

New Democratic Party Platform

For the 2025 Canadian federal election

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Introduction

Canada is facing an uncertain time. The next four years will be rocky and unpredictable. Families who were already struggling to make ends meet are worried that Donald Trump's threats will continue to make their lives even harder.

But the threats have also led to an outpouring of strength from Canadians. Canada is not for sale. And nor will we be bullied. We are proud of what we have built together. We will never become the 51st state. And we won't win this fight by remaking Canada to fit Donald Trump's vision.

Four years ago, New Democrats promised to fight for dental care and for more affordable prescription medication for people. 25 NDP MPs didn't take no for an answer. And now, millions of Canadians are benefitting. That's the value of having New Democrats in Ottawa.

You can't count on the Liberals to stand up, with you, to those at the top. During the last crisis, they let greedy CEOs take advantage of Canadians and raise prices even higher. And Pierre Poilievre thinks the government should do even less to help Canadians. He has a record of making callous cuts to the very things that help Canadians.

This election, we can fight for a stronger Canada, together.

Better health care, starting with a family doctor

Health care should be there for you when you need it—not just when you can afford it. Universal health care is one of the greatest things we've ever built together as a country—and New Democrats fought to make it a reality.

But right now, our public health care system isn't working for people. Emergency rooms, hospitals and family practices are in a crisis. People are having to make an impossible choice between filling their prescriptions and feeding their families. And over 6 million Canadians cannot find a family doctor.

Mark Carney and Pierre Poilievre both want to cut government spending. That means cuts to the programs families need. Those cuts will just make the system worse. And they would open the door to even more for-profit American-style health care – care that would cost you more, and get you less.

New Democrats believe we can rebuild a stronger public health care system.

Make sure every Canadian can find a family doctor.

Across Canada, more than 6.5 million Canadians don't have access to primary care. New Democrats will guarantee that every Canadian can access primary care and a family doctor

by 2030, by putting in place a comprehensive strategy that retains and hires more doctors, nurses and other health-care workers.

To help tackle the doctor shortage, we'll boost Canada Health Transfers by an additional 1% for provinces that commit to action and publicly report on their progress. This incentive will support real partnerships to train, recruit, and retain the health workers Canadians need. We will take tangible steps to help connects every Canadian with a family doctor, including:

- Creating residencies for qualified, internationally trained doctors already living in Canada
- Implementing a pan-Canadian licensure, to help medical professionals practice where they are needed across the country
- Working with provinces and doctors to reduce burdensome administrative bureaucracy imposed on medical practitioners that takes time away from patients
- Training and equipping more doctors from northern and rural communities
- Working with territorial governments to provide housing and facilities for family doctors and primary care teams to keep healthcare providers in the North

Connecting every Canadian to primary care also means supporting a team-based approach, including supports for nurses, nurse practitioners, and other health professionals. We will work with Canada's nurses to close the job vacancy gap in the nursing sector, to ensure wage parity and safe staffing ratios. We will make patients safer and improve working conditions for nurses. And we will put in place a \$5,000 tax credit to help boost pay for more than 780,000 nurses and Personal Support Workers.

Save you money with lower drug and dental costs

New Democrats believe in a Canada where nobody is forced to pay out-of-pocket to get the care they need. Universal healthcare is part of our national identity. We were instrumental in the creation of Canada's Medicare system in the 1960s, and more recently we were proud to force the Liberal government to take the first tangible steps towards a universal public pharmacare program – years after they first promised it and failed to deliver.

We will get the job done, putting in place a universal program within four years. Mark Carney's proposed cuts would stop pharmacare in its tracks. During the first year of the next Parliament, we will get deals with every province to cover diabetes medications and birth control. And we will expand that first step by covering essential medicines by the end of the first year, building to full coverage by the end of four years.

With Trump threatening tariffs on Canadian drugs, pharmacare isn't just a health policy—it's a matter of national security, because no country should be forced to rely on American pharmaceutical giants or a volatile U.S. president to access life-saving medicine.

Together with the launch of the Canadian Dental Care Plan, we have launched the most significant expansion of Medicare in generations.

Protect you from having to pay for care

While Canadians want real improvements in public health care, Pierre Poilievre has met privately with U.S. hospital CEOs and backs expanding for-profit care—opening the door to two-tier, American-style health care. And the Liberals have looked the other way as provinces like Alberta and Ontario have expanded private care and made wait times worse.

New Democrats would put a stop to U.S.-style privatization and protect public health care from Donald Trump's trade agenda. That includes banning American corporations from buying Canadian health facilities, blocking any trade deals from putting health care on the trading table, and strengthening the Canada Health Act to stop cash-for-care clinics from charging you for basic care. Canadians need to be able to access the care they need, when and where they need it - whether that be through a phone call, a virtual consultation, or an in-person visit with their primary care provider - all without having to pay for that care.

Expand mental health coverage

New Democrats believe that mental health care is healthcare. And yet only about half of Canadians who need professional help are able to receive it, and millions of Canadians didn't access mental health services because of costs.

Mental health struggles have surged since the pandemic, with Canadians now three times more likely to report poor or fair mental health. For young people, the crisis is even more urgent—over half say cost is stopping them from getting the help they need.

