

A message from Tom

This election is about the country we want, the country of our dreams.

After 10 years of Stephen Harper, 10 years of lost jobs, gutted environmental regulations and cuts to health care and education, British Columbians know that it's time for change in Ottawa.

Our plan is built on values, the values I learned growing up as one of 10 kids, the values that are at the heart of who I am as a husband, father and grandfather.

As your Prime Minister, I will wake up every day focused on building the country of our dreams.

With the NDP, that means defending British Columbia's coast, protecting our environment, and fighting climate change. It means strengthening our economy, creating good jobs for BC families, investing in our communities and making life more affordable.

The NDP will usher in a new era of Nation-to-Nation relationship, based on respect and on real investments to close the gaps in Indigenous education, health care, clean drinking water and housing.

The NDP will clean up Ottawa, and replace Stephen Harper's culture of corruption and scandal with transparency and accountability.

While Justin Trudeau has signed on with Stephen Harper's TPP, which will mean lower wages, higher costs for life-saving medications and tens of thousands of Canadians being thrown out of work, the NDP will create jobs and introduce a national affordable prescription drug plan.

Stephen Harper has done great damage to this country. We only have this chance to stop him.

In British Columbia, only the NDP is in a position to defeat Stephen Harper and join with Canadians to form a progressive government in Ottawa.

On October 19th, British Columbians can bring change to Ottawa.

I'm ready; let's get started.



Tom Mulcair
Leader of Canada's NDP



Our Priorities for Building a Better BC

NDP values are BC values: a strong economy, a clean environment, and good public services like health care and education.

On October 19th, a vote for the NDP will stop Harper, change Ottawa, and build a better BC — and the Canada of our dreams.

IN BC, A NEW DEMOCRAT GOVERNMENT WILL:



Defend our coast, protect our environment and fight climate change



Strengthen our economy and create good jobs



Invest in BC communities



Make life more affordable



Strengthen public health care



Fight inequality and support our most vulnerable citizens

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Defending Our Coast, Protecting Our Environment

The Harper Conservatives have gutted environmental protections and reviews, closed Coast Guard bases, reduced oil spill response capacity, weakened the Fisheries Act, and put Canada further and further behind in the fight against climate change.

New Democrats know that strengthening the economy and protecting the environment go hand in hand.

An NDP government will:

- Re-open the Coast Guard bases the Conservatives closed, restore oil spill response capacity, and legislate a ban on crude oil tanker traffic on BC's North Coast.
- Fix the broken environmental assessment process to:
 - Establish a rigorous, transparent environmental assessment process that is based on sound science, listens to the public, and respects First Nations; and
 - Ensure that cumulative environmental impacts, value-added jobs and greenhouse gas emissions are fully considered in environmental assessments.
- Fight climate change by working with the province on carbon pricing and hard emissions limits for our biggest polluters.
- Protect BC's wild salmon by implementing the recommendations of the Cohen Commission and supporting a transition to closed-containment aquaculture.
- Act to formally protect the sensitive ocean areas at Race Rocks, Hecate Strait Glass Sponge Reefs Marine Protection Area, Scott Islands Marine National Wildlife Area, and the Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area.
- Implement a home energy retrofit program to help lower energy bills in tens of thousands of homes and apartment buildings, create thousands of jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Invest in innovative sustainable development projects in BC communities through the Green Municipal Fund.
- Leverage \$4.5 billion in new national investment in clean energy, climate-resilient infrastructure, commercial and industrial energy retrofits, and other sustainable development projects over the next four years by issuing low-risk, government-backed Green Bonds.
- Implement a Pan-Canadian Plan for Water that will include legislation to ensure safe drinking water for all Canadians and ban the bulk export of water.
- Introduce an Environmental Bill of Rights, giving all Canadians the right to a clean and healthy environment.



Strengthening the Economy, Creating Good Jobs

BC is the gateway to global markets. In spite of the wealth created in our cities and towns, from our land and rich natural resources, families are finding it harder and harder to get ahead. We need to make smart investments to grow our economy and ensure that all British Columbians have good job opportunities.

