

# New Democratic Party – 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 Canadian farmers to promote land-management techniques and methods to increase carbon sequestration and reduce GHG emissions.” 1 <b>NTC (No Time Commitment provided)</b></li> </ul>	Red	
Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...create a framework for enshrining Community Benefits Agreements in federally-funded infrastructure projects, to make sure that public money is put to its best possible use creating local economic opportunities and building support from local communities for climate goals.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...require large-scale building retrofits across all sectors.”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...fund energy efficient retrofits on social housing units and government buildings.”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>	Red	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...improve the National Building Code to ensure that by <b>2030</b> every new building built in Canada is net-zero energy ready.” 1</li> </ul>	Blue	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...retrofitting all housing stock in Canada by <b>2050</b>, with half of these retrofits completed by <b>2030</b>. Homeowners would be able to access low-interest loans repayable through energy savings to cover upgrades...” 1</li> </ul>	Blue	
Carbon Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...we will continue carbon pricing, including rebates to households that fall under the federal backstop plan, while making it fairer and rolling back the breaks the Liberals have given to big polluters.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>	Red	
Clean Tech & Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...fund that industrial operators... can apply to in order to access support for investments in lowering emissions and keeping jobs here in Canada. Our strategy will help to advance Canadian innovation and the application of clean tech solutions to secure our industry’s competitiveness, and to market Canadian industry internationally.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>	Red	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...expand support and technological assistance to bring more innovative Canadian clean technologies to market...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Climate Change Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...set our communities up for climate change resilience with the tools to help mitigate the impacts of climate change that are already occurring, like flooding, thawing permafrost, and forest fires.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Climate Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... put into law the requirement for the government to establish a plan to meet ambitious, science-based GHG emissions reduction targets...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...revise Canada’s 2030 target to make emissions reductions in line with what the [UN IPCC] says is necessary...”<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
Conservation & Ecological Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...investments in forest management will help reduce forest fire risk, and we’ll take steps to encourage innovation in forestry.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... enshrine in law the right to a healthy environment [through the] federal Environmental Bill of Rights...”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...committed to protecting at least 30% of our land, freshwater, and oceans by <b>2030</b> and to backing those protections with the funding and enforcement...” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...develop a system of urban national parks...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...grow the Indigenous Guardians Program, invest in Indigenous-led science, and support the creation of Indigenous-managed protected areas...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...reduce emissions from shipping and fishing, prevent ocean acidification, and reverse the loss of coastal blue carbon ecosystems...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...implement a national freshwater strategy...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...we will continue to prioritize domestic upgrading and refining instead of shipping our raw resources and jobs to other countries.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“We’ll set a target to power Canada with net carbon-free electricity by <b>2030</b>, and move to 100% non-emitting electricity by <b>2050</b>.” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“[The Canadian Climate Bank] will be capitalized with \$3 billion by the federal government and mandated to spur investment in the low carbon economy... [and] boost made-in-Canada manufacturing of renewable energy... technologies with low-interest loans for factory re-tooling...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...support for interested provinces to inter-connect power grids and introduce smart grid technology with federal loan guarantees...”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...create a Clean Communities Fund to support investments in innovative community-owned and operated clean energy projects.”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...work in partnership with Indigenous and northern communities to move off diesel with renewable micro-grids and transmission connections...” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...fulfill Canada’s G-20 commitment to eliminate... fossil fuel subsidies and redirect... funds to low carbon initiatives.” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...reform Export Development Canada’s mandate to focus on providing support for Canadian sustainable energy projects, rather than the petroleum industry.” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
<i>Environmental Assessment</i>			
<i>GHG Emissions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... work with the provinces and territories to make Canada an innovation leader on methane reduction in such areas as real-time monitoring and leakage detection..., ensuring provincial regulations are... equivalent with federal regulations, and increasing... those targets in the <b>2025-30</b> period.”<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“\$400 million to drive federal leadership on emissions reductions;” <sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... reducing Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions to 450 Mt <b>by 2030</b>.” <sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
<i>Green Jobs &amp; Employment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...expanded access to training and re-training for the new job market, as well as labour market research to keep Canada on the cutting edge of the evolving work environment.”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...make it easier to qualify for EI, give workers the option of taking EI-based training before being laid off – and allow them to receive EI when they leave a job to go back to school.” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...work with Indigenous communities to ensure that training programs and opportunities address their needs and priorities...” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...implementing and inspired by the recommendations of the Task Force on Just Transition for Canadian Coal Power Workers and Communities. We will put in place dedicated employment support combining access to expanded EI benefits, re-training and job placement services, paired with significant investments...” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.5 billion to support workers, industries, research, and innovation” <sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2.5 billion to create good jobs helping communities adapt to climate change and reduce emissions, including though energy efficient retrofits”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