As a tangible step to expanding mental health coverage, we will ensure that all Canadians can access services like psychotherapy and counselling by launching a new plan to cover these services for those who are currently not covered by work plans. And we will expand funding for crisis and addictions care to help people access the care they need

Homes for families, not corporate landlords

For decades, successive Liberal and Conservative governments have under-invested in housing, while setting rules that benefit corporate developers and landlords over people. This has led to a housing crisis. The Liberals have rewarded big corporate landlords with handouts even as they have undertaken predatory practices like hiking rent and evicting tenants - and Mark Carney himself worked for an investment firm that evicted tenants and increased rents to improve their bottom line. Meanwhile, Pierre Poilievre would sell off public land to corporate landlords who are more interested in making a profit than in building homes people can afford.

New Democrats will put families first, working with all levels of government to build homes that people can afford – whether they rent or own - and getting tough on the corporate greed that is driving up housing costs for everyone.

Restoring the dream of home ownership

We will replace the expiring Housing Accelerator Fund with a permanent \$16 billion national housing strategy made up of the new Canadian Homes Transfer and the Communities First Fund. The Canadian Homes Transfer will reward cities that build quickly, allow more townhomes and apartments, and prioritize homes near transit. This will help us reach a target of 20 percent non-market housing in every neighbourhood. The Communities First Fund will support provinces in building the infrastructure needed for growth – like water, transit, and public services.

To deliver on this plan, we will train over 100,000 skilled workers, including newcomers and those affected by Donald Trump's reckless trade war.

These measures will help double the pace of home building, and get 3 million homes built by 2030.

We will also help more people buy their first homes, by unlocking the financial power of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to offer low-interest public-backed mortgages.

Rent control and other tenant protection measures

We will fight soaring rents by requiring strong tenant protection measures from other levels of government as a condition for accessing federal housing funding. These measures include rent control, as well as prohibitions on practices such as renovictions, demovictions and other predatory landlord practices aimed at pushing people out of their homes and driving up rents.

To support this goal we will set aside 100% of suitable federal crown land to build over 100,000 rent-controlled homes by 2035, as well redesigning and expanding the Public Land Acquisition Fund to acquire even more public land to build on. And we will publicly finance new construction – with a new Community Housing Bank to partner with non-profit developers, co-ops, and Indigenous communities

Stop the corporate takeover of our neighbourhoods

We will ban predatory financial landlords from buying any existing purpose-built rental apartments and any of Canada's existing 650,000 social housing units. Legitimate private landlords and property managers would not be impacted. This measure is aimed at preventing corporate entities like REITs, Hedge Funds, and private equity funds from purchasing affordable housing. These entities do not function like landlords, instead their

function is to either liquidate and redevelop the real estate, maximize revenues through poor maintenance leading to renovation and increasing rents, and generally financialize these properties as assets.

We will also cut off handouts – including low-interest federal loans, preferential tax treatment and mortgage loan insurance – for big corporate landlords who gouge their tenants. And we will boost the Rental Protection Fund by providing an additional \$2 billion to help non-profits such as tenant associations and housing co-ops purchase thousands of affordable apartments, to keep them affordable when they come onto the market.

Ending homelessness

Building more affordable homes and new tenant protection measures will help more Canadians find homes that fit their budgets. We will also establish a Housing Insecurity Prevention Benefit to help 50,000 people in critical need find homes. This program will be piloted and delivered through existing Reaching Home community entities, ensuring a community-based approach to helping Canadians experiencing chronic homelessness.

Lower bills, starting with a cap on grocery essentials

Canadians are frustrated. People who were already struggling to pay the bills are now left doubly worried as our economy faces unprecedented upheaval and the impacts of Donald Trump's trade war pushes us to the brink of a recession. During the COVID-19 pandemic, companies took advantage of the crisis to raise their prices and boost their bottom lines. We can't let that happen again.

The government has a responsibility—not just to respond to crises, but to shape the rules so they work for people, not just the ultra-rich.

For decades, the Liberals and Conservatives have written the rules to ensure the rich and powerful benefit, leaving everyone else to fall further behind. New Democrats will take real action to stop corporate greed and put more money in people's pockets

Stop price gouging with a grocery cap

We will introduce emergency price caps on basic food items—like pasta, frozen vegetables, and infant formula—to keep costs of food down. These items have seen some of the steepest increases since 2020: cooking oil is up 75 per cent, pasta is up 43 per cent, and infant formula—an essential for so many parents—is up 30 per cent and still climbing.

Price regulations are already in place for a number of sectors of Canada's economy, like electricity, natural gas and certain medicines. And they have been used in other

jurisdictions to tackle food price inflation. We would attempt to negotiate this cap but if big grocery chains refuse, we would act by passing the appropriate legislation.

To enforce this cap, we will put in place a mandatory Grocery Code of Conduct. We will also strengthen the Competition Bureau to act as a grocery price watchdog with the power to impose serious penalties on those who don't comply. These powers will extend to price gouging, price surging, price fixing and shrinkflation.

We would also help boost competition in the grocery sector. We know that the sector is currently dominated by just five companies, who control over three-quarters of the market. This concentration has driven up prices and led to unfair market practices. Our mandatory Grocery Code of Conduct would help level the playing field in the grocery industry. We would establish a National Food Cooperative Strategy aimed at boosting independent small- and medium-sized grocery stores. And we would fix Nutrition North, to make sure the subsidy goes straight to people, and not to corporations.

Taking the GST off of essentials

Last fall, the Liberal government put in place a temporary GST holiday on certain goods, in recognition of the cost of living crisis facing families. The Liberals rejected our proposal that the measure be extended, while the Conservatives opposed it altogether.