An NDP government will:

- Work with the province of BC to reduce raw log exports and ensure BC logs help create BC jobs.
- Ensure our natural resources are used sustainably to create good value-added jobs by supporting forestry manufacturing, innovation and the promotion of value-added Canadian wood products, and by extending the Mining Exploration Tax Credit.
- Boost innovation and support advanced manufacturing jobs by introducing an Innovation Tax Credit to help manufacturers, like sawmills, invest in R&D, machinery and equipment to keep their companies competitive.
- Negotiate fair trade agreements transparently, while ensuring that Canada is not bound by Stephen Harper's weak Trans Pacific Partnership deal that:
 - Threatens internet privacy and will hold back Canada's tech and innovative companies;
 - Weakens environmental standards;
 - Threatens family dairy farms; and
 - Raises the cost of prescription drugs.
- Help family farms by protecting supply management and investing in programs to help stabilize family farm incomes, protect produce growers and support young farmers.
- Provide a \$30 million investment in Destination Canada to help Canada's tourism industry attract more American tourists to our cities, towns, wineries, and natural attractions.
- Introduce a Microbrewery Tax Credit to help BC's craft brewers thrive.
- Ask profitable corporations to pay their fair share by increasing corporate taxes from 15% to 17% in order to make historic investments in our communities.
- Support a diverse local economy by cutting the tax rate on small businesses, which are Canada's largest and most important job creators, from 11% to 9%.
- Help young people get a good start by investing \$250 million and working with the private sector and non-profits to help over 40,000 young Canadians secure jobs, co-op placements and paid internships.
- Boost investment in training by \$500 million per year to help employers find the skilled workers they need and help Canadians get better jobs.
- Ensure major public infrastructure projects include a significant number of apprenticeships to support the next generation of tradespeople.

- Lead the way on the minimum wage by reinstating the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.
- Invest \$60 million over for four years in Canada's cultural institutions to support our film industry (Telefilm Canada and the NFB) and to have more artists and cultural institutions able to access grants from the Canada Council for the Arts.
- Improve foreign credential recognition to ensure that arriving professionals are able to contribute their skills to our community and our economy.



Investing in our Communities, Building a Better BC

Decades of downloading by Liberal and Conservative governments have left our cities and towns struggling to keep up with infrastructure needs – leaving residents with crumbling roads and bridges, aging water systems, and outdated ferries with prohibitive fares. Gridlock costs up to \$2 billion in lost productivity each year in Metro Vancouver alone.

The NDP's plan sustainably increases investments in our communities each and every year to help get BC moving again, boost productivity, create jobs, and give British Columbians more time to spend with their families.

An NDP government will:

- Make predictable, stable and transparent investments in local roads, bridges, transit, community centres and sustainable infrastructure in British Columbia including:
 - Approximately \$7.7 billion in new federal funding for BC communities - for a total of \$13.7 billion over 20 years for their local priorities; and
 - \$5.2 billion earmarked to improve transit in the Lower Mainland so rapid transit priorities in the region, including Surrey Light Rail Transit and the Broadway SkyTrain Extension, can move forward right away with sustainable, predictable federal commitments
- Prevent damage from and respond to wildfires, earthquakes, flooding and other natural disasters by:
 - Investing \$400 million in flood mitigation measures and seismic upgrades for schools;
 - Developing emergency plans and providing equipment and training for first responders by investing in the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program; and
 - Working with provinces to strengthen the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program.
- Develop a National Transit Strategy in collaboration with the provinces, territories and municipalities to support transit research, manufacturing, trade, and to promote transit best practices.
- Honour commitments for federal shipbuilding procurements and work with the province and BC shipyards to ensure the long-time viability and success of BC's shipbuilding industry.
- Allow BC Ferries to access federal funding for ferry infrastructure, terminals, fleet upgrades and new vessels through the New Building Canada Fund.
- Improve rail safety in our communities by:
 - Ensuring that railways are adequately investing to improve the safety of rail infrastructure;
 - Improving rail inspections and audits while issuing strong penalties for safety violations; and

