

## **SECTION 1: SUMMARY**

### **Indigenous Health**

- The NDP promises to close the health gap in Indigenous communities and support health self-determination. This would include implementing Joyce's Principle, and ensuring that medical practices in Indigenous communities are culturally appropriate.
- The Conservatives are promising to increase funding for Indigenous physical and mental health care, and to work with Indigenous peoples on developing their supports.
- The Liberals are committing to investing \$1.4b into an Indigenous health strategy and offering indigenous health system navigators who assist families through the healthcare system.
- The Green Party calls for the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action that pertain to help, and support traditional knowledge systems around healing and wellness, including the formal inclusion of traditional healing within mental wellness and home and community care programs

#### **Veterans**

- The NDP are promising to reduce wait times for benefit applications by placing a file cap for each case worker, and to increase independent oversight of the system and increase the caregiver allowance.
- The Conservatives are proposing to merge the VAC and CAF benefit systems into one system, and to empower military doctors to determine what a service-related injury is. They are also promising to give veterans and their families more say over their care and rehabilitation.
- The Liberals are committing to ensuring that the benefit system and Veterans Affairs services are responsive and meet the needs of underrepresented Veterans including women, LGBTQ2, racializes, and Indigenous Veterans.
- The Green Party calls for compensation funds to be made available for the families of veterans.

#### **Natural Health Products**

The NDP promises to regulate the natural health products industry under a stand-alone piece of legislation, separate from the Canada Health Act.

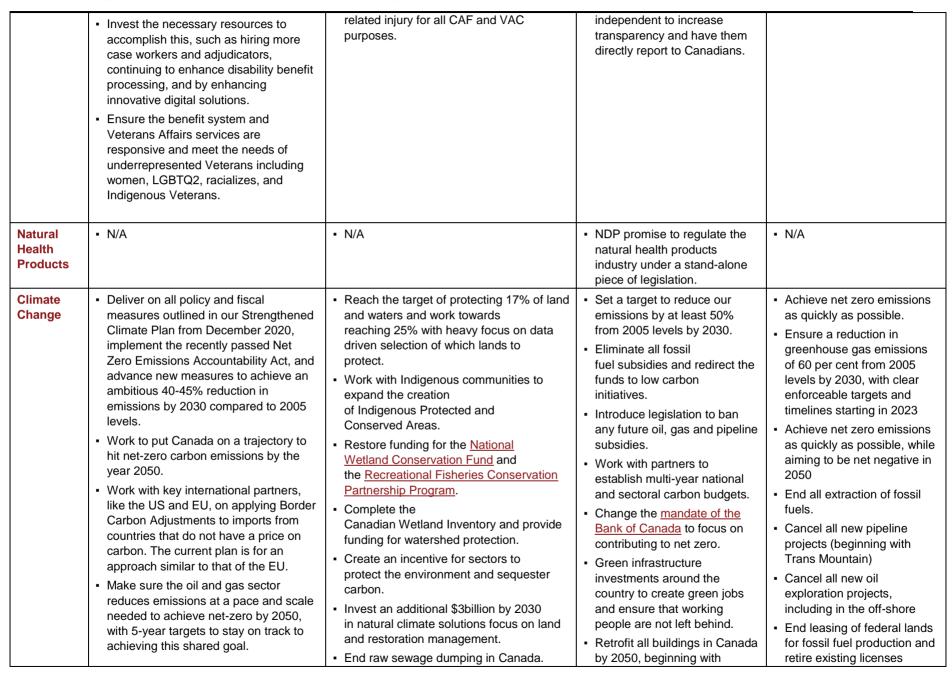
### **Climate Change**

- The Conservatives have made many promises in their platform, with most of them focusing on expanding the EV market in Canada, exporting Canadian resources and expertise, heavy investments in carbon capture and utilization systems, and hydrogen fuels. They also promise to work with the Biden administration to develop a North American framework for many climate related issues.
- The NDP are taking an aggressive approach that increases our climate targets, punishes businesses that pollute, and adjusts government to have more say and better oversight. This includes upping our GHG reduction target to 50% by 2030, eliminating fossil fuel subsidies, making every building carbon neutral by 2050, committing to carbon free electricity by 2030, and adapting several pieces of legislation and government institutions so that they are directly involved with the fight against climate change.
- The Liberals have made many promises and commitments in their approach however the majority of the programs discussed are ones that already exist, and this platform simply commits additional funds, with a heavy emphasis on plastic and electric vehicles.
- The Green Party's whole platform surrounds the challenges and impacts of climate change and while there are many new promises and commitments to address climate change, the GPC remains true to its core values by addressing every policy challenge through the lens of the climate crisis.