But families are still facing rising prices – and Donald Trump's trade war is driving prices even higher. That's why we would permanently remove the GST from the essentials that every family needs. This includes grocery store meals, diapers and strollers, and monthly cell, internet and home heating bills. We estimate this measure will save a family of four \$448 per year.

Home retrofit plan

With the cost of living soaring and energy bills eating into household budgets, we will make it more affordable for Canadians to stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. A major home retrofit program will deliver free energy-saving upgrades to 2.3 million low-income households, and offer grants and low-interest loans to 1 million more. This could include the installation of heat pumps, insulation and other energy efficiency upgrades. It is estimated that in some areas, such upgrades could save a household as much as \$4,500 a year.

This measure will be entirely financed by eliminating public subsidies for oil and gas companies, saving \$18 billion over ten years.

Lower taxes for working people, not for billionaires

Canadians are working hard every day, playing by the rules, and doing everything they can to stay afloat. Donald Trump's trade war is making life even harder for families who were already struggling to make ends meet and keep food on the table.

Mark Carney and Pierre Poilievre are both promising tax cuts that would most benefit millionaires and billionaires. New Democrats would take a different approach, putting more money into the hands of those who need it the most, and asking the ultra-wealthy and the most profitable corporations to contribute their fair share.

Cutting taxes and putting more money into people's pockets

We will raise the basic personal amount to \$19,500 to allow workers to earn more before starting to pay taxes. This would put \$505 back in the pockets of those earning between \$19,500 and \$177,882. We will also lower the high-income BPA to best target these changes to lower-income earners.

We will also boost income support for those who are most vulnerable. We will double the Canada Disability Benefit, providing individuals up to an additional \$2400 a year. And we will take a tangible step towards a guaranteed livable income by raising the Guaranteed Income Supplement to lift all seniors out of poverty.

Raising revenue by taxing extreme wealth

As a possible recession looms, New Democrats won't leave working people to face it alone. We'll deliver real support when Canadians need it most—and we'll pay for it by making the ultra-wealthy and big corporations finally pay their fair share.

We will maintain the capital gains inclusion rate changes which the Liberal government flip flopped on, and was opposed all along by the Conservatives. As the Minister of Finance said at the time, "only 0.13 per cent of Canadians—with an average annual income of \$1.4 million—will be affected by this change in any given year. But millions more, especially younger Canadians, will benefit from it."

Income from flipping stocks should not be taxed at a lower rate than the wages earned by a nurse, a carpenter, a pipefitter, or a teacher. We will rebalance the tax system to ensure it values work as much as wealth.

For those at the very top, super-rich multi-millionaires with over \$10 million in wealth holdings, we will put in place a graduated wealth tax of 1% for wealth between \$10 million and \$50 million, 2% from \$50 million to \$100 million, and 3% for households with net worth over \$100 million.

We will put in place a 2% surtax on the most profitable corporations – those earning over \$500 million in profits.

We will take additional measures to tackle corporate tax avoidance, including instituting a 15% minimum tax on corporate book profits, ending tax agreements with known tax havens, requiring corporations to prove a genuine business reason for offshore accounts, and providing additional resources to the Canada Revenue Agency to step up enforcement.

A stronger and more independent Canada

Donald Trump is launching an unprecedented attack on Canada—and Canadians are ready to fight back. We will never be the 51st state. But some political leaders here at home are already echoing the worst of the U.S.—with deeper cuts, more privatization, and policies that reward the wealthy while leaving everyone else behind. We've seen what happens when billionaires like Trump and Elon Musk call the shots: chaos, greed, and growing inequality.

New Democrats are on Team Canada. We're fighting to protect what we've built together—and to make sure no one trades it away behind closed doors. The next four years will be unpredictable. But through it all, you can count on us to defend Canadian values, stand with working people, and protect what makes Canada, Canada.

Standing by workers and businesses

While the Liberals have studied, reviewed, and delayed EI reform for years, New Democrats are putting forward concrete improvements that working people have been demanding for decades.

We would ensure that every dollar collected from Canada's counter tariffs go directly to support workers and communities hit hardest – with no loopholes and no delays.

COVID-19 exposed massive gaps in Canada's Employment Insurance system. Meaningful improvements to EI are needed to guarantee support is there when Canadian workers need it. That includes reducing the threshold for qualifying to a universal 360-hour standard, extending the duration of benefits to 50 weeks, and increasing the benefit level and insurable earnings cap to provide a minimum weekly benefit of \$450.

Building and buying Canadian

We would overhaul Canada's procurement policies with a Build Canadian Buy Canadian plan, including banning American companies from contracts if Canadian workers can do them. And to support more Canadians choosing to buy Canadian, and to boost our auto sector, we will remove the GST from Canadian-made vehicles.

We would identify shovel-ready infrastructure projects – roads, bridges, transit, community projects and health care capital – and get building, with union workers using Canadian products like steel to get it done. Boosting our investment in infrastructure now will help keep people working, stimulate our economy when it most needs a boost, and leave our communities better off. And we would offer Canada Victory Bonds as an opportunity for everyday Canadians to invest in the rebuilding of our economy.

We would start work on an East-West clean energy grid—a major country-building infrastructure project that could deliver affordable, clean and secure energy to people and businesses across the country. And we would work with provinces to eliminate inter-provincial trade barriers, including harmonizing environmental and health and safety standards to the highest level.

