

**Restore Confidence.
Rebuild BC.**



BC Liberals

A Plan to

Restore Confidence. Rebuild BC.

OUR COMMITMENTS TO YOU

We are going to build opportunity in BC with more money in your pocket, to create jobs and investment in every part of the province

- We will get more people back to work and attract new investment in BC by completely eliminating the PST for a year, and then set it at 3% as the economy grows.
- We will eliminate Small Business Income Tax entirely, keeping more people working and making our communities thrive again. Small businesses need our support now more than ever.
- We will appoint an independent Fair Tax Commission to review all provincial taxes, including the NDP's 23 different new or increased taxes.

Child care must not be a barrier for parents, especially moms, trying to earn a living

- We will subsidize child care for low-income and middle-class families who need it to get back to work, including \$10 a day child care for low-income British Columbians.
- Dramatically increase access to child care by building an additional 10,000 new child care spaces all across BC.
- We will ensure the right child care is available for every parent who needs it and provide online applications for every government-supported child care space.

We will provide better, more dignified seniors' care for our parents and grandparents

- We will invest an additional \$1 billion over five years in new long-term care facilities.
- As part of our massive investment in new facilities, we will work towards ensuring every senior in long-term care who wants one has a private room.
- We will make it more affordable for seniors to age safely in comfort in their own homes, by implementing a new tax credit for seniors of up to \$7,000 a year for the cost of their home care.

You can't afford the ICBC monopoly any longer – we all deserve choice when it comes to auto insurance:

- We will end the ICBC monopoly so that drivers can pick the best rate available and have true choice in auto insurance.
- We will reduce rates for young drivers, by giving all new drivers credit for up to four years of driving experience when they demonstrate safe driving habits.
- We will reduce pressure on rates for everyone, by giving drivers the choice to purchase auto insurance from either the private market (traditional system) or ICBC (no-fault system).

We will build a real pathway to get people off drugs, and ensure safer streets and communities

- We will increase funding for public safety by \$58 million, to help fight crime and make sure police and prosecutors have the resources they need to make our communities safer.
- We will increase addiction-treatment and recovery programs, and ensure those who need help getting off drugs have a clear pathway to treatment, unlike the NDP's approach of simply warehousing people with addictions.
- We will work to decrease crime, and to address issues of systemic racism in our society.

It's time to rebuild BC:

- We will invest an additional \$8 billion in infrastructure improvements over three years, an increase of 35% in infrastructure investments, to create jobs, stimulate our economy, and meet the needs of our growing population.
- We will deliver the biggest infrastructure investment in BC history, with a total investment of \$30.9 billion over three years, including in transportation, hospitals, primary care clinics, seniors' care homes, mental health treatment and affordable housing.

My Commitment to Restore Confidence, Rebuild BC

Message from Andrew

I love British Columbia.

I grew up here, went to school here, and have lived and worked as a doctor all across our great province, from Dease Lake to Lillooet to Campbell River.

For many of us, BC has always been a place of incredible opportunity.

But today, British Columbians are deeply concerned about our future.

Almost 1.2 million British Columbians were forced to rely on federal COVID-19 benefits because they were unable to work, and the NDP has no plan to bring jobs back to BC.

The pandemic has caused urgent challenges for us all, in our schools, hospitals, seniors' homes and child care centres.

We need strong, disciplined and competent leadership that will bring you security, recovery, and opportunity. Now is the time for action, not just promises.

This is a critical time. We need to act quickly and urgently to ease the burdens and reduce the pressures facing you, and people and businesses across BC.

Our plan makes smart, disciplined investments in our people, communities and businesses, to improve your livelihood, and the health and well-being of all British Columbians.

The BC Liberals will make our communities safer, stimulate economic recovery, and grow our economy – Restoring Confidence and Rebuilding BC.



Andrew



Our Pandemic Response Plan

Acting quickly and urgently to protect you

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused urgent economic, social and public health challenges for families and workers, in our communities, schools, hospitals, seniors' homes and child care centres.

We will act boldly, decisively and immediately to protect and improve your livelihood, and the health and well-being of all British Columbians.

Within our first 60 days of taking office, a BC Liberal Government will act to:

- Implement a new Economic Response Plan to create new jobs and investment and put money back in the pockets of taxpayers, by eliminating the PST for a year and launching a comprehensive review of regulatory processes to ensure more timely approvals.
- Appoint an independent Fair Tax Commission, comprised of non-partisan economic experts, to immediately review all provincial taxes, and to recommend which should be adjusted, reduced or eliminated to most effectively fuel economic recovery.
- Prepare legislation to strengthen BC's fixed election date legislation, and limit the Premier's ability to manipulate election dates for partisan benefit, by banning early elections during provincial emergencies.
- Establish an emergency Pandemic Response Committee to work with all parties and the Provincial Health Officer on a collaborative approach to managing the current and future pandemics, including accelerating provincial aid and supports for small businesses and individuals impacted by COVID-19.
- Improve students' and teachers' health and safety, by implementing a province-wide framework for hybrid and online learning options, promoting distance learning programs, and restoring the \$12 million the NDP cut from Independent Distributed Learning programs.
- Launch and ensure a truly independent review of the response to COVID-19 in our seniors' long-term care and assisted living homes.
- Initiate planning and changes to implement a provincial prescription-drug monitoring program to prevent addiction with early referrals to specialist care and treatment options.
- Build a strong, positive relationship with the federal government, like the one that brought us the Canada Line.
- Commit to a comprehensive fiscal plan, to be tabled in fall 2021 and passed as part of Budget 2022, to get BC on track to balance the budget once the pandemic is over and the economy is on solid footing.