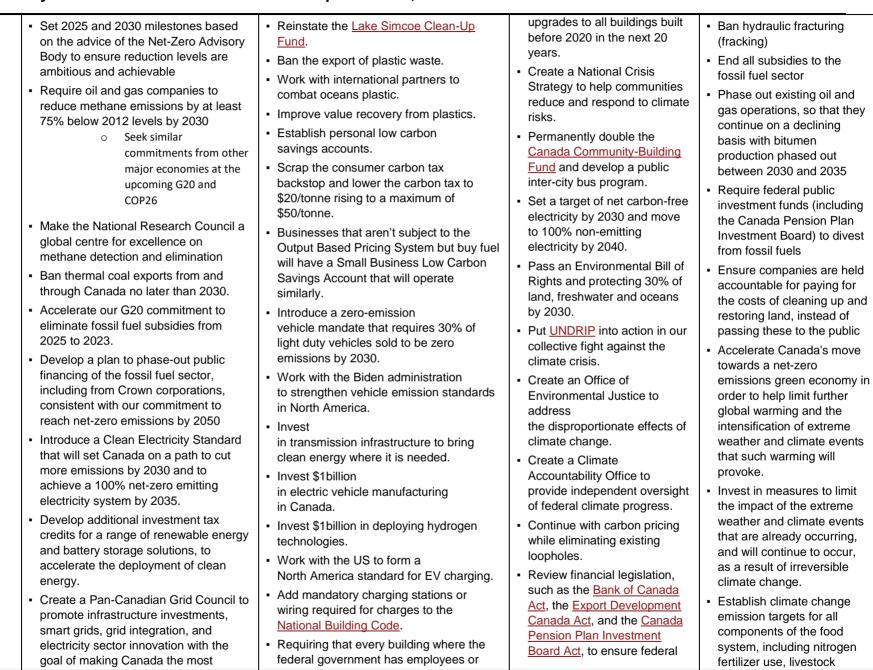


# **SECTION 2: PLATFORM DETAILS**

CAND Priority Area	LIBERAL	CONSERVATIVE	NDP	GREEN PARTY
Indigenous Health	<ul> <li>Commit an additional \$1.4b for distinctions based mental health and wellness strategy with First Nations, Inuit, and the Metis Nation</li> <li>Co-develop a distinctions-based, community-led, Indigenous Long-term and Continuing Care Framework that prioritizes ensuring Indigenous peoples can receive long-term and continuing care services in or near their own communities and culturally appropriate care and programming, whether they are in urban, rural, and northern areas.</li> <li>Bolster Indigenous health system navigators so they can provide dedicated support to Indigenous people and their families to specifically help them navigate services related to long- term and continuing care.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conservatives promise \$1 billion in funding over five years to boost funding for Indigenous mental health and drug treatment programs.</li> <li>Conservatives promise to support innovative approaches to address the crises of mental health and addiction, such as land-based treatment programs and programs delivered in Indigenous languages.</li> <li>Conservatives promise to Support the development of mental health and drug treatment programs by Indigenous people to develop capacity at the community level and allow for the delivery of culturally appropriate programs delivered in the appropriate Indigenous language.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NDP promise to close the health gap in Indigenous communities and support Indigenous health self-determination. Says the liberals have provided inadequate funds to support the "traditional ways of healing."</li> <li>NDP promise that their approach to healthcare will be based on Joyce's Principle. A principle that demands all Indigenous people have an equal right to the highest standard of physical and mental care, with a right to tradition medicines.</li> <li>NDP promise to work with Indigenous communities to ensure Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate home care and long-term care is available for Indigenous elders.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uphold Jordan's Principle in full, ensuring Indigenous Peoples receive the health care they need without being delayed by bureaucratic disagreements over jurisdiction.</li> <li>Implement Calls to Action 18-24 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, improving health care for Indigenous Peoples.</li> <li>Support First Nations, Métis and Inuit in (re)building traditional knowledge systems around healing and wellness, including the formal inclusion of traditional healing within mental wellness and home and community care programs. This process must be led by First Nations, Métis Nation and Inuit organizations.</li> </ul>
Veterans	<ul> <li>Introduce a Veterans stream to the Rapid Housing Initiative which will see new affordable housing become available for Veterans</li> <li>Continue our work to reduce wait times and ensure Veterans and their families</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conservatives promise to streamline the two benefits systems currently in place – through the CAF and VAC – into one functional system.</li> <li>Conservatives promise to allow veterans and their families to direct their care and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NDP promises to have one case worker per 25 files at Veterans Affairs to reduce wait times for benefits.</li> <li>NDP promises to expand the caregiver allowance for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensure that compensation funds are made available to the spouses and families of all Aboriginal veterans.</li> </ul>
	receive decisions on their applications in a timely manner.	<ul><li>rehabilitation themselves.</li><li>Conservatives promise to empower military doctors to determine a service-</li></ul>	<ul> <li>veterans and their families</li> <li>NDP promises to make the veterans ombudsman fully</li> </ul>	