- Phasing out unsafe rail cars, providing better information to communities and first responders, and taking action to reduce speeds, noise and reroute dangerous goods.
- Broaden eligibility under the New Building Canada Fund to ensure that important recreation, cultural, tourism infrastructure are supported.
- Restore the long-form census to support evidence-based decision making and ensure that municipalities, businesses and community organizations have access to accurate data on our cities, towns and rural areas.
- Reverse the \$115-million cuts to CBC and provide long term, stable, predictable funding to protect the CBC and prevent the sale of CBC property.



Making Life More Affordable, Taking Care of One Another

British Columbians have been working harder and harder but just can't get ahead. Many families struggle with rising costs of living as incomes have flat-lined. BC has some of the highest housing costs in the country and some of the most expensive childcare in Canada. The NDP wants to help families balance their monthly budgets by making investments that will bring down costs while building stronger communities.

An NDP government will:

- Introduce a universal childcare program that will provide affordable, quality care for one million children at no more than \$15 a day – helping families make ends meet and giving parents greater flexibility to return to work. This will create over 110,000 affordable childcare spaces in BC over the next eight years.
- Restore funding for public health care, including Canada-wide investments to:
 - Reduce wait-times to see a family doctor by working with the province with a goal of building new community clinics and recruiting more than 900 new doctors and front-line healthcare providers in BC;
 - Improve services for seniors by working with the province with a goal of expanding home care supports to more than 5,300 seniors and adding at least 650 nursing home beds in BC; and
 - Make prescription drugs more affordable by improving prescription drug coverage and controlling drug costs through bulk purchasing.
- Create a Mental Health Innovation Fund for Children and Youth to reduce wait times and improve access to care.
- Strengthen retirement security by working with the provinces to increase benefits through the Canada Pension Plan.
- Reverse the Conservatives' reckless decision to raise the age of retirement to 67.
- Enact the Affordable Housing Act and invest in affordable housing to:
 - Renew, repair and expand affordable housing units to protect 365,000 co-operative and social housing units;
 - Create incentives for the construction of 10,000 affordable and market rental housing units;
 - Invest in front-line services to reduce homelessness; and
 - Ensure that redevelopment of federal lands includes affordable housing and housing co-operatives.
- Help working moms and dads with five more weeks of dedicated second-parent leave, and help people take time off work to care for chronically ill relatives with improved compassionate care benefits.
- Save Canada Post home mail delivery and restore service to Canadian households.



Fighting Inequality, Improving Fairness

BC's child poverty rate has been the highest in Canada for the past decade. One in five children live in low-income households and a growing number of adults working in BC are employed in part-time, contract or precarious jobs without benefits. Instead of ignoring the problem, we need a strategy now to help families, reduce inequality in our province and ensure no one is left behind.

An NDP government will:

- Introduce legislation that sets goals and targets for poverty reduction in consultation with all other levels of government and non-governmental organizations.
- Invest approximately \$5 million in additional funding over 4 years to support initiatives to end homelessness in BC.
- Eliminate stock option loopholes for wealthy CEOs and invest every dollar into helping low-income Canadians and reducing child poverty to:
 - Boost the National Child Benefit Supplement by \$300 million annually; and
 - Increase the Working Income Tax Benefit \$200 million annually.
- Re-establish an independent advisory council with a mandate to advise the government on eliminating poverty, modeled after the National Council of Welfare.
- Boost the Guaranteed Income Supplement to help lift seniors out of poverty.
- Make college and university more affordable by investing \$250 million nationally in additional federal student grants and phasing out interest on federal student loans.
- Work with women's groups and community organizations to establish a comprehensive national action plan to end violence against women and girls, with dedicated funding and benchmarks.
- Support women and children fleeing violence by restoring the national Shelter Enhancement Program with \$40 million in national funding over four years to ensure that no woman in need is turned away from a shelter.
- Take action to close the pay gap between men and women, including enacting all of the outstanding recommendations of the Pay Equity Task Force.
- Improve fairness in the EI system by increasing access for people who lose their jobs and eliminating unfair barriers to young workers.
- Introduce a comprehensive Canadians with Disabilities Act to eliminate barriers and promote accessibility, effective participation and equality of opportunity.
- Continue our proud history of welcoming immigrants and refugees by:
 - Removing the unfair cap on parent and grandparent sponsorships imposed by the Conservatives;
 - Reducing wait times by increasing resources to reduce the huge backlogs in processing applications; and
 - Putting greater priority on family reunification, especially the reunion of children with their parents.