Restoring confidence and rebuilding

A caring BC

The BC Liberal platform delivers:

- A plan to dramatically increase access to child care for BC families.
- A plan to support and protect elderly British Columbians.
- A plan to assist people with addictions.
- A plan to increase mental health support for British Columbians.
- A plan to improve access to health care for patients.

Building new spaces and services to deliver

Affordable child care for families

As you work to ensure the security of your family, now more than ever, parents need access to safe, reliable child care services.

The NDP promised in the last election that by now they would create 24,000 new child care spaces. Instead they've only produced 3,490, and have completely broken their promise to ensure affordable care.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Implement a \$1.1 billion plan to bring \$10-a-day child care to families with household income to \$65,000, and \$20 or \$30-a-day care, based on household income up to \$125,000.
- Dramatically increase access to child care by building an additional 10,000 new child care spaces all across BC, on top of those that have been added by the NDP.
- Implement a new, online province-wide electronic application that is voluntary for parents and required for all providers receiving government funding. The parent would have the option to reject an invitation for an available space and wait for the next one.
- Encourage and support a variety of non-profit and market-based child care providers.
- Expand training and support for better qualified child care workers.
- Replace the Minister of State for Child Care with a full Ministry to manage licencing, funding and oversight.
- Expand access to before-and-after school care in schools and create incentives for employers to support child care options for their employees.
- Work collaboratively with the federal government to further expand child care options.



Providing new investments and supports for

Children and students

We know that the early, formative years of our children's lives are critical to their long-term health and success. That's why we need to ensure strong supports and investments in our children's early development.

We also need to ensure safe, secure learning options for students during the pandemic. The NDP's back to school plan has failed to protect and meet the needs of children, families, teachers and staff.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Double the number of midwives graduating in BC every year.
- Implement measures to increase the affordability and accessibility of in vitro fertilization (IVF) services in BC.
- Streamline the adoption approval process for finding safe forever homes in BC.
- Improve early childhood development by expanding the Baby's Best Chance support program for parents of newborns to support healthier outcomes for children.
- Increase supports and earlier assessments for identifying learning needs.
- Provide school instruction that meets the diverse learning needs of students.
- Ensure consistent options for full-time, regular school in a safe setting during the pandemic, including hybrid and online, whether in a public school, independent school or via online learning or Independent Distributed Learning.
- Work with school districts to ensure the provision of consistent unified portals for parents, including access to report cards, registrations and authorization forms.
- Upgrade K-12 facilities and ensure they are properly equipped.
- Build new schools throughout the province, and expand new school construction in areas with rapid population growth.



Building new opportunities for **Adult learners**

One of the most important economic investments we can make is in education and training, to ensure we all have the skills and opportunity to be our best and build a bright future.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Learn from the pandemic to build and train the health work force of the future with increased spaces for doctors, nurses and health professions we need.
- Adopt the disclosure-requirements of the UK Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills, to ensure all BC students know, before they register, the total costs of a program, the graduation rate and employment rate.
- Establish a new Work Experience for Students (WESt) program, including co-ops and job creation programs in times of high unemployment, in collaboration with the federal government.
- Encourage more British Columbians to pursue and complete apprenticeship training, by streamlining registrations and credentials.
- Bring trades competency into the school system, and expand secondary school trades programs to begin credentialing earlier.



Providing improved care and new supports for

Seniors

The heart-breaking health-impacts and loss of life from COVID-19 among seniors in our long-term care and assisted living residences is a tragedy that we must never allow to be repeated.

We will act to bring in new care-supports and resources for our seniors, to improve their health, safety and quality of life.

A BC Liberal Government will

- Invest an additional \$1 billion over 5 years in new long-term care homes, to replace and upgrade ageing facilities.
- As part of our investment in new facilities, work ensure every senior in long-term care who wants one has a private room, and decommission multi-bed wards.
- Make it more affordable for seniors to age safely in the comfort of their own homes, by implementing the new Seniors' Home Care Tax Credit, which provides seniors with a tax credit up to \$7,000 a year for up to \$20,000 of housekeeping, home repairs and supportive care.
- Expand programs to assist seniors and people with disabilities with home renovations, to allow more seniors to age in place, including reinstating the Home Adaptations for Independence grant program implemented by the previous BC Liberal government and suspended under the NDP.
- Launch and ensure a truly independent review of the response to COVID-19 in our seniors' long-term care and assisted living homes.
- Implement measures to enable family members to safely visit seniors living in long-term care, assisted and independent living residences during the COVID-19 pandemic, to bring residents comfort and companionship.
- Work with care home operators to address chronic worker shortages and improve the quality of care.
- Improve home-care visits and supports for seniors living in their own homes.
- Increase the supply of fully-accessible units for seniors and persons with disabilities, in newly-built multi-unit residential buildings.
- Work to eliminate ageism and unconscious bias across government, to ensure all services are free of discrimination against seniors.
- Treat seniors fairly by covering the costs of exams the province requires drivers to complete every two years, beginning at age 80.
- Offer seniors and their families a free central registry to provide reliable Advanced Care Plans and related documents for elder care.