Indigenous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... full implementation of the [UN] Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. [Including] the right to self-determination and free, prior, informed consent on...decisions affecting traditional territory...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...ensure that First Nations, Inuit and the Métis leadership have a seat at high-level decision-making tables to help direct climate change efforts...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples need to be partners in the development of job creation, employment training, and infrastructure investments that flow from federal efforts to address climate change...”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$350 million to support Indigenous rights and environmental protection efforts: (additional major investments in clean water, housing, and education are part of our plan) ...”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Institutional Reform			
International Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... doing more to help developing countries cope with the impacts of climate change, and working with partners in North America to advance GHG emissions reductions and protect biodiversity.”1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... make climate change a priority in international diplomatic efforts, pushing... Russia, China, India and the [US] to do their part.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...fully implement the recommendations of the Cohen Commission and work with the province of British Columbia and First Nations to support the transition to land-based closed-containment systems.” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“On the Atlantic coast, we’ll ensure that resource allocations in the fishery are guided by the principles of adjacency, historic dependence and sustainability, while also respecting Indigenous rights.” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... boost reforestation efforts... and protect communities through forest management to mitigate forest fire risk, including by combatting the spread of the mountain pine beetle and improving coordination of fire prevention efforts...” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Plastics & Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...ban single-use plastics across Canada by <b>2022</b>, and develop strong, enforceable extended producer responsibility legislation...” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...make funding available through the Canadian Climate Bank to help municipalities adapt their waste management and recycling programs.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...develop a national food waste strategy...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		

Public Service Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...moving the vehicle fleets of the federal government, including federal crown corporations such as Canada Post, to electric by 2025...”<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...ensure that all federal buildings use renewable energy and are net carbon neutral by 2030, and adopt a carbon budgeting framework to plan for and track federal GHG emissions reductions.” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...drive low carbon technology adoption with government procurement... [procuring] from Canadian companies producing clean technology.”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...evaluate all potential trade deals for their social, environmental and gendered impact...” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Trade agreements must have high environmental standards to prevent the offshoring of pollution.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...create a permanent, direct, allocation-based funding mechanism to modernize and expand public transit in communities across Canada, and ensure that federal transit funding flows with an emphasis on scaling up low carbon transit projects like zero-emissions buses and electric trains.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...support of the electrification of transit and other municipal fleets by 2030.” 1</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... help [regions that identify it as a priority] build towards fare-free transit.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...support creating high-frequency rail along the Quebec-Windsor corridor...”<sup>1</sup> <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... provide a \$5,000 federal purchase incentive, with an additional break waiving the federal sales tax for working families on ZEV purchases.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...work with labour and industry to put in place strong incentives for [the ZEV] market to make sure that these jobs stay here...” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...implement a Pan-Canadian ZEV target of 100% of new automotive sales by 2040.”<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“expand fast charging networks for ZEVs across the country... [and] help homeowners cover the cost of installing plug in charger, up to \$600.” 1 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“...re-establish rural bus routes abandoned by Greyhound and expand bus service in rural regions...”<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“\$6.5 billion in making transit and transportation cleaner, more affordable, and more convenient for Canadians” <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“... help position our aerospace sector to reap the benefits of clean technology development and become a world leader in clean aviation.” 2 <b>NTC</b></li> </ul>			

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