Protecting Public Safety, Defending Rights and Democracy

The Conservatives and Liberals have passed Bill C-51, which poses a broad threat to our privacy and civil rights. Violent crime rates in the Lower Mainland have risen and the Conservatives have failed to protect our towns and cities. Tom Mulcair and the NDP know that we cannot be forced to choose between our freedom and our security – we must protect both.

An NDP government will:

- Repeal Bill C-51, which is dangerous, ineffective and threatens the liberties of Canadians by asking them to choose between their safety and their freedoms.
- Call a national inquiry into the 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in our first 100 days.
- Invest an additional \$30 million nationally to ensure communities have the resources they need to invest in crime prevention and anti-gang programs – particularly those designed for youth.
- Work with provinces, territories, municipalities and Indigenous communities to provide stable, ongoing funding to put 2,500 new police officers on the streets across Canada and keep them there. This would include delivering on Harper's broken promise of 100 new police officers for the Surrey RCMP detachment.
- Take steps to ensure that police are free to focus on serious crimes, by:
 - Immediately decriminalizing possession of personal amounts of marijuana;
 - Adopting recommendations of the Correctional Investigator of Canada to ensure appropriate care, treatments and procedures are available in prison for offenders with mental illness; and
 - Improving access to prison rehabilitation programs, which are proven to reduce the rate of re-offence.
- Respect human rights and fight discrimination by adding the rights of transgender and gender-variant Canadians to Canada's Human Rights Act.
- Ensure that 2015 is the last unfair election by introducing a system of proportional representation so that future governments reflect the will of Canadians.



Our BC Team

Our team of BC candidates is strong, talented, and deeply committed to building a better British Columbia. In every corner of the province, New Democrats are taking on Stephen Harper and fighting for our communities. We are ready to work with you to build the country of our dreams.



Jen Martel
Abbotsford



Carol Baird Ellan
Burnaby—North Seymour



Kennedy Stewart
Burnaby—South



Trent Derrick
Cariboo—Prince George



Angelique Wood
Central Okanagan—
Similkameen—Nicola



Seonaigh MacPherson
Chilliwack—Hope



Rebecca Smith
Cloverdale—Langley City



Sara Norman
Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam



Gord Johns
Courtenay—Alberni



Alistair MacGregor
Cowichan—Malahat—
Langford



Jeremy Leveque
Delta



Randall Garrison
Esquimalt—Saanich—
Sooke



Garry Begg
Fleetwood—Port Kells



Bill Sundhu
Kamloops—Thompson—
Cariboo



Norah Bowman
Kelowna—Lake Country



Wayne Stetski
Kootenay—Columbia



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Langley—Aldergrove



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River—Northern Rockies



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Richmond Centre



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South Surrey—White Rock



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Vancouver Quadra



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Vancouver South



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Find out More

Our plan to build the Canada of our dreams: www.ndp.ca/platform

Our balanced fiscal plan: www.ndp.ca/news/ndp-releases-balanced-fiscal-plan

Our commitment to Indigenous communities: www.ndp.ca/sites/default/files/news/indigenousplatform-en-final2.pdf

Our plan to lead the fight against climate change: www.ndp.ca/news/after-10-years-harpers-failure-climate-mulcair-ready-to-lead

Our family-focused immigration plan: www.jinnysimsndp.ca/ndp_immigration_plan_centered_on_family_values