Building better

Health care for you

As our society ages, and drugs and technology costs increase, the challenges in our health care system continue to grow.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the challenges in our health care system even greater for patients and health care workers alike.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Continue to work with all parties and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry in a collaborative manner, to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and not each other, in the best interests of all British Columbians.
- Ensure free influenza vaccines for all British Columbians, to help reduce the burden on our medical system and help save lives.
- Improve patient care by establishing more Primary Care Networks and Community Health Centres.
- Learn from the pandemic to train the health work force of the future, including family doctors, nurse practitioners, and other allied primary health care workers as needed.
- Expand opportunities for international graduates in health professions to work in BC.
- Work to attract health professionals to under-served areas.
- Improve access to medical care by encouraging practice networks and innovative practice models.
- Act to improve BC Ambulance Service response-times for patients, particularly in smaller and rural communities.
- Work in partnership with the Province of Alberta to improve access to care for British Columbians whose nearest local health services are in Alberta.
- Protect our nurses and other health care workers, by instituting necessary system improvements to ensure all workers experience a violence-free workplace.



Providing new digital and online tools and control for **Patients and their families**

You can now access almost any product and service online, from banking to grocery shopping – except when it comes to your health care. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how quickly we can adopt digital and online tools to deliver services more safely and conveniently.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Increase online booking of medical appointments, to reduce wait-times and improve convenience for patients.
- Improve public reporting of wait-times, and reduce wait-times for surgical procedures, by accelerating the implementation of electronic surgical-waitlist management tools.
- Accelerate the adoption of virtual medical consultations with doctors and nurse practitioners, to reduce COVID-19 backlogs and reduce wait-times for referrals.
- Work with doctors and pharmacies to expand online prescription-renewals, with optional home delivery.

We must also ensure our health care services are inclusive for all.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Increase the number of nurses in BC hospitals trained to conduct medical and forensic exams for sexual assault, so that victims are not forced to travel to other hospitals.
- Work to eliminate systemic racism and unconscious bias across the health care system, and to ensure services are equitable and accessible for all, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or any other form of discrimination.



Improving supports for

Mental health and addictions

As public awareness and understanding of mental health issues have grown, so too has our responsibility to provide adequate treatments and supports. We need to treat the causes, and prevent the harm.

Tragically, the crisis of opioid-addiction and fatal overdoses has increased to take record numbers of British Columbians' lives.

A BC Liberal Government will treat the causes and prevent the harm:

- Increase addiction-treatment and recovery programs, and ensure those who need help getting off drugs have a clear pathway to treatment, unlike the NDP's approach of simply warehousing people with addictions.
- Clearly recognize that addiction is a medical disorder, and ensure a focus on public health and safety in the treatment of people suffering from addictions.
- Increase mental health supports in public secondary schools, such as registered psychiatric nurses.
- Introduce a *Safe Care Act* to safely and ethically help young people with addictions into treatment.
- End the funding discrimination that continues to disqualify abstinence-based treatment programs.
- Implement a provincial prescription-drug monitoring program to prevent addiction with early referrals to specialist care and treatment options.



Ensuring social supports and opportunity for

All citizens

Our diversity is one of our great strengths in BC. We must work to ensure strong social supports and opportunities for all citizens, true gender equality, and services free of prejudice.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Expand the provincial Single Parent Employment Initiative, to train and support single parents as they seek employment opportunities.
- Extend supports for foster children to age 25.
- Adopt and ensure diversity commitments for hiring in the public service and for government-appointed boards.
- Support pay equity and salary transparency, by requiring companies with at least 50 employees to report the compensation paid to categories of male and female employees, via the *Equal Pay Reporting Act*.
- Develop family counselling and law centres, modelled on the innovative Family Services Centres in Australia.
- Extend the *Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act* beyond public post-secondary institutions to all of government.
- Ensure that British Columbia is a place of opportunity and fairness for everyone free of discrimination based on age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or place of origin, and that LGBTQ+ citizens are treated with respect and live their lives free of discrimination.
- Ensure all government services are free of racism and prejudice, and require all government offices to follow anti-racism policies.
- Ban foreign money and influence in BC politics.





Restoring confidence and rebuilding

A safe and clean BC

The BC Liberal platform delivers:

- A plan to strengthen public safety, and decrease crime in our communities.
- A plan to dramatically increase affordable housing and supply across BC, with the most comprehensive housing strategy of any jurisdiction in North America.
- A plan to lead the world in clean energy, with solar, wind and hydro.
- A plan to enhance our parks, wildlife and recreation spaces for all British Columbians.



Building safer communities by
Strengthening public safety

You should feel safe and secure in your community.

But under the NDP, property crime is growing, and too many British Columbians feel unsafe.

We will act to restore public safety and protect our communities, working together with municipalities, police and community organizations.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Increase funding for public safety in BC by \$58 million, to help fight crime and make sure police and prosecutors have the resources they need to make our communities safer.
- Fund the hiring of 200 additional police officers across the province and 100 more psychiatric social workers/nurses.
- Establish more Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Teams to respond to mental health-related emergency calls.
- Hire 40 additional, full-time Crown prosecutors and additional support staff to process charges and hear criminal trials in the court system.
- Provide the BC Prosecution Service with needed tools to reduce delays, aggressively crackdown on crime, and improve public safety.
- Work with the court system to adopt technology innovations to reduce COVID-19 related backlogs and conduct trials more effectively and quickly, to expedite decisions, reduce trial delays and ensure timely justice for criminals.
- Protect against domestic violence by adopting the “Clare’s Law” in place in other jurisdictions, making violent criminal histories open to vulnerable members of the public.
- Work with the police and prosecutors to reduce crime in our communities, and improve public safety, by vigorously enforcing the ban on unsafe roadside panhandling, and adopting a zero-tolerance approach to deadly and illegal street-racing.
- Work with police to ensure consistent provincewide notification of victims’ families upon the release of perpetrators.
- Work with police and prosecutors to make our communities safer by aggressively cracking-down on gangs.
- Work with police and prosecutors to prosecute those who transport illegal handguns in cars, including seizure of vehicles.
- Ensure that victim services and supports are available and easily accessible.
- Pause the transition in policing in Surrey, to provide accountability and transparency, and give the people of Surrey the final say through a referendum.

