing climate by:

- Appointing a national disaster resilience advisor to the Privy Council Office.
 - This office would be analogous to the National Security and Intelligence Advisor established after 9/11 and would advise Cabinet and the Prime Minister's Office, helping ensure that the government is prepared for future risks.
- Implementing a national action plan on floods, including establishing a residential high risk flood insurance program to ensure all Canadians are financially protected while avoiding future government bailouts.
- Devising and implementing a national climate adaptation strategy that is:
 - Based on measurable targets;
 - Addresses existing provincial concerns on flood readiness while leveraging private sector solutions to reduce government exposure and spending; and
 - Addresses wildfire and drought exposure in collaboration with farmers, ranchers, and foresters.
- Incorporating a mitigation and adaptation lens to the government's infrastructure investments.
 - Communities must be able to identify risks and be able to plan to address them. An adaptation lens can include designing infrastructure to be resilient to extreme weather events, but it also might include designing other infrastructure to protect against known hazards. In either case, this will help communities be prepared in the event of an emergency.
- Working with provinces and territories to develop a natural infrastructure plan that includes:
 - The development of a national standard to assess the value of natural infrastructure;
 - A requirement that public sector accounting practices be updated to include a proper valuation of existing natural infrastructure;
 - Requirements to incorporate retention of natural infrastructure into community design; and
 - Incentives for farmers and landowners to protect and restore natural infrastructure.
- Investing in technology that can improve the early detection of wildfires and better predict their behaviour.

“A CREDIBLE PATH TO MEETING CANADA'S 2030 PARIS TARGETS”

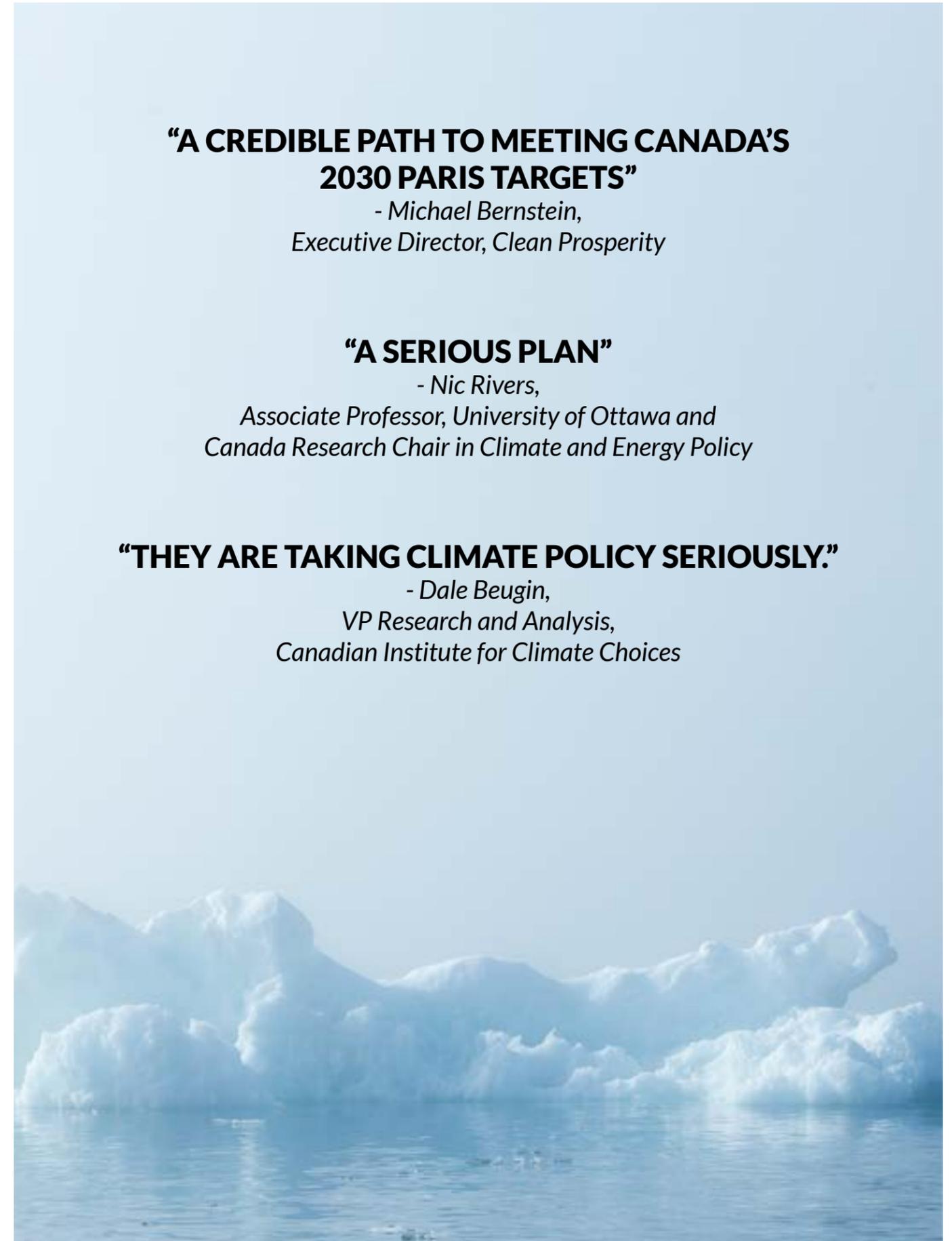
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- Dale Beugin,
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Canadian Institute for Climate Choices*





A Detailed Plan to Secure Public Safety

The most important job of any government is to keep Canadians safe.

Canada's Conservatives understand the threats we face - from pandemics to forest fires, from terrorism to rogue regimes, and from gang members to domestic abusers. We will protect Canadians and stand up for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to defend us.

Justice

Canadians have a right to be free from crimes of violence and exploitation. A Conservative Government will make this right a reality for the millions of Canadians who have been touched by crime.

But Canadians also demand that our prison system be more than a place to separate offenders from society. Our correctional system must be one that actually corrects - and offers a pathway to a life beyond crime.

We believe in the kind of deterrence that decisively separates those who have committed crimes from their victims and potential victims. But we also believe in the potential of those who choose to permanently turn from a criminal past and work towards a future respectful of the rights of fellow Canadians.

Getting Tough on Domestic Violence

We have let people who commit domestic violence off with a slap on the wrist for far too long. This does a massive disservice to their innocent victims who are left to suffer. It also puts the broader community at risk. We have seen time and again that the criminals who commit acts of violence almost always start by abusing their spouse or partner.

Canada's Conservatives believe that we should impose tough sentences on those who assault their spouse or partner while making it easier for victims to escape their abusers and rebuild their lives.

Canada's Conservatives will protect victims by:

- Amending the Criminal Code so that it is an aggravating factor on sentencing for assault where the victim is in a domestic or dependent relationship with the person.
- Adding a provision to the Criminal Code that specifies the offence is an indictable offence and provides for a mandatory minimum penalty of two years where the Crown can show that an offence of assault, assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm, or aggravated assault is part of a pattern of conduct with the victim, with the Crown required to give notice before trial of its intention to seek this elevated sentence.

- Prohibiting those under peace bond or the subject of a protective order from possessing a “firearm, crossbow, prohibited weapon, restricted weapon, prohibited device, ammunition, prohibited ammunition or explosive substance, or all such thing”.
- Enacting Clare’s Law so that when police investigate a complaint of alleged domestic violence, they are required to notify the victim of the suspect’s relevant criminal history.

Canada’s Conservatives will support victims by:

- Making it easier for women fleeing domestic violence to hide their new location from their abusers.
- Expanding the Canada Child Benefit by \$500 per month per child for the first year and \$250 per month per child for the second year for women with children living in women’s shelters to help them transition to more long-term housing.
- Creating 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.

Tackling Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation

Canada’s Conservatives will:

- Strengthen human trafficking laws by making them consistent with the Palermo Protocol and removing the requirement to prove that a trafficker exercised fear or intimidation over a victim.
- Eliminate Preliminary Inquiries in cases of sexual assault to prevent the revictimization of individual victims, including children, who deserve our protection.
- Amend the Criminal Code to clarify that an offence takes place in Canada where, at the time of the offence, the victim was present in Canada.
- Implement legislation to ensure human traffickers serve consecutive sentences for multiple human trafficking offences.
- Amend the Criminal Code by adding procuring offences to the list of designated offences that may be subject to the forfeiture of proceeds of crime. This will ensure that those who profit off sexual exploitation can have their profits seized, the same as drug dealers or criminal organizations.
- Provide \$100 million over five years to support training for non-provincial police forces in the areas of:
 - Sexual exploitation
 - Cyber-security and online offences; and,
 - Investigation of sexual offences.

Tackling Gang Violence

Canada’s Conservatives will tackle the gang violence that causes too many Canadians to live in fear by:

- Hiring an additional 200 RCMP officers to combat gangs and the smuggling of guns and drugs.
 - The officers will be based in the GTA and the Lower Mainland and will help keep our communities safe.
- Establishing an entities list for criminal gangs.
 - This would eliminate the requirement for Crown Attorneys to prove that an organization is a criminal organization and would only require the Crown to prove that the accused is a member of such an organization.
- Amending the automatic detention provisions of the Criminal Code by adding:
 - “with an offence in the commission of which violence was allegedly used, threatened or attempted and the accused had previously been convicted of for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with, a criminal organization”.
- Amending the Criminal Code so that usage of the same firearm by two separate individuals in the commission of a crime would create a rebuttable presumption that a criminal organization committed the offences.
- Partnering with the private sector to create a Gang Exit Strategy program that will see the power of the private sector harnessed to give offenders the opportunity to escape a cycle of violence and start fresh in a new location with gainful employment and the support needed to leave behind a life of crime.
- Working with partner organizations across the country to develop and expand programs to keep youth out of gangs.

Combating Gun Violence by Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Criminals

Canada’s Conservatives will go after gun smugglers by:

- Cracking down on “straw purchasing” of firearms by:
 - Amending the Firearms Act so that an individual who, on three separate occasions during a calendar year, transfers a firearm for financial consideration must have a firearms business license.
 - Amending the Criminal Code to add the following aggravating factors on sentencing:
 - The number of firearms transferred
 - Whether financial consideration was exchanged
 - The amount of monetary consideration

- Amending the Criminal Code provisions on unauthorized importing so that:
 - It is an aggravating factor on sentencing if more than one firearm is imported otherwise than under the authority of the Firearms Act
 - A mandatory minimum penalty of three years applies where the unauthorized importing occurs for financial consideration.
- Supporting specialized enforcement against illegal firearms
 - CBSA and RCMP, working closely with American authorities in the United States, will target smuggling operations before illegal firearms reach the border, including by improving and expanding the RCMP contribution to the Integrated Border Enforcement Teams.

Canada's Conservatives have a plan to take action against criminal use of firearms by:

- Amending the Criminal Code provisions on possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose to make it an aggravating factor on sentencing where an individual commits the offence while the subject of a prohibition order under the Firearms Act and had previously been convicted of an offence under that section or an offence against the person while in possession of a firearm.
 - The offence will carry a sentence of from two to ten years.
- Amending the Criminal Code provisions on the unauthorized possession of a firearm by imposing a mandatory minimum sentence of two years if the person was the subject of a prohibition order at the time of the events giving rise to the conviction or had been previously convicted of an offence involving a firearm.
- Partnering with the Ontario Provincial Police to expand the Firearms Tracing and Enforcement database nationally and taking steps to ensure that all crime guns are submitted for testing and analysis and inclusion in this database.

Our focus will be on keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals. This contrasts with the Liberals, who have refused to take action against gangs while harassing hunters and sport shooters. Canada's Conservatives will improve the regulation of legal firearms to ensure that it is evidence-based and focuses on protecting public safety.

We will start by repealing C-71 and the May 2020 Order in Council and conducting a review of the Firearms Act with participation by law enforcement, firearms owners, manufacturers, and members of the public. We will then update legislation by introducing a simplified classification system and codifying it in law so that it is clear what types of firearms fit into each category and classification decisions can be made quickly, and with the public and firearms owners having confidence that they are not arbitrary. The legislation will also - for the first time - contain definitions of currently ambiguous terms like "variant."

Canada's Conservatives will further update and improve our firearms legislation by:

- Mandating the automatic surrender to law enforcement of firearms where an individual has been charged with an offence against the person while requiring law enforcement to return the firearms if the charge is dismissed.

- Amending the Firearms Act to authorize a hospital, mental institute, psychiatric clinic, or medical professional to give notice to the Chief Firearms Officer if they provide treatment for a mental illness to a person whom they reasonably believe possesses a firearm and may pose a danger to themselves or others.
- Developing a suicide prevention strategy that encourages people - including legal firearms owners - to seek help when they need it.
 - The current system adds to the stigma associated with mental health and discourages firearms owners from seeking help.
- Amending firearms laws to ensure that no administrative expiry could lead to criminal charges or the seizure of a licence holder's firearm(s).
 - Until an expired licence is renewed, it would remain illegal for licence holders to acquire, by any means, new firearms or ammunition.

Protecting Vulnerable Seniors

Canadians watched in horror last year as neglected seniors were left to fend for themselves as COVID swept through some Long-Term Care homes. Those who shamelessly abandon or neglect our seniors need to be held accountable.

Canada's Conservatives will provide stronger protection for seniors by amending the Criminal Code provisions on failing to provide the necessities of life to make clear that the operator of a licensed care facility shall be presumed to have a legal duty to the residents of that facility.

Appropriate Sentences for the Most Serious Crimes

Canada's Conservatives will continue the appeal against the Quebec Court of Appeal decision reducing the sentence for the Quebec City Mosque murderer. If the law under which he was sentenced is eventually struck down, we will introduce new legislation to ensure that multiple murderers face more severe sentences.

Protecting Critical Infrastructure

Last year's rail blockades demonstrated the importance - and vulnerability - of the infrastructure that ties our country together. Canada's Conservatives will amend the Criminal Code to create an **offence of interference with an infrastructure facility or a public transportation** system punishable by either summary conviction or indictment, depending upon the severity of the crime. Peaceful protest is a fundamental right in Canada, but respect for the rule of law means that illegal blockades that shut down critical infrastructure, threaten access to vital supplies, or endanger lives cannot be tolerated.

Tackling Rural Crime

Too many politicians and journalists who live in our big cities ignore, don't understand, or simply don't care about what is happening outside the major urban areas. The federal government needs to work with the provinces to combat the increasing problem of rural crime and ensure that families living in small towns and rural areas feel safe in their homes and on their farms.

Canada's Conservatives will add a sentencing consideration for courts based on evidence that an offence was "directed at a property or person that was vulnerable because of their remoteness from emergency services."

Fighting Online Incitement

Canadians recognize the connection between incitement to violence, especially online, and acts of violence in Canada and other countries. Conservatives will fight online incitement and hatred by clearly criminalizing statements that encourage violence against other people or identifiable groups.

Conservatives will also protect forms of speech, criticism, and argument that do not encourage violence. Tackling hate speech is too important to be left to human rights tribunals. Those who promote violence need to be criminally prosecuted.

Protecting Community Security

The recent rise of hate crimes has justifiably horrified Canadians, and action is needed. Canada's Conservatives will:

- Double funding for the Security Infrastructure Program;
- Simplify the application process and remove the need to demonstrate risk, which often means that an institution has to experience a hate-motivated crime before being eligible for the program;
- Allow funding to be used for a broader list of expenses, such as paying security guards and training volunteers.

Animal Welfare

Canadians love animals, now more than ever. Over the course of the pandemic, more and more Canadians have made a pet a member of the family. Over half of Canadian homes now have a pet, and 90% of them see the pet as a family member.

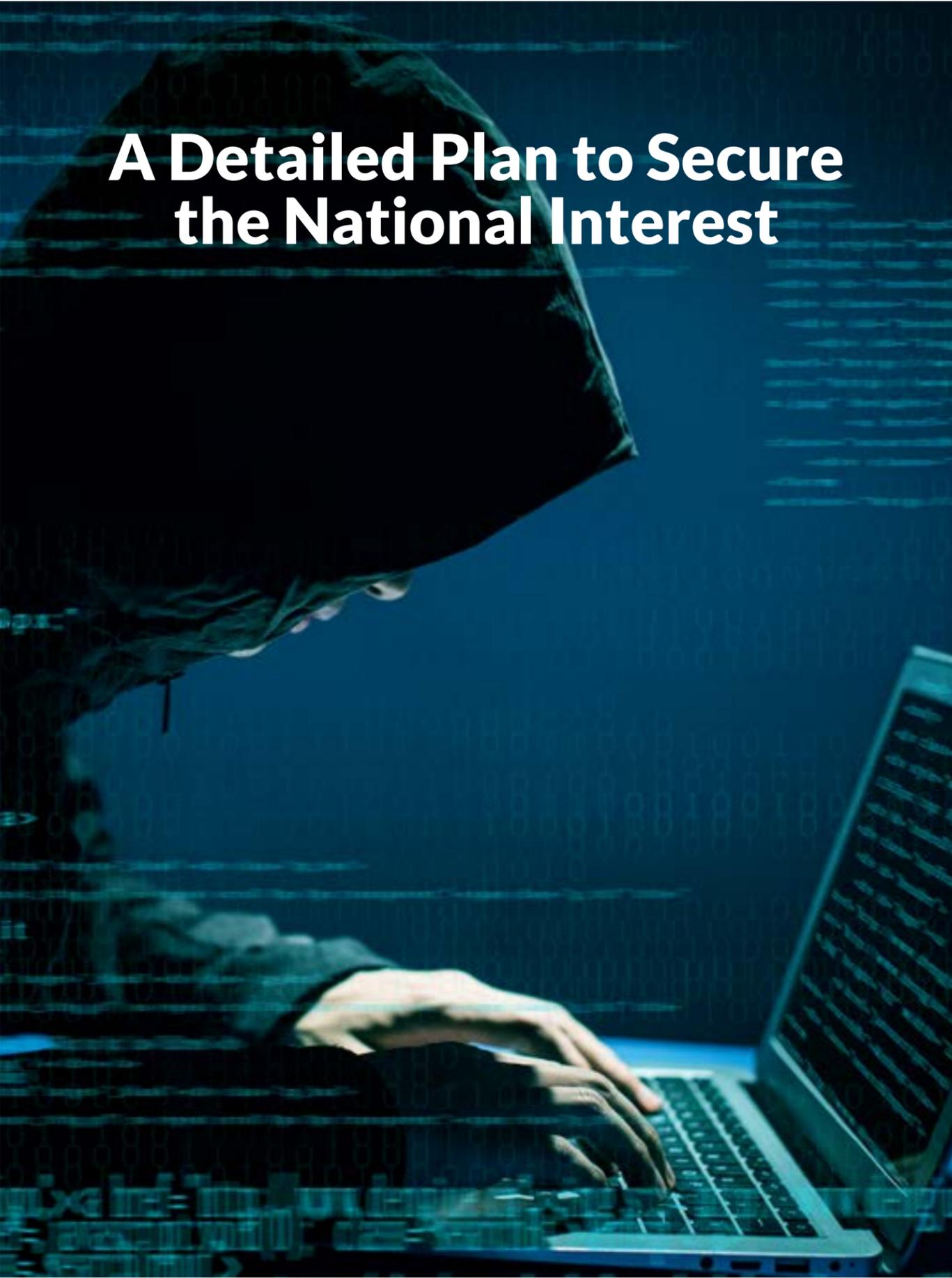
Yet, the surge of demand for pets from Canadians looking for companionship during the pandemic has led to the growth of puppy mills and other unethical actors, taking advantage of Canadians' love for their pets. And too many pets are abused - with their abusers often going on to harm spouses and children.