Protecting what makes us Canadian

We would defend Canada's sovereignty, protecting essential Canadian industries like public hydro, critical minerals, and cultural sectors from being sold off or exploited by foreign interests. We would ensure Indigenous Treaty rights, Charter rights, French language and labour protections, and environmental safeguards are never sacrificed in trade negotiations.

We would expand supports for the CBC and for local journalism, so critical during this time of misinformation, disinformation and US threats.

We would hire thousands of new border officers and give them the right to stop border crossers in between regular ports of entry – to strengthen the border and stop guns before they get into Canada. We will also build a new training centre for Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers in Windsor.

And we would take new steps to protect diversity in Canada, including supporting 2SLGBTQI+ communities who are increasingly subjected to hate and to violence.

Working with allies

New Democrats would take additional steps to expand and deepen trade relations with countries other than the US. We have spent too long deepening our economic ties with the US, we can't let ourselves become so economically dependent on a single trading partner ever again.

With global peace and security under attack throughout the world, we would pursue a strong and principled foreign policy based on solidarity, human rights, and multilateralism. That includes boosting international aid funding to 0.7 per cent of our Gross National Income, ensuring Canada's sanctions are applied consistently to all major human rights

violators, and supporting international justice institutions like the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice.

We will cancel Canada's F-35 contract to ensure our needs are met by a proposal that supports Canadian assembly jobs as well as using our knowledge and capacity to maintain them. We will meet Canada's commitment of increasing defence spending to two per cent of Canada's Gross Domestic Product by no later than 2032, with an emphasis on making investments that support Canadians, communities, those who are serving in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Veterans. That will also include new investments in arctic sovereignty and in facilities which benefit Northerners and their communities.

We would join the increasing number of countries that recognize the State of Palestine. This is a concrete step towards peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis, consistent with Canada's traditional support for a two-state solution. We will impose sanctions on key figures in the Netanyahu regime who have incited violence, genocide, and annexation. And we will immediately impose a two-way arms embargo on Israel, and close loopholes that allow military and goods and technology to be exported to countries that abuse human rights.

And we would continue to support Ukraine and Ukrainians in their fight against Putin's horrific invasion and genocide. This includes putting in place stronger sanctions to hold Putin's oligarch friends accountable for their complicity in this war.

Supporting a green economy that's fair for everyone

The impacts of accelerating climate change are all around us—and Canadians are paying the price. From last summer's catastrophic flooding in Quebec—the most expensive disaster in the province's history—to the wildfires that tore through Jasper, the cost is no longer abstract. It's measured in lives lost, communities destroyed, and billions spent rebuilding what should never have been lost.

The Liberals have delayed and compromised—putting big oil profits ahead of real climate action. The Conservatives would go even further, letting the worst polluters off the hook entirely.

New Democrats won't back down. We see climate action as a chance to build—good jobs, clean industries, and lower energy costs. We'll take bold steps to cut emissions, attract investment, and protect our natural environment.

And we won't let negotiations with Donald Trump—or anyone else—undermine Canada's environmental protections. Clean air and water aren't bargaining chips—they're non-negotiable.

Creating good jobs in a sustainable economy

With the Trump administration's illegal tariffs, it's more important than ever that we make our economy competitive and resilient. We will create good-paying union jobs in electric vehicle manufacturing, construction, energy efficiency retrofitting and renewable power.

New Democrats are committed to our Build Canadian, Buy Canadian Plan to boost our domestic economy and create a stronger and more independent economy. As part of this plan we would develop sector-specific industrial strategies for energy, mining, manufacturing, buildings and transportation, with workers at the table every step along the way, with the goal of accelerating Canada's clean energy transition and attracting new investment in communities across the country. And we would provide additional supports to train more workers for tomorrow's green economy. Our goal will be to support good, new jobs in clean industries, and support the decarbonization of essential industries like steelmaking, cement-making, transportation and others.

Local communities should receive the economic benefits and jobs from low-carbon projects. Community Benefits Agreements between community, labour, governments and employers for all federally-funded infrastructure projects will ensure communities get what they need to prosper.

We recognize that clean electricity will be critical to building a competitive economy that supports people in local communities. We will aim to power Canada with net-zero electricity by 2035, moving to 100% non-emitting electricity by 2045. To support this goal we will bring together provinces and territories to prioritize the building of an East-West interprovincial power grid.

Cutting Emissions and Energy Bills

We will launch an ambitious national retrofit program to reduce emissions and make life more affordable—starting with the people who need it most. Working with local businesses for installation, the program will deliver free energy efficiency upgrades to millions of low-income households, including apartment buildings, with a goal of eliminating energy poverty in Canada by 2035. By retrofitting every building in the country by 2050, we'll cut climate pollution, lower monthly bills, and create good local jobs in every region.

We will modernize the Energy Efficiency Act, update the National Building Code including cooling requirements and safe maximum indoor temperature limits, and develop an effective federal emissions performance standard for large buildings.

Cleaner, More Affordable Transportation

We will work with provinces and municipalities with a goal of doubling public transit ridership by 2035, including expanding the Canada Public Transit Fund to include

operations funding. We will work with rural communities to re-establish bus routes abandoned by Greyhound, and we will create public, high-speed rail across Canada starting with the Quebec-Windsor corridor and Edmonton-Calgary-Banff.

To help families afford the up-front cost of buying an electric vehicle, we will extend federal rebates for new EVs up to \$5,000. And to support local jobs, rebates for made-in-Canada EVs will be doubled to \$10,000. And EVs made in China or by companies like Tesla that undermine Canada's national interest and economic security will be excluded. This will support Canada's electric vehicles sales mandate to achieve 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035.