We are truly fortunate to live in a province with rich cultural diversity and heritages. It is one of our great strengths. That's why we must work to eliminate systemic-racism in our institutions, and to ensure that the rights of all British Columbians are respected under the law.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Ensure dignity and equality for all British Columbians, by requiring police services to actively adopt anti-racism and anti-discriminatory conduct policies.
- Establish province-wide standards to eliminate arbitrary racial-profiling practices.
- Work with police to defuse conflicts on our streets, by increasing the use of non-armed community-policing patrols.

British Columbians' safety should not be threatened by being unable to travel due to blockades.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Promptly protect British Columbians' right to access public roads, bridges and railroads from unlawful blockades.




Reducing costs and improving travel for

Drivers and transit users

As we work to build strong, safe communities, we must also reduce costs and road-congestion for workers, and improve travel for drivers and transit users alike.

- Open up the market to give British Columbians true choice in auto insurance by ending the ICBC monopoly, and letting drivers pick the best rate available to save money.
- Give all new drivers credit for two years of driving experience, increasing to four years if a new driver has completed driver education. This will result in significantly lower premiums for new drivers with clean records who demonstrate safe driving habits and will be available to both new drivers with their own policies and parents with children listed as occasional drivers.
- Give drivers the choice to purchase auto insurance from either the private market (traditional system) or ICBC (no-fault system).
- Return excessive premiums charged by ICBC during 2020 to their rightful owners, the drivers of BC.
- Improve our roads, public transit and clean transportation infrastructure, as part of the biggest infrastructure investment in BC history, to reduce congestion and improve travel for drivers and transit users.
- Anticipate electric transportation by ensuring charging stations are widely available.
- A complete ban on photo-radar for speeding in BC.





Increasing affordable housing for **Homebuyers and Renters**

The NDP have broken their promises to ensure affordable housing options for British Columbians. Out of a promised 114,000 more affordable homes, they have only opened 2,963 units. It will take more than 100 years for the NDP to reach their housing target. And house prices, rents and property taxes continue to grow, making housing even less affordable.

In addition, strata-owners are now facing up to 1,000% increases in their insurance premiums, costing hundreds of dollars extra per month.

BC Liberals will implement the most comprehensive housing affordability strategy in North America, to provide new supply and affordable housing options for you and all British Columbians.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Establish an incentive fund for municipalities with housing policies that enable demonstrable increases in the construction and supply of new housing.
- Implement tax and permitting changes to boost housing supply, including rental and market housing, to increase choice and improve affordability for British Columbians.
- Work with municipalities to review the current property tax structure to incent affordable housing development, prevent speculation and drive affordable rental housing.
- Require reviews of Official Community Plans every five years that are public, robust and transparent; require that zoning bylaws then be updated to reflect changes to the plan within one year after adoption; and allow for the waiving of hearings for Official Community Plan compliant projects.
- Support zoning reform to provide inclusionary zoning and to ensure that the Residential Rental Tenure Zoning (RRTZ) tool cannot be used to devalue and downzone property.
- Ensure no net loss of rental units in real estate redevelopment projects.
- Develop tax-relief measures to help people hurt by COVID-19 economic impacts to keep their homes.
- Implement split assessments for the commercially-rented portion of buildings through a new commercial property sub-class.
- Create a new residential property sub-class for rental housing of three or more units.
- Change BC Assessment practices to ensure rental properties are no longer valued based on the highest and best use, but rather on actual rental use.
- Provide energy-efficiency rebates on rental renovations.
- Use provincial and municipal land for affordable housing.
- Invest in getting homeless British Columbians a home and connecting them with the health and social service supports they need.

- Ensure prompt and effective resolution of tenancy disputes.
- Enable affordable condominium strata insurance by: encouraging and facilitating self-insurance models for stratas; eliminating the practice of “best-terms” pricing; and reducing statutorily-required insurance for strata properties from full replacement value to a level in line with actual claims cost history.
- Reduce delays in building-permit approvals and new homeowner costs.
- Improve the municipal development approval process, based on best practices.
- Strengthen and enforce Regional Growth Strategy targets so they are robust and effective.
- Provide provincial funding to create a digital tracking tool to allow municipalities and applicants to track the progress of individual applications and identify roadblocks.
- Increase the supply of fully-accessible units for persons with disabilities in newly-built multi-unit residential buildings.
- Modernize the BC Building Code to address accessibility, energy efficiency and strata insurance premiums.
- Support and develop co-operative housing and other alternative ownership models.

In addition, rather than penalizing homeowners, we will implement measures to combat true speculation in the housing sector.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Replace the phony NDP Speculation Tax with a true real-estate speculation tax, by changing it to a condo-flipping capital gains tax.
- Implement higher property-taxes for non-residents of Canada, to help prevent inflation of housing prices caused by foreign investors.



