



The Liberal plan to finish the fight against COVID-19 and build back better

Since 2015, the Liberal team has been focused on helping the middle class and those working hard to join it. We raised taxes on the wealthiest one percent, so we could lower them for the middle class. We brought in the Canada Child Benefit, putting more money in the pockets of families and lifting 435,000 children out of poverty. We lowered the retirement age from 67 to 65. And we put a price on pollution to build a cleaner future.

When this crisis hit, we knew we had to continue having your back. From the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to rolling out vaccines, that's exactly what we did. And Canada has weathered this storm better than almost anywhere else in the world because we know we're in this together.

So, as we finish the fight against COVID-19, we will build back better, together.

And move forward – for everyone.

Here are some highlights of our real plan for Canadians:

Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19

When the pandemic hit, the Liberal team moved quickly to make sure every Canadian had access to vaccines. Now, as our kids head back to school and more people go back to work, we need to get the jobs done on vaccines and finish the fight against COVID-19.

To finish the fight against COVID-19, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Require travellers on trains, planes, cruise ships, and other vessels to be vaccinated;
- Launch a \$1 billion COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Fund to support provinces and territories who implement a requirement for proof of vaccine credentials in their jurisdiction for non-essential businesses and public spaces;
- Procure enough vaccines to ensure all Canadians have access to free COVID-19 booster shots and second-generation vaccines as needed; and
- Help kids get back to school and parents get back to work safely with new support to improve indoor ventilation and air quality.

FORWARD. FOR EVERYONE. 

Better Health Care. For Everyone.

Canadians are proud to have access to one of the best health care systems in the world; a universal, public system that proved to be invaluable during our fight against COVID-19. However, too many Canadians face problems accessing primary care. We want to help solve this problem and improve Canadians' access to universal, public health care.

To build better healthcare for Canadians, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Make transformative investments in the strength of our universal, public health care system, in primary care, long term care, and mental health care;
- Support the hiring of 7,500 new family doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners;
- End backlogs in surgeries and treatments delayed by COVID-19, and clear health system waitlists by expanding virtual care;
- Improve the quality and availability of long-term care homes so seniors are guaranteed the care they deserve;
- Train up to 50,000 new personal support workers and raise their wages to at least \$25 per hour;
- Provide permanent, ongoing funding for mental health services through a new Canada Mental Health Transfer to provinces and territories;
- Hire up to 1200 new mental health counsellors to improve wait times and increase access to mental health care at colleges and universities;
- Provide 10 days of paid sick leave for all federally regulated workers so that no one has to choose between going to work sick or paying their bills; and
- Establish regulations under the Canada Health Act governing accessibility for sexual and reproductive health services so that no matter where someone lives, they have access to publicly available sexual and reproductive health services.

A Cleaner, Greener Future

Climate change is real. And Canadians want real action to fight it. That's why the Liberal government put in place Canada's first-ever climate plan and why we are seizing the opportunities of the green economy to create long-term growth and meet our goal of a net-zero emissions future.

To create a cleaner and greener future, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Create jobs by becoming a world leader in batteries to power the clean economy, help industries adopt clean technologies to cut pollution, and require oil and gas sector emissions to decline;
- Reach a 100% net-zero electricity grid by 2035 by implementing a Clean Electricity Standard;
- Build 50,000 new chargers for zero-emissions vehicles across Canada, provide rebates of up to \$5000 on the purchase of a ZEV for over half a million Canadians, and require at least half of all new passenger vehicles sold in Canada be ZEVs by 2030 and 100% by 2035;
- Do more to help Canadians adapt to climate change, including training 1,000 firefighters, supporting retrofits to protect against extreme weather, creating a low-cost national flood insurance program, and finalizing Canada's first-ever National Adaptation Strategy by the end of 2022;
- End plastic pollution by 2030, introduce a new right to repair, and strengthen rules to keep harmful toxins out of our environment; and
- Protect more of Canada's nature, by creating 10 new national parks and 10 new national marine conservation areas, finish the job on 15 national urban parks, and invest \$1 billion to protect and restore large lakes and river systems.

Reconciliation

The COVID-19 crisis exposed fundamental gaps in our society, many of which are especially felt by Indigenous peoples and have only been exacerbated by the pandemic. Recent events have also shone a light on the tragic legacy of colonialism, which must be addressed.

In order to continue on the path of reconciliation and bridge critical gaps for Indigenous peoples, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Maintain our commitment to invest \$6 billion to ensure sustainable access to clean water for First Nations and eliminate all remaining water advisories;
- Continue to take action to confront systemic racism against Indigenous peoples, especially in health care, including by fully implementing Joyce's Principle;
- Invest \$2.3 billion in Indigenous housing for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation communities, and co-develop a new Indigenous Urban, Rural, and Northern Housing Strategy;

- Continue to advance the priorities of Indigenous communities to reclaim full jurisdiction in the areas that matter to them such as child and family services; and
- Address the legacy of colonialism and residential schools through truth, justice and healing, including by supporting Indigenous-led mental health care with a \$2 billion investment over 5 years.

A Home. For Everyone.

Canadians see owning a home as key to building their future and joining the middle class. But with rent increasing and housing prices continuing to rise, too many young people don't see a clear path to affording the same lives their parents had. Everyone should have a home to call their own.

To support Canadians in realizing their dream of owning a home, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Build, preserve, or revitalize 1.4 million homes by 2026;
- Help first time homebuyers save up to \$30,000;
- Create a national Home Buyers' Bill of Rights so that the process of buying a home is fair, open, and transparent; and
- Crack down on predatory and speculative practices by banning blind bidding, establishing an anti-flipping tax, and banning new foreign ownership of Canadian homes.

Ending Gun Violence in our Communities

Our communities should be safe places to live and raise children, but gun violence is rising. 2019 saw the rate of firearm-related offences rise for the fifth straight year, and the homicide rate was the highest in a decade, with 40% of homicides involving firearms. That is why, in May 2020, we took action to put a ban on the use, sale, or import of assault weapons most used in mass shootings and implement a buyback program for owners. But we need to do more.

To ensure Canada remains safe from gun violence, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Toughen our laws on banned assault weapons by making it mandatory for owners to either sell the firearm back to the government or have it rendered permanently inoperable;
- Crack down on high-capacity magazines, and ban the sale or transfer of magazines that could hold more than a legal number of bullets; and
- Set aside a minimum of \$1 billion to support provinces or territories who implement a ban on handguns across their jurisdiction.

A More Resilient Economy

The COVID-19 pandemic presented Canada with an economic crisis of a century. Now, as recovery gets underway, it's clear that this can't just be about getting back to the way things were before. We must ensure our economy is more resilient and fairer than ever before and supports the workers that depend on it.

In order to ensure a fairer and more resilient economy, a re-elected Liberal government will:

- Deliver \$10 a day child care across Canada in five years or less, build 250,000 new spaces, hire 40,000 more early childhood educators, and work with Quebec to build on its world-class, affordable child care system;
- Extend the Canada Recovery Hiring Program to March 31, 2022, so businesses can hire more workers and Canadians can get back on the job;
- Introduce a new EI benefit for self-employed Canadians lasting for as long as 26 weeks, and make digital platforms pay contributions towards EI and CPP to support gig workers;
- Make sure everyone pays their fair share, including by asking our largest banks and insurance companies to do a little more to share the dividend of their pandemic profitability; and
- Continue the fight against systemic racism and discrimination, combatting hate in all its forms, breaking down systemic barriers in the workforce, and investing in the success of all Canadians from diverse backgrounds – from artists to entrepreneurs.