Making big polluters pay

These are volatile and uncertain times. We're facing an unprecedented and illegal trade war—just as the climate crisis becomes more urgent by the day. And already, corporate lobbyists are seizing this moment to push for weaker environmental protections and looser regulations, claiming we need to “align” with the U.S. or “delay” climate action to stay competitive.

Canada needs a plan that meets this moment—not one written by polluters. We'll follow the expert advice of the Net-Zero Advisory Body and set a target to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2035. But we also know the fight against climate change has become dangerously polarized. That can't happen again.

To build lasting support and real results, we will ask the Net-Zero Advisory Body to engage Canadians from all walks of life—scientists, unions, workers, Indigenous communities, and concerned citizens—to shape a path forward that meets our climate obligations, protects jobs and affordability, and holds the biggest polluters accountable.

We will eliminate the consumer carbon tax and maintain a robust industrial carbon pricing system—because targeting big polluters is the most effective way to cut emissions while protecting jobs and keeping Canadian industries competitive.

We will end the free ride for fossil fuel polluters by eliminating fossil fuel subsidies by the end of 2026, and we would immediately implement a cap on oil and gas emissions. We will stop big banks and industries from greenwashing their fossil fuel investments and help accelerate investments in clean technology with a framework for corporate climate accountability. We will require all federally regulated entities, including financial institutions, Crown Corporations and the financial regulator not only to have credible plans to meet Canada's climate commitments, but to meet those plans by law. And we are committed to keeping a strong oil and gas emissions cap, as well as to keeping the North Coast tanker ban in place to protect our coastal ecosystems from possible oil spills.

Protecting people and our natural environment

We will pass an Environmental Bill of Rights and establish an Office of Environmental Justice to address the disproportionate impacts of pollution and loss of biodiversity on Indigenous, Black and racialized communities, as well as youth and future generations.

We will establish a national wildfire fighting force that can be deployed across the country to protect communities on the frontlines of climate disasters. We'll also provide critical support to volunteer firefighters and search and rescue teams who are stretched thin. Research from the Canadian Climate Institute shows that every dollar invested in adaptation can save up to \$15 in future disaster costs—so we'll scale up long-term funding for infrastructure that keeps people safe. And we'll make sure new buildings are kept out of high-risk areas, with disaster resilience built into Canada's building code.

We will protect the health and safety of Canadians by banning the sale of all products containing unnecessary plastic microparticles by 2030 and reduce toxic chemicals such as PFAs and other "forever chemicals" in plastic products by 90% in 2035.

We will put in place an ambitious nature plan to halt and reverse biodiversity loss in Canada. This includes passing a biodiversity accountability law informed by an expert panel with measurable targets for protecting at least 30% of high-carbon, high-biodiversity lands, freshwater and oceans by 2030.

Putting reconciliation into action

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is now law in Canada. And yet even today, many Indigenous people are living without access to drinking water, access to education or healthcare, safe and affordable housing and without essential infrastructures and services. The Liberals promised that no relationship would be more important than the relationship with Indigenous peoples. And yet they've spent hundreds of millions of dollars fighting Indigenous children and residential school survivors in court. Pierre Poilievre says he'll do things differently – but he speaks at events that deny the history of residential schools and voted against implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

New Democrats know it's not enough to make promises. We'll work in a true nation-to-nation way that respects the free, prior, and informed consent of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples—because reconciliation means action. That includes a clear commitment to uphold constitutional and treaty obligations in all international negotiations—including any trade deal with Donald Trump. Indigenous rights are not a bargaining chip. They are foundational to this country and must be fully respected in every negotiation Canada enters

Upholding Indigenous rights and advancing self-determination

We will work with Indigenous Peoples to fully harmonize the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will replace mere consultation with a standard of free, prior and informed consent, including for all decisions affecting constitutionally protected land rights, like energy project reviews. Opportunities and benefits of projects should go to the communities that want them, not the CEOs and billionaires who force them through.

We will recognize and respect treaties, and we will support any Nations building or re-building their governance structures.

We will respect Inuit self-determination, co-developing the Arctic Policy Framework and addressing the massive infrastructure deficit in Northern communities.

We recognize Métis self-determination, and will pursue government-to-government negotiations on issues such as self-government, education, housing and health.

We will expand economic opportunities in indigenous communities by providing dedicated regional economic support and by creating a Northern Infrastructure Fund, as well as expanding the Northern Resident Deduction to include more remote regions such as Haida Gwaii.

We will ensure that Indigenous leadership are at the table and part of any decision-making when it comes to Canada's trade negotiations with Donald Trump's administration.

Work Towards Truth and Justice for Indigenous Communities

We will work with indigenous peoples to fully implement all 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission the Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

We will provide long-term funding to search for grave sites at former residential schools. And we will work with nations and survivors to commemorate those children who never came home.

We will introduce legislation to combat residential school denialism—because truth is essential to reconciliation, and survivors deserve more than words. The House of Commons has unanimously recognized that the residential school system was a genocide, deliberately designed to erase Indigenous cultures, languages, families, and identities. Survivors and their families must be protected from hate and historical erasure.

We will appoint a special prosecutor to investigate crimes against Indigenous peoples through the residential school system. This special prosecutor would have a mandate to

access necessary documents from religious institutions as well as government departments such as the Justice Department and Indigenous services.