Clean energy and the environment

We all know that the world is moving away from oil within our lifetimes. BC is well placed for this challenge with our strong clean and green hydro resources that provide all of our electricity.

Our next challenge is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and buildings. That means that we will need to invest in making electric transportation more widely available, and updating our building codes.

We are really good at this, and right here in BC we even have world leading technology for innovations such as carbon capture. So, let's kick-start the change by planning for solar and wind power, preparing for increased reliance on electricity instead of oil, and making BC a leader once again in climate policy.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Re-establish BC as a global climate leader, and make BC a place where people have clean and green choices in transportation, buildings and public services.
- Create jobs and reduce energy costs for British Columbians, by encouraging the retrofitting of homes and businesses.
- Reduce the impact of climate-related disasters like wildfires and floods, to make BC communities safer.
- Expand public transit options.
- Support investments in more electric vehicle charging stations across BC, working with municipalities and businesses.
- Support investments in renewable energy and next-generation clean energy and technology solutions, including working with the federal government and other provinces to leverage innovations and research in carbon capture.
- Ensure a comprehensive greenhouse gas strategy that reduces emissions while enabling our world-leading sustainable resource development and Indigenous land use.
- Ensure decisions in every Ministry across government are made with environmental improvement as an overarching goal.
- Improve the provincial building code to maximize energy-efficiency in a way that respects communities' unique geography, and avoids imposing one-size-fits-all costs with minimal environmental benefit.
- Work with the federal government to review scheduled increases in the Carbon Tax in light of the current economic recession.

Protecting and enhancing

Fish and wildlife

We must also act to enhance fish and wildlife populations, for the benefit of all British Columbians who love and depend on our great outdoors for jobs and recreation.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Implement wetland protection, and expansion where feasible, to ensure no net loss of wetlands in BC.
- Take more aggressive control of invasive species in BC lakes and habitat.
- Implement a robust program to engage the public to significantly reduce plastic and Styrofoam waste in our oceans and waterways.
- Work with federal, municipal and First Nations partners, as well as outdoor recreation and conservancy organizations, to ensure the ongoing restoration of wildlife populations.
- Ensure hunting and other wildlife fees are used to fund enhancement of our wild spaces and wildlife populations.
- Accelerate reforestation programs with priority to high-value fish-impact watershed reclamation.
- Appoint a Minister responsible for Fisheries and Coastlines to enhance and protect our water and fish resources.
- Adopt robust salmon and steelhead conservation measures before it's too late to save these iconic species.
- Support food share programs to keep food out of landfills, and get it to people who need it, to reduce both hunger and landfill methane.
- Implement enhancements to Okanagan Lake Water Level Management for flood control and mitigation.



Enhancing and enjoying

BC Parks and recreation areas

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Restore the NDP's cuts to BC Parks because we are proud of our landscapes.
- Double the number of provincial park campsites in areas with growing demand.
- Improve safe parking and other amenities in high-use day areas, to conserve our natural heritage and protect backcountry access.
- Create new environmental work-experience opportunities for young people in provincial parks and habitat-management, through a new Work Experience for Students (WEST) program, in collaboration with the federal government.
- Work with Indigenous peoples, to provide interpretation and education services in parks, and enhance cultural and environmental understanding.
- Improve the frustrating BC Parks camping reservation system, to provide short-notice camping options for local residents, and make the reservations process fairer for all.





Restoring confidence and rebuilding

A thriving and prosperous BC

The BC Liberal platform delivers:

- A plan to expand infrastructure with the largest program of investment in BC history.
- A plan to dramatically reduce taxes, to help create jobs and investment, stimulate the economy and leave more money in the pockets of British Columbians.
- A plan to end the ICBC monopoly, and give drivers true choice in auto insurance.
- A plan to achieve reconciliation and new opportunities for Indigenous peoples.
- A plan to rebuild trust and confidence

Building investments in

Infrastructure and transportation

In this time of economic uncertainty and challenge, it's crucial that we accelerate investments, and remove delays and roadblocks to new projects, in order to protect and improve your livelihood.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Invest an additional \$8 billion in infrastructure improvements over three years, an increase of 35% in infrastructure investments, to create jobs, stimulate our economy, and meet the needs of our growing population.
- Deliver the biggest infrastructure investment in BC history, with a total investment of \$30.9 billion over three years, including in transportation, hospitals, primary care clinics, seniors' care homes, mental health treatment and affordable housing.
- Immediately replace the George Massey Tunnel with a 10-lane bridge with a dedicated transit/HOV lane in each direction.
- Continue TransLink expansion to go where the population is growing in Metro Vancouver – including south of the Fraser, the Fraser Valley, and North Vancouver.
- Expand transportation corridors, including widening the Trans-Canada highway in the Fraser Valley to six lanes all the way to Whatcom Road.
- Complete all projects the NDP has announced but failed to fund, including a new Surrey Hospital, a new acute care tower for Richmond Hospital, Mills Memorial Hospital, and the Burnaby Hospital Redevelopment.
- Increase transit hours in the Interior, North and on Vancouver Island.
- Review ferry schedules with a goal of hourly service on high-frequency routes.
- Increase funding for road and bridge maintenance across rural BC.
- Upgrade highway rest areas throughout the province.
- Upgrade and expand emergency rooms, mental health beds and primary care clinics.
- Expand Foundry Centres and Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Teams to respond to mental health-related emergency calls.
- Upgrade K-12 facilities and build new schools throughout the province.
- Upgrade and expanding assisted-living and long-term care homes.
- Significantly expand high-speed broadband and mobile coverage across BC in rural and remote communities, by leveraging government's purchasing power as part of the procurement of telecommunications services.
- Establish a northern Premier's Office in Prince George.

