

Green Party of Canada – Platform Overview

The full platform for the Green Party of Canada is available in [English here](#) and in [French here](#).

General

The Green Party of Canada released their full platform on September 7, just ahead of the Leaders Debates. The Greens are the final major party to release their full platform in this election cycle. True to their brand, the Green Party plan includes an environmental focus with key promises such as boosting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, cancel all new pipelines and oil exploration, accelerating an increase in carbon pricing, and the ban the sale of all internal-combustion engine passenger vehicles. The Green plan also aims to get Canada not just to net zero emissions by 2050, as other parties have promised, but to get Canada to "net negative" by then.

Other major promises throughout the Green party include promising to establish a guaranteed livable income, abolish post-secondary tuition, introduce pharma care and free dental care, decriminalize the possession of illicit drugs for personal use, restore the per-vote subsidy for political parties and reduce the number of people held in pretrial custody.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR IPAC CANADA

LONG-TERM CARE

- Bring Long-Term Care under the Canada Health Act
- Improve the quality of care in Long-Term Care facilities:
 - Create enforceable National Standards for LTC.
 - Provide transformative investment for Seniors' Care including infrastructure and staffing funding.
 - Require Emergency and Pandemic Preparedness for LTC, including providing proper and adequate supplies of personal protective equipment and testing for COVID-19 for staff, family caregivers, and residents.
 - Set a national standard of four hours of regulated care per day for each LTC resident.
 - Enforce National Standards of Care through accountability and penalties, including criminal prosecution.
 - Ensure safe family access to LTC facilities.

- Provide all needed vaccinations to all residents, staff and caregivers for LTC (not only COVID-19, but also influenza, pneumonia, diphtheria, whooping cough, etc.).
- Improve the quality of life of workers in LTC
 - Increase and stabilise staffing in LTC homes and improve training, fair pay for workers, benefits, and paid sick leave.
 - Invest in training and education to support ongoing professional development and specialization for LTC workers.
 - Prioritize senior care and long-term care skills for immigration status.
- Invest in home and community care
 - Provide a dedicated Seniors' Care Transfer to provinces and territories for specific improvements to home, community and LTC separate from the federal health transfers.
 - Shift LTC policy towards aging in place by having the Seniors' Care Transfer include transformative investment in home and community care (such as naturally occurring retirement communities, co-housing models, and enhanced home support programs).
 - Increase the proportion of LTC investment in community and home-based care from 13% to 35% in order to match the OECD average.
 - End for-profit LTC facilities and reorient LTC towards community-based models.

PANDEMIC PREPARATION

- Order a public inquiry that evaluates the joint response between all levels of government with the purpose of examining what went well and what could have been done better.
- Create an intergovernmental rapid response task force, which can be activated immediately when facing an emergency.
- Ensure that Canada has a robust capacity for pharmaceutical manufacturing.
- Ensure that Canada has a sufficient PPE stockpile by increasing domestic production.
- Dedicate specific funding to strengthening the integration of public health with community-based primary care as the first access point of the health care system.
- Lessen Canada's overall dependence on global supply chains for essential goods and services.
- Strengthen the Global Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN) to flag potential public health concerns around the globe.
- Prepare for future pandemics by investing in and restructuring our health care and long-term care systems.
- Provide the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) with long-term funding to protect public health and to be ready with surge capacity in the event of a crisis.
- Invest in research and production of vaccines and therapeutics to improve Canada's ability to domestically source vaccines and medical treatments.

- Commit to being guided by the recommendations of the relevant scientists and experts in formulating emergency response strategies.

SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

- Invest in scientific research and implement the full funding recommendations from Canada's Fundamental Science Review.
- Increase R&D spending to 2.5% of GDP, bringing Canada in line with the OECD average.
- Increase funding for the granting councils from \$22.4 billion to \$30 billion, including the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).
- Establish a dedicated innovation agency that focuses on developing joint projects across universities, private industry, and national labs.
- Support NSERC's Framework on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in scientific research across all federal grant funding programs, and commit to strengthening Canadian scientific and engineering communities to include the full participation of equity-seeking groups, including women, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people with diverse gender identities and people with disabilities.

RURAL HEALTHCARE

- Re-evaluate the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) so that rural communities are being covered with an equitable amount of funding to meet the needs of the community.

CANADA HEALTH ACCORD

- Restore the Canada Health Accord in order to reduce wait times, which are a foundational issue of accessibility in the health care system, particularly in the case of primary care. Support family doctors and interprofessional teams to reduce wait times and enhance the accessibility of the care they provide to communities across Canada.

VIRTUAL CARE

- Set and maintain national standards on safety and quality for virtual care.
- Provide dedicated investment for publicly funded virtual care.
- Ensure data interoperability and accessibility to patients.
- Support equitable access through infrastructure investments.
- Support policies that lead to continuity in virtual care.

MISINFORMATION

- Reduce spread of misinformation.

- Support research & development to improve artificial intelligence (AI) solutions for detecting misinformation, hate, and violence online, so that this content can be de-emphasized and corrected.
- Position Canada as a global leader in requiring companies who run large-scale online platforms to detect and prevent proliferation of misinformation. Hold publishers of malicious disinformation to account.