

How will Your Party Address Climate Change by Encouraging Building Reuse?



Le Bloc Québécois met de l'avant le rôle du bâtiment vert et des rénovations écologiques depuis 2019. Le Bloc Québécois est en faveur de rabais pour l'installation de chargeurs de véhicules électriques dans les bâtiments résidentiels ou commerciaux existants, ainsi que sur les lieux de travail.

En parallèle de la transition énergétique, il nous faut développer une culture de l'efficacité énergétique. Cela signifie contrôler nos besoins en énergie à la source, par exemple par l'isolation efficace des bâtiments : résidences, commerces, industries et immeubles publics doivent répondre aux plus hauts standards. Pour cela, les normes du bâtiment doivent être ajustées et l'information doit être communiquée à l'avance à la population pour assurer la prévisibilité. Ensuite, la population et les entreprises doivent être accompagnées financièrement par le gouvernement pour assurer les coûts de la mise à niveau.

Le Bloc Québécois a proposé de réinsérer l'équivalent du programme de rénovations vertes Éco Énergie qui avait été aboli par les conservateurs et jamais remis en place par les libéraux, en y ajoutant un volet commercial sous forme de soutien fiscal couvrant les

How Will Your Party Support Indigenous Cultural Heritage Capacity and Reconciliation?

Au mois de juin dernier le Bloc Québécois, en collaboration avec les organisations nationales autochtones, a fait adopter une motion demandant au gouvernement fédéral de presser le pas dans la réalisation de tous les appels à l'action de la Commission de vérité et réconciliation (CVR).

Nous avons prévu 321 millions de dollars sur trois ans en investissements dans notre cadre financier de la présente campagne pour permettre d'aller de l'avant avec la réalisation de ceux-ci et nous continuerons de travailler en collaboration avec organisations autochtones pour qu'elles établissent leurs priorités.

How Will Your Party Create Green Jobs That Equip Industry to Re-Use Existing Buildings and Renew Heritage Infrastructure?

Le secteur de la construction et du bâtiment est névralgique à l'amélioration de la performance environnementale par une stratégie d'économie circulaire. En Union européenne, il s'agit d'un secteur clé de l'économie circulaire. Au Québec, RECYC-QUÉBEC détient l'expertise en matière d'économie circulaire, notamment via un partenariat avec l'ADEME (France).

Au-delà du simple recyclage traditionnel, il faut maximiser la réutilisation, la remanufacture, la réparation. Cette capacité passe par le soutien gouvernemental l'innovation et à la recherche et développement, qui est au cœur de la stratégie du Bloc Québécois pour la relance verte. Nous pouvons citer en exemple Maçonnerie Gratton à Verdun, qui a développé la technologie Brique Recyc pour automatiser le recyclage des briques à même le chantier.

C'est ce genre de solutions qui doivent se multiplier et faire l'objet d'incitatifs financiers dans le cadre de la relance, de la transition et du chantier de l'économie circulaire.

rénovations écoénergétiques et l'électrification des systèmes de chauffage.

Le Québec a déjà mis à niveau (juin 2020) son Code du bâtiment pour réglementer l'efficacité énergétique des grands bâtiments d'habitation, ainsi que des bâtiments institutionnels, commerciaux et industriels.

Le gouvernement fédéral doit faire sa part en finançant largement les projets de rénovations vertes.

La nouvelle Subvention canadienne pour des maisons plus vertes, qui passe au Québec par le programme Rénoclimat de Transition énergétique Québec, répond partiellement à la proposition initiale du Bloc Québécois. Le financement fédéral demeure limité et seul le secteur résidentiel est visé.

Un des défis à l'installation de nouvelles bornes électriques dans les résidences est souvent le système électrique en place. Ainsi, la mise à jour du système électrique et des panneaux électriques dans le but d'accueillir une borne de recharge doit être admissible à la subvention dans le cadre de l'initiative Subvention canadienne pour des maisons plus vertes, qui peut être obtenue au Québec via le programme Rénoclimat du gouvernement du Québec.



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Launch a massive energy efficiency retrofit of residential, commercial and institutional buildings. To make a renewable energy transition possible, we have to eliminate energy waste. According to trade union research, this will create over four million jobs.

The Green Party wholeheartedly repudiates the doctrine of terra nullius, the doctrine of discovery and other doctrines of superiority, and recognizes the inherent sovereignty and title of Indigenous Peoples. The Green Party fully embraces all 46 articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of

Embed just transition principles in planning, legislative, regulatory and advisory processes to ensure ongoing and concrete actions throughout the fossil-fuel phase-out transition, including:

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.

Change the national building code to require new construction to meet net-zero emission standards by 2030 and work with the provinces to enact it

Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). A Green government will remove all obstacles within the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government to wholly implement UNDRIP.