Building new jobs and opportunities in

Our economy

Under the NDP and Green Party, British Columbians have seen 23 new or increased taxes, delays and cancellations of job-creating capital projects, widespread mill closures and reduced investment in our natural resource industries – and that was *before* the COVID-19 pandemic.

Almost 1.2 million British Columbians applied for federal COVID-19 unemployment benefits during the pandemic, and as that support ends the NDP has no plan to rebuild our economy and get people working again.

We need to act urgently and aggressively to restore confidence and rebuild BC.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Get more people back to work and attract new investment, by eliminating the PST for a year, and then set it at 3% as the economy grows.
- Eliminate the Small Business Income Tax entirely, to keep more people working and getting our communities thriving again.
- Modernize regulation for investment in BC to ensure sustainable and efficient land-use decisions, by ensuring more timely approvals from the Environmental Assessment Office, while ensuring a high level of environmental protection.
- Undertake a commercial trucking review, include truck parking capacity and brokerage, to keep BC's trucking industry operating safely and efficiently and support the essential movement of goods.
- Deliver emergency financing for BC businesses hardest hit by the pandemic, through a loan guarantee program for BC's more than 19,000 tourism and hospitality businesses.
- Expand measures to increase access to capital and investment for the technology sector and new start-ups.
- Accelerate BC's role as a clean hydro-power exporter to other provinces and the United States, to aid global greenhouse gas reductions.
- Implement an aggressive agenda to rebuild and expand BC's tourism sector.
- Work with the tourism industry and municipal partners to support the development and growth of regional tourism hubs across BC.
- Work with municipal and federal partners to ensure ongoing support for critical community airports impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ensure the Community Gaming Grants program continues to support the not-for-profit sector without an interruption of funding as a result of the pandemic.
- Support workers in our cultural sectors, by protecting funding for arts and culture organizations forced to suspend operations as a result of COVID-19.
- Ensure a competitive business environment that allows BC's vibrant technology sector to succeed.
- Implement a short-term commercial-rent relief plan that flows relief directly to tenants, and supports small businesses unable to access current relief programs.

Tax relief and fairness for

Taxpayers

The government has a duty to make the most efficient use of your tax dollars in public spending.

Instead the NDP has imposed discriminatory, union-only procurement policies that have disqualified 85% of contractors from building public infrastructure projects, and significantly increased the cost of capital projects for taxpayers. It's wrong, unfair and costly for you.

We will act to ensure tax relief and tax fairness for you and all British Columbians.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Eliminate the NDP's discriminatory policies that disqualify all but friends and insiders of the NDP from building public infrastructure projects, and restore fair and open procurement, to ensure equal opportunities for all British Columbians.
- Review the NDP's 23 different new or increased taxes, to help fuel urgently-needed economic recovery in BC.
- Establish an independent Fair Tax Commission, comprised of non-partisan economic experts, to immediately review all provincial taxes, and to recommend which should be reduced or eliminated to most-effectively fuel economic recovery.



Providing help and relief for **Small business owners**

Small businesses represent the best of BC and are the backbone of our economy – they need our support now more than ever.

The provincial government should support and help our small businesses to succeed, not penalize them or get in their way.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Eliminate the Small Business Income Tax entirely, keeping more people working and making our communities thrive again, because small businesses need our support now more than ever.
- Assist small businesses in adopting COVID-19 protections by providing support for personal protective equipment from WorkSafeBC surpluses.
- Provide full disclosure of the basis for WorkSafeBC premiums.
- Conduct a full review of property taxes to ensure small businesses can survive.
- Take real action to address sky-high property tax assessments on small business by implementing split assessments.
- Appoint a non-partisan panel to help dramatically reduce the red tape burden on small businesses, by reviewing regulatory requirements and costs, and providing recommendations on the best steps to fuel economic recovery.
- Cap online food delivery charges by third-party apps at 15 per cent, to support local restaurants during the pandemic.
- Support hospitality businesses by permanently allowing liquor delivery with takeout, wholesale pricing from any liquor store, and streamlined approval of patio and outdoor dining.
- Help small businesses prepare for online business and commerce, to be able to market their products and services to the world.
- Address skilled labour shortages throughout BC.



Building new opportunities for Indigenous peoples

The BC Liberals are committed to addressing issues of economic and social inequality faced by Indigenous peoples.

We must act boldly as a province in working with our First Nations and federal government partners to create new opportunities for Indigenous peoples.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Work with Indigenous peoples to ensure we don't saddle future generations with unresolved issues of rights and title. We will work every single day to resolve these issues.
- Work to clearly define how the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) relates to land use decisions and existing case law regarding title held by Indigenous peoples and the right to self-determination.
- Actively support the right of First Nations to negotiate for the economic benefit of their peoples with additional supports from the Province, including renewing capacity funding.
- Provide financing mechanisms to enable First Nations to access affordable capital to co-invest in revenue-generating economic opportunities.
- Prioritize sector-specific job-training opportunities for Indigenous peoples.
- Expedite Indigenous-led LNG export projects through collaborative agreements with Indigenous groups involved in LNG, and work with them to establish accelerated review and approval processes.
- Require every provincial employee to undertake cultural safety and humility training.
- Work with the First Nations Health Authority to improve health and wellness for Indigenous peoples across BC, and to eliminate systemic racism from the health care system.