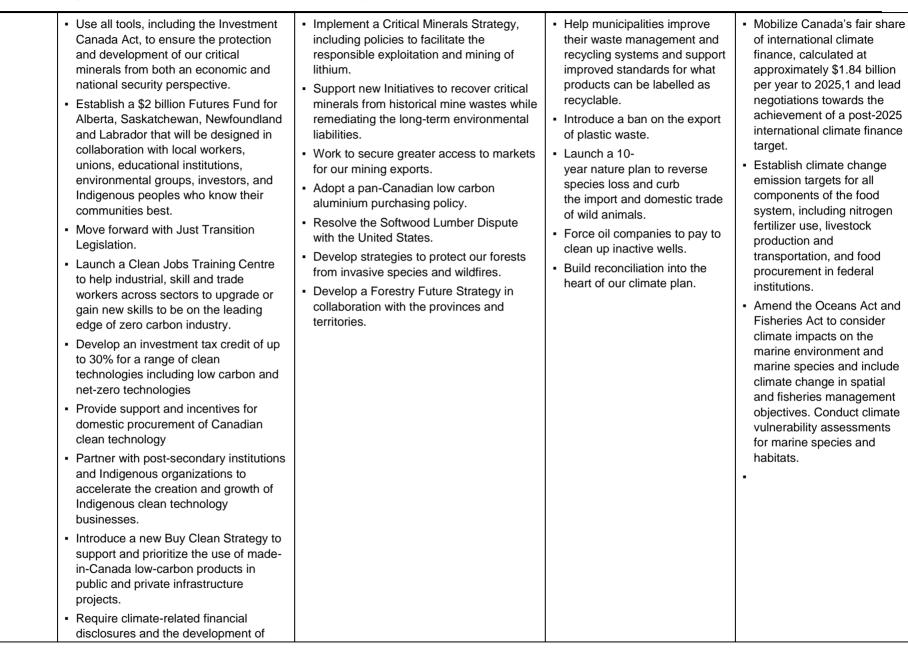




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<ul> <li>reliable, cost effective, and carbon-free electricity producer in the world.</li> <li>Advance green industrial strategies and continue investing funds from the Net Zero Accelerator in strategic opportunities</li> <li>providing grants of up to \$5,000 for home retrofits and interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 for deep retrofits.</li> <li>Launch a National Net-zero Emissions Building Strategy, which will chart a path to net-zero emissions from buildings by 2050</li> <li>Accelerate the transition from fossil fuel-based heating systems to electrification through incentives and standards</li> <li>investing \$250 million to help low-income Canadians get off home-heating oil.</li> <li>Require EnerGuide labeling of homes at the time of sale.</li> <li>Create a Low-Carbon Building Materials Innovation Hub to work directly with entrepreneurs, municipalities, provinces and territories, and Indigenous governments</li> <li>Enhance investments in the Forest Industry Transformation program.</li> <li>Launch a community-led net-zero homes initiative that supports projects that pursue multiple concurrent retrofits in a community or neighbourhood.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>offers services to the public and provides parking to have a charging station by 2025</li> <li>Support improved repurposing and recycling of EV batteries.</li> <li>Propose to the Biden administration minimum North America emission standards for key industrial sectors, supported by border carbon adjustments.</li> <li>Tie our carbon price to that of the EU and US.</li> <li>Introduce a Renewable Natural Gas Mandate, requiring 15% of downstream consumption to be renewable by 2030.</li> <li>Finalize and improve the <u>Clean</u> <u>Fuel Regulations</u></li> <li>Introduce a tax credit to rapidly accelerate the deployment of Carbon Capture technology and include an early mover bonus for facilities that have the tech in place before 2030.</li> <li>Invest in Direct Air Capture technology.</li> <li>Total investments in Carbon Capture Technology is \$5billion.</li> <li>Implement our Building a Hydrogen-Powered Future Plan.