Include representatives from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit governments on the Council of Canadian Governments (this is a table the Greens want to create) to improve policy coherence and optimize public spending with respect to higher order policy priorities to promote intergovernmental cooperation

Implement the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as the recommendations from the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Work in partnership with the Assembly of First Nations to implement their agenda for the 2019 election.

Ensure that every First Nations, Métis and Inuit child has access to quality educational opportunities based on the expressed cultural, political and social priorities of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit governments, following meaningful consultation.

Support the development of Indigenous education curricula that are language and culture specific.

Increase access to post-secondary education for Indigenous youth by removing the two per cent funding cap, as well as fully funding the program backlog.

Support and sustain the transmission, proliferation, and regeneration of Indigenous cultural works and languages.

Educate non-Indigenous Canadians on the histories, customs, traditions and cultures of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples of Turtle Island.

Honour the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling to compensate every child who was taken from their home on reserve.

Meeting directly with affected communities to learn about their local priorities, and to connect them with federal programs that could support their goals.

Establishing a dedicated, comprehensive, inclusive and flexible just transition funding program for affected communities.

Developing and implementing a just transition plan for workers in fossil fuel sectors, championed by a lead minister who oversees and reports on progress.

Integrating provisions for just transition in federal environmental and labour legislation and regulations, as well as relevant inter-governmental agreements.

Establishing a targeted, long-term research fund for studying the impact of the sector phase-out and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Ensure locally available supports, including funding the establishment and operation of locally-driven transition centres in affected communities.

Identify and fund local infrastructure projects in affected communities.

Provide a pathway to retirement by creating a pension bridging program for workers who will retire earlier than planned due to the phase out.

Transition workers to sustainable employment by:

Creating a detailed and publicly available inventory with labour market information pertaining to oil, coal and gas workers, such as skills profiles, demographics, locations, and current and potential employers.

Creating a comprehensive funding program for workers staying in the labour market to address their needs across the stages of securing a new job, including



We know that in order to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, we have to retrofit almost every building in Canada. This presents an opportunity to kickstart a vibrant retrofit economy, with good middle class jobs in our communities.

By renovating, restoring, and preserving existing buildings we can cut greenhouse gas emissions and decrease landfill through the preservation of original materials, reduction in the requirement of new materials, and through the adding of value and longevity to original construction.

In Budget 2021, the Liberal government announced the creation of interest-free loans for home energy retrofits like improving insulation, replacing low efficiency systems, and replacing drafty windows and doors. We also launched the Canada Greener Homes Grant, which provides up to \$5,000 to make energy efficiency and climate resilience home improvements.

Further to this, we committed \$1.5 billion in the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program that improve energy efficiency through retrofits, repairs or upgrades, and \$2 billion in the Canada Infrastructure Bank for green infrastructure and energy efficient retrofits.

The Liberal Party of Canada acknowledges the importance of physical space for all cultures, in particular, Indigenous peoples who have been historically and forcefully disconnected from their spaces for generations. That is why as part of our response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, we will continue to work with Indigenous peoples to establish new programs and funding to support that reconnection.

That is why, to support the continued work of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, a re-elected Liberal government will provide funding towards the construction of a permanent home for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and provide it sustained financial support for its core operations in fulfilling the mandate issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with dedicated support for the work on Missing Children and Unmarked Graves. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation was established in response to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The Centre is a critical hub for research, teaching, and healing, particularly in light of the recent findings of unmarked graves at sites of former residential schools.

In Budget 2021, our Liberal government also provided \$275 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, and \$2 million ongoing to Canadian Heritage, to support the efforts of Indigenous peoples in the reclamation, revitalization, and strengthening of Indigenous languages as a foundation for culture, identity, and belonging. This funding will support various initiatives such as languages and culture camps,

income support, education and skills building, re-employment, and mobility.

Investing in comprehensive retraining and apprenticeship programs for industrial trades workers for jobs in the transition to a zero-carbon economy, especially the renewable and energy efficiency sectors.

As part of the Liberal government's \$2.6 billion green retrofit program, we have started the work to recruit, train, and mentor up to 2,000 new energy advisors across the country to support the Canada Greener Homes Grant, which will provide as many as 700,000 grants of up to \$5,000 each to help homeowners make energy-efficient improvements to their homes, supported by an EnerGuide evaluation.

Budget 2021 also announced nearly \$1.8 billion over three years through several new initiatives that support the skills development and training of workers and provide incentives for employers to hire and retain them. In particular, \$960 million was allocated toward the new Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program. This program will connect Canadians with the training they need to access good jobs in sectors including the green economy where employers are looking for skilled workers.

