

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-011

February 15, 2016

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1) :

**Re: Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am writing in response to your request received on January 6, 2016 for:

Any and all records (including, but not limited to, agendas, minutes, printed or digital material, audio/video files, handwritten notes and PowerPoint presentations) regarding the Sept. 8 and 18, 2015 Election Strategy meetings and the Oct. 29, 2015 CMT Federal Priorities meeting.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.13(1) and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download those sections here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (04-1000-20-2016-011); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', with a stylized, flowing script.

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Date: 9/23/2015 9:56:36 AM

Subject: Fwd: SFU City Conversation - Federal Election Forum on Urban Issues - October 01, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Attachments: CMO - Mayor and Council - SFU City Conversation - Federal Election Forum - 2015.09.16.pdf  
ATT00001.htm

Marnie

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Johnston, Sadhu" <[Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca)>

Date: September 16, 2015 at 10:19:50 AM PDT

To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL <[CCDTMACDL@vancouver.ca](mailto:CCDTMACDL@vancouver.ca)>

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Subject: SFU City Conversation - Federal Election Forum on Urban Issues - October 01, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached Memo informing members of Council of the SFU City Conversation - Federal Election Forum on Urban Issues taking place on Thursday, October 01, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM.

We welcome your participation in this important conversation.

Best,  
Sadhu

Sadhu A. Johnston, LEED AP  
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## MEMORANDUM

September 15, 2015

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sadhu Johnston  
Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: **SFU City Conversation: Federal Election Forum on Urban Issues - October 01, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

The City of Vancouver has joined with Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue to convene a federal election forum on urban issues. With over 80 per cent of the Canadian population now living in urban areas, there is a national conversation happening during this federal election about issues that affect our cities.

Representatives from each federal party have been invited to showcase their policies and vision for urban issues, with a focus on housing and transit, and to engage with an audience of approximately 250 people. This event will be a professionally facilitated forum, and not a debate. Mayor Robertson will provide opening remarks, representing the City of Vancouver, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors' Caucus.

The special SFU Public Square City Conversation will take place on:

Thursday October 1, 2015  
1:00 to 2:30 pm  
The Annex  
823 Seymour Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor


Members of Council are welcome to attend and participate in this important conversation.



Sadhu Johnston  
Acting City Manager


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## Ticket Information

TYPE	END	QUANTITY
General Admission	24 Oct 2015	Free 

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## Event Details

With over 80% of the Canadian population now living in urban areas, it is time for a national conversation on key issues that affect our cities. For this special pre-election edition of City Conversations, we have invited representatives from the Conservative, Liberal, New Democratic and Green parties to showcase their policies and vision for urban issues, focusing on housing and transit. It is important to note that this will be a professionally facilitated forum, not a debate, with an emphasis on productive conversation.

The event will begin with remarks from City of Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair of Canada's Big City Mayors' Caucus. Shauna Sylvester Director of the SFU Centre for Dialogue will be moderating the conversation.

Then it's your turn to question, observe, and offer your perspectives and opinions.

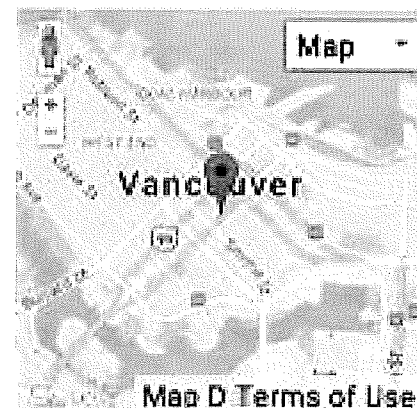
This SFU City Conversation is co-hosted by Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue, SFU Vancouver, SFU Public Square, SFU City Program, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors' Caucus.

This event is FREE, but registration is required because seating is limited.