</li> <li>Create an Accelerated Impact Assessment Process for the projects that will reduce GHG emissions.</li> <li>Invest \$1billion in Small Modular Reactors.</li> <li>Study the potential for introducing new taxes on frequent flyers, non-electric luxury vehicles, and luxury second</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>financial levers and Crown corporations are aligned with the goal of net-zero.</li> <li>Work with provinces to put in place a framework for corporate climate accountability to ensure mandatory transparency on carbon risk from publicly traded companies.</li> <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, and ensure provincial regulations are in line with the federal government.</li> <li>Ensure that federal buildings use renewable energy and move the vehicle fleets of the federal government to electric by 2025, choosing made-in- Canada wherever possible.</li> <li>Implement a border carbon adjustment that will level the playing field on imports from areas without a carbon price.</li> <li>Appoint a Climate Emergency Committee of Cabinet.</li> <li>Require the use of Canadian made steel, aluminum, cement and wood products for infrastructure projects across the country.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>production and transportation, and food procurement in federal institutions.</li> <li>Reorient Health Canada's mandate towards mental health and addictions, health promotion and disease prevention, and the risks of climate change.</li> <li>Encourage medical associations to train health- care professionals to understand and engage with climate change related health threats.</li> <li>Shape all climate change policies in order to fulfill existing commitments to international climate change efforts, as policies to mitigate climate change will only be effective through international collaboration and coordination</li> <li>Submit a revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement that reflects Canada's fair share of emissions reductions (60% reduction below 2005 by 2030) in meeting the 1.5°C warming target</li> <li>Ramp up climate finance to \$USD 4 billion per year to support climate mitigation,</li> </ul>