We will support community-driven healing initiatives aimed at addressing the emotional, physical, spiritual and mental harm inflicted upon communities and children inside the residential school system.

We will expand the Red Dress Alert to ensure it covers the entire country. This important measure will ensure the public is notified when an Indigenous woman, girl, or gender-diverse person goes missing so they can be brought home safely.

We will ensure full gender equality for First Nations, including the right to pass on the ability to qualify for Indian status registration.

We will ensure equitable access and self-determination over land, culture, language, housing, child care, income security, employment, education, and physical, mental, sexual, and spiritual health.

Investing in children and ending funding discrimination

We will respect, support and resource Indigenous jurisdiction over child welfare systems. Long-term and predictable funding will be guaranteed in legislation, and we will work with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society to implement the Spirit Bear Plan.

We will end discrimination against Indigenous children, young people and family by ending the chronic underfunding of child welfare and family services. This includes:

- Negotiating with the National Children's Chiefs Commission to negotiate the necessary long-term reform for First Nations Child and Family Services;
- Establishing permanent, consistent and predictable funding for the Inuit Child First Initiative;
- Address the backlog in Jordan's Principle applications by investing in more staff and better case management,

We will ensure that every child has a safe place to learn, and we will implement Shannon's Dream so that no student is forced to learn in a dangerous environment. And we will work to incorporate traditional knowledge into our contemporary education system.

We will tackle barriers which prevent Indigenous learners from accessing post-secondary education and training. This will include financial assistance and increased opportunities for children who grew up in care, and improved distance education.

Closing the infrastructure gap in Indigenous communities

We will end all long-term boil water advisories on First Nations. The Liberals promised this would be done by 2021, but too many communities are still waiting. To do this we will

make new investments in clean water infrastructure and support Indigenous-led water management training programs. We will also fund on-reserve emergency management and prevention, including firefighting.

We will partner with all levels of government to provide sustainable, long-term funding to address the housing crisis. This includes supporting Nunavut's request to build 3000 homes in the territory by 2030. And we will take a for-Indigenous by-Indigenous approach to housing, significantly boosting the federal government's commitment to Indigenous housing with billions of dollars in new investments.

We will step up to close the health gap in Indigenous communities and bring health care closer to home. Indigenous people have an equal right to the highest standard of physical and mental health, with a right to access traditional medicines. New investments in healthcare infrastructure, medical supplies and diagnostic equipment will help meet people's needs in their communities.

We will work in partnership with communities to improve access to mental health and addiction treatment, including investing in Indigenous healing centres and healers, and launch a new action-plan to prevent suicide.

We will ensure that Indigenous led, culturally appropriate home care and long-term care is available for Elders, in their home communities and languages.

Honouring our obligation to reconciliation and justice

We will launch a National Inquiry into Systemic Violence and Racism Against Indigenous people within Canadian Institutions, and work to end systemic discrimination in the justice system such that the focus can be on community justice programs, healing, healing and restorative justice rather than incarceration.

We will work with Indigenous communities to develop a First Nations Justice and Policing strategy. And we will declare First Nations policing an essential service, while providing long term, sufficient and equitable funding.

Strengthening Canada's Democracy

Canada's democracy must be strengthened—both against foreign interference and an electoral system that regularly hands majority power to parties with only a minority of support.

The Liberals promised that 2015 would be the last election under this broken system—then abandoned their commitment to democratic reform. Worse, they've failed to act decisively on credible allegations of interference by foreign, and in some cases hostile, actors. And

Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre refuses to obtain the security clearance needed to confront these threats head-on.

New Democrats will fight for a more transparent, secure, and truly representative democracy—because Canadians deserve a system that works for them, not for the political status quo.

Putting an end to unfair elections

We will fix Canada's broken voting system and make every vote count. For too long, our electoral system has distorted results and denied millions of Canadians real representation. In 2025, New Democrats will make sure it's the last election held under this outdated, unfair system—ten years after the Liberals promised change and failed to act.

Unlike the Liberals, we will actually deliver. We will establish an independent citizens assembly to advise on how best to put in place a Mixed-Member proportional system in time for the next federal election. This will ensure that the next Parliament truly reflects the choices of voters.

Expanding voting

We will change the voting age to allow 16 and 17-year olds to vote. Young people should have a stronger say in choosing their government and addressing the issues that affect them and their futures. Bringing more voices into politics will ensure that better decisions are made, and will ultimately result in a stronger democracy. We were disappointed to see the Liberals and Conservatives vote down this important change.

We will make voting more accessible to people living in Inuit, First Nations or Métis communities by ensuring that Indigenous languages are on election ballots in Indigenous territories. This is a concrete step we can take towards meaningful reconciliation, and it will boost participation in democracy as well as contributing towards the revitalization of Indigenous languages.

And we will expand voting opportunities by guaranteeing a three-day voting period, in addition to advance voting polls, and strengthening Election Canada's Vote on Campus programming to ensure elections are accessible to university and college students.

Strengthening our democratic institutions

We will ensure that Canada's government is representative of our country as a whole, including by restoring dedicated Ministries for Women and Gender Equality, for people with disabilities, and for diversity.

Foreign interference is a very serious issue, and one that should transcend partisan politics. New Democrats were proud to push for an independent public inquiry into allegations of

interference into our electoral system. We know that diaspora groups have been dealing with threats and attempted interference for far too long.