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## When & Where



### The Annex

823 Seymour Street, 2nd floor  
Vancouver, BC V6B 3L4  
Canada

Thursday, 1 October 2015  
from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
(PDT)

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## Organizer

### SFU Public Square

SFU Public Square, a signature initiative designed to spark, nurture and restore community connections, establishes Simon Fraser University as the go-to convener of serious and productive conversations about issues of public concern.

 [Contact the Organizer](#)

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Date: 10/1/2015 2:29:18 PM

Subject: Re: City Conversation- Federal Election Forum- Thank You

thanks Marnie to your team as well

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Thursday, 1 October, 2015 3:24:57 PM

Subject: City Conversation- Federal Election Forum- Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all of you for hosting a great event today. From all of the organizing, outreach and promotion and amazing facilitation (as always) by Shauna, we really appreciate everything you did to ensure a great dialogue and forum on this important topic. We will have to have a group get-together after October 19th!

Thanks again.

Marnie

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Date: 10/28/2015 10:55:58 AM

Subject: Supporting material for CMT Agenda Item 3 - Federal Government  
Intergovernmental Priorities

Attachments: CMO - 2015 Federal Election - Liberal Party Platform.docx

Dear Colleagues,

As discussed at our meeting last week, the City of Vancouver has an unprecedented opportunity to develop strong partnerships with the new federal government over the next several years.

A copy of the Liberal Party platform that was circulated at our meeting last week is attached again for your reference, with specific areas of overlap with our City policies and priorities highlighted in red.

**Please review this platform again in detail, and come to the meeting with your Department's top 3 to 5 funding requests or policy objectives.**

We will be discussing- along with representatives from the Mayor's office - an immediate short list of City priority projects for funding, as well as policy and program changes. We will also be developing a longer master list of City priority project and policy areas that will be supported by additional intergovernmental relations efforts in Ottawa over the next four years.

Thank you, and we look forward to continuing this discussion at our meeting tomorrow afternoon.