Restoring opportunities for Farmers and ranchers

Under the NDP, operating costs and land-use restrictions for farmers and ranchers have increased.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical importance to our economy and food supply of our BC farmers, ranchers and food processors.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Implement a *Trespass Act* that significantly protects the properties and livelihoods of farmers.
- Eliminate NDP policies that unfairly discriminate against farmers.
- Implement reforms to the Agricultural Land Commission that restore the rights of farming and ranching families to earn supplemental income on their farms and opportunities for reasonable forms of secondary residences on their land.
- Improve access to farm workers by reducing obstacles to the recruitment of skilled and semi-skilled labour.
- Ensure access to water for crops and livestock.
- Ensure the security and longevity of our local food system by making BC's agriculture industry more self-sufficient and sustainable.



Building prosperity in **Natural resource industries**

We must ensure respect, certainty and clarity for employment in the natural resource sectors.

Thriving natural resource industries are vital to sustaining our health care, education and other public services – and BC's industries must be globally-competitive in order to succeed.

A BC Liberal Government will:

- Expedite LNG export projects through collaborative agreements with Indigenous groups involved in LNG, and work with them to establish accelerated review and approval processes.
- Review critical natural resource statutes and policies to eliminate uncertainty, provide clarity on processes and decision-making criteria, and adopt outcome-based performance measures.
- Ensure certainty on the land base for industries, municipalities and Indigenous peoples by working with Indigenous communities and other key groups to review land use plans for gaps and conflict-points, with the intent to update, modernize and create certainty for all in a sustainable resource management framework.
- Implement a fully online digital regulatory system by 2025.
- Improve the process for mine development, permitting, inspection and remediation, and cut the permit-processing time in half.
- Pursue resource benefit-sharing to support small and rural communities.
- Reinstate the Rural Dividend Program that was cancelled by the NDP.
- Work to ensure that our carbon tax system for job-creating export industries does not increase global greenhouse gas emissions by driving investment to higher-emitting jurisdictions.



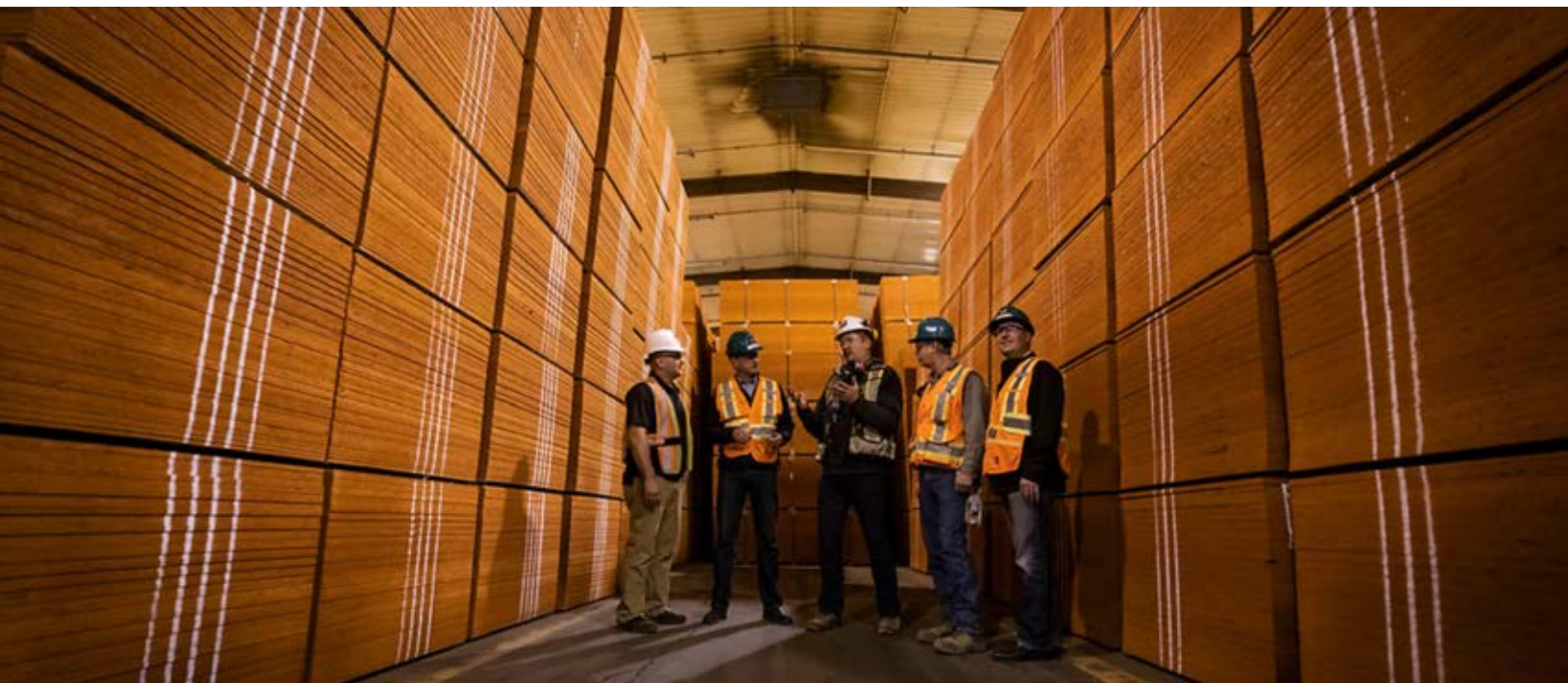
Restoring jobs and opportunities for **Forestry workers**

Under the NDP, since the start of 2019, there have been 45 full or partial mill closures in BC. Over 10,000 workers have lost their jobs in BC's forest industry.