Transnational repression is unacceptable. We are committed to working with communities, diaspora groups and with organizations on a comprehensive approach to tackle this head on. We will implement recommendations from the Hogue Commission to ensure more communication, coordination and transparency from security agencies in dealing with threats. We will take concrete action to protect Canada from misinformation and disinformation—whether it comes from foreign actors, bad-faith influencers, or unregulated “media” platforms. That includes supporting digital literacy, addressing online hate and discrimination, and holding those who spread false and harmful content accountable. Finally, we are committed to seeing a foreign agent registry put in place to help protect people and our democratic institutions.

A better fiscal approach

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Navigating uncertainty and rejecting cuts

Canada’s economic and fiscal picture is uncertain and facing unprecedented volatility as a consequence of Donald Trump’s trade war. We enter this period with an already high and rising unemployment rate and with our economy not yet fully recovered from the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting supply chain shock.

Nobody knows exactly what the next four years will bring. The Parliamentary Budget Office’s 2025 Election Proposal Costing Baseline provides for heightened economic uncertainty in the coming years, but it doesn’t account for a full-blown trade war. Forecasts from the Bank of Canada (BoC) and various private sector forecasters are even more gloomy in anticipating a slowdown.

New Democrats are rejecting calls for cuts to the public sector and to social programs – cuts which would be made to reach a budgetary balance in the short-term, despite the costs and the consequences for people. Instead, we are proposing increased investments in both infrastructure and in people.

In the context of significant uncertainty, and in an abundance of caution, our fiscal plan will set aside an additional amount each year as a contingency fund. This will help hedge against risks, including further external shocks or events that could reduce government revenue and increase expenditures more than anticipated.

Additionally, our costing includes two scenarios for the country’s economic trajectory based on the latest analysis from the BoC. As such, it also includes an upper and lower estimate

for the deficit and debt. The initial baseline for the deficit used in this analysis comes from the PBO's updated projection from March 24 while the initial economic baseline comes from the PBO's March Economic & Fiscal Outlook. These baselines are then adjusted for the two scenarios analyzed in the BoC's Monetary Policy Report that accompanied its April 17 decision to hold the policy rate at 2.75%.

The Bank's two scenarios both result in lower economic output over the mid-term than in the PBO baseline. All else being unchanged, lower output produces a larger deficit. To calculate the effect on the deficit, the PBO's fiscal sensitivity values were used.

The NDP's fiscal target over a four-year mandate is a falling debt-GDP ratio by the fourth year at the latest. After accounting for the impact of revenue and expense measures on the economy via the fiscal multiplier, this is achieved even under the more dire scenario considered by the BoC.

Even using conservative estimates for the fiscal multiplier, the NDP's fiscal plans have a significant, positive effect on economic output. Revenue measures are focused on the wealthiest households and most profitable corporations while spending measures are aimed at housing, low-and-middle income households, and infrastructure.

Building infrastructure

Investing in infrastructure in the short-term will help keep people working and help minimize the economic downturn. This countercyclical boost will have a significant multiplier effect due to the slack in our economy being created by the trade war. Investments in housing, in clean infrastructure, in renewable energy and in arctic infrastructure will also help ready our economy for a strong recovery.

These investments are aimed at supporting our longer-term project of reducing Canada's economic exposure to the United States. Additionally, further measures will be taken to improve inter-provincial trade and mobility – including but not limited to health professionals – and to expand trade opportunities with non-US countries.

As part of our Build Canada Plan, we will increase the federal government's capital investment budget by \$10 billion per year—investing in Canada's productive assets, including ports, rail, highways, and Arctic infrastructure.

Investing in people

Increased program spending will protect the financial well-being of Canadians, and help stabilize the economy. Improvements to Employment Insurance will help more workers stay afloat during tough times and avoid being pushed into lower-paying, lower-productivity jobs. Revenue generated by tariffs will be directed to the EI Fund to avoid adding undue strain to employers and workers with higher premiums. And permanent

personal income tax cuts will be targeted to low and middle-earners, who are most likely to direct those savings into local and Canadian-owned businesses.

Strengthening Canada's social programs is not only the right thing to do—it's a smart economic strategy. By supporting families through challenging times and ensuring continued participation in the workforce, we reduce long-term fiscal and social costs. Universal pharmacare, for example, would lower health care spending by reducing the need for costly interventions, enable bulk purchasing of medications at internationally competitive prices, and improve productivity by reducing missed work and ensuring people can access the treatment they need.

With Trump's trade war threatening jobs and driving up costs, these investments are even more critical—helping protect Canadians from economic shocks while building a healthier, more resilient economy that puts people first.

Revenue measures

We recognize that investing in infrastructure and people will increase the deficit in the short term. But that's a political choice—and it's one we're proud to make. When faced with the fallout of a reckless trade war, we won't balance the books on the backs of workers and families. We'll protect, strengthen and grow what makes Canada, Canada: strong public services, good jobs, and a government that doesn't walk away when people need it most. This isn't just about numbers—it's about values, and the kind of country New Democrats are fighting to build.

Additional revenue-raising measures such as a new tax on extreme wealth will help keep our debt-to-GDP ratio at a sustainable level - in line with other OECD countries. These measures also ensure that the costs of the trade war are fairly allocated and those able to contribute the most will be called upon to do so. A surtax on the most profitable corporations will help balance new spending on programs and prevent these initiatives from becoming a structural deficit. These programs will also benefit businesses by better supporting their workers and their customers. These revenue measures will still leave Canada's personal and corporate tax rates competitive with peers in the developed world. We will not enter a race to the bottom by following the extreme tax cutting of the United States', which is known to worsen inequality without improving the economy. We will also realize cost savings by reversing the Liberal government's trend of increasingly using expensive external contractors to do work that could be done by the professional civil service.