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<ul> <li>and hydrogen stations to Canada's network</li> <li>Work with industry, labour, and other stakeholders to develop a regulated sales requirement that at least 50% of all new light duty vehicle sales be zero emissions vehicles in 2030.</li> <li>Provide \$100 million to make sure existing buildings can install charging stations, removing a barrier to adopting a clean car.</li> <li>Double down to attract investments and jobs in manufacturing zero emissions vehicles in Canada through the \$8 billion Net Zero Accelerator.</li> <li>Accelerate our Greening Government commitments to electrify the entire federal fleet of light duty vehicles by 2030.</li> <li>Require 100% of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles sales to be zero emission by 2040</li> <li>Invest \$200 million to retrofit large trucks currently on the road to cut pollution now.</li> <li>Build an end-to-end, sustainable battery supply chain.</li> <li>Work to attract near-term multi-billion anchor investments in key areas like minerals processing and cell manufacturing.</li> <li>Double the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit for materials on the Canadian list of critical minerals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implement a Liquified Natural Gas export strategy to help displace coal power in other countries.</li> <li>Develop an export market for Canadian nuclear technology and uranium.</li> <li>Export Canadian emissions reduction technology.</li> <li>Appoint a National Disaster Resilience Advisor to the Privy Council Office.</li> <li>Implement a national action plan on floods.</li> <li>Devise and implement a national climate adaptation strategy.</li> <li>Provide a regulatory and financial framework that will facilitate Energy Savings Performance Contracting.</li> <li>Develop a Net Zero Foundations Program for building greener homes to help develop building codes, curriculum for trade schools, improve certification standards, and develop initiatives to pilot new tech.</li> <li>Eliminate <u>Bill C-69</u> from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament.</li> <li>End the ban on shipping traffic on the north coast of BC.</li> <li>Create the Canadian Indigenous Enterprise Corporation to ensure Indigenous communities are partners in resource development.</li> <li>Ensure sufficient pipeline capacity by getting Trans Mountain built and that we do not lose Line 3 or Line 5.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Canadian jobs, not executives or shareholders.</li> <li>Boost clean tech research and manufacturing with new funding, incentives and Buy Canadian procurement of environmentally friendly technologies.</li> <li>Support Canadian manufacturing of batteries, energy storage solutions and alternative fuels.</li> <li>Put in place joint workplace environmental committees, modelled on the successful joint workplace health and safety committees.</li> <li>Introduce new Civilian Climate Corps that would help to protect the environment, restore wetlands, and plant billions of trees,</li> <li>Amend the National Building Code to ensure that by 2025 every new building in Canada is net-zero.</li> <li>Establish a new Canadian Climate Bank that will help boost investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency and low carbon technology across the country</li> <li>Support made in Canada manufacturing of renewable energy components and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate actively in future international efforts, positioning Canada as a leader on global climate change initiatives</li> <li>As one of the world's highest per capita emitters of GHGs, Canada has a responsibility to support the climate action efforts of other countries and Indigenous communities. We will do so by supporting local green infrastructure in developing countries to offset energy poverty</li> <li>End the export of millions of tons of US coal from Canadian ports.</li> <li>Establish a high-level Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Change</li> <li>Support swift passage of the proposed National Strategy Respecting Environmental Justice Act (Bill C-230).</li> <li>Ramp up programs to help all people in Canada benefit from nearby nature, especially racialized communities and others facing systemic barriers.</li> <li>Expand funding for federal programs as well for partnerships with</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Establish Canada as a global leader in battery recycling and reuse.</li> <li>Launch a Canada-U.S. Battery Alliance for stakeholders in both countries to identify shared priorities and create environmental requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pass a Critical Infrastructure Protection Act to prevent protestors from blocking key infrastructure.</li> <li>Support NFLD's offshoring oil industry by investing \$1.5 billon in an offshore rebound fund.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>energy components and technologies.</li> <li>Immediately ban all single use plastics, while supporting the transition of workers in this sector.</li> </ul>	partnerships with municipalities and local organizations to leverage networks and knowledge in reaching all communities and tackling discrimination and racism in green spaces.





net-zero plans for federally regulated institutions		
<ul> <li>Issue green bonds, annually, worth a minimum of \$5 billion.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Develop a climate data strategy to ensure that the private sector and communities have access to decision- useful climate information and to inform infrastructure investments</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Work with financial experts through the Sustainable Finance Action Council to develop a net-zero capital allocation strategy</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Supporting the switch to zero-emission buses.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Developing rural transit solutions.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Advancing a National Active Transportation Strategy to build bike lanes, wider sidewalks, pathways, and multi-use trails.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Committing to make High Frequency Rail a reality.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Train 1,000 new community-based firefighters</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Complete our work with provinces and territories to develop flood maps for higher-risk areas in the next three years</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Create a nation-wide flood ready portal</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Expand the office of the National Security and Intelligence Advisor to keep Canadians safe as climate change increasingly impacts our domestic and global contexts.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Create a Climate Adaptation Home Rating Program that will be developed as a companion to the EnerGuide home energy audits.</li> </ul>		