Canada's Conservatives will protect animals and the humans who care for them by:

- Banning Puppy Mills
 - Stopping unethical breeders and dealers from misleading the public by claiming to offer rescue animals or pets bred humanely when that isn't the case.
 - Banning the importation of animals bred inhumanely.
 - Strengthening CFIA's ability to enforce current regulations and seize animals when imported under poor welfare conditions.

- Banning cosmetic testing on animals
 - Amending the Food and Drug Act and its regulations to implement a ban modelled on the European Union ban.
- Addressing the links between violence against animals and violence against people
 - Providing \$10 million per year to train judges and prosecutors on the links between violence against animals and violence against people.
 - Increasing cross-reporting between animal welfare and child welfare agencies
 - Adding animal cruelty as an aggravating factor in domestic violence prosecutions to go after abusers who hurt their spouse by hurting their spouse's pet
- Supporting pet owners fleeing violence by working with the sector to ensure that there are better options for women to leave abusive homes without having to abandon their pets
- Working with the Council of Ministers of Education to promote humane education as part of education on the environment and sustainability
- Addressing the Threat Posed by Animal Markets and Trade in Wild Animals
 - Supporting and encouraging the closure of poorly regulated wildlife markets globally that carry an elevated risk of becoming sources for future pandemics;
 - Ending the importation of and trade in wild or exotic animals and their products that carry an elevated risk of spreading zoonotic diseases.





A Detailed Plan to Secure the National Interest

Canadians are facing growing security threats. A global pandemic, great power rivalries, transnational criminal organizations, terrorism, disinformation campaigns and cyber-attacks all pose ongoing threats to Canadians.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Mandate a Minister of National Security & Public Safety with securing Canadians from threats by addressing data and cybersecurity, information operations, threats from foreign actors against Canadian residents, extremist financing, space and surveillance, and industry and critical infrastructure.
- Protect Canadian democracy from foreign interference. The Trudeau government adopted limited measures to address disinformation and influence operations before the 2019 federal election. Those efforts ended with the election, and the government has not developed or implemented a permanent strategy to address the long-term threat. Canada's Conservatives will recognize that information warfare and influence operations do not simply target our election cycles but are a persistent threat to our entire democratic system.

To protect our democracy from foreign interference, we will:

- Establish a permanent task force to address foreign interference that will:
 - Address disinformation and influence operations online and on our streets and will bring together National Defence, Global Affairs, CSIS, CSE, provincial and municipal agencies, civil society, social media platforms and media.
 - Address threats from foreign actors against Canadian residents, including recently reported operations against diaspora communities in Canada.
 - Engage our allies and other democracies to monitor, detect, and expose foreign disinformation attacks and threats from foreign actors.
- Pass a Foreign Agents Registry Act requiring individuals and companies acting as agents of designated foreign principals (country, corporation, entity or individual) in a political or quasi-political capacity including lobbying, policy development, advertising, and grassroots mobilization to register. Requirements for disclosure would include the amount of payment, the nature of the relationship, and the activities performed.
- Make it an offence for any entity that has spent more than \$100,000 in a calendar year on political activity of any kind (federal, provincial, or municipal) to receive foreign donations of any amount.
- Amend the *Elections Act* to:
 - Prohibit any entity that receives more than 2.5% of its total donations from foreign sources during the year before the writ period from advertising during the writ period or during the pre-election period.
 - Create a positive obligation to trace all funds expended by an entity during a writ period to Canadian sources.

- Enact reforms strengthening Canadian Law & National Security:
 - Canada's Conservatives will act on an international consensus and implement legislation to deter and sanction the use of innocent civilians as human shields that:
 - Empowers the government to impose sanctions on foreign states and foreign nationals that take Canadians hostage.
 - Requires the Government of Canada to communicate with the families of hostages, direct them to appropriate resources and support, and assist them in acquiring relevant information from any foreign national or foreign state that is unwilling to share the information with the family directly.
 - Provides a framework for multilateral and bilateral collaboration, recognizing that like-minded countries must work together if we want the best possible chance of getting our hostages back home safely.
 - Allows the Minister of Foreign Affairs to offer monetary rewards and/or asylum for foreign nationals who provide information leading to the release and repatriation of a Canadian hostage, thereby incentivizing this critical local support and taking care of those who help us.
- Help victims of terrorism rebuild their lives, starting with Ukrainian Airlines 752 families.
- Update the Magnitsky Legislation and pursue Magnitsky Diplomacy by adopting many of the recommendations of Irwin Cotler, former Liberal Justice Minister, that the Trudeau Liberals have failed to accept, including:
 - Closing the gap between individuals and their accomplices - Canada's Conservatives will expand the scope of offenders listed under the Justice for Corrupt Foreign Officials Act to include corporations directly involved in violations and secondary participants in human rights abuses.
 - Formalizing a role for the public and Parliament, providing more transparency and encouraging the participation of Canadians.
 - Creating a judicially monitored mechanism for transferring frozen assets to victims, allowing claims from individual victims and surviving family members of victims and ending the exclusion of refugees.
 - Coordinating our use of sanctions with our allies to maximize the deterrent effect.

Defence

All too often, we have taken our peace, security, and prosperity for granted. We no longer have that luxury. Canada's Conservatives will ensure that Canada is ready and able to defend our national interests and protect our way of life.

Canada's Conservatives will ensure that Canada has a plan for the dangerous world we live in. Our defensive posture must account for increasing threats in the Arctic, along our coasts, in the sea, in the air and in the cyber domain.

Supporting The Men and Women of the CAF

The sight of military members at Long-Term Care homes dealing with COVID-19 outbreaks was yet another reminder that the brave men and women of the CAF put their lives on the line to protect the lives and safety of Canadians. We have a moral duty to stand firmly behind them and give them the tools and support they need.

Canada's Conservatives will recognize that Canada's most vital defence asset is its people by:

- Ending harassment and discrimination and making the CAF a better workplace
 - Enhancing the participation of women, Indigenous people, and visible minorities through proactive, targeted recruitment at the community level.
 - Ensuring a respectful and professional workforce free from sexual misconduct and discrimination.
 - Calling a public inquiry into harassment and discrimination in the Canadian Armed Forces and make immediate changes such as removing commanders' access to their subordinates' medical files.
 - Ordering a service-wide independent investigation into sexual misconduct in the military.
 - Introducing policies to ensure future complaints are made to an external, independent body outside the chain of command.
 - Making the CF and DND Ombudsperson an independent Officer of Parliament.
- Addressing the challenges of deployments and postings
 - Being conscious of the heavy operational toll that tears military families apart and depletes Canada's ability to deploy, only deploy our forces when they have clear and achievable missions along with the appropriate resources needed to achieve them.
 - Lengthening postings where possible to enable families to put down roots.
 - Working with the provinces to help ensure that the process of moving between provinces is as seamless as possible for military families.
- Prioritizing recruitment and retention, including an emphasis on retraining and skills development to allow those willing to serve to continue to do so.
- Working with provincial governments to develop comprehensive job protection legislation that shields reservists who leave their day job to deploy, since protecting your neighbours should not cost you your job.
- Reviving the Regular Officer Training Program (ROTP) at civilian universities to provide educational opportunities for youth serving their country.
- Harmonizing trade training in the Armed Forces with Red Seal Qualifications so that military service becomes an incubator for skilled workers who can transition easily and productively to the civilian economy.

Defend Canada Against Cyber Attacks

Canada's national security requires being prepared for the cyber warfare threats we face. The CAF currently lacks the cyber capabilities it needs.

To ensure we are prepared, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Finish standing-up a properly funded, equipped, and staffed Canadian Armed Forces Cyber Command to defend Canada from cyber-attacks.
- Emphasize reserve participation in CAF Cyber Command.
- Establish closer collaboration between the private sector cyber industry and CAF Cyber Command.
- Develop capabilities for cyber operations.

Defending our Arctic sovereignty

With melting sea ice, we can no longer depend on Mother Nature to defend our North, whether from Russian territorial aggression or environmental damage from increased commercial traffic. Canada's Conservatives will:

- Expand the Canadian Rangers in number and mandate while making investments in their preparedness, equipment, and training.
- Refurbish and expand our RCAF Forward Operation Locations and allow civil airport authorities to co-locate and utilize runways.
- Complete the Nanisivik Naval Facility on Baffin Island and develop a new Arctic naval base at Churchill, Manitoba that will make the Arctic more accessible to the Navy year-round and provide joint operation of these ports with local communities.
- Deploy new autonomous vehicles for Arctic surveillance operations in the air and at sea as part of a new Canadian sovereignty, deterrence, and detection strategy, with Bagotville as the main site to host the Government of Canada's Remotely Piloted Aircraft.
- Expand the RadarSat constellation and launch more low earth orbit satellites for telecommunications and defence in the Arctic.

Modernizing NORAD

Canada's Conservatives will update and enhance the North Warning System as part of NORAD and extend it to protect the entire Canadian Arctic, including our Arctic archipelagoes.

Being a Trusted NATO Partner: Reinforcing the Cornerstone of Canada's Defence Policy

NATO is the greatest defensive force on earth. Keeping it that way requires each member, including Canada, to meet certain expectations and contributions.

Canada's Conservatives will renew Canada's commitment to NATO by:

- Increasing spending on national defence to move closer to our 2% aspirations.
- Expanding Canada's contribution to NATO Baltic Sea Air Policing and NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence in Latvia.
- Intensifying Operation UNIFIER, Canadian Armed Forces' military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine, supplying Ukraine with lethal weapons, and reinstating the provision of RadarSat imagery.
- Creating a NATO Centre of Excellence for Arctic Defence at the Resolute Bay CAF Training Centre to enhance cooperation and interoperability with allies.
- Ensuring active Canadian participation in NATO training missions and NATO Centers of Excellence in the areas of Cybersecurity, Strategic Communications, and Energy Security.

Defend Our Partners in the Indo-Pacific

Increasing instability in the Indo-Pacific region is a security threat Canada can no longer ignore. Canada's Conservatives will expand our current regional defence participation by joining the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad).

Canada currently contributes several naval vessels to operations in the region, but we don't have a voice at the table in the larger conversation around regional security taking place in the Quad.

The Quad is an informal strategic alliance between the United States, Japan, Australia, and India, frequently referred to as the 'Pacific NATO.' Its purpose is to provide a counterbalance in the Indo-Pacific to China's growing authoritarianism, regional influence, and military expansionism to preserve economic and national security in the region.

As a Pacific nation, it is in Canada's interest to join our allies in securing the future of a peaceful Indo-Pacific.

Investing in our Armed Forces and our Economy

Canada's Conservatives will streamline defence procurement and expedite the acquisition of military equipment desperately needed by the Canadian Armed Forces.

Successful military procurement requires focused leadership at the highest levels of the Canadian government. To that end, Conservatives will appoint a Minister for Defence Procurement with real power to make decisions.

Additionally, Conservatives will take the politics out of procurement and will work across party lines by using the Standing Committee of National Defence for advice and input on future military procurement projects.

Canada's Conservatives will prioritize the following procurements:

- Fast-track the selection of a new fighter jet to replace our aging CF-18s through the current open competition and get the new fighter fleet into service as quickly as possible.
- Remain committed to the National Shipbuilding Strategy by proceeding with the Canadian Surface Combatants, icebreakers, Joint Supply Ships, and Coast Guard vessels.
- While awaiting the completion of the two Joint Supply Ships, order the Obelix from Chantier Davie to complement the Asterix and make Davie a full participant in the National Shipbuilding Strategy.
- Begin the process to replace our aging Victoria-class submarines.
- Procure two armed, heavy icebreakers for the Royal Canadian Navy to contribute to our efforts to "own our north" in the face of increased Russian and Chinese Arctic activity.

Standing Up for Our Veterans

There is a sacred trust between Canadians and those brave soldiers, sailors, and aircrew who have put service before self.

For our veterans, service meant putting the safety and well-being of the nation first. It meant families left alone, bodies punished in far-away lands and, for too many, injury or death.

We owe it to them to recognize and fulfill our obligation -- our promise to take care of them if they are injured in the service of our country and to help them and their families transition back to civilian life when their service is completed.

Justin Trudeau was elected on a promise to restore Veterans pensions and enhance Veterans benefits. He has failed to do so. After making a cynical appeal for their support, he turned his back on our most dedicated citizens.

It's time for a government that truly cares about our veterans.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- End the mess of two benefit systems - Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) - that do not work together and replace them with one streamlined system of benefits from enlistment through service and retirement.
- Ensure financial security & transition support for injured Veterans and their families.
- Streamline benefit adjudication & set performance targets to ensure that the benefits system is focused on helping our veterans rather than on outdated procedures.
- Allow veterans and their families to direct their care and rehabilitation.
- Insist on care, compassion, and respect in every aspect of veteran services.
- Ensure that the benefits system is focused not only on compensation but on helping veterans build meaningful careers through partnerships with universities, colleges, and businesses.

Specific measures that Canada's Conservatives will take to honour the sacred trust include:

- Empowering military doctors, who know the demands of service and the impact of injuries, to determine a service-related injury for all CAF and VAC purposes.
 - No longer will one medical evaluation deny someone the ability to serve, and a separate assessment then deny them benefits.
- Revising the concept of "universality of service" to be job-specific.
 - The "everyone is a rifleman" concept is outdated and unsuited to the realities of modern warfare while leading to injured service members being pushed out and cut off.
 - Fitness categories will become job-specific, and those who wish to continue to serve after injury will have the opportunity to retrain in an area where they can serve.
- Ensuring a smooth transition for any CAF members who have to be medically released, including retaining them in the CAF until all the benefits and services from the CAF, VAC, and Service Income Security Insurance Plan have been confirmed and put in place.
- Implementing the Lifelong Disability Benefit for moderately to severely injured veterans.
- Making a transfer to the reserves a practical and easy option and adjusting service requirements to balance the need for training with the reality of adapting to the civilian workforce.
 - This will ease a regular force member's transition and strengthen the reserves.
- Ensuring that military families, especially spouses, are provided with sufficient support.
- Implementing a strategy to combat homelessness among veterans and explore the potential for using surplus military housing to provide housing for homeless veterans.
- Covering the cost of PTSD service dogs for veterans and creating training standards for them.
- Empowering frontline VAC employees to adjudicate claims.
- Completing the Afghanistan War Memorial.
- Funding educational initiatives that teach Canadians about veterans' service and Canada's place in the world.



A Detailed Plan to Promote Canada's Interests and Values

Canada's foreign policy is more important now than it has been in a generation. How our national leaders advance and defend the interests and values of Canada is no longer something we can ignore or take for granted. Yet, for six years, the Trudeau government has presided over a Canada with diminishing influence on issues that affect our prosperity and security.

Canada's Conservatives will adopt a foreign policy that seeks new and strengthened alliances with democratic allies and economic partners who share our values. We will face down the threat posed by the Chinese Communist Party, standing with the Chinese people and promoting greater freedom for them. We will be aggressive champions for human rights, dignity, and transparency.

Throughout the 20th century, Canada stood proudly as a leader among nations confronting evil and tyranny wherever they existed. We will reclaim that legacy and rebuild our standing in this disrupted world.

Canada's Conservatives will advance the national interests of Canada, with every decision on the world stage prioritizing:

- The security and sovereignty of Canadians;
- The prosperity of our people and our partners; and
- The democratic values that define us.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Establish a Canadian National Interest Council to implement our long-term security and economic priorities and grow Canadian strategic and economic influence.
- Make the decisions that the current government has neglected, including updating the 2017 defence policy to the realities of a disrupted international order, investing in Canadian leadership in the Five Eyes alliance, and strengthening ties with new and traditional allies.
- In cooperation with our Five Eyes allies, build Canadian capabilities to contribute to foreign intelligence - focused on closing present gaps in understanding international threats of economic coercion, digital threats, and foreign interference.

Canada's Conservatives will be ready with a clear and focused plan for the international priorities of the Canadian people. Our plan is divided into eight areas.

1. Canada's Northern and Arctic Diplomacy

Shifting strategic interests and climate change are transforming issues related to the Arctic. Russia has expanded its claim over the Canadian North and is building its military presence in the Arctic. China has developed significant Arctic marine capacity and aims to secure critical mineral interests.

Canada's Conservatives will make capacity building, economic reconciliation, and sovereignty expression core priorities of our approach to the North.