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Economy and Pocketbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more financial support for middle-class and low-income earners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Reduce income taxes for middle-class, defined as those with incomes between \$44,700 and \$89,400/yr.</li> <li>· Create a new family support plan called the Canada Child Benefit, which would combine the Conservatives' family allowance program and other federal assistance plans with the aim of increasing overall family benefits for most families. (For a typical family earning \$90K/yr they will receive \$2,500 more tax-free each year.)</li> <li>· Middle class tax cut, cancel tax breaks for the wealthy / Raise income taxes for those making over \$200,000 annually.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To help pay for the Canada Child Benefit, cancel the Conservative's increase in the Tax-Free Savings Account contribution limit to \$10,000 from \$5,500.</li> <li>• Balance the federal budget in 2016.</li> <li>• Cut small business taxes but want to ensure doing so does not disproportionately benefit the wealthy.</li> <li>• Support reduced minimum withdrawal factors for Registered Retirement Income Funds.</li> <li>• Increase Canada Pension Plan benefits.</li> <li>• Cancel Conservative plan to raise the age of eligibility for Old Age Security benefits to 67 from current 65.</li> <li>• Reverse Conservative plan to phase out tax credit for investment in labour-sponsored venture capital corporations.</li> <li>• Promise to run deficits in the short term - \$3M/yr for the first three years.</li> <li>• <b>Create 40,000 good youth jobs, including 5,000 youth green jobs</b> (each yr for the next three yrs by investing <b>\$300M more in the Youth Employment Strategy</b>).</li> <li>• <b>Double the 11,000 Cdns who access Skills Link/yr.</b> (The program helps young Cdns - including FN and disabled youth - transition to the workplace)</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop new sources of Infrastructure funding for cities.</b></li> <li>• <b>Remove the P3 screen for the New Building Canada Fund and new infrastructure funds.</b></li> <li>• <b>Expand Infrastructure funding by encouraging pension funds to invest in domestic urban renewal projects.</b></li> <li>• <b>Give cities a greater role in national decision-making.</b></li> <li>• <b>More than triple federal investment in public transit over the next four years and over ten years will quadruple it - boost investment in public transit by nearly \$6B over the next 4 yrs and almost \$20B over 10 yrs. (Funding to be flexible to the needs of municipalities.)</b> Ensure that the federal govt pays its share of capital, interest and any additional changes to ensure new construction and a state of good repair for transit facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Includes \$1.7B in spending in each of the first two years and any left over money would be put into the gas tax transfer program for municipalities.)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Invest in infrastructure that supports our exporting industries - <b>The New Building Canada Fund will prioritize investments in roads, bridge, transportation corridors, ports, and border gateways.</b></li> <li>• Promise to pay their share of capital, interest and any additional charges incurred to build new and repair old transit facilities.</li> <li>• Promise <b>\$20B for BC Transit projects.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Increase Seabus service to every 10 min during commute/rush hour.</li> <li>· <b>Extend rapid transit along Broadway.</b></li> <li>· Bring LRT to Surrey</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Invest an additional \$60B in infrastructure over 10 years on top of existing federal funding</b> through a plan which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>A commitment to ensuring "long-term predictability" for municipalities, provinces and territories;</b></li> <li>· <b>\$19.7 billion each for public transit, social, and green infrastructure over 10 years;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Support for new construction and good repair for transit facilities. Proposed funding is \$1.675 billion in both 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 and \$1.15 billion in both 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>· A commitment to automatically transfer any uncommitted federal infrastructure funds near the end of any fiscal year to municipalities, through a temporary top-up of the Gas Tax Fund; *</li> <li>· The removal of the P3 screen for the New Building Canada Fund and new infrastructure funds;</li> <li>· A commitment to invest in climate resilient infrastructure and in helping communities adapt to changing weather patterns;</li> <li>· <b>The establishment of the Canadian Infrastructure Bank to provide low-cost financing to municipalities to build their infrastructure projects, and;</b></li> <li>· <b>A commitment to issue Green Bonds to make green infrastructure projects more attractive to private investors.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Invest \$200M/yr for the next three years to a 'new innovation' agenda. (Support technology incubators and research facilities and financing for small businesses looking to grow.)</b></li> <li>• <b>\$100M/yr for next three years toward Industrial Research Assistance Program (helps businesses accelerate their growth by connecting them with new technology and research.)</b></li> <li>• <b>Increase federal infrastructure investment by \$9.5B/yr. (Will nearly double federal infrastructure investment to nearly \$125B - from \$65 B - over 10 yrs.)</b></li> </ul>
Security and Anti-Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance need for tighter security measures at a time of rising terrorist threats with need for better oversight of Canadian security agencies.</li> <li>• Oppose sending CF-18 fighter jets to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria.</li> <li>• Support Bill C-51 but plan if elected to improve provisions for oversight of security agencies.</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improve federal leadership to tackle climate change, protection against wildfires, improved storm water systems to diminish the impact of urban floods, additional dams and dikes to prevent overland or coastal flooding, reinforcement of infrastructure to confront melting permafrost in the North.</b></li> </ul>