<ul> <li>Establishing 10 new national parks and 10 new national marine conservation areas (NMCAs) in the next 5 years.</li> <li>Working with Indigenous communities on co-management agreements of these national</li> </ul>		
parks and NMCAs.		
<ul> <li>Continuing to work with partners to ensure Canada meets its goals to conserve 25% of our lands and waters by 2025 and 30% of each by 2030.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Working to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030 in Canada and achieving a full recovery for nature by 2050.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Work with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis partners to support new Indigenous Guardians programs and establish new Indigenous Guardians Networks.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Support Indigenous communities to build capacity to establish more IPCAs.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Establish at least one new national urban park in every province and territory, with a target of establishing 15 national urban parks by 2030.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Invest an additional \$200 million in the Natural Infrastructure Fund.</li> </ul>		
• Continue building and connecting the TransCanada Trail by increasing annual funding to \$13 million, growing the trail network by 10% helping create 10,000 jobs over the next five years.		
<ul> <li>Build a national trails tourism strategy and increase youth employment opportunities.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Establishing a \$50 million B.C. Old Growth Nature Fund.</li> </ul>		



<ul> <li>Restore and enhance more wetlands, grasslands, and peatlands, to capture and store carbon.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Renew and expand the Coastal Restoration fund.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Make new investments in areas like tidal wetlands, seagrass meadows, and riparian habitats.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Modernize the Oceans Act to explicitly consider climate change impacts on marine ecosystems and species in regional ocean management.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Expand the Ghost Gear Program.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Invest \$50 million over the next 5 years to support community shoreline and oceans plastic cleanup.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Advance the historic \$647 million Pacific Salmon Strategy launched in June.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Establish and fully fund a Canada Water Agency in 2022.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Modernize the 50-year-old Canada Water Act to reflect our new freshwater reality, including addressing climate change, Indigenous water rights.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Pass a strengthened Canadian Environmental Protection Act.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Recognize the "right to a healthy environment" for the first time in federal law.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>By Spring 2022, move forward with mandatory labelling of chemicals in consumer products, including cosmetics, cleaning products, and flame retardants in upholstery, that may</li> </ul>		



have impacts on our health or environment.		
<ul> <li>Increase testing of imported products for compliance with Canadian standards.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Table legislation to require the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to examine the link between race, socio- economic status, and exposure to environmental risk, and develop a strategy to address environmental justice.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Identify and prioritize the clean-up of contaminated sites in areas where Indigenous, racialized, and low-income Canadians live.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Require that all plastic packaging in Canada contain at least 50% recycled content by 2030.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Accelerate the implementation of our zero-plastic waste action plan.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Continue to work with provinces and territories to ensure that it's producers, not taxpayers, who are responsible for the cost of managing their plastic waste.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Work with provinces and territories to implement and enforce an ambitious recycling target for plastic beverage bottles.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Introduce labelling rules that prohibit the use of the chasing-arrows symbol unless 80% of Canada's recycling facilities accept and have reliable end markets for these products.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Support provincial and territorial producer responsibility efforts by establishing a federal public registry and require producers to annually report the amount, type, and end-of-life</li> </ul>		



management for plastics in the Canadian economy.		
<ul> <li>Create a new \$100 million infrastructure and innovation fund over the next 5 years that will scaleup and commercialize made-in-Canada technologies and solutions for the reuse and recycling of plastics.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Build on the Ocean Plastics Charter by working with leading countries on the development of a new global agreement on plastics.</li> </ul>		

### **Section 3: Additional Information**

### Appendix 1: Joyce's Principle, Atikamekw Nehirowisiw, November 2020

Relevant to the NDP's Platform

- 1. Indigenous peoples have the right to their traditional medicines and to maintain their health practices, including the conservation of their vital medicinal plants, animals and minerals. Indigenous individuals also have the right to access, without any discrimination, to all social and health services.
- 2. Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right.

### Appendix 2: The Mandate of the Bank of Canada

Relevant to the NDP's Platform

The Bank of Canada is the nation's central bank. Its mandate, as defined in the Bank of Canada Act, is "to promote the economic and financial welfare of Canada." The Bank's vision is to be a leading central bank—dynamic, engaged and trusted—committed to a better Canada.

The Bank has four core functions:

- Monetary policy: The Bank's monetary policy framework aims to keep inflation low, stable and predictable.
- Financial system: The Bank promotes safe, sound and efficient financial systems within Canada and internationally.
- Currency: The Bank designs, issues and distributes Canada's bank notes.
- Funds management: The Bank acts as fiscal agent for the Government of Canada, managing its public debt programs and foreign exchange reserves.