Our plan for the North includes significant investments in strengthening our presence, an economic development plan that will develop our northern resources and the jobs that go with them, and a vision for northern infrastructure that will connect our north to the rest of Canada and the world.

Canada's Conservatives will partner with the US and NATO to prevent Russia and China from dominating our Arctic and will invest in developing our presence in the Arctic.

- This will include establishing a NATO Centre of Excellence for Arctic Operations, conducting Arctic exercises alongside our allies, and securing the Canadian North from the seas to space.

2. Canada and America - Friends and Partners in the World

Our indispensable alliance with the United States has been neglected and is decaying, and the current government has failed to update our economic and security partnership. Canada's Conservatives will work with our US partners on critical issues, including North American energy security and energy transition leadership, shared infrastructure on the border and the environmentally responsible pipelines beneath it, and a North American approach to accomplish health security and economic recovery together.

To do this, Canada's Conservatives will bring renewed and visible ambition to the success of a united Canadian-American partnership in the world. We will:

- Deepen our strategic partnership with the United States in the sovereignty of our northern borders and shores, rising to the challenge posed by Russia and China's Arctic military and economic ambitions by pursuing a shared agenda of prosperity for the people of the north, environmental stewardship, and peace.
- Modernize NORAD to contend with shared threats from the seas to space, advance our shared interests across the Transatlantic alliance, and more closely partner in the world's strategic competition.
- Stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the United States in providing leadership across the Americas - promoting our interests and shared values with our partners in pandemic management, economic recovery, and resistance to global authoritarians.

3. Principled Cooperation on the World Stage including at the United Nations, La Francophonie, and the Commonwealth

Canada's Conservatives will replace virtue-signalling with a real international agenda dedicated to advancing freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. We will:

- Work with our allies to address efforts by China, Russia, Iran, and others actively undermining democratic norms, institutions, and the rule of law.
- Advance the idea of an International Corruption Court to prosecute the world's worst offenders who deny progress and democracy on the backs of the world's most vulnerable.
- Pass legislation mandating an Office of Religious Freedom and Conscience to elevate Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
 - Across the world's fiercest conflicts, religious co-existence, extremism, and personal and group identities are often the defining strategic fault lines.
 - Canada's Conservatives will ensure that the Office of Religious Freedom and Conscience provides advice to Canadian ministers on threats to international security, engages in diplomacy to religious communities, and informs Canadian international development programs to promote freedom, pluralism, religious co-existence, and tolerance.

- Renew Canadian diplomacy at the Community of Democracies, establishing priorities that enhance democratic cooperation against rising authoritarians.
- Build new partners across Eurasia through the historic diplomatic relationship that Conservatives achieved in the Canada-Ismaili Imamat Protocol of Understanding.

Strengthening our Ties with La Francophonie

By mid-century, more than 700 million people worldwide will have French as their first language. Canada is a founding member of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), and we can play a leading role there.

We will:

- Foster greater economic cooperation among democratic member countries of the OIF to help this multilateral organization contribute to the realignment of global trade patterns following the COVID-19 crisis.
- Facilitate trade and investment between Canadian companies and OIF countries to grow economic ties, particularly between Canada and Africa.

Strengthening our Ties with the Commonwealth

Canada has been a member of the Commonwealth since its inception. The Commonwealth is an association of 54 countries, most with historic links to the United Kingdom and home to over 2.4 billion citizens over five continents.

We will:

- Continue support for the Commonwealth of Learning. The Commonwealth of Learning is located in Burnaby, British Columbia and focuses on empowering women and children, and reducing poverty and inequality, by strengthening education in Commonwealth countries to provide affordable education to larger numbers of people using open, distance and technology-based learning

Leadership at the United Nations

Canada's Conservatives will prioritize Canadian interests and values at the United Nations, not pander to the priorities of dictators and despots. We will:

- Oppose the world's dictators, advocate for the most marginalized, and be a powerful voice for universal values.
- Mandate an audit of all Canadian positions in multilateral institutions, clearly assessing the national interests of Canada.
- Working with the US and other international allies, resist efforts to turn the International Criminal Court into a political body.
- Pursue reform of the UN Human Rights Council to prohibit gross human rights abusers from becoming members, engage regular emergency sessions to address human rights crises worldwide, and stop the Council from unjustly singling out Israel.

Promoting Human Rights

Canada's Conservatives began and led the fight for human rights in modern Canada, most notably under Conservative Prime Minister John George Diefenbaker.

Diefenbaker was a lawyer who was passionate about human rights. He introduced Canada's first law protecting human rights, the Canadian Bill of Rights. He also radically reformed Canada's immigration laws to substantially remove racial discrimination and passed a law allowing Indigenous Canadians to vote in federal elections while maintaining their treaty status. His vision of full equality and inclusion for New Canadians needs to be advanced in every generation.

This commitment to fundamental human rights is central to Canada's Conservatives. To advance human rights and democracy, we will:

- Dramatically revise supply chain legislation to meaningfully enforce Canada's commitment not to import products made with slave labour.
- Make it a criminal offence for Canadians to go abroad to benefit from serious violations of human rights, such as becoming complicit in organ trafficking through receiving an organ that has been forcibly harvested.
- Place limits on the ability of the Government of Canada to grant waivers permitting those complicit in or responsible for serious human rights violations to come to Canada.
- Require the Minister of Foreign Affairs to table an annual report in Parliament outlining the work of the government to protect and promote human rights and democracy;
- Require the Government of Canada to maintain a public list of prisoners of conscience of particular concern, and create mechanisms by which citizens can petition to add names to that list.
- Create an International Human Rights Advisory Committee, with representation from a broad range of cultural and religious communities in Canada, advising the government on international human rights issues.
- Amend the Official Development Assistance Accountability Act to prevent Canadian development assistance that undermines international peace and security.
- Update the Sergei Magnitsky Law to allow Parliament and groups of citizens to directly petition the Minister to list officials under the law and require the Minister to respond in writing to petitions that have achieved a certain threshold of support.
- Restore Canadian leadership in advocating for persecuted sexual minorities in the face of repression. The Trudeau government has dispensed with standing as strong allies of LGBTQ advocates, bowing before authoritarians. A Conservative government will speak clearly and confidently for the inalienable human dignity of LGBTQ people and deploy resources to help their activists.

4. Canada as a Pacific Nation

Standing Up to China's Aggression

We must stand up to the Communist government of China. Our quarrel is not with the people of China – part of an ancient civilization that has contributed much to humanity. We stand especially with Chinese Canadians whose contributions to Canada are immeasurable and who are enduring an appalling rise in anti-Asian hate and discrimination. And we stand with Uyghur Muslims, Tibetans, Falun Gong practitioners, Hong Kongers, and Chinese Christians.

Instead, our issue is with China's communist government and leadership. The communist leadership represents a clear and rising threat to Canadian interests – and our values. They've abducted our citizens, targeted our economy, and intimidated members of the Chinese Canadian community.

For several years, Canada's Conservatives have been the only party willing to state these obvious facts, which have been confirmed by Canada's closest allies and numerous reports from NGOs, academics, think tanks and journalists.

The Liberals, NDP, and Greens don't take these threats seriously. Trudeau's China policy has primarily been more concerned with improving business relations for well-connected Liberals than with defending Canada's interests and values.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Work with our allies to build a "coalition of democracies" with the goal of decoupling critical parts of our supply chains from China.
- As the Government of Canada, recognize the Uyghur genocide and encouraging our allies to do the same.
- Ban imports that have been produced using forced and enslaved Uyghur labour.
- End policies that grant special treatment to Hong Kong, recognizing that Beijing's decision to crack down on its autonomy eliminates the rationale for the special treatment.
- Support the people of Hong Kong fighting for freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law by:
 - Supporting a "Young Talents" program to encourage young people from Hong Kong to study in Canada.
 - Waiving records of arrest, charge or conviction related to pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong when processing visas.
 - Providing documentation for those fleeing Hong Kong and seeking asylum in Canada who cannot obtain documentation from Hong Kong authorities.
- Withdraw from the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- Ban Huawei from Canada's 5G infrastructure and further investigate the company's role in providing surveillance capabilities that have been used against the Uyghur people and other persecuted minorities in China.
- Advise universities against partnerships with China's state-controlled companies and organizations and prohibit federal granting councils from participating in these partnerships.
- Join the UK proposition for a Digital 10 to protect free societies' data and cyber sovereignty.
- Crack down on China's foreign influence operations on Canadian soil by:
 - Making it clear to China's diplomats that any involvement in intimidation or threats to anyone in Canada provides grounds to be declared persona non grata and expelled from Canada;
 - Revoking visas of Chinese nationals identified by national security agencies as conducting espionage or stealing intellectual property.
 - Revoking the licenses of China's state-run and state-controlled broadcasters that spread disinformation.
 - Banning senior public office holders for five years after leaving office (including former Prime Ministers, Ministers, Clerks of the Privy Council, Deputy/Assistant Deputy Ministers and Ambassadors) from employment or contracts with China's government or an entity controlled by China's government. The ban would include doing work through a consulting or law firm.

- Use Canada's Magnitsky sanctions law to sanction China's worst human rights offenders.
- Grant asylum to mainland Chinese proponents of freedom and persecuted minorities, including Tibetans, Falun Gong practitioners and others.
- Do everything to ensure that the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics is not a platform for China's global propaganda.

New Leadership Across the Indo-Pacific

The Indo-Pacific's importance in the next century is clear.

While democracies like Australia, India, Japan, and the United States are forging security and economic alliances across the region, the Trudeau Liberals are either nowhere to be found or recklessly damaging Canada's relationships with the region's most important countries. Canada's Conservatives will comprehensively advance Canadian objectives for the rules-based order and for the security and economic interests of Canadians.

We will take steps to join the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), a growing operational network promoting regional security and protecting the rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific.

In advancing the prosperity and security of Canadians through engagement with the Indo-Pacific region, including the ASEAN nations, five pillars will define Canadian engagement:

- Trade and Technology, including promoting the development of rules of free and open digital trade, advancing economic opportunities with trusted partners, and removing barriers for Canadian companies.
- Diplomacy, including ensuring that senior ministers regularly engage Canada's Indo-Pacific partners with clear goals, and establishing Vancouver as a hub for Quad economic cooperation.
- Strategic Cooperation, including adopting trade and investment policies that give democracies priority in the Canadian trade strategy.
 - This will include greater practical cooperation with Taiwan, elevating Canada's diplomatic mission in Taipei to the "Canada House" and supporting Taiwan's participation in multilateral fora.
 - We will work with the US-Japan-Australia "Blue Dot Network" to advance Canadian economic and infrastructure partnerships for the region's development.
- Canadian Energy and Climate Solutions, including supporting Canadian energy and energy transition leadership and a climate-conscious, clean alternative to the Belt and Road Initiative.
- Security, including participating alongside our allies on freedom of navigation patrols, enhancing information sharing, and pursuing joint training with Indo-Pacific partners.

Canada and India share strong, historical bilateral relations. Canada is home to a large and vibrant multi-ethnic and multi-religious Indo-Canadian community over a million strong. Canada's Conservatives will repair and restore ambition in Canada's relationship with India by:

- Resuming free trade talks started under the previous Conservative government and derailed by Trudeau, and concurrently pursuing an investment treaty, to expand upon Canada's strengths as one of the world's largest investors in India.
- Proposing regular joint security exercises with India as a critical partner in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue.
- Pursuing a long-term strategic nuclear energy and energy transition partnership.
- Launching initiatives in technology, medicine, energy, and infrastructure to strengthen economic security, with clearly articulated objectives.

Across South Asia, with Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and beyond, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Promote economic growth and partnerships.
- Promote regional security and economic cooperation.
- Support financial transparency for all infrastructure and technological investments.
- Strengthen democratic resilience and civil society.

5. Canada in the Middle East

Significant change has occurred across the region, with nations discovering common cause in peace and prosperity through the Abraham Accords. Across the region, Canada's Conservatives will build and advance a coherent agenda advancing Canadians' security, prosperity, and values.

The Iranian regime has supported Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Houthi rebellion in Yemen, and Hamas in Gaza, creating the world's worst conflict-driven humanitarian disasters. Despite this, Justin Trudeau has failed to hold the Iranian regime accountable. Canada's Conservatives will:

- Hold the Iranian regime accountable for its reckless nuclear ambitions, malevolent state support of international terrorism, and human rights violations.
- Impose Magnitsky sanctions on gross human rights violators.
- Fulfill the motion adopted by Parliament and designate the IRGC as a terrorist entity.
- Engage with Iranians promoting women's rights, human rights, and democracy.
- Establish an international Cyrus Trust supporting good relations between the peoples of the region in the areas of art, culture, academia, and civil society.
- Demand justice and compensation for families of victims of downed Ukrainian Airlines flight PS752, applying Magnitsky sanctions and pursuing legal avenues against those responsible.

Canada's Conservatives will always support Israel's existence as a sovereign democratic Jewish state with the right to self-determination and to live in peace and security. To enhance the bilateral relationship and support Israel in the region, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Set clear objectives to enhance economic, political, and security cooperation to benefit both countries.
- Recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem.
- Return Canada to its longstanding policy of not singling out Israel for criticism at the United Nations and international fora.
- Combat the delegitimization of Israel, including opposing the denial of the 5,000 years of indigenous Jewish history throughout the Middle East.
- Boycott Durban IV in September 2021.
- Oppose the International Criminal Court's politicization and intrusion into bilateral Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.
- Promote and support regional initiatives that foster peace between Israel and its neighbours.

To support the aspirations of the Palestinian people and a two-state solution leading to a Palestinian state, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Support the current religious status quo surrounding Al-Aqsa / Temple Mount and recognize the special role that Jordan plays in the safeguarding of Holy Sites in Jerusalem.
- Enhance aid in a targeted manner in the areas of governance and institutional capacity building in support of eventual Palestinian statehood.

- Establish a Canada-Palestinian Territories Trust Account at the International Monetary Fund, with the objective of providing training and economic instruments upon the arrival of a two-state solution.
- Invest in the economic empowerment of Palestinian women and support economic and civil society projects and an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace.
- Expand trade initiatives and encourage economic cooperation between Canada and the Palestinian territories and, following the establishment of a Palestinian state, negotiate a separate free-trade agreement.
- Following the successful negotiation of a final status agreement, upgrade Canada's representation to an embassy to a future Palestinian state.

Across the Middle East, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Build on a record of engaging the world's Muslim-majority nations that includes appointing Canada's first Muslim Ambassador and first Ambassador to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
- Expand support for the region's vulnerable women, children and minorities with economic and democratic empowerment, education, and health as the basis for long term peace and security.
- Establish strategic relations with the United Arab Emirates and across the Red Sea region.
- Support the rebuilding of Beirut.

6. Renewing Canadian Leadership in the Transatlantic Alliance

As a founding member of the transatlantic alliance, Canada needs to show leadership in securing the rules-based international order, defending shared interests, and updating the alliance. With new threats to Canadians emerging, Canada cannot act alone and must be an engaged partner in an alliance of nations determined to succeed against emboldened authoritarians.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Expand and deepen economic, political, intelligence, and security relations with the Baltic states and Ukraine.
- Restore Canadian eastern flank leadership within NATO on cybersecurity, energy security, and combating disinformation.
- Support Belarusian and Russian civil society in their advocacy for freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

The bonds between Canadians and Ukrainians can never be broken. Canada was the first Western nation to recognize Ukraine's independence after the fall of the Soviet Union. The previous Conservative government led international support for Ukraine after Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine and annexed Crimea. Canada's Conservatives will never recognize the illegal annexation of Ukrainian territory.

To show renewed leadership, we will:

- Allow visa-free travel for Ukrainians visiting Canada.
- Expand Operation UNIFIER in Ukraine, Canada's military training operation.
- Extend Operation REASSURANCE in Eastern Europe, Canada's largest current international military operation.
- Restore the provision of RADARSAT-2 data to Ukraine, currently denied by the Liberals.
- Provide Ukraine with defensive military aid, including enhanced Canadian assistance to NATO training for Ukrainian armed forces.

- Provide support for Ukrainian democratic reforms to increase transparency and accountability.
- Make greater use of Canada's Magnitsky sanctions law to hold Vladimir Putin's regime accountable.

7. The Americas: Leadership Across Our Neighbourhood and Hemisphere

Working across the Americas in cooperation with the United States and the Organization of American States, Canada's Conservatives will restore principled leadership for development and stability. As we emerge from the global pandemic, Canada's Conservatives will work to rebuild economic opportunities and strengthen democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. We will:

- Stand with the people of our Central American neighbours against corruption, developing pathways for more significant economic opportunities, and supporting their democratic and geopolitical resilience.
- Nurture partnerships in the Caribbean, supporting disaster risk protection and emergency management, establishing health security relationships, and strengthening cooperation on anti-money laundering and anti-piracy initiatives.
- Establish strong ties with key allies across the region, including the Pacific Alliance, to build trade opportunities for Canadian businesses, with stronger Pacific partnerships for economic growth.
- Confront encroaching authoritarianism threatening the peace and stability of our hemisphere, including by supporting the peaceful restoration of democracy and human rights in Venezuela and Nicaragua.
- Continue our longstanding commitment to stability and economic development in Haiti.
- Support the people of Cuba in their push for the democracy and freedom they deserve.

8. Real Leadership in African Partnerships

Canada's Conservatives will respond to Africa's increasing strategic importance and economic potential by implementing a strategy for long-term engagement based on partnership, not condescension. The continent's demographic vibrancy, economic growth, and strategic relevance demand a clear-eyed plan to advance Canadian interests.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Fully engage the African Continental Free Trade Agreement's opportunities, particularly in infrastructure, energy transition, technology, minerals, and food security partnerships.
- Work with partners in supporting East Africa with data and infrastructure development.
- Pursue a security partnership with the African Union, focussed on delivering stability and intelligence sharing in the Sahel.
- Establish a long-term strategic outlook with key African nations like Nigeria, South Africa, Egypt, Algeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Cote D'Ivoire and Morocco.