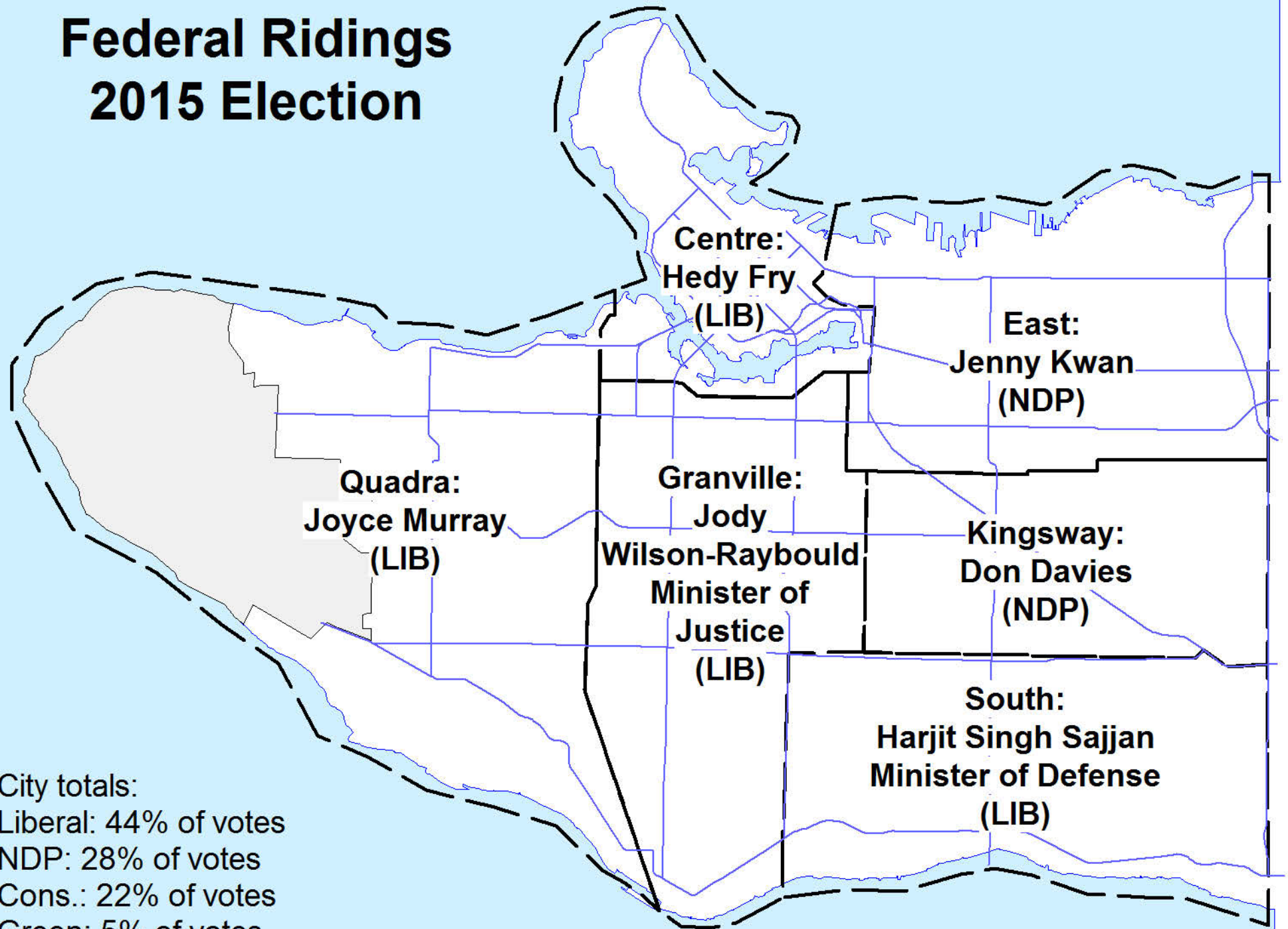


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work with Provinces, Territories, Aboriginal governments, and municipalities to develop a comprehensive action plan that allows Canada to better predict, prepare for, and respond to weather- related emergencies.</b></li> <li>• <b>Boost investment in green infrastructure by nearly \$6B over the next 4 years and almost \$20B over 10 yrs.</b></li> <li>• Work with provinces on plans to fight climate change by setting a price on carbon emissions; convene meeting of premiers shortly after taking power to develop national plan.</li> <li>• <b>Work with cities to adjust to damaging impact of climate change.</b></li> <li>• <b>Aim for success in the growing global market for clean technologies, increase clean jobs, and build public trust to get Cdn resources to market.</b></li> <li>• <b>Invest in green infrastructure, including local water and wastewater facilities, climate resilient infrastructure, clean energy and clean-up of contaminate sites to facilitate new construction.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Incorporate climate resilience as a key pillar in federal infrastructure programs, and climate impact analysis into federal government contracting.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Use new financing instruments to stimulate retrofits and distributed energy systems, and make significant improvements to the energy efficiency of Canada’s industrial, commercial, and residential buildings.</b></li> <li>• <b>Modernize and rebuild trust in the National Energy Board; move towards a system where federal environmental assessments of projects includes an analysis of upstream impacts; ensure that the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation, and consent obligations on project reviews and assessments.</b></li> <li>• <b>Establish the Canada Green Investment Bond to support both large- and community-scale renewable energy projects.</b></li> <li>• Oppose Northern Gateway project; create a reinvigorated federal review process.</li> <li>• Moratorium on tanker traffic in northern BC waters.</li> <li>• <b>Invest \$100M in clean technology producers.</b></li> <li>• <b>Invest \$200M/yr to support innovation and the use of clean technologies in the natural resource sectors.</b></li> <li>• <b>Increase govt use of clean technologies.</b></li> <li>• <b>Increase Canada's protected shoreline from 5 - 10% by 2020 through \$8B/yr in community consultation and science</b></li> <li>• <b>Reopen Kitsilano Coast Guard.</b></li> </ul>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conduct an inventory of all available federal lands and buildings that could be repurposed, and make some of these available at low cost for affordable housing in communities where there is a pressing need. This work would be done in partnership with municipalities and other orders of government.</b></li> <li>• Modernize the existing Home Buyers’ Plan so that it helps more Canadians finance the purchase of a home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Tax breaks to developers to boost the availability of affordable housing. (Commit \$19.7B over 10 years to social infrastructure.) \$125M/yr in tax incentives for developers and landlords to build and renovate rental units and make investment in affordable housing and residences for seniors a priority.