And instead of supporting our forestry-dependent families and communities, the NDP cancelled the Rural Dividend Fund, eliminating much-needed assistance to smaller communities.

A BC Liberal Government will

- Implement a more efficient, effective and responsive market-pricing stumpage system to help keep our industry competitive.
- Work with industry to modernize forest management practices and ensure BC's forest industry is no longer the highest-cost producer in North America.
- Aggressively work with the federal government to make real progress and reach a fair resolution to the softwood lumber dispute that works for BC.
- Aggressively defend BC's interests in softwood lumber trade issues.
- Increase investments in silviculture to enhance the province's tree-planting efforts and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Introduce legislation to protect the working forest to provide increased certainty on the land base while protecting and enhancing environmental values.
- Expedited approach to certify mass timber products for structural construction.
- Support development of mass timber structural products.



New infrastructure investments under the BC Liberal plan:

New capital investments to support	New spending over 3 years (\$m)	Total Rebuild BC plan over 3 years (\$m)
Transportation	4,500	11,900
Health	1,300	7,700
Education	1,000	3,800
Post-secondary education	200	3,300
Housing and other commitments	1,000	4,200
TOTAL	8,000	30,900

Note: This \$8 billion in new investments is in addition to the provincial Budget 2020 capital budget of \$23 billion over three years.

New tax-relief under the BC Liberal plan:

New tax-relief measures (one-time)	Savings (\$m)
Eliminate PST for one year	6,881
New tax-relief measures (ongoing)	Annual savings (\$m)
Reduce PST to 3% after first year	3,932
Eliminate Small Business Income Tax	217
New tax-credit for seniors' home care	135
Tax Fairness Commission to Review NDP's 23 new or increased taxes	TBD
Tax relief to help people hurt by COVID-19 keep their homes	TBD
TOTAL	4,284

New operating investments under the BC Liberal plan:

New operating investments to support	New annual spending (\$m)
1) A caring BC	
Affordable child care	1,100
New supports for children and students	22
New opportunities for adult learners	60
Improved care and supports for seniors	120
Better health care	200
New digital tools for patients	20
Improved support for mental health and addictions	15
Ensuring strong supports for all citizens	17
2) A safe and clean BC	
Strengthening public safety	58
Affordable housing for renters and homebuyers	146
Making BC a leader in clean energy and the environment	52
Protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife	15
Enhancing BC Parks	15
3) A thriving and prosperous BC	
Building new jobs and opportunities in our economy	40
Help and relief for small business owners	20
New opportunities for Indigenous peoples	50
Restoring opportunities for farmers and ranchers	15
Building prosperity in natural resource industries	30
Restoring jobs and opportunities for forestry workers	45
TOTAL	2,040

Our path to balanced budgets and lower debt

The COVID-19 pandemic is a once-in-a-century disruption that requires all governments to take extraordinary measures. That is why all three parties in the Legislature worked together to confront the threat to public health.

Our plan to Restore Confidence and Rebuild BC will take bold steps to rescue struggling small businesses, protect and create jobs, and protect the public services that people count on.

The pandemic will not last forever. And as British Columbia moves past this challenging chapter, a BC Liberal government will be committed to restoring balanced budgets and reducing the public debt we pass on to our children and grandchildren.

That is why we intend to achieve a balanced budget following deployment of a COVID-19 vaccine, allowing us to reduce operating debt and protect BC's credit rating.

The time required to achieve balanced budgets will depend on the extent of the economic damage caused by the pandemic, together with the NDP government's delays and inaction.

We are committed to tabling a comprehensive fiscal plan in fall 2021, to be passed as part of Budget 2022 – getting BC on track to balance the budget once the pandemic is over and the economy is on solid footing.

Our immediate actions to stimulate BC's economy and invest in our people and communities will contribute to this goal:

- Elimination of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and the Small Business Income Tax will prevent small business bankruptcies and stimulate job creation – getting BC back to economic growth and generating healthy government revenues in the medium- to long term.
- Simplifying and speeding up permitting processes for natural resource projects and new housing construction will also create jobs, provide certainty that attracts job-creating investment, and unleash British Columbia's economic potential.
- Evidence from other jurisdictions demonstrates that our investment in affordable childcare will pay for itself and generate economic dividends – with parents returning to the workforce, earning increased incomes, and expanding British Columbia's income tax base.

Our plan is built on fundamental optimism in British Columbia's future. By ensuring more British Columbians have a well-paying job, we will restore the economic dynamism that enables balanced budgets, consistent debt reduction, and strong long-term fiscal management that guarantees a bright future for future generations.

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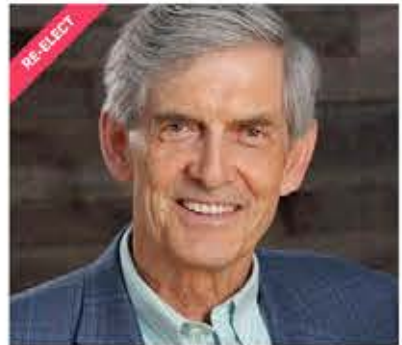
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