International Development

Canada's Conservatives will introduce accountability to our international development assistance, prioritizing the economic performance and growth of Canada's development partners. We will reform, not reduce, international development assistance - maintaining current aid levels while increasing the effectiveness of Canadian aid and expanding engagement with the Canadian development sector, the private sector, and diaspora communities.

Peace and Security

While maintaining a clear commitment to delivering untied aid, Canada's Conservatives will ensure that our aid policy advances Canada's national interests and values and delivers concrete results. We will prioritize regimes and states that confront corruption.

- Canada's Conservatives will align international development with Canadian peace and security priorities. We will:
 - Ensure that Canadian development assistance will not advance the Communist Party of China's Belt and Road Initiative.
 - Amend the Official Development Assistance Accountability Act so that aid dollars do not support the interests of hostile regimes.
 - Support young people at risk of radicalization through Canadian leadership that prioritizes justice, democracy, and pro-pluralism education, as a defining feature of promoting development outcomes and improving global security. Canada's Conservatives will:
 - Proactively advocate for and invest in education programs that emphasize inclusion, pluralism, and human rights, inspired by local narratives and traditions.
 - Defund programs aligned against Canadian values (including those delivered by UNRWA unless it is significantly reformed) and replace them with new education initiatives that uphold universal human dignity, pluralism, and peaceful coexistence.
 - Partner with and scale local civil society to deliver leadership, integrity, and teamwork skills to young people.
 - Support reforms in policing and justice systems that strengthen the rule of law, ensure the provision of justice to the world's most marginalized, and provide the most vulnerable with the security they require to better their conditions.
- As part of our efforts to advance justice, we will place a significant focus on combating extremism, human trafficking and the use of child soldiers, and abolishing all forms of modern-day slavery.
- We will launch strategic partnerships in international development with regional allies where combined efforts and complementary strengths multiply impact.
 - This will include engagement with the Blue Dot and Clean networks in real and digital infrastructure.
- Canada's Conservatives will legislate a \$250 million allocation from Canada's annual International Assistance Envelope to build resilience in fragile democracies. This allocation will serve as a Canadian endowment for bilateral democracy programs, offering training, resources, and support to those confronting authoritarians and fighting for the success of their democracies.

Canadian Leadership on Global Food Security

Addressing the food security needs of people worldwide is a critical part of international development and security, requiring both short and long-term approaches. Canada's world-class agricultural producers can be indispensable partners for developing countries in humanitarian assistance, experience, and technologies. We will prioritize establishing resilient and sustainable food supplies for the most vulnerable.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Strengthen Canadian support for long-term agricultural development through partnerships, technology and information sharing, and training with producers in emerging economies.
- Identify, establish, and build coalitions in strategic locations worldwide that can cooperate on developing a global network of food security infrastructure which Canadian organizations can contribute to building and stocking.

Removing Barriers

Canada's Conservatives will reform onerous "Direction and Control" regulation, ensuring accountability for spending without requiring projects in developing countries to be directly controlled by Canadian charities.

- This change will allow Canadian organizations to develop respectful partnerships with organizations working on the ground in developing countries and reduce aid dependency by transferring administrative and control functions to empower local people and organizations.

Emergency Humanitarian Assistance

Meeting short-term needs during disasters, Canada's Conservatives will support innovation in humanitarian assistance, delivering the greatest quantity of life-saving goods at the lowest possible cost-per-unit, and intelligently supporting long-term recovery and growth. We will deploy a "Canadian Innovation Relief" program to utilize Made in Canada solutions during international disaster response operations.

New Tools in Development Finance, Innovation & Sustainable Growth

Canada's Conservatives believe that job creation is the best antidote to poverty and that economic prosperity reduces international conflict. While maintaining a strong and clear commitment to international development, Canada's Conservatives are committed to partnering with Canadians to create new tools that maximize economic growth. We will:

- Build markets and diaspora partnerships for poverty alleviation and economic development.
 - Canada's Conservatives will partner with diaspora communities in Canada in financing and improving development impact. This will involve scaling the development impact of remittances, and the greater use of market-based financing vehicles.
- End the fragmented manner in which the Liberals have managed our development finance institutions and instead consolidate Canada's development finance by establishing a Canada Development Finance Corporation.
- Implement a "Post-Pandemic Compact for Growth Plan." As the world emerges from the pandemic, now is the time to leverage investment, innovation and infrastructure around vaccine distribution and long-term health security in the poorest, most disadvantaged regions of the world.

A Detailed Plan to Secure the Future of Canada's Indigenous Peoples



Indigenous peoples and all Canadians should expect their government to recognize Indigenous and treaty rights and to work together with Indigenous peoples as nation-to-nation partners to resolve long-standing challenges. Recent events have illustrated the scale of the obstacles that Indigenous peoples have faced throughout Canada's history, and Canadians are more determined to move forward with reconciliation than ever before. At this singular moment in Canada's history, it is crucial that our efforts are focused on durable solutions that make a real and meaningful impact on the quality of life of Indigenous peoples.

Recent reports, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, have identified significant gaps in opportunity and outcome between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. All levels of government need to engage with Indigenous peoples to make meaningful progress in closing these gaps.

Canada's Conservatives believe in building a true partnership to ensure a just and secure place for thriving, self-determining Indigenous nations within the fabric of Canada. That starts with making the recognition of Indigenous rights a top priority and that is the lens through which we will approach all Indigenous issues. It also begins with making serious efforts to listen, learn, understand, and demonstrate our enduring commitment through our actions.

Making Amends for Past Injustices

Canadians' consciences were shocked at the revelation of unmarked graves at the sites of former residential schools. These discoveries were a heartbreaking reminder of the pain Indigenous children, their families, and their communities were subjected to. While the path of reconciliation is long and difficult, we must act now to make amends for past injustices perpetrated by and on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- 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.
- Ensure that proper resources are allocated for communities to reinter, commemorate, and honour any individuals discovered through the investigation, according to the wishes of their next of kin.
- Develop a detailed and thorough set of resources to educate Canadians of all ages on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.
- Build a national monument in Ottawa that honours residential school survivors and all the children who were lost.

Prosperity through partnership

Recognition of Indigenous rights has been hard-won after decades of struggle by First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people, both in the courts and through treaty negotiations. It has been a long and challenging journey as Canadians have sought to understand and give life to these rights. This journey is far from over.

Indigenous people want a say in what happens on their traditional territories. They want to be true partners in the responsible development of those lands, including through equity opportunities and timely access to capital to support their involvement. The Liberal government has paid lip service to this partnership, but they have repeatedly failed to consult with First Nations and Territorial governments before cancelling projects and shutting down opportunities that would have directly benefited Indigenous communities.

Canada's natural resource industries have led the way in developing new ways to partner with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. Natural resource industries are significant employers of Indigenous peoples. In many regions, these industries provide the best chance for lifting rural, remote, and isolated communities out of poverty. Many First Nations and other Indigenous rights holders have pioneered world-leading benefit agreements and equity partnerships with private companies that have led to better projects and increased opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities alike.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) has affirmed the right of Indigenous communities to pursue economic opportunities and benefit from the development of resources on their traditional territories.

A Conservative government will respect and uphold these rights by:

- Working with Indigenous-led organizations, such as the First Nations Major Project Coalition, the Indigenous Resource Network, the Indian Resource Council, the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers, the National Coalition of Chiefs, and First Nations LNG Alliance, to support communities that wish to become partners in good projects that meet high environmental standards.
- Creating the Canadian Indigenous Opportunities Corporation that will support First Nations and Inuit organizations seeking to purchase an equity stake in major projects.
 - Based on the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation, it will apply rigorous market analysis to guarantee loans to Indigenous groups so they can invest in natural resource and infrastructure projects.
 - We will provide an initial \$5 billion of capital for investment in projects across the country.
- Requiring future governments to consult with Indigenous Communities before cancelling approved projects when they have signed or are negotiating benefit agreements or partnerships.
- Implementing Article 18 of UNDRIP by working with First Nations to develop a transparent process that communities can use to identify who represents them in consultations if it is to be someone other than elected Chiefs.
- Working with First Nations and other Indigenous rights holders to develop a consultation process that allows for more meaningful dialogue.
- Creating a streamlined environmental review process for major projects that partner with

First Nations during the environmental assessment phase.

- This will encourage early partnerships, allow the incorporation of traditional knowledge, and build confidence in the assessment process.
- For clarity, such agreements will not be prejudicial to First Nations consultation.
- Supporting Indigenous Protected Areas that safeguard culturally significant areas without alienating future benefits that may accrue to the impacted Indigenous community if used in a way that maintains those safeguards.
 - Support an Indigenous Guardians program that will support communities in developing and maintaining protected areas, among other things.

Levelling the playing field

The success of Indigenous businesses is vital to the success of Canada. Indigenous businesses in Canada can thrive and support healthy communities but face many barriers that are unique to Indigenous peoples, such as paternalistic legislation like the Indian Act, isolated communities, a lack of infrastructure, fewer networking opportunities, and the need for capacity building and community supports.

To level the playing field and encourage Indigenous business success in Canada, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Provide \$4 million over three years in targeted funding for the hiring and training of local and regional economic development officers.
- In collaboration with municipal and First Nations organizations, promote mechanisms that foster relationships between municipalities and neighbouring First Nations.
- Utilizing the existing infrastructure of Indigenous national organizations (NACCA & CCAB), provide capacity building and business education to enhance and promote Indigenous business success and success stories.
- Develop an Indigenous Business Mentorship Program where Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs can connect with and receive guidance from others who have succeeded.
- Modernize the First Nations Land Management Act to bring it more in line with the Framework Agreement.
- Commit \$25 million to a national police support and community training program to reduce the incarceration rates of Canada's Indigenous communities.
- Working with Indigenous community groups, establish a national working group in the Canadian public service to encourage applications from Canada's Indigenous communities.
- Improve opportunities for Indigenous businesses to receive government contracts by:
 - Setting active targets and accountability mechanisms for departmental procurement officers.
 - Ensuring procurement rules don't unnecessarily exclude legitimate Indigenous businesses.
 - Providing constructive feedback to unsuccessful bidders.
 - Working with ISED, investigating new measures (or enhancing previous measures) through the Industrial and Technological Benefits policy to increase Indigenous business involvement in the defence and security industries.

Pursuing Self-Determination

Canada's Conservatives believe that service delivery on First Nation reserves is ultimately best managed by First Nations themselves. Many successful models show that devolving control of service delivery to First Nations can work well. We have seen it work with education, health, and child and family services.

We will:

- Increase Indigenous governance capacity by training young Indigenous leaders including through the Institute of Corporate Directors.
- Empower the First Nations Finance Authority to monetize government funding, leveraging the market to supercharge First Nations infrastructure.
- Remain open to exploring innovative new models to fund and deliver social services and critical infrastructure.
- Develop, in collaboration with Indigenous groups, a National Action Plan that addresses violence against Indigenous women and girls.
- Consult with First Nations on overhauling the current funding models, with the goal of making it easier for First Nations to escape Third-Party Management, reducing red tape, and providing a clearer path with better incentives for moving towards block funding.

Drinking Water

The fact that many Indigenous communities still lack safe drinking water is a national shame. Clean water is essential to human health and well-being and making meaningful progress must be a priority for any government.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Recognize safe drinking water as a fundamental human right and end long-term drinking water advisories.
- Target high-risk water systems.
- Work with Indigenous communities to find new approaches, such as regional or coalition-based governance, that will help ensure water systems investments are protected and continue providing clean drinking water in the long term.

Mental Health

Tragically, Indigenous people die by suicide at much higher rates than non-Indigenous people. Driven by a combination of intergenerational trauma, poverty and many other factors, this ongoing crisis in mental health has only been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Addressing poverty and infrastructure gaps will help improve risk factors for mental health in the medium to long term, but there is no question that help is needed now.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Provide \$1 billion over five years to boost funding for Indigenous mental health and drug treatment programs.
- Support innovative approaches to address the crises of mental health and addiction, such as land-based treatment programs and programs delivered in Indigenous languages.
- 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.

Introducing Stability to Urban Indigenous Assistance

Canada's Conservatives will negotiate longer-term funding contracts with urban indigenous organizations to provide stability and better planning opportunities.

A Skilled Indigenous Workforce

Indigenous economic development will mean increased opportunity for Indigenous people in the skilled trades. Unfortunately, there are several barriers that have led to an underrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in these jobs.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Work with Indigenous groups, provinces, territories, and trade organizations to identify opportunities to increase access for Indigenous workers and youth to apprenticeship programs.
- As part of our investment in jobs training, invest in trades training programs designed in partnership with the private sector, Indigenous organizations, and provincial/territorial governments to maximize opportunities for employment.

Broadband in Rural Indigenous Communities

Indigenous peoples living in rural and remote regions of Canada face a significant connectivity gap, even compared to other Canadians living in rural and remote areas. Only 24% of households in Indigenous communities have access to high-speed internet compared to 37% for rural households and 97% for urban ones. Because of this, Indigenous peoples will be significant beneficiaries of our plan to connect all Canadians to high-speed internet by 2025.

However, Indigenous communities face additional challenges when it comes to navigating existing broadband programs. For example, complex application processes pose a barrier to small, isolated communities. It can be more difficult for Indigenous communities to access the funding they need.

To deal with these issues, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Streamline application processes for Indigenous communities.
- Provide more support and develop more flexible funding arrangements.
- Provide technical support during the application process.



A Detailed Plan to Secure the North

Justin Trudeau has turned his back on Northern Canada. He has no northerners in his cabinet. He makes unilateral decisions impacting northerners' land, sea, and well-being without giving the territories a say and without any meaningful consultation with Indigenous peoples and other northerners.

Canada's Conservatives believe in empowering and supporting northerners while building the infrastructure needed to truly realize the potential of the Canadian north.

Respect for Northerners

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Complete devolution, beginning by allowing the territories to set their borrowing limits instead of Ottawa arbitrarily setting limits.
- Ensure that decisions about development in the north will be made by northerners, not by Ottawa.
 - This will include allowing northerners to decide on the level of development and the opportunities they want, such as responsibly unlocking Canadian oil and natural gas for export to European and Indo-Pacific markets.

Building the Northern Economy

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Give each of the territories their fair share of federal training funds and revive mine training in Nunavut, in partnership with mining companies, to increase employment of Inuit in mining.
- Work with the territories, local Indigenous communities, and Parks Canada to find opportunities to build the eco-tourism economy at our Northern parks.
- Work with governments and communities in Nunatsiavut, Nunavut, Nunavik, and the Inuvialuit Settlement Region to develop community-based marine fisheries, which will help create employment and fight local and regional food insecurity.
 - For communities across Inuit Nunangat, oceans are an essential lifeline and source of food.

Supporting Life in the North

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Double the residency deduction, which has not increased since 2016, to recognize the rising cost of living in the north, boost the basic amount in the intermediate zone to match the northern zone, and add the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland, new parts of northern Saskatchewan, and new parts of north-western B.C. to this zone.
- Implement a Northern Housing Strategy built on:
 - Providing the territories with their fair shares of federal housing funding;
 - Ensuring that funding is stable and predictable; and
 - Working with Indigenous groups including the Inuit, and with resource companies investing in the north to ensure that housing gets built.
- Support innovative approaches to address the crises of mental health and addiction, such as land-based treatment programs developed and managed by Indigenous communities as part of a plan to enhance the delivery of culturally appropriate addictions treatment and prevention services in First Nations communities with high needs.
- Improve Nutrition North so that it achieves the goal of ensuring that northerners have access to affordable healthy food.

Canada's Conservatives recognize that work doesn't mean a 9 - 5 office job for many people in the north. That's one of the reasons why our child care plan emphasizes flexibility for parents, in contrast to the Liberal one size fits all approach that will shut out anyone who doesn't fit their model.

Our Vision for Northern Infrastructure

Canada's Conservatives have a vision for a Canadian north that is connected to the rest of our country and the world. Realizing the potential of our north - and the jobs and opportunity for northerners that will come with it - requires a generational investment in infrastructure.

We will ensure that the territories receive their fair share of infrastructure funding by reserving a funding envelope for them that accounts for the high construction cost in the north. We will address the Northern infrastructure gap in housing, telecommunications, transportation, energy, and climate change preparedness.

Our plan for northern infrastructure includes:

- The Grays Bay Port and Road Project, connecting Nunavut and NWT, via
 - a 230 km all-weather trunk road connecting a Port at Grays Bay to an existing ice road from Yellowknife via the Northwest Territories diamond mines; and
 - The only deep-water port on the Northwest Passage to (seasonally) connect to the national highway system.
- The Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Line, an Inuit-led project that will deliver renewable energy and broadband service to underserved remote communities while enabling the region's mining sector to flourish.
- Completing the Tuktoyaktuk road and port and pursuing an Arctic Gateway policy across the Canadian North.
- A large-scale project to provide clean power to the Yukon, developed in partnership with the Government of the Yukon.

Defending the Canadian North

Canada's Conservatives will not forsake our northern peoples or cede an inch of our Arctic sovereignty. Over the past years, Russia has refurbished and built over 30 Arctic bases, 14 operational airfields, 16 deep-water ports, and over 50 new military icebreakers. The Chinese government has also increased interest in the Arctic. All while the Liberal government has marginalized Canada's Northern communities from accessing opportunities toward their development.

To protect our Arctic sovereignty, we will:

- Expand the Canadian Rangers in number and mandate while making investments in their preparedness, equipment, and training.
- Refurbish and expand our RCAF Forward Operation Locations (FOL) and allow civil airport authorities to co-locate and utilize runways.
- Complete the Nanisivik Arctic naval facility on Baffin Island and develop a new Arctic naval base at Churchill, Manitoba that will make the Arctic more accessible to the RCN year-round and provide joint operation of these ports with local communities.
- Deploy new autonomous vehicles for Arctic surveillance operations in the air and at sea as part of a new Canadian sovereignty, deterrence, and detection strategy, with Bagotville as the main site to host the Government of Canada's Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Expand the RadarSat constellation and launch more low earth orbit (LEO) satellites for both telecommunications and defence in the Arctic.