Further, our platform will ensure no Canadians workers are left behind as we build a cleaner and greener economy and future. We will do this by investing \$2 billion in a Futures Fund for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador to partner with local workers and communities to create jobs as we transition away from our reliance on fossil fuels. Further, we have committed to introducing Just Transition legislation and launching a Clean Jobs Training Centre to help workers

Moving forward, a Liberal government would continue this important work and complement it with key new commitments including:

- Continue to help Canadians improve the energy efficiency of their homes and reduce their energy bills, providing grants of up to \$5,000 for home retrofits and interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 for deep retrofits.
- Launch a National Net-zero Emissions Building Strategy, which will chart a path to net-zero emissions from buildings by 2050 with ambitious milestones along the way.
- Accelerate the development of the national net-zero emissions model building code for 2025 adoption.
 - Create a Low-Carbon Building Materials Innovation Hub to work directly with entrepreneurs, municipalities, provinces and territories, and Indigenous governments to ensure Canadian innovations are best positioned to succeed.
 - Launch a community-led net-zero homes initiative that supports projects that pursue multiple concurrent retrofits in a community or neighbourhood,

mentor-apprentice programs and the development of Indigenous languages resources and documentation. It also committed to provide \$14.9 million over four years, beginning in 2021-22, to support the preservation of Indigenous heritage through Library and Archives Canada. This will ensure that Indigenous women, girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, and all people in Canada have meaningful access to their cultures and languages. Further, Budget 2021 also proposes to provide \$108.8 million over two years, beginning in 2021-22, to re-establish and revitalize Indigenous cultural spaces.

Having a dedicated, permanent space to share culture is a key component of building strong Indigenous identities. Establishing cultural spaces that are inclusive of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people will help ensure they have a seat at the decision-making table. This proposal responds to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, which calls for all Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people to be provided with safe, no barrier, permanent, and meaningful access to their cultures and language.

upgrade or gain new skills to succeed in the net-zero future.

This all builds on our other commitments to incentivize home retrofits through our grant and interest-free loan programs, our National net-zero Emissions building strategy, the development of national net-zero emissions model building code, our Low-Carbon Building Materials Innovation hub, and our community-led net-zero homes initiatives to support community or neighbourhood retrofits.

Together, training Canadians with the tools needed to retrofit existing buildings and providing the right incentives for homeowners, landowners, and communities to make these upgrades, will stimulate growth in the green economy sector, not only creating jobs for the future, but resulting in more existing infrastructure being upgraded that will improve energy efficiency and enhance overall lifespan. This means less waste and a cleaner future for all Canadians.



Canadians have been doing their part to fight an urgent public health emergency, but the need to tackle climate change has not gone away during the pandemic. We need a government that approaches the climate emergency with that same sense of urgency. New Democrats are committed to fighting the climate crisis.

Jagmeet Singh and the NDP have an ambitious climate plan that would create over one million good jobs while drastically cutting greenhouse gas emissions and waste to achieve a sustainable future. A crucial aspect of this is a large-scale retrofitting program to upgrade where people live and work. New Democrats will aim to retrofit all buildings in Canada by 2050.

We will help families make energy efficient improvements to their homes through low interest loans that will help save families almost \$900 or more

New Democrats will fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action in partnership with Indigenous peoples.

We will pass legislation to establish a National Council for Reconciliation to provide oversight and accountability, and report regularly to Parliament and Canadians.

Through these frameworks, New Democrats will support Indigenous cultural heritage capacity and reconciliation. We will work with Indigenous communities as equal and full partners to advance cultural heritage priorities as well as to bring in the critical infrastructure supports that Indigenous communities deserve and need, like clean drinking water.

New Democrats want to build an economy that works better for more people. The path to pandemic recovery means reviving our economy with good, quality jobs that lift people out of poverty and help communities respond to the climate crisis and prepare for future public emergencies. That's why New Democrats have a plan to tackle these issues by creating over one million jobs. New Democrats will ensure that the economic recovery also sets us up to succeed in a lowcarbon future.

New Democrats are ready to position Canada for the next boom – making sure that bold public investments are directed to clean energy, climate resilience, social infrastructure, and energy efficiency in communities across the country.

Our plan will put people to work building up our communities with energy-efficient retrofits and

per year on home energy costs. And we will provide targeted investments for renters and low-income households.

New Democrats will permanently double the Canada Community-Building Fund to provide an extra \$2 billion a year to municipalities to help them meet their infrastructure priorities and create long-term sustainable planning. We will also provide \$3 billion in disaster relief funding and implement a National Crisis Strategy to help communities plan to build climate resilient infrastructure.

affordable homes, because building housing and infrastructure will lead to more jobs and stronger communities in every region. We will invest in creating jobs that scale up Canadian manufacturing and innovation to expand renewable energy options.

We will work with provinces, territories, and stakeholders like the National Trust for Canada to identify how we can rehabilitate heritage buildings as part of our large-scale retrofit climate plan.