We recognize the importance of the government living within its means. As the trade war subsides, unemployment decreases and our economy reaches a more stable footing, we will take steps to return to a path to balance.

Further aggressive steps will be taken in an attempt to repatriate the vast amount of money that the PBO estimates is due to the federal government but not paid due to the use of tax havens and other loopholes. In a time of economic and fiscal upheaval, it is essential that as much of this unproductive capital as possible is collected in order to contribute to our recovery. We are also committed to bringing greater transparency and accountability to the federal budget-making process. This includes strengthening the role of House of Commons standing committees in reviewing and approving government estimates. Canadians deserve to know not just where their money is going—but whether it's actually delivering results.

By improving oversight and linking spending to clear policy outcomes, we can ensure public dollars are being used effectively to improve people's lives, protect essential services, and prevent waste. This is how we rebuild trust in government and ensure it works for the people it serves—not for insiders or private interests.

Costs of NDP Commitments

Note that all costs are incremental to investments made in Budget 2024 and in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement. Costs in millions.

Better health care, starting with a family doctor

COMMITMENT	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Primary care plan (Doctor and nursing)	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000
Pharmacare	2,400	5,360	8,767	12,693
Expanding mental health coverage	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total	4,400	9,360	13,767	18,693

Lower bills, starting with a cap on grocery prices

COMMITMENT	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
GST off essentials	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Home retrofits	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Less oil and gas subsidies	-1,800	-1,800	-1,800	-1,800
Zero emissions vehicle rebate	1,271	1,487	1,907	2,739
Total	5,771	5,987	6,407	7,239

Homes for families, not corporate investors

COMMITMENT	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
New Canadian Homes Transfer	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Communities First Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Public Land Acquisition Fund	250	250	250	250
Indigenous housing and infrastructure	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rental Protection Fund	500	500	500	500
Remove REIT incentives	-59	-61	-64	-65
Housing insecurity prevention benefit	360	380	400	420
Total	7,051	7,069	7,086	7,105

Lower taxes for families, not billionaires

COMMITMENT	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Basic personal amount	11,584	11,887	12,216	12,471
Canada Disability Benefit	1,061	1,370	1,508	1,632
Guaranteed Income Supplement	421	838	1,666	3,311
Capital gains changes outlined in Budget 2024	-1,019	0	0	0
Wealth tax on those with wealth above \$10 million	-22,755	-23,042	-23,591	-25,098
Surtax on corporations earning over \$500 million in profits	-1,591	-1,626	-1,685	-1,667
15% minimum tax on book profits	-3,929	-4,017	-4,162	-4,118
Revenue due to \$200m increase in CRA funding	93	-231	-445	-434
Closing tax loopholes	-5,900	-6,100	-6,300	-6,500
Reducing use of consultants	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000
Total	-24,035	-22,921	-22,793	-22,403

Stronger and more independent Canada

COMMITMENT	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Employment Insurance infusion	16,000	12,000	8,000	5,000
Less infusion from tariff revenue	-8,000	-7,000	-6,000	-5,000
Remove GST from Canadian-made vehicles	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Northern Infrastructure Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Canada Victory Bond	70	73	76	80
Building Canada Fund (\$10 billion per year)	400	800	1,200	1,600
Supports for CBC	150	150	150	150
New border guards and other public safety investments	300	400	500	550
Training and apprenticeships	75	75	75	75
International aid	350	500	675	900
Total	11,845	9,498	7,176	5,855

Additions to operating deficits before interest charges	5,032	8993	11,643	16,489
10% contingency fund	503.2	899.3	1,164.3	1,648.9
Additional interest charges	227.8	432.6	579.6	851.4
Additions to deficit including contingency fund and interest charges	5,763.0	10,324.9	13,386.9	18,989.3

Deficit (billions)

BoC scenario 1	47.4	33.9	34.4	30.4
BoC scenario 2	51.9	48.7	50.5	46.6
BoC scenario 1 plus additional operating deficit	53.1	44.3	47.8	49.3
BoC scenario 2 plus additional operating deficit	57.7	59.1	63.9	65.6

Nominal GDP (billions)

BoC scenario 1	3,170	3,272	3,399	3,535
BoC scenario 2	3,152	3,224	3,344	3,471
BoC scenario 1 plus multiplier	3,201	3,333	3,496	3,668
BoC scenario 2 plus multiplier	3,183	3,290	3,451	3,623

Debt to GDP

BoC scenario 1	41.9%	41.7%	41.1%	40.4%
BoC scenario 2	42.3%	42.9%	42.9%	42.6%
BoC scenario 1 including additional operating deficit and multiplier	41.7%	41.4%	40.8%	40.3%
BoC scenario 2 including additional operating deficit and multiplier	42.1%	42.5%	42.4%	42.2%

GDP growth

BoC scenario 1	1.6%	1.4%	1.7%	1.9%
BoC scenario 2	0.8%	-0.2%	1.6%	1.8%
BoC scenario 1 plus multiplier	2.6%	2.3%	2.7%	2.8%
BoC scenario 2 plus multiplier	1.8%	0.9%	2.8%	3.0%

*BoC scenario 1 low-tariff, scenario 2 high-tariff