A Detailed Plan To Strengthen our Immigration System

Strengthening Canada's Immigration System

Nowhere on earth is there more equality of opportunity, embrace of diversity, or success for newcomers than Canada. In a dangerous world, Canada remains a beacon of the best humanity has to offer, providing safety and opportunity to all. We are a country determined to measure success not on a person's faith or family name but on the merit of their abilities, the promise they possess, and on their determination to succeed.

Canada's Conservatives are the party that ended racial discrimination in Canadian immigration, the party that streamlined processes for refugees and persecuted minorities, and the party that ensured that those who arrive on our shores have the greatest chance to succeed. There will never be a circumstance in which Canada's Conservatives will fail to stand beside Canadian immigrants. There will never be a time when the immeasurable contributions of newcomers to our national life will be forsaken.

Canada emerged from the Global Financial Crisis as an exceptional success story, with an immigration system that was the envy of the world and with an expanding middle class. While economic polarization led to political upheavals and trade deals for the rich in the rest of the world, Canada's ten-fold expansion of international trade created widespread opportunity. That is the record of Canada's Conservatives.

In a post-pandemic economic recovery, Canadian immigration must once again be rooted in our democratic values and inclusive, successful economic growth worthy of a rebuilding and rising nation. It is not enough to simply set immigration levels without a plan. Worse, it is plain wrong to stoke anxieties in vulnerable communities, a cynical art that the Trudeau Liberals have perfected. The Liberals prioritize politics over nation-building. Their words have not matched their deeds, and their failures are shown by the absence of meaningful results.

To secure Canada's future and restore Canada as the model immigration system for the world, we need to rebuild a robust immigration system that:

- Welcomes the best and brightest from around the world to fill critical gaps and robustly grow our economy.
- Offers refuge to heroic human rights defenders and those fleeing persecution who would enrich our national life.
- Strengthens Canadian families by uniting them with their loved ones.

Canada's Conservatives will implement bold and necessary solutions to the key challenges facing our immigration system to meet these objectives.

Addressing Administrative Backlogs

Canada's Conservatives will tackle administrative backlogs by:

- Creating an efficiency mechanism, where those waiting for their application to be reviewed can pay a fee for expedited processing.
 - All revenues from this expedited processing fee will be directed towards hiring additional people to streamline processing wait lines even more.
 - Those unable to afford the expedited processing fee will benefit from significantly shortened waits, directly resulting from increased immigration processing capacity.
 - This will dramatically speed up processing times, delivering improved outcomes at no additional cost to the taxpayer.
- Working to identify underutilized resources and ensure that our processing capacity is used to its full potential.
- Simplifying and streamlining application processes, reducing red tape, and eliminating duplication.

Fixing a Broken Visitor Visa System

Canadians are frustrated by delays and the seemingly arbitrary denial of visitor visas to people who want to attend important family events in Canada. The reality is that a systemic failure to deter bogus asylum claims and ineffectiveness at enforcing deportation orders have created paralysis among Trudeau Liberals - who continue to fail in issuing visitor visas in a timely and fair way.

Canada's Conservatives recognize the essential interconnectedness of a well-ordered asylum system focused on the most vulnerable, an effective immigration enforcement system, and enabling Canadians to invite friends and family to visit for important occasions. We will work to fix these problems by:

- Increasing the capacity of the Immigration and Refugee Board to hear asylum claims without delay.
- Strengthening integrity and enforcement overall.
- Exploring mechanisms to pursue a more generous and fairer visa system for visitors by including more enforceable commitments to abide by the terms of their visitor visa.

Innovation, Efficiency, and Cultural Sensitivity

Canada's Conservatives will take the following steps to modernize and enhance the fairness of immigration processing:

- Moving the technological infrastructure of immigration online and recording all interactions between immigration officers and applicants to help ensure oversight, fairness, and accountability.
- Introducing technology to speed application vetting by immigration officers.
- Increasing cultural awareness training and using remote meeting technology to match applicants with immigration officers who best understand the cultural context of the applicant.
- Letting applicants correct simple and honest mistakes in an application within a set amount of time.
 - Currently, if a person makes an error in an application, the application is rejected, and the person is required to re-submit the application entirely.

Strengthening Credential Recognition

Canada's Conservatives will immediately launch a Credential Recognition Task Force to develop new timely and appropriate credential recognition strategies.

One area this task force will study is credential pre-qualification – allowing people in other countries to acquire Canadian-standard proficiency through accredited institutions overseas or distance learning with Canadian institutions.

Family Reunification

Conservatives support compassionate measures to assist in reuniting families. Parents and grandparents are important members of the family, providing social and financial support to their family members, especially in education and child care. After failing for years to clear the significant backlogs in applicants to the family reunification stream, the Trudeau Liberals introduced an ineffective and unfair lottery system that immigrants and communities have widely criticized.

Canada's Conservatives will reverse course and make the system work by:

- Scrapping the Trudeau Liberals' family reunification lottery.
- Replacing it with a system combining a first-come, first served principle with weighting to prioritize applicants on criteria such as providing child care or family support, and language proficiency.
- Investing additional resources to ensure that applications are processed more rapidly.

Super Visas

Canada's Conservatives recognize that many New Canadians want to bring family members to join them here in Canada. Not all of those family members will wish to reside in Canada permanently or can be accommodated through the existing parents and grandparents program.

While continuing to support the parents and grandparents program, Canada's Conservatives will significantly expand the super visa program. We will:

- Allow family members of Canadians to come and live in Canada for up to five years without permanent status, renewing their stay for additional time, where appropriate, provided that they purchase health insurance.
- Allow those coming to Canada on a super visa to purchase health insurance from the government of their province or territory on a cost-recovery basis where the provincial or territorial government wishes to offer this option.

Pathways to Permanence

Many people - international students and temporary foreign workers, for example - arrive in Canada with aspirations to one day become Canadians. Many often develop relationships and attachments that will increase their desire to stay after their work or study term.

Canada's Conservatives will create pathways to permanence for those already living and working in Canada, so long as they are prepared to work hard, contribute to the growth and productivity of Canada, and strengthen our democracy. It does not make sense to attract the best and brightest, provide them training and knowledge, and then force these people - with all their potential - to leave.

Canada's Conservatives will continue to support settlement services for newcomers, especially for the most vulnerable.

Advancing Canada's Interests

Immigration does not just serve newcomers and their families. It also supports employers seeking to fill vital skill gaps and assists the public through the provision of essential public services. Accordingly, Canada's immigration policies must match Canadian priorities.

Canada's Conservatives will prioritize and streamline immigration that directly secures the health of Canadians as we work to strengthen our health system. This includes new measures to attract healthcare workers, especially in priority areas and regions.

Canada's Conservatives will rework the Temporary Foreign Workers Program to better align it with domestic needs and to protect workers - both those already living in Canada and those wishing to come here to work.

To reduce duplication and ease the application process, Canada's Conservatives will create a trusted employer system so that companies do not have to constantly re-apply to the program. We will:

- Work collaboratively with provinces, unlike the top-down Trudeau Liberals, to harmonize federal and provincial systems, making life simpler for businesses.
- Establish clear standards and timelines for Labour Market Impact Assessment processes, including options for fee-based expedited visas when necessary.
- Revise how regions are zoned to ensure rural areas and tourism hotspots are not coupled with urban hubs.

To ensure that those who enter Canada as low-skilled workers, as justified by concrete labour market data, are treated fairly, Canada's Conservatives will establish a path to permanence. We will do so by allowing employers to sponsor applications for permanent residency. Immigration is good for the economy, good for jobs, and good for people who have chosen to come to Canada.

We will continue to monitor the Temporary Foreign Workers Program to ensure that it achieves its intended results and is resistant to abuse. The Program must support Canadian businesses with genuine labour needs while ensuring Canadian citizens and permanent residents - including new immigrants - get the first crack at jobs in our country.

Recognizing that provincial governments have a better sense of their region's needs, Canada's Conservatives will work with provinces and territories to expand their influence over economic immigration to their region. Where there is a clear economic need and provinces have demonstrated they can retain existing immigrants, we will work with provinces to expand their provincial nominee programs.

Reforming Canada's Broken Refugee System

Overwhelming evidence now proves that privately-sponsored refugees are more likely to succeed than publicly-sponsored ones, even after they have been in Canada for a long time.

Government data proves that even a decade after privately sponsored refugees arrive, they earn more and depend less on the government than those who come through government sponsorship. Privately sponsored refugees receive critical social and cultural support which allows them to adapt to a new environment and learn how to succeed in a new economy. Ideological Liberals persist, nonetheless, in limiting private sponsorship at the expense of less effective government refugee sponsorship.

Canada's Conservatives will address this structural incoherence that hurts refugees. We will:

- Replace public, government-assisted refugee places with more private and joint sponsorship places. All refugees arriving in Canada will do so under private or joint sponsorship programs, with exceptions in cases of emergency or specific programs (such as the human rights defenders program discussed below).
 - This does not mean a reduced financial commitment to refugee sponsorship or lower overall numbers of protected persons. It means that public dollars will be directed through joint sponsorship programs where newcomers benefit from community support and the better outcomes associated with private sponsorship.
 - Moving from "private" and "public" sponsorship streams to "private" and "joint" sponsorship streams ensures every refugee family arriving in Canada will do so with a group of dedicated and motivated Canadians, ready to make them feel welcome.
 - This also ensures that private sponsors will not always have to bear the full costs of sponsorship, allowing them to help more refugees.
- These changes will revolutionize the experience of compassionate organizations conducting private refugee sponsorship. Sponsors will spend more time helping people in distress with more government support and less government hassle.

When it comes to financial allocations for joint sponsorships, Conservatives will prioritize the following categories:

- Support delivered to the most vulnerable.
- Support delivered through sponsorship agreement holders with a demonstrable track record of successfully integrating refugees.
- Support delivered through a new, specialized, "human rights defender" stream, welcoming human rights advocates such as notable Hong Kong protestors who are particularly vulnerable in their home country as a result of their willingness to stand up for the rights of others.

Canada's Conservatives have a proud record of assisting the world's most vulnerable refugees, including our pioneering assistance to LGBTQ+ people, especially from Iran, who would otherwise face a death sentence.

- Canada's Conservatives will make the Rainbow Refugee Assistance Project a permanent government program. We will work with LGBTQ+ organizations in Canada to encourage and facilitate greater participation by these organizations in refugee sponsorship, and we will lead a global network of free countries to assist the world's persecuted sexual minorities.

Finally, when it comes to refugees, Canada's Conservatives understand that there are inadequacies in the international legal definition of a refugee.

That definition considers someone a refugee if they face persecution AND have already crossed a national border into another country. However, it does not adequately designate internally displaced people, or those extremely vulnerable to ongoing persecution but who have not crossed a national border or fall outside the UNHCR definition.

Therefore, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Allow private sponsorship of the most vulnerable victims of persecution directly from their country of origin.
- Work with Canadian communities to create a specific program to allow direct private sponsorship of persecuted religious and sexual minorities.

Securing Our Border

To restore the integrity of our immigration system, Canada's Conservatives will end illegal border crossings and unofficial points of entry like Roxham Road.

More than 50,000 illegal border crossers have entered Canada from the United States since 2017. Justin Trudeau's failure to deal with this problem has cost the immigration system \$1.6 billion, diverting critical resources away from the world's most vulnerable.

The Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the United States is based on the principle that an asylum seeker should stake their claim in the first safe country in which they land. Therefore, no one should be making an asylum claim in Canada if they are coming from the United States. However, this agreement contains a loophole that means people can make an asylum claim if they are coming from the US if they are not crossing at a legal port of entry. This violates the intent and the spirit of the agreement and undermines confidence in our immigration system.

We will close the loophole in the Safe Third Country Agreement to end illegal border crossings. We will end the practice of the RCMP and the CBSA acting as unofficial welcoming committees, assisting with illegal crossings.

To further strengthen the integrity of our borders, Canada's Conservatives will work with the US to set up joint border patrols at and near high traffic points on the land border. These will be modelled on the successful Canada-US "Shiprider" border patrols on the Great Lakes. They will deter illegal crossings and redirect people to official points of entry for processing.

Canada's Conservatives will also forward deploy Immigration and Refugee Board judges to common arrival points to expedite asylum hearings in straightforward cases. All asylum seekers will continue to have the right to a hearing. We will make it less attractive to enter illegally and will support those who are fleeing violence and persecution to seek refuge in Canada legally.





A Detailed Plan to Make our Federation Work for All Canadians

Canada's Conservatives believe that Canada is the greatest country on earth. From coast to coast to coast, Canadians have built a fantastic country. We have overcome differences in language and culture and our massive geography - turning each of these into advantages. There is much for all of us to be proud of.

And yet, as we honour the past - including those who built our great country - we recognize that there is always work to do. Canada's Conservatives are committed to ensuring that ALL Canadians can share in the opportunity and prosperity that our country enjoys.

Securing Equality, Health and Safety for Canadian Women

Canadian women deserve a real plan for a healthy, safe, and equal opportunity to secure their future. Canada's Conservatives will take action to end gender inequality, address the gender pay gap, protect the fundamental right to personal safety for all women and ensure that all women have access to the health care they need.

Equality

The reality is that women in Canada experience barriers to equality of opportunity throughout their lives. Canadian girls, as they approach adolescence, experience higher levels of abuse and violence and greater declines in mental health and confidence than boys do. This can be partially attributed to the specific challenges they face related to harmful gender stereotypes and sexualization. Similarly, senior women in Canada experience higher levels of abuse, violence, and poverty than men. Other forms of discrimination and marginalization can exacerbate these challenges.

As has been shown recently by in-depth research published by the Globe and Mail and others, the gender pay gap is still a reality in the Canadian workforce. Whether they are lawyers or skilled trade workers or work in many other jobs, women often earn less than their male counterparts.

This must change. Corporate Canada needs to step up, and the Government of Canada needs to lead by example. Canada's Conservatives will implement a comprehensive plan to secure opportunities for women, including:

- Boosting support for child care and those caring for ageing parents,
- Ensuring women have the training they need to pursue careers, including non-traditional careers like the skilled trades, and
- Helping women start and build businesses.

Canada's Conservatives will take more steps to increase opportunities for women, including:

- Implementing a national mentorship strategy for women of all ages, including adolescent girls, to prepare them for and give them access to networks that will position them for senior leadership roles across corporate Canada and civil society.
- Seeking out qualified female candidates for federal appointments.
- Requiring federally regulated corporations and federally mandated organizations to implement formal recruitment plans to seek out qualified female candidates for senior leadership positions.

Canada's Conservatives will stamp out the culture of sexual harassment that persists in too many federal government institutions, including the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP. We will ensure that the Government of Canada serves as an example for the country of a safe and respectful work environment.

We will also crack down on the use of non-disclosure agreements to hide wrongdoing.

Health

Canada's Conservatives have a comprehensive plan to improve our healthcare system, including increasing health transfers to the provinces after years of slow growth under the Liberals.

We will address the mental health crisis through our Mental Health Action Plan, helping Canadians get the help they need.

We will tackle the opioid epidemic and help Canadians struggling with addiction.

We will support maternal and newborn health and extend paid leave for women who suffer miscarriage or stillbirth.

A Conservative Government will not support any legislation to regulate abortion.

Safety

Gender-based violence continues to be an urgent issue. COVID has accelerated this trend. Statistics Canada reports that cases of domestic violence increased by over 54% between mid-March and early July last year. These statistics are even worse for marginalized women.

For far too long, we have let people who commit domestic violence off with a slap on the wrist. This does a massive disservice to their innocent victims who are left to suffer. It also puts the broader community at risk. We have seen repeatedly that the criminals who commit attacks of violence almost always start by abusing their spouse or partner.

Canada's Conservatives believe that we should impose tough sentences on those who assault their spouse or partner while making it easier for victims to escape their abusers and rebuild their lives.

Canada's Conservatives will get tough on abusers by strengthening the Criminal Code to ensure that they are punished and prevented from continuing to hurt their victims.

We will also help those who have suffered rebuild their lives. We will help them get career training and hide their new location from their abuser, and we will boost Canada Child Benefit funding going to mothers fleeing violence to help them obtain permanent housing.

Full details can be found in our justice plan, which also details how we will crack down on illegal guns and fight human trafficking.

Securing Compassion for Senior Women

Too many senior women in Canada live in poverty, face threats of violence, and do not have the means to age with dignity. A Conservative government will develop a national strategy to address poverty and violence in senior Canadian women.

Breaking Down Barriers for Canadians Living with Disabilities

One in five Canadians lives with a disability. They need our support – to live full lives and participate fully in society, including in the workforce. Canada's Conservatives have a plan to break down the barriers faced by Canadians living with disabilities.

Doubling Disability Support in the Canada Workers Benefit

A disproportionate number of disabled Canadians are working part-time or for low wages.

Canada's Conservatives will 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.

The most help will go to families where one member has a disability. We will help them achieve the security and financial independence they deserve.

OUR PLAN

SARAH IS A DISABLED CANADIAN EARNING \$14,000 PER YEAR AT A RETAIL STORE:

- SHE WILL RECEIVE \$2,800 OF THE BASIC CANADA WORKERS BENEFIT PER YEAR, UP FROM \$1,441 UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.
- SHE WILL ALSO RECEIVE A \$1,500 DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT INSTEAD OF \$713.
- IN TOTAL, SHE WILL RECEIVE \$4,300 UNDER THE CONSERVATIVE PLAN, MORE THAN DOUBLE WHAT SHE RECEIVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

DAVID AND SUE HAVE A FAMILY INCOME OF \$23,000 AND DAVID HAS A DISABILITY:

- THEY WILL RECEIVE \$5,000 OF THE BASIC CANADA WORKERS BENEFIT, WELL ABOVE THE \$1,900 THEY RECEIVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.
- ON TOP OF THAT, THE FAMILY WILL RECEIVE THE \$1,500 DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT.
- THAT'S A BOOST OF \$6,500 FOR THIS FAMILY

TRISH AND MIKE HAVE A FAMILY INCOME OF \$35,000 AND TRISH HAS A DISABILITY:

- THEY WILL RECEIVE \$3,700 OF THE BASIC CANADA WORKERS BENEFIT, FAR MORE THAN THE \$458 THEY RECEIVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM.
- ON TOP OF THAT, THE FAMILY WILL RECEIVE THE \$1,500 DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT.
- THAT'S A BOOST OF \$5,200 FOR THIS FAMILY

Making Work Pay

Canada's Conservatives will ensure that going to work never costs a disabled person money – as is too often the case today. The complex web of programs in place today means that someone can lose more than a dollar – in benefit cuts and higher taxes – for every dollar they earn by working. This means that for many disabled Canadians, the harder they work, the poorer they become.

