

GREEN 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 Areas	Commitments	Time	Strength
Agriculture & Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Support the transition of industrial agriculture systems to regenerative agriculture.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Implement national standards for reducing the use of nitrogen fertilizers in crop agriculture, reducing erosion and rebuilding soils to retain carbon, and transitioning away from industrial livestock production.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Renew the national Environmental Farm Plan Program to help farmers protect wildlife habitat areas and marginal lands, maintain water quality in streams, lakes and aquifers, and retain and improve soil quality, increase carbon sequestration and decrease water requirements.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Restore the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation measures for adaptation to drought conditions.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Invest \$2.5 million per year into a land and quota trust program and farming apprenticeship programs to expand local small-scale agriculture and help new farmers get started.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Set a target to replace a third of Canada’s food imports with domestic production, increasing regional food self-reliance...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Support rooftop and community gardens and urban food production systems...” 2 NTC 		
Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch a massive energy efficiency retrofit of residential, commercial and institutional buildings.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance building retrofits and installation of renewable energy technologies such as solar and heat pumps through direct grants, zero-interest loans and repayments based on energy/cost savings.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change the national building code to require new construction to meet net-zero emission standards by 2030.” 2 		
Carbon Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Maintain carbon pricing... [ensuring] revenue neutrality through carbon fee and dividend...” 1 		

Clean Tech & Business			
Climate Change Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Invest significant resources in adaptation measures to protect Canadian resource sectors such as agriculture, fishing and forestry...” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Map flood plains, tornado corridors and other areas of natural vulnerability and adjust land use plans accordingly.” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Cancel the purchase of F35s and buy more water bombers to protect communities from forest fires. Cut standing dead timber to establish fire breaks...” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Direct the Canada Infrastructure Bank... to invest in climate-proofing essential infrastructure...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Using the existing Green Infrastructure Fund, launch a national program to restore natural buffer zones along waterways, and carbon sinks through ecologically sound tree-planting and soil re-building.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Restructure Canada’s Business Risk Management Programs to help farmers cope with climate risk, with the focus on disaster assistance.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Normalize the deployment of military personnel to protect civilians and communities from extreme forest fires, flooding and storms caused by climate change, and new pollution threats in Canada’s north.” 2 NTC 		
Climate Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Establish our new target and file it as Canada’s Nationally Determined Contribution with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change: 60 per cent GHG reductions against 2005 levels by 2030; zero emissions by 2050.” 1 	Blue	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Declare Climate Emergency... at every level of government...” 1 NTC 	Red	
Conservation & Ecological Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Strengthen the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) to limit the approval and use of toxic chemicals... and regulate microfibers as a toxic substance” 2 NTC 	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Ban neonicotinoid pesticides, which kill bees and other pollinators, and support farmers in shifting to alternatives.” 2 NTC 	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “In collaboration with provinces, territories, municipal/local governments and Indigenous Peoples, develop a national water strategy to ensure safe drinking water...” 2 NTC 	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Turn off the pollution taps flowing into coastal waters including municipal sewage and industrial effluents. Climate protection policies to prohibit new offshore oil and gas development and phase out existing operations will reduce the threat of marine oil spills.” 2 NTC 	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · “Protect a minimum of 30 per cent of freshwaters, oceans and land by 2030.” 2 	Blue	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Legislate cruise ship waste discharge standards that meet or exceed..., our coastal neighbours.” 2 NTC 		
	<p>“Increase funding to federal departments to dramatically ramp up the development and implementation of endangered species recovery plans required by legislation...” 2 NTC</p>		
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Cancel the Trans Mountain pipeline as well as other subsidies to fossil fuel industries... [redirecting] money... to the Canadian Grid Strategy” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “No new pipelines, or coal, oil or gas drilling or mining, including offshore wells, will be approved.” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ban fracking... no exceptions.” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with provinces, territories, Indigenous Peoples and the public to develop a Pan-Canadian Energy Strategy that gets us to a carbon-free energy system by 2050; phases out bitumen production for fuels by 2030-35; prioritizes Canadian jobs and supply; reduces energy demand across all sectors by 50 per cent; and ensures energy security...” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Support the transition of the mining sector to an innovation hub for greener technologies, commercialized and attractive to export markets, including \$40 million for the proposed Sudbury-based mining innovation cluster.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2030, 100 per cent of Canada’s electricity will come from renewable sources. This includes getting remote and northern communities off diesel generators.” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2030, rebuild and revamp the east-west electricity grid to ensure that renewable energy can be transmitted from one province to another... using money now allocated for expanding the Trans Mountain pipeline.” 1,2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “End all imports of foreign oil. As fossil fuel use declines, use only Canadian fossil fuels...” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “...allow investment in upgraders to turn Canadian solid bitumen into gas, diesel, propane and other products for the Canadian market, providing jobs in Alberta.” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2050, shift all Canadian bitumen from fuel to feedstock for the petrochemical industry.” 1 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Form partnerships with Indigenous peoples, providing economic opportunities by ramping up renewables on their lands.” 1 NTC 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Harness abandoned deep oil wells, wherever feasible, for geothermal energy...” 1 NTC 			

