

# CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA - 2019 PLATFORM

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Note that when provided, time commitments early within the mandate are reflected in green, beyond the mandate in blue, and where no firm time commitment is made, in red.

Issue Area	Commitments	Time	Strength
Agriculture & Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“work with them to increase the efficiency of fertilizers and land-use methods, maximize the potential of agricultural land to sequester carbon, and ensure that best practices keep pace with the most recent advancements in technology and practice” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Create a two-year Green Homes Tax Credit (GHTC) for homeowners to help pay for energy-saving renovations.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Canadians will be eligible to receive a 20% refundable credit on their income tax for green improvements to their homes of over \$1,000 and up to \$20,000, which will allow Canadians to save up to \$3,800 on their renovations in each year.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“To establish standards for renovators, contractors and homeowners, we will put in place the new Green Home Retrofit Code.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Ensure the legal supports required to develop a market for Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) are in place to drive building renovation in the long term.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“will establish a voluntary net-zero ready building standard.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> <li>“Encourage the greater use of wood and low-carbon cement in construction projects.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Carbon Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...setting strict emissions standards for major greenhouse gas emitters that, if exceeded, would force those companies to pay into a fund that would... be invested in government-certified clean tech companies —” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...expand the mandatory application of the major emitters policy from facilities emitting 50 kt CO2 e to facilities emitting 40 kt CO2 e per year.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Clean Tech & Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Encourage and support the development of green technology to make environmentally friendly alternatives available.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>launch the ‘Canadian Clean’ brand... and market [our products] as an alternative to the carbon intensive options that exist in other countries.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Establish a Green Patent Credit that will reduce the tax rate to 5% [from 15%] on income that is generated from green technology developed and patented in Canada.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing \$250 million for a fund managed by the private sector and separate from government. The private sector will be required to invest \$4 for each government dollar. Will recover this money for taxpayers by selling the investment when the company gets off the ground and reaches commercial potential. will consult with industry to make sure plan supports the best mix of early-stage to late-stage development.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Create a single online hub for green technology innovators that will help them identify where they can find talent, information, and resources from the private and public sectors.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Expand Export Development Canada programs to issue more green bonds that provide financing for the development of emissions-reducing technologies.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Climate Change Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Incorporate a mitigation and adaptation lens to the government’s investment in infrastructure.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Pursue natural infrastructure projects [such as enhanced or constructed wetlands] that leverage the resilience of our natural landscapes.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Direct the Canadian Forest Service to investigate the use of technology that can improve the early detection of wildfires and/or better predict fire behaviour, specifically targeting high-risk areas close to communities.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Climate Targets			
Conservation & Ecological Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...comprehensive update of Canada’s strategy to protect our fisheries, forests, agricultural lands [and] tourist areas.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Lead a science-based terrestrial and marine conservation assessment to identify the best opportunities for expanding our protected area network, including parks, marine protected areas, national wildlife areas and migratory bird sanctuaries.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... continues to support the <b>Aichi targets</b>...” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Work with Indigenous peoples to explore options for more active participation in the management of protected areas.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“review and update strategies for invasive species and major pests” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“reinstate and improve... conservation funding and better manage undervalued habitats... like our wetlands” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Support the completion of the Canadian Wetland Inventory. This will cost \$15 million <b>over three years.</b>” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Restore funding for the community-led National Wetland Conservation Fund...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Study the contribution that Canada’s landscape makes to global emissions.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Review and modernize air quality standards and regulations, with a focus on urban airsheds” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “We will work with provinces and municipalities to bring an end to raw sewage dumps into marine or freshwater ecosystems.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Maintain support for watershed protection in significant watersheds, including the Great Lakes and Lake Winnipeg, and restore the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund.”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
<i>Energy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· make Canadian oil and gas the cleanest in the world, making out country a sought-after supplier while lowering emissions worldwide by replacing dirtier products” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Work with provinces, territories and stakeholders to increase the availability and use of renewable fuels and to decrease the carbon intensity of Canada’s fuel mix” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Pursue opportunities to connect regions and communities with clean power [to reduce number of communities reliant on diesel generators]” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Foster the adoption of smart grid technology and strategic interconnection of electricity grids [to make electricity transmission more efficient, reliable and affordable... and strengthen integration of clean energy resources]”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “natural gas, like LNG, is a cleaner source of reliable energy than coal. Exporting Canadian LNG to replace coal can lower global emissions.”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
<i>Environment Assessment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “We’re going to repeal Bill C-69.” 3</li> </ul>		
<i>GHG Emissions</i>			
<i>Green Jobs &amp; Employment</i>			
<i>Indigenous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Continue to build and maintain a respectful relationship with Indigenous peoples to learn from them and to incorporate their traditional knowledge into our efforts to address the impacts of climate change.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Collaborate with Indigenous peoples on undertaking mitigation and adaptation projects.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

Institution Reform			
International Cooperation			
Natural Resources			
Plastics & Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Ban export of plastic waste unless it can be shown that it will be recycled at its destination and impose tough penalties for violations” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with provinces, territories, plastics producers and other stakeholders to develop a nationally harmonized regulatory regime for plastics recycling including elements of extended producer responsibility and harmonized standards for products and packaging containing plastic” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Work with provinces and territories to reduce waste and to increase the recovery of clean energy products and other valuable by-products from existing waste.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Work with producers to minimize the plastic packaging of products.”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Public Service Sustainability			
Trade			
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Negotiate regulatory changes that would increase the efficiency of transportation of goods at Canada’s borders [by reducing number of half-full trucks].” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “will consult with our industry partners to find ways that Canadian trucking companies can replace old and inefficient trucks with new and cleaner fleets.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Work with coastal provinces, business leaders and industry experts to explore the creation of flexible shipping routes... to reduce impacts of shipping on marine life” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “...Scheer says a government led by him would scrap [Liberal clean fuel standard]” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

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