This is simply wrong.

We will overhaul the complex array of disability supports and benefits to ensure that working always leaves someone further ahead. And we will work with the provinces to ensure that federal programs are designed to work with provincial programs to achieve this result.

This will augment the effect of our increase to the Canada Workers Benefit, which will help make work pay for disabled Canadians by boosting the benefits of work.

Boosting the Enabling Accessibility Fund

We will provide an additional \$80 million per year through the Enabling Accessibility Fund to provide:

- Additional incentives for small business and community projects to improve accessibility.
- Grants and support for all types of accessibility equipment that disabled Canadians need to work.
- Enhancements to existing programs that will get more disabled Canadians into the workforce.

Making it Easier to Qualify for the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Savings Plan

To give more Canadians with disabilities access to financial support, we will reduce the number of hours required to qualify for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) and the Registered Disability Savings Plan from 14 to 10 hours per week.

In 2017, Justin Trudeau took away the support that thousands of Canadians relied on when he changed how Canadians qualify for the Disability Tax Credit and the Registered Disability Savings Plan. To some, this credit was worth thousands of dollars. Conservatives joined diabetes advocates to successfully fight back against this tax grab.

Our changes will save a disabled person made eligible for the tax credit or their family an average of \$2,100 per year.

Making it easier to qualify for the tax credit will also make it easier to qualify for the RDSP, which provides up to \$3,500 per year in matching grants for Canadians with disabilities.

A Strong Québec in a United Canada

After six years of the centralizing federalism and irresponsibility of Justin Trudeau, it's time for real change. Quebecers want and deserve a federal government that wants to collaborate with them, rather than the paternalistic approach of the Liberal government of Justin Trudeau.

It's time for pragmatic and responsible leadership, which will reach out to Quebecers and offer them a new pact based in particular on respect for the Québec nation and the French language, the economic development of our regions and the security of our communities.

Here for the Québec Nation

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Build on the previous Conservative government's historic recognition of the Québec Nation.
- Remain open to the development of new administrative agreements with the government of Québec to promote decentralized federalism.
- Negotiate with the Québec government to simplify tax preparation and work towards a single income tax return for Québec taxpayers while protecting Canada Revenue Agency jobs in the regions.
- Give greater autonomy to Québec over immigration. This will include:
 - Revisiting the Canada Québec Immigration Accord to give more powers to Québec over immigration to ensure that a higher proportion of immigrants settling in Quebec speak French, including in the family reunification category.
 - Providing full compensation for the housing of asylum seekers who crossed into Québec illegally at border passages like Roxham Road and Lacolle and enforcing the Safe Third Country Agreement to put an end to such crossings.
 - Giving Québec more input into the assignment of temporary foreign workers to particular regions and their pathways to permanent residency to address critical labour shortages that the Trudeau Liberals have failed to address.
- Respect the jurisdiction of the Québec National Assembly by neither intervening in nor providing federal funding to support legal challenges to Law 21.
- Limit federal spending powers in Quebec's fields of jurisdiction and ensure that provinces can opt out of new federal programs and initiatives in the area of health with full, matching compensation.
- Make annual federal transfers for social programs unencumbered by restrictive conditions.
- Develop a plan for a return to balanced budgets without cutting transfers to the provinces.
- Respect the Constitution Act of 1867 by applying a non-intervention approach to internal affairs within Québec's fields of jurisdiction.
- Ensure that Québec will never be under-represented in the House of Commons when new parliamentary ridings are created.
- Give Radio-Canada a separate and distinct legal and administrative structure to reflect its distinct mandate of promoting francophone language and culture.
 - The Board of Directors of the reformed Radio-Canada will include representatives appointed by the Government of Québec and representation of francophone minority communities outside Québec.
 - Radio-Canada will:
 - No longer charge user fees for its online streaming services or operate branding services like Tandem in competition with private francophone media.
 - Provide increased content representative of francophone communities outside Québec.

Here for the Regions of Quebec

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Build digital infrastructure to connect all of Québec to high-speed internet by 2025
 - As the last year has made abundantly clear, high-speed internet is essential for Canadians to learn, work, and compete. The Trudeau government has moved much too slowly, as can be seen by Quebec moving ahead on its own. It is unacceptable that a third of Quebecers in rural and remote areas still lack high-speed internet access. We will put a stop to the endless delays and become a true partner to the provinces, delivering broadband from coast to coast.
 - Canada's Conservatives will:
 - Coordinate federal investments with the program recently announced by the Government of Québec.
 - Speed up the spectrum auction process to get more spectrum into use and apply "use it or lose it" provisions to ensure that spectrum (particularly in rural areas) is actually developed, with auction revenue dedicated to our digital infrastructure plan.
 - Require that Huawei equipment not be used, to protect national security.
- Work in partnership with the Government of Québec in promoting the Saint-Laurent Project, a maritime strategy for Quebec's economic development comprising the creation of ten innovation zones.
- Adopt a government purchasing policy on low carbon footprint materials, including low-carbon aluminum.
- Adopt a pan-Canadian low carbon aluminum purchasing policy.
- Deploy new autonomous vehicles for Arctic surveillance operations in the air and at sea as part of a new Canadian sovereignty, deterrence, and detection strategy, with Bagotville as the main site to host the Government of Canada's remotely piloted aircraft.
- Strengthen maritime safety by renewing our fleet of icebreakers in partnership with the Davie shipyard, to be designated as a full partner within the National Shipbuilding Strategy.
- Provide financial assistance to ensure that smaller regional airports remain open and that routes to remote and rural areas continue to operate.
- Invest \$100m in a specific regional development funding program to support the economic transition of former mining communities.
- Ensure rapid compensation of victims of Pyrrhotite.
- Implement a Critical Minerals Strategy to take advantage of Canada's abundant resources of the minerals needed to power our clean energy future - creating jobs, supporting the Indigenous economy, contributing to a cleaner environment, and reducing global reliance on critical minerals from China.
 - This will include adopting policies to facilitate the responsible mining of lithium.

Official Languages

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Work with the Government of Québec to apply the French Language Charter to federally regulated businesses operating in Québec.
- Table, within our first 100 days in government, legislation modernizing the Official Languages Act.
 - The Liberals haven't acted in six years, and Canada's francophone minorities have waited long enough.
 - The new legislation will:
 - Increase the powers of the Official Languages Commissioner.
 - Give Treasury Board the authority and responsibility for ensuring the application of the Act across federal departments.
 - Create an Official Languages administrative tribunal to deal with citizen complaints.
 - Include stronger positive obligations in Part VII of the Act.
 - Create more robust mechanisms for the consultation of Official Language minorities.
- Create a new \$30 million per year budgetary envelope to provide federal funding to minority francophone post-secondary institutions such as Université de Moncton, the University of Alberta's Campus Saint-Jean, and the Ontario French University and participate significantly in their future financing, in collaboration with the provinces.
- Increase support for francophone primary and elementary education via the Official Languages in Education Program to reflect demographic growth in the minority francophone student population.
- Increase francophone immigration outside Québec to ensure that the demographic weight of francophone minorities will be maintained.
- Adopt an official French version of the 1867 British North America Act, for which only the English version currently has official status.

Ending the Mistreatment of Western Canada

The current government's disregard for Western Canada, which sometimes crosses the line into outright hostility, has pushed Canada to the brink of a national unity crisis. This government simply does not understand or respect the West.

Canada's Conservatives will end Trudeau's practice of pitting one part of the country against another and treating provinces differently based on whether they think they can win their votes. Canada's Conservatives will govern for all Canadians, which means treating Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia with respect.

Open and Respectful Federalism

Canada's Conservatives believe that the federal government should work with the provinces as partners instead of dictating to them. As the Alberta Court of Appeal recently opined, "The federal government is not the parent; and the provincial governments are not its children."

Under Prime Minister Trudeau, federal-provincial meetings have ceased to be two-way discussions and have simply become opportunities for the Prime Minister to lecture the Premiers. This has caused frustration from coast to coast, but nowhere more than in the West.

Canada's Conservatives are the party of the Constitution. We understand that the division of powers means that the provinces and the federal government are co-equals in their own spheres and that each deserves the latitude to make its own decisions about policy in its own areas of competence. Instead of bullying and lecturing the provinces, a Conservative government will listen to them, address their priorities, and respect their autonomy in areas of provincial jurisdiction.

Canada works best when Ottawa stops talking down to the provinces and, instead, sits down with them and listens to what they have to say. Canada's Conservatives will restore open and respectful federalism and treat the provinces as true partners in Confederation.

Fiscal Fairness

Albertans are generous people. They have contributed more than \$600 billion to the rest of the country since 1967 and an average of more than \$20 billion a year over the last decade. When times were good, they didn't begrudge this help for other parts of the country that weren't as fortunate.

But times have changed. Even as their economy has suffered over the last seven years, Albertans have continued to be net contributors to the national economy. It is only fair that the rest of Canada be there for Alberta, just as Alberta has always been there for them.

Now that Alberta is hurting, Albertans quite reasonably expect the rest of the country, including the federal government, to be there for them financially and help them get a fair price for their energy products on global markets.

We will add fairness to Equalization by adopting the Equalization and Transfers Fairness Act as a government bill and passing it as quickly as possible. This will add transparency to Equalization.

The Trudeau government tinkered with the Fiscal Stabilization Program but did not go far enough. Real change is needed so that the program fulfills its purpose of providing meaningful help when a sudden and unexpected financial blow hits a province's economy.

In 2019, Canada's premiers unanimously endorsed a proposal to reform the Fiscal Stabilization Program, including by lifting the cap on payments, reducing the revenue reduction thresholds to qualify, and applying the changes retroactively.

Canada's Conservatives will implement these changes. We will ensure that provinces like Alberta, but also Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador, which experienced significant reductions in resource revenues over the last seven years, receive retroactive compensation.

For years, Western Provinces have not received a proportional share of federal funding for university research and cultural programs. Canada's Conservatives will end this bias against Western Provinces and ensure that all parts of our country are treated fairly.

Support for Western Canadian Jobs

Canada's Conservatives recognize the enormous and essential contributions that the energy sector and its workers make to our country. Unlike Justin Trudeau, who wants to phase out the sector and the hundreds of thousands of workers across Canada who depend on it, we will treat the energy sector as the key driver of Canada's economy that it is.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Eliminate the unfairness of Trudeau's Bill C-69. We will fix the Impact Assessment process created by Bill C-69, basing our changes on the bipartisan recommendations made by the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural Resources.
 - Over the last six years, billions of dollars of investment have left Canada.
 - We know that Canadian energy companies compete for investment with projects worldwide, in countries with much lower environmental, labour, and human rights standards than ours. Canadians are rightly proud of these standards, which make our energy sector a world leader in ESG policy. They should be an asset in attracting job-creating investment, but investors will continue to stay away without a predictable and consistent Impact Assessment process.
 - We need an assessment process that upholds best-in-class environmental standards and sets clear expectations and timelines for environmental reviews so that investors have the confidence and certainty they need to commit to major projects in our country.
 - We will remove political interference from the review process and set clear timelines so that investors get a timely yes or no.
 - Taking climate change seriously includes not letting critical GHG-reducing projects be held up by red tape and lengthy reviews. We will fast-track review of emissions-reducing projects to get shovels in the ground.
- End the Ban on Shipping Traffic on the North Coast of British Columbia.
 - Justin Trudeau arbitrarily banned the export of Canadian oil from British Columbia's coast against the expressed wishes of many local communities and Indigenous groups.
 - Perversely, the ban applies only to Canadian oil, so Justin Trudeau has tied the hands of our industry while Alaskan crude continues to be shipped through Canadian waters and tankers bringing foreign oil continue to come and go in our east coast waters.
 - We will end this political targeting of the Western Canadian energy industry, repeal C-48, and improve access to international markets.
- Work with First Nations and other Indigenous groups to ensure they are partners in prosperity and the development of our natural resources by creating a Canadian Indigenous Enterprise Corporation.
 - Based on the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation, it will apply rigorous market analysis to guarantee loans to Indigenous groups so they can invest in natural resource projects and related infrastructure.
 - We will provide an initial \$5 billion of capital for investment in projects.
- Implement a hydrogen energy strategy that rapidly increases the use of hydrogen - especially green hydrogen - in Canada and builds our export capacity.
 - Hydrogen holds the potential to create thousands of good new energy jobs across Western Canada.

- Ensuring adequate pipeline capacity by Getting Trans Mountain built - despite Justin Trudeau's rhetoric, the construction of the pipeline has faced numerous delays. We will get it built.
 - Ensuring that Canada does not lose the critical capacity provided by Line 3 and Line 5, the loss of which would cause energy shortages in Ontario, increase the cost of energy, and cost Canadian jobs.
 - Make pipelines that bring Canadian oil to export markets a priority
 - Unlike Justin Trudeau, who rolled over in the face of US cancellation of the project not once but twice, first under President Obama and then again under President Biden, Canada's Conservatives understand that the Keystone XL pipeline is important for our national economy.
 - Canadians deserve a government that will fight for their interests, which is why Canada's Conservatives will make increasing energy export opportunities a diplomatic priority in our dealings with the U.S. Government.
- Encourage Indigenous communities and resource development companies to work together
 - To promote mutually beneficial conversations between Indigenous communities and resource project proponents, we will provide \$10 million per year to organizations that foster collaboration and encourage partnerships between these two groups.
- Implement a federal LNG Export Strategy
 - Canada is blessed with abundant supplies of clean and affordable natural gas and the clean electricity required to create the cleanest LNG in the world. With much of the world still reliant on coal-generated electricity, we should be boosting exports to grow our economy and contribute to a cleaner world. Projects like LNG Canada create jobs for Canadians while benefiting the world.
- Pass a Critical Infrastructure Protection Act to prevent protestors from blocking key infrastructure
 - Last year's rail blockades demonstrated the importance - and vulnerability - of the infrastructure that ties our country together. Canada's Conservatives will amend s. 431.2 of the Criminal Code to create an offence of interference with an infrastructure facility or a public transportation system punishable by either summary conviction or indictment, depending upon the severity of the offence. Peaceful protest is a fundamental right in Canada, but respect for the rule of law means that illegal blockades that shut down critical infrastructure, threaten access to vital supplies, or endanger lives cannot be tolerated.
- Introduce a tax credit to rapidly accelerate the deployment of Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage technology in the energy sector and in important industries that have few alternatives to burning fossil fuels, like fertilizer and chemical production.
 - The Liberals believe that we can only reduce our emissions by "phasing out" entire industries and the jobs that provide a secure living for hundreds of thousands of Canadian families. Conservatives appreciate that we can't build a greener future if Canadians don't have jobs.

Senate Reform

If a province chooses to hold Senate elections, Canada's Conservatives will appoint Senators chosen through this process.





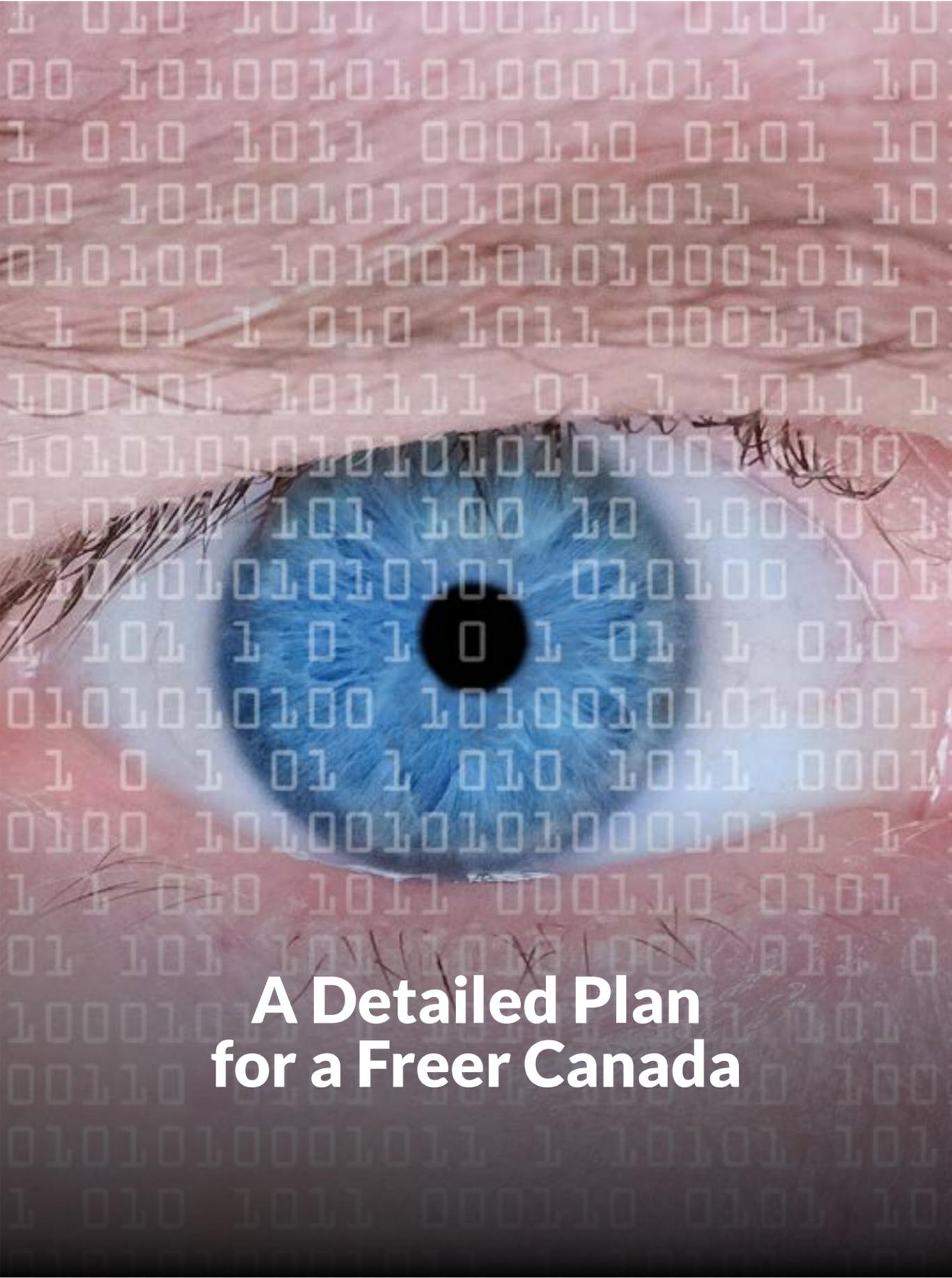
A Detailed Plan to Secure Jobs and Opportunity for Rural Canadians

Canada's Conservatives understand the importance of rural Canada and have seen how the current government has ignored rural Canadians. We will ensure that rural Canadians have their voices heard and their concerns addressed. Whether they live in rural Nova Scotia, or rural Saskatchewan, or a remote community in Northern Ontario, or anywhere else in the country, the interests of our rural populations must never be ignored by urban politicians.