Environmental Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Fully restore the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and adopt the recommendations of the independent Expert Panel on Environmental Assessment...” 2 NTC 		
GHG Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Address the fossil fuel use that falls outside the Paris Agreement – emissions from international shipping, aviation and the military.” 1 NTC 		
GHG Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Set legal emissions limits for industries that decline over time, with penalties for exceeding those limits.” 2 NTC 		
Green Jobs & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Embed just transition principles in planning, legislative, regulatory and advisory processes to ensure ongoing and concrete actions throughout the fossil-fuel phase-out transition...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Transition workers to sustainable employment by... creating [an]... inventory with labor market information pertaining to oil, coal and gas workers... a comprehensive funding program for workers... investing in comprehensive retraining and apprenticeship programs...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Establish a Canadian Sustainable Generations Fund to make critical investments in trades, apprenticeships and education required for the transition to a green economy.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Establish a National Community Benefit Strategy that leverages public procurement to maximize opportunities for social hiring and procurement...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Enhance the federal Youth Employment and Skills Strategy by creating a Community and Environment Service Corps...” 2 NTC 		
Indigenous	<p>"Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and reform all judicial, legislative, and executive branches of the federal government so that they are consistent with the Declaration."</p>		
	<p><i>Note that multiple commitments listed in other issue areas directly related to Indigenous people.</i></p>		
Institutional Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Establish an inner cabinet of all parties... modelled on the war cabinets of Mackenzie King... to ensure that climate is no longer treated like a political football.” 1 NTC 		

International Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Attend the next climate negotiation in Chile this year and press other countries to also double their efforts.” 1 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Launch a global effort to restore carbon sinks, focusing on replanting forests and restoring the planet’s mangrove forests as quickly as possible.” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Introduce an international tax for aviation and shipping fuels earmarked for the Global Climate Fund.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Lead a national discussion to define the term “environmental refugee,” advocate for its inclusion as a refugee category in Canada and accept an appropriate share of the world’s environmental refugees into Canada.” 2 NTC 		
Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Re-deploy the financial, physical and intellectual resources of NRCan towards achieving the goals of Mission: Possible.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “...renew the abandoned process of developing a National Forest Strategy...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2025, move all open-net pen finfish aquaculture facilities into closed containment systems on land.” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Fully implement the co-management provisions of the Oceans Act... implement the 20 recommendations of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans report...” 2 NTC 		
Plastics & Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Set national targets to reduce the production of solid waste...” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Implement an extended producer responsibility program to hold manufacturers financially responsible for the waste associated with... their products.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Require an increasing percentage of recycled plastic feedstock in durable plastic products.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Require all products to be fully recyclable using readily available processes” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Phase out Canada’s export of solid waste to other countries.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “In consultation with food distributors and sellers, set 2022 reusable and refillable packaging targets...” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By January 2022, ban the production, distribution and sale of all unnecessary or non-essential petroleum-based single-use plastics...” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Extend the ban on microbeads to include household and industrial cleaning products.” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2021, require all new washing machines sold in Canada to have a removable, cleanable filter to capture micro-fibres...” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2021, fund proper solid waste management systems in Indigenous and Arctic communities.” 2 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “by January 2021 implement an Extended Producer Responsibility program for all companies making or selling synthetic fishing gear...” 2 		
Public Service Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Upgrade the Canada Post fleet to electric vehicles... provide charging stations for [EVs] in post office parking lots.” 2 NTC 		
Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Revamp national trade policy to align with national and international climate change plans. This includes reducing the distances over which food is shipped by increasing domestic and local food production.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “revamp the World Trade Organization to the World Trade and Climate Organization to ensure that trade is consistent with a global carbon budget. Tariffs will be assigned based on the carbon intensity of imported products.” 2 NTC 		
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “By 2030 ensure all new cars are electric.” 1 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2040, replace all internal combustion engine vehicles with electric vehicles...” 1 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Build a cross-country electric vehicle charging system...” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Exempt new and used electric and zero-emission vehicles from federal sales tax.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “... use of sustainably produced biofuels, made from waste wood by-products and used vegetable oils, where electric and fuel cells not viable, as is the case for fishing, mining and forestry equipment.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Build high-speed rail in the Toronto-Ottawa-Quebec City triangle and the Calgary-Edmonton corridor.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Require all passenger ferries to convert to electric or hybrid systems by 2030.” 2 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Develop a Green Freight Transport program... in partnership with the freight industry, shipping companies, and delivery businesses.” 2 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “... working with car makers to develop EVs that can replace working vehicles for Canadians in rural areas.” 1 NTC 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Modernize VIA Rail, expand service and ensure trans-modal connections across Canada to light rail and electric buses...” 1 NTC 		

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