Our jobs plan will create jobs across rural Canada - not just in big cities. We will get Canadians back to work from coast to coast and restore hope.

We will also take several specific steps to help rural Canadians, including:

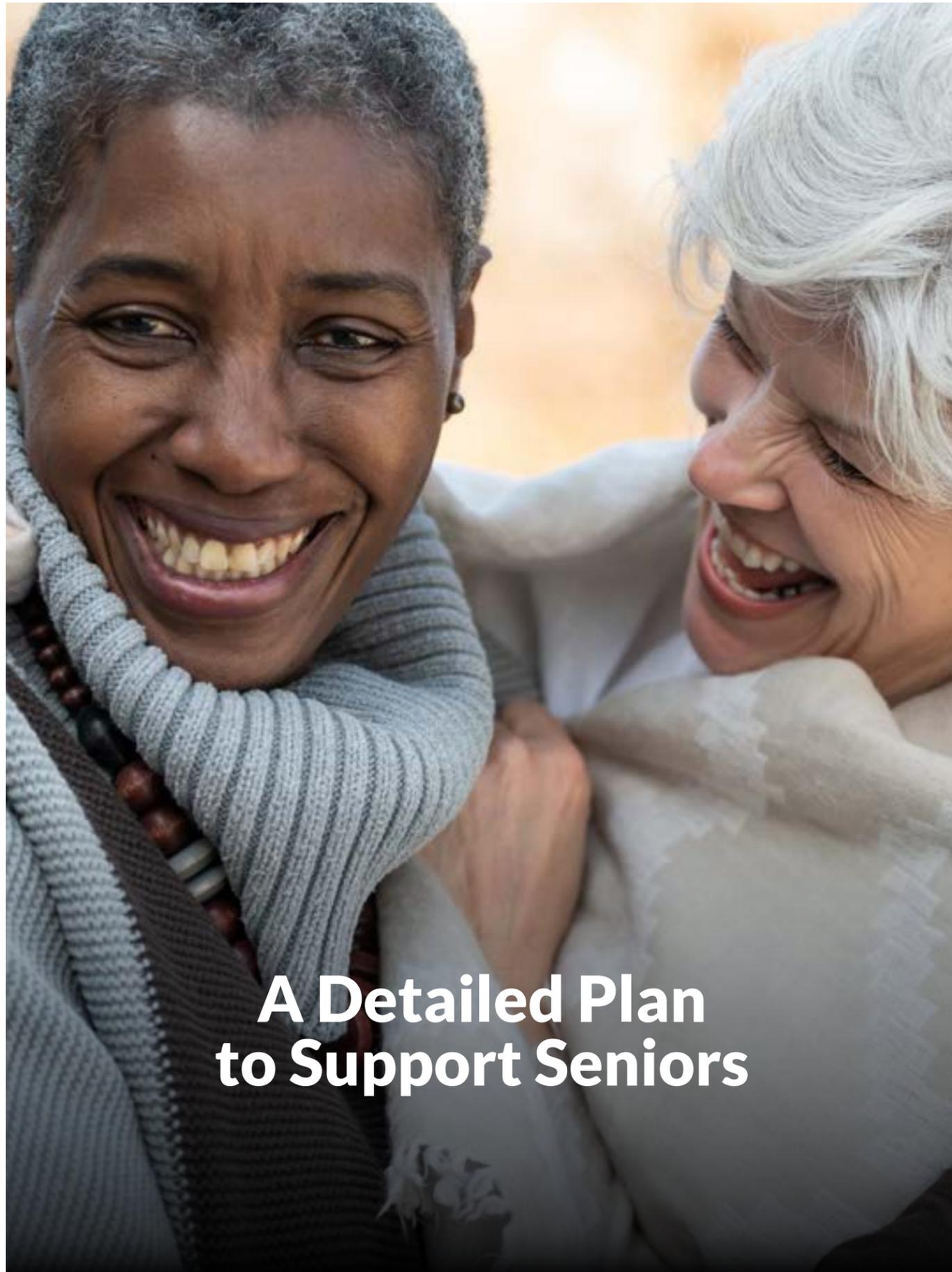
- Building digital infrastructure to connect all of Canada to High-Speed Internet by 2025
 - As the last year has made abundantly clear, high-speed internet is essential for Canadians to learn, work, and compete. The Trudeau government has moved much too slowly, as can be seen by provinces such as Ontario and Quebec moving ahead on their own. Far too many Canadians still lack high-speed internet. We will put a stop to the endless delays and become a true partner to the provinces, delivering broadband from coast to coast.
 - Canada's Conservatives will:
 - Get rural broadband built over the next four years.
 - Speed up the spectrum auction process to get more spectrum into use and apply use it or lose it provisions to ensure that spectrum (particularly in rural areas) is actually developed, with the auction revenues dedicated to our digital infrastructure plan.
 - Require that Huawei equipment not be used, to protect national security.
- Appointing a Minister of Rural Affairs to Cabinet.
- Setting aside a portion of federal infrastructure funds for projects in rural areas.
- Ensuring that Canada's tourism strategy supports rural tourism and encourages Canadians and visitors from around the world to explore remote parts of the country, including the hidden gems that are off the beaten path.
- Significantly reducing the amount of money the government spends on advertising with big foreign tech companies like Twitter and instead directing federal ad dollars to Canadian media, including the regional media that keep rural communities connected.
- Tackling rural crime by adding a sentencing consideration for courts based on evidence that an offence was "directed at a property or person that was vulnerable because of their remoteness from emergency services."



A Detailed Plan for a Freer Canada

Canada's Conservatives began and led the fight for human rights in modern Canada, most notably under the great Conservative Prime Minister John George Diefenbaker. We will continue to champion human rights for all Canadians by:

- Conscience Protection
 - We will protect the conscience rights of healthcare professionals. The challenges of dealing with COVID-19 have reminded us of the vital importance of health care professionals - the last thing Canada can afford to do is drive any of these professionals out of their profession.
 - We will also encourage faith-based and other community organizations to expand their provision of palliative and long-term care.
- Promoting Free Speech on Campus
 - Universities and colleges should be bastions of free-flowing debate and ideas, and our country is stronger when they are.
 - We will work with the provinces and territories to ensure that public post-secondary institutions accommodate the range of perspectives that make up Canada through a commitment to free speech and academic freedom.
- Ending the Discriminatory Blood Ban
 - Trudeau promised to end the blood ban but has failed to do so. This is a human rights issue that is long overdue. We will finally end it.
- Banning conversion therapy
 - Conservatives have been clear in our opposition to conversion therapy and attempts to forcibly change a person's sexual orientation.
 - We will implement the ban promised by the Trudeau Liberals but repeatedly delayed by them for political reasons.
 - Using the Justice Department's explanatory language about the intention of the ban, we will clarify that the ban does not criminalize non-coercive conversations, giving comfort to parents and others who fear that legitimate conversations might be criminalized.
- Protecting Data Privacy
 - Canada's Conservatives believe that digital data privacy is a fundamental right that urgently requires strengthened protection through legislation and enforcement.
 - Canadians must have the right to understand and control the collection, use, monitoring, retention, and disclosure of their personal data.
 - We will pass strong legislation to protect privacy more effectively than the current government's weak Bill C-11.



A Detailed Plan to Support Seniors

Support for Canada's Seniors

COVID-19 has been devastating for Canada's seniors and has shown for all to see the failures of our Long-Term Care system. With an ageing population and Canadians living longer, we have had shortages of Long-Term Care beds for years. COVID has shown us how deadly those shortages, and the overcrowding they bring, can be.

Canada's Conservatives have a plan to help seniors stay in their own homes, improve the quality of Long-Term Care, and maintain financial security for seniors by ensuring that their pensions are secure.

Helping Seniors Stay in Their Own Homes or Live with Their Kids

As Canada's population ages, the demand for Long-Term Care is skyrocketing. One way that we can help ensure that those who need care get it is to ensure that those who wish to stay in their own homes or live with relatives can do so. More and more Canadians are looking to stay in their own home as they age or live with their kids. Canada's Conservatives want to help people be able to make this choice.

Canada's Conservatives will help Seniors Stay in their Own Homes by:

- Amending the Home Accessibility Tax Credit by increasing the limit from \$10,000 per dwelling to \$10,000 per person.
- Allowing seniors or their caregivers, including their children, to claim the Medical Expense Tax Credit for home care instead of only allowing them to claim attendant care if they live in a group home.

Canada's Conservatives will help the many Canadians who are taking care of their parents and help seniors avoid having to live in Long-Term Care homes by:

- Introducing the Canada Seniors Care Benefit, paying \$200 per month per household to any Canadian who is living with and taking care of a parent over the age of 70.

Fixing Long-Term Care

We will invite the provinces to work with us to develop a set of best practices for Long-Term Care homes. Like the National Building Code, this will provide guidance for provinces without intruding on their jurisdiction. However, we will work with all those provincial governments who want to commit to this important project and encourage all provinces to incorporate the results into provincial law.

In the meantime, we will help seniors receive the care they need by:

- Fixing Long-Term Care
 - Canada's Conservatives will devote \$3 billion of infrastructure funding over the next three years to renovate Long-Term Care Homes in all provinces and territories across Canada to improve the care that residents receive. We will encourage partnerships with private non-profits that have historically provided a significant amount of Long-Term Care.
- Boosting the Number of Personal Support Workers
 - COVID-19 has made clear that Canada lacks Personal Support Workers - those who do the hard work of every day of caring for seniors living in Long-Term Care homes, retirement homes, or their own homes.
 - Canada's Conservatives will help meet the need for Personal Support Workers by:
 - Providing priority in immigration programs to those who can work in Long-Term Care or homecare.
 - Promoting these careers through immigration and refugee settlement programs.

Making Work Pay for Our Seniors

Canada's Conservatives will 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. This will help seniors who choose to continue working past retirement to give themselves a bit more income. It will provide a \$1/hour raise for low-income seniors include many who choose to work part-time to supplement their retirement income.

Protecting Pensions

Workers should be able to rely on their pensions. Unfortunately, all too often, we have seen workers forced to take big cuts to their pensions when, due to bad management or changes in the economy, the company they work for goes bankrupt.

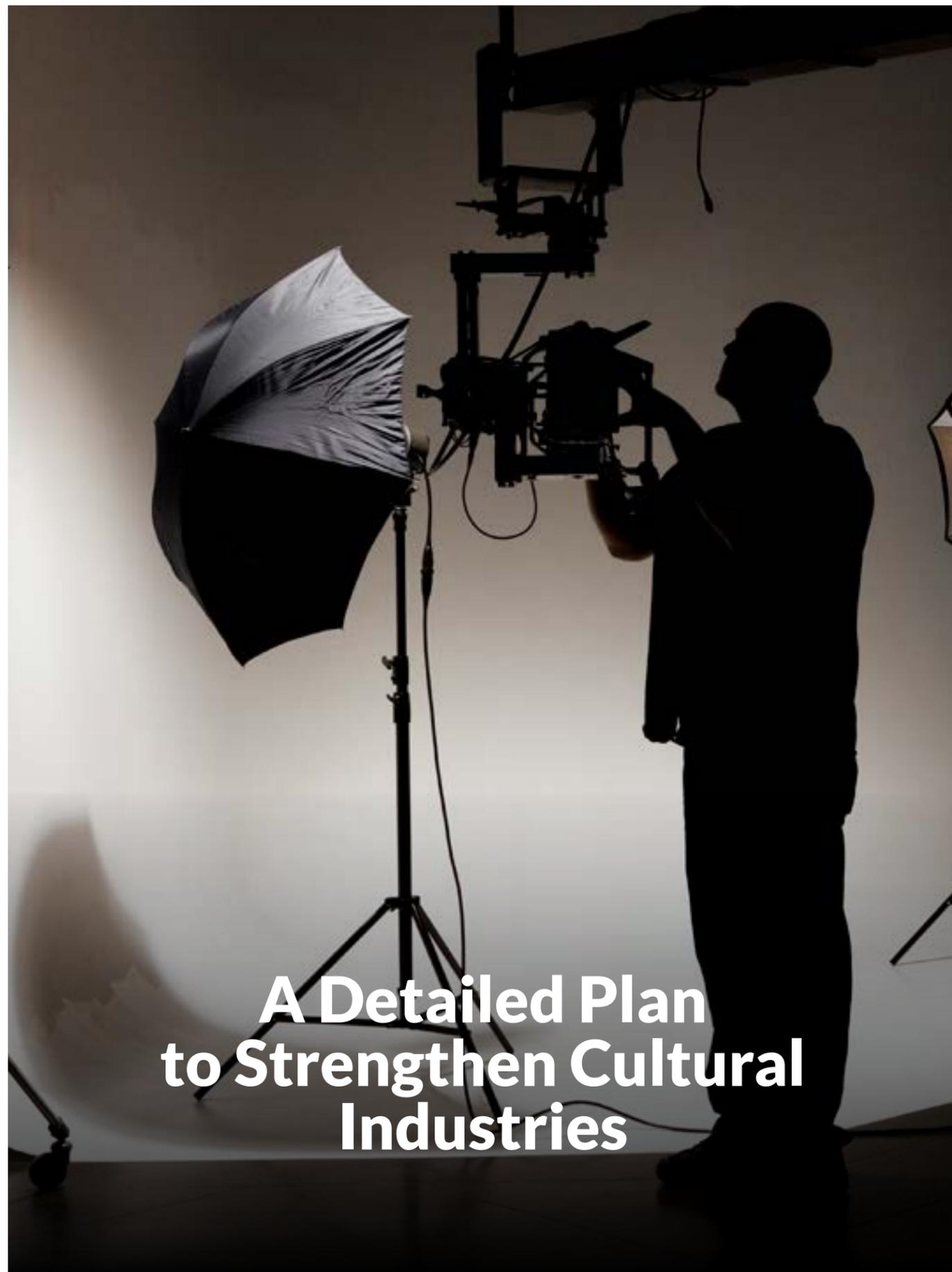
It's time for the government to better protect pensions.

Canada's Conservatives will change legislation to ensure that pensioners have priority over corporate elites in bankruptcy or restructuring.

We will also better protect pensions by:

- Preventing executives from paying themselves bonuses while managing a company going through restructuring if the pension plan is not fully funded.
- No longer forcing underfunded pension plans from being converted to annuities, something that currently locks in losses and results in workers getting less money.
- Requiring companies to report the funding status of their pension plans more clearly.





A Detailed Plan to Strengthen Cultural Industries

Canada's Conservatives believe in supporting Canadian culture and creating a level playing field between Canadian businesses and foreign web giants.

Broadcasting

Canada's Conservatives will repeal Liberal Bill C-10, which gives too much power to regulators while failing to provide businesses with the clear guidelines they need to operate. We will replace it with legislation that updates the Broadcasting Act to deal with the realities of an increasingly online market and the need to provide businesses with certainty and consumers with choice.

Our alternative approach will:

- Require large digital streaming services like Netflix, Disney+ and Amazon Prime Video to reinvest a significant portion of their Canadian gross revenue into producing original Canadian programming, of which a mandated proportion must be French language programming.
 - If they fail to do so on their own in a given year, they will be required to pay the difference into the Canadian Media Fund.
 - The proportion chosen will vary based on the nature of the streaming service and would be determined based on the best practices of other jurisdictions, such as those in Europe and Australia, as well as the nature of the Canadian market.
 - Content reinvestment requirements will also recognize and incentivize partnerships with Canadian independent media producers.
- Exempt the content Canadians upload onto social media sites like Facebook, YouTube and Tik Tok from regulation in order to protect free speech.
- Streamline and reduce the regulatory burden placed on conventional Canadian broadcasters and cable companies, including CRTC license fees and Canadian Media Fund contribution requirements, with the loss in revenue to be compensated by a portion of the revenue from the new digital services tax.
 - This will include abolishing CRTC Part II license fees.
 - The health of the Canadian cultural sector depends on the continued viability and success of its private broadcasters. Conventional Canadian broadcasters and cable companies have experienced significant losses in subscribers and revenue in recent years due to the rise of online streaming services.

Canada's Conservatives will also conduct a full review of the mandate of the CRTC to ensure that it better reflects the needs of Canadians and doesn't prevent Canadian broadcasters from innovating and adapting to changes in the market.

CBC and Radio Canada have made important contributions to Canada over the past 84 years. While parts of it remain as relevant as ever, including Radio Canada, CBC Radio, and CBC North, many question whether CBC's English TV continues to live up to its mandate. There are also concerns that CBC's online news presence is undermining the viability of Canadian print and online media, reducing the diversity of voices available to Canadians.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Give Radio-Canada a separate and distinct legal and administrative structure to reflect its distinct mandate of promoting francophone language and culture while maintaining its funding and providing for continued sharing of resources and facilities where applicable.
 - The Board of Directors of the reformed Radio-Canada would include representatives appointed by the Government of Québec and representation of francophone minority communities outside Québec.
 - Radio-Canada will:
 - No longer charge user fees for its online streaming services or operate branding services like Tandem in competition with private francophone media.
 - Provide increased content representative of francophone communities outside Québec.
- Protect CBC Radio and CBC North.
- Review the mandate of CBC English Television, CBC News Network and CBC English online news to assess the viability of refocusing the service on a public interest model like that of PBS in the United States, ensuring that it no longer competes with private Canadian broadcasters and digital providers.

Protecting Canadians from Online Hate while Preserving Free Speech

Conservatives condemn and will always oppose the dissemination of hate speech, speech that incites violence and sexually abusive material. Canada's Conservatives will combat the growing presence of online sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and extremist groups.

We believe that this can best be done by using the Criminal Code and our criminal justice system.

To better protect Canadians, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Fight online incitement and hatred by clearly criminalizing statements that encourage acts of violence against other people or identifiable groups. Conservatives will also protect forms of speech, criticism, and argument that do not encourage violence.
- Provide \$25 million to law enforcement to allow them to follow up more rapidly and investigate online threats of violence, hate speech, sexual exploitation, human trafficking and disinformation campaigns by foreign governments or extremist groups.
- Create a stronger legal duty for social media platforms to remove illegal content, such as content that incites violence.

What we do not support are restrictions on legitimate freedom of speech. Free speech, freedom of expression, and a free press are fundamental tenets of Canadian law and Canadian democracy. We will oppose government censorship of material that is not criminal in nature merely because some may find it to be offensive. Consequently, we have opposed Justin Trudeau's attempt to create a national speech regulator for social media. Unlike the Liberals, we will not use the power of government to censor those we disagree with.

Protecting and Ensuring the Independence of Canadian Media

Canadian media is in crisis. The loss of digital advertising revenue to American tech giants like Google and Facebook is putting local newspapers out of business, costing Canadian jobs, and undermining our ability to tell local, Canadian stories.

Canada's Conservatives don't believe that the solution is for the government to provide direct funding to hand-picked media outlets, something that undermines press freedom and trust in the media.

Instead, we will secure a level playing field for Canadian media, ensuring that Canadians are paid fairly for the content they create while encouraging the creation of more Canadian media and culture.

Canada's Conservatives will:

- Introduce a digital media royalty framework to ensure that Canadian media outlets are fairly compensated for the sharing of their content by platforms like Google and Facebook. It will:
 - Adopt a made in Canada approach that incorporates the best practices of jurisdictions like Australia and France.
 - Include a robust arbitration process and the creation of an intellectual property right for article extracts shared on a social media platform.
 - Ensure that smaller media outlets are included, and that the government won't be able to pick and choose who has access to the royalty framework.
- Introduce a Digital Services Tax representing 3% of gross revenue in Canada to make web giants pay their fair share.
- Significantly reduce the amount of money the government is spending on advertising with big foreign tech companies like Twitter and instead direct federal ad dollars to Canadian media, including community weeklies, regional media, and ethnic media.
- Recognize and correct the adverse economic impact for creators and publishers from the uncompensated use of their works in a manner consistent with the unanimous recommendations of the Heritage Committee of the House of Commons Report in 2019.
- End Trudeau's \$600 million media bailout. While we support Canadian media outlets, they should not be directly receiving tax dollars. Government funding of "approved" media undermines press freedom, a vital part of a free society.
- Conduct a review of federal book publishing policy to enhance the commercial viability of Canada's independent publishing sector.

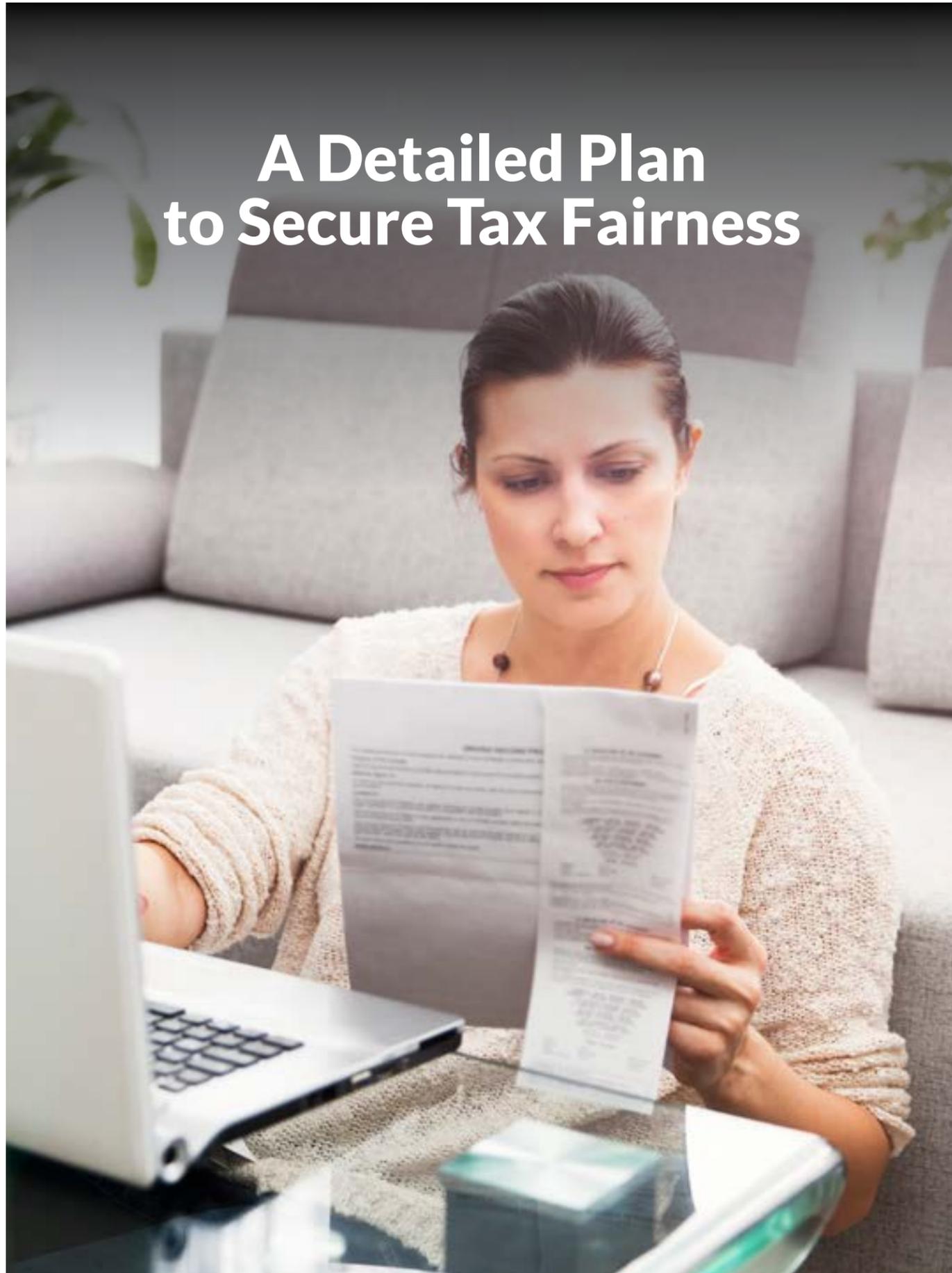
Celebrating Canadian Heritage

Conservatives believe in the importance of commemorating our past. Canada has a rich heritage as one of the world's oldest constitutional democracies which needs to be more effectively highlighted and taught to future generations. Unfortunately, many of our public monuments and heritage buildings are in a state of disrepair.

That is why Canada's Conservatives will:

- Create a new Canadian Heritage Preservation Fund to provide a total of \$75 million in grants to municipal governments over the next five years for the repair and restoration of historical monuments, statues, and heritage buildings.
- Continue to support efforts to maintain Canada's national monuments.
- Ensure the prompt completion of the Canadian Monument to the Victims of Communism.

A Detailed Plan to Secure Tax Fairness



The wealthy, big U.S. tech companies, and large multinationals will always have a voice.

Canada's Conservatives will stand up for those who don't have a voice today: working and middle-class Canadians, New Canadians, small businesspersons have been hit doubly hard by the COVID crisis. They've suffered disproportionately, far more than those with greater means.

Helping them rebuild and get back on their feet will require that those who have been largely insulated from the economic damage of the pandemic do more.

Canada's Conservatives will ensure that the burden of getting our economy back on track and delivering essential public services does not fall upon those who have been hurt the most.

We will provide more funding to the Canada Revenue Agency, increasing to \$750 million per year, to fund stronger enforcement of taxation for multinational firms, taxation of large corporations, international taxation, and other tax evasion. This cost will be more than made up for by the increase in compliance, leading to an increase in how much the government collects of what it is owed.

Going after Wealthy Tax Cheats

The Trudeau Liberals recently admitted that their high-net-worth compliance program had failed to prosecute even one person over the last six years. Under Justin Trudeau, the Canada Revenue Agency continues to go after small businesses while ignoring those rich enough to pay for expensive lawyers and accountants.

Canada's Conservatives will fix this program and ensure that the wealthy pay their fair share.

Making Foreign Multinationals and Big Tech Companies Pay Their Fair Share

While Canadian small businesses have suffered over the last year, major American tech companies like Amazon and Google have made record profits - while paying next to no tax on the money they make in Canada. It's time for fairness.

Canada's Conservatives will make foreign tech companies pay their fair share of taxes including sales tax and a digital services tax representing 3% of their gross revenue in Canada if they don't pay corporate income tax here.

More broadly, Canada's Conservatives will work with the Biden Administration and other international partners to crack down on multinational tax avoiders to ensure they pay their fair share.

But that doesn't mean giving up sovereignty over our tax system. Canadians and Canadians alone determine our nation's domestic tax policy and rates. Canada's Conservatives strongly disagree with the Trudeau Liberals signing onto a global minimum tax rate at the G-7. We're worried about the impact it could have on tax advantages we provide to Canadian innovators, cleantech companies and small businesses. The Liberals have now abandoned their promise to cut the tax rate for cleantech, and they are happy to find an excuse to raise taxes. Only Canada's Conservatives are looking out for Canadian jobs.

A Detailed Plan to Secure Social Services



Spending to protect Canadians during the pandemic is the right thing to do, and Conservatives have supported it. But we can't leave unsustainable debt for future generations.

Once the recovery starts, the Conservatives will get spending under control.

As Canadians are vaccinated and the economy re-opens, we will wind down emergency support programs responsibly.

We will ensure that stimulus measures are targeted and time-limited to avoid a structural deficit.

And we will get the economy growing again to secure the revenue needed to pay for the government services Canadians depend on. Restoring Canada's finances requires getting back to robust economic growth of 3% or more per year, which is the goal of our jobs plan.

The deficit soared to \$354 billion in 2020-21, which seems daunting. But it's much easier to develop a road back to balance when we consider the three components of the deficit:

- \$30 billion of pre-existing deficit: the amount by which spending exceeds revenues in a "normal" economy growing at 1.6%.
- \$70 billion from automatic stabilizers: government revenues dropped due to the recession, as companies and individuals see their income drop and therefore pay less tax. At the same time, government expenses for Employment Insurance and other social support programs have increased.
- \$250 billion in COVID-19 emergency spending: This includes \$80 billion for CERB and \$82.3 billion for the wage subsidy (CEWS), the GST and Canada Child Benefit top-ups, funding for provinces and healthcare and approximately 70 other spending measures.

As we implement our jobs plan, we will get Canadians back to work, meaning lower unemployment and higher tax revenues for the government. As we do so, we will also wind down the emergency spending in a responsible way.

Our plan for Secure Jobs and Economic Growth will therefore reduce the deficit by almost 90% by repairing the economy.

There will be some costs along the way - incentives and other spending to get Canadians back to work. This spending is time-limited and designed to kickstart the economy. The highest level of spending will be in year one, with spending on these stimulus measures winding down over five years. This short-term spending represents most of the cost of our plan and will directly reduce the deficit by reversing the automatic stabilizers.

A crucial part of our plan is a set of new investments in Research & Development, high-speed internet access, and tax measures such as the patent box. These will have long-term benefits to the economy, making us more competitive and generating more future tax revenues. That is why our priority is to get businesses rebuilt and investing again and get people back to work.

That's the way to reduce the deficit.

The jobs and the economic recovery come first and then the deficit will come down and the emergency spending won't be needed.

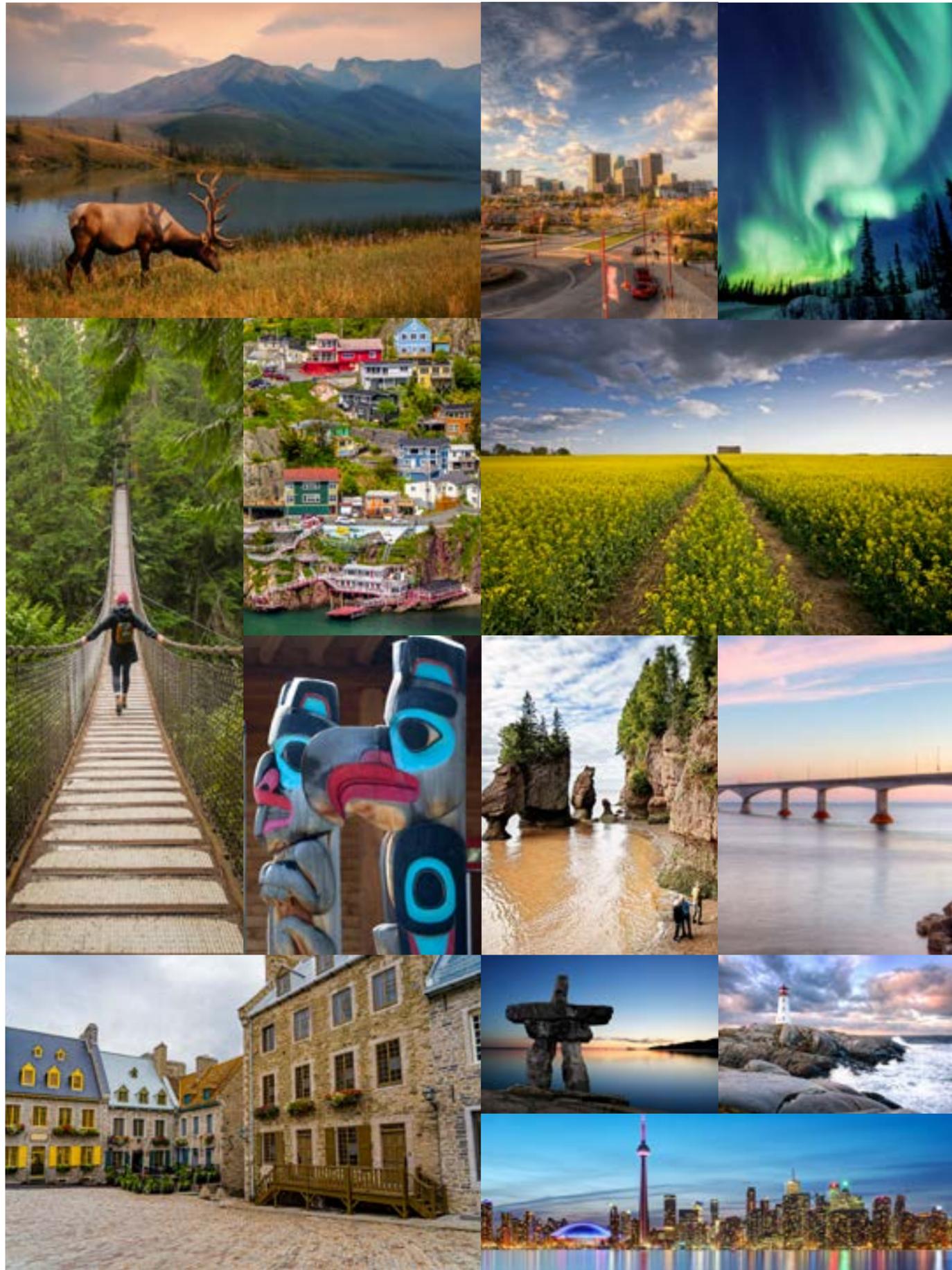
Because of the severity of the financial situation we face, we have limited the significant ongoing spending measures in our plan to a few critical priorities:

- **Healthcare:** Boosting the rate of growth of health transfers to the provinces after the Trudeau government cut it.
- **Help for Seniors:** Providing ongoing support to seniors to help them stay in their own homes or live with their family members, to deal with the crisis in Long-Term Care.
- **Help for Working Families:** Doubling the Canada Workers Benefit to make work pay and help those most in need.

By limiting ongoing spending to a few key areas and increasing economic growth, we will eliminate the deficit within the next decade in a responsible way.

As we do so, we will look for ways to achieve savings by making government more efficient. For example, over the last year we have learned a lot about the ability of many jobs to be performed remotely. Leading Canadian companies like Shopify have announced plans to move to remote work being the default. Canada's Conservatives will apply this policy to as many jobs in the federal public service as possible - reducing office expenses while improving quality of life by giving public servants in many roles the ability to choose to work from home. Flexible office space could allow public servants to work on-site when appropriate.





Canada's Recovery Plan has been costed internally and is currently being reviewed by Canada's Parliamentary Budget Office, whose costing will be included in subsequent editions.



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