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Review the cost of housing in high-priced markets (Vancouver, Toronto) to better understand what is driving up prices for condos and homes.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Renew federal leadership in affordable housing, help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities.</b></li> <li>· <b>Increase the new residential rental property rebate on the GST to 100 percent, eliminating all GST on new capital investments in affordable rental housing. This will end the tax penalty on developers interested in building new, modestly priced rental properties, as well as provide \$125M/yr in tax incentives to increase and renovate the supply of rental housing across Canada.</b></li> <li>· <b>Direct the CMHC and the new Canada Infrastructure Bank to provide financing to support construction by the private sector, social enterprises, co-ops, and the not-for-profit sector of new, affordable rental housing for middle- and low-income Canadians.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renew federal government role in protecting national health care system.</li> <li>• <b>Work to ensure all Canadians are able to access affordable, high-quality child care spaces in every region of this country.</b></li> <li>• Expand access to caregiver benefits, provide more flexible parental leave ensuring the right to request flexible work arrangements in federal jurisdiction, and fulfilling obligations to veterans.</li> <li>• <b>Reinstate long-form census.</b></li> <li>• Invest more in education, with better bursaries and loans.</li> <li>• <b>Reinstate door-to-door home mail delivery.</b></li> <li>• <b>Invest \$3B from the \$20B of 'social infrastructure' over the next 4 yrs to provide additional and improved services for the nearly 2 million ppl currently receiving care at home.</b></li> <li>• Offer Cdns new ways to tap into their RRSPs to finance the purchase of a home if they have to move for work, take in an elderly relative or death of a spouse.</li> <li>• <b>Help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities.</b></li> <li>• Give more students access to financial assistance / make student loan repayment more flexible.</li> <li>• Introduce Canada Child Benefit (tax free, tied to income and delivered monthly).</li> <li>• Re-establish lifelong pensions as an option for injured veterans and increase the value of the disability award.</li> <li>• Invest \$25M/yr to expand access to the Permanent Impairment Allowance for veterans and \$40M/yr to provide injured veterans with 90% of their pre-release salary.</li> <li>• \$80M/yr to create a Veterans Education Benefit.</li> <li>• \$10M for RRSP flexibility for homebuyers. *</li> <li>• <b>Providing \$125M in tax incentives to increase and renovate the supply of rental housing in Canada.</b></li> </ul>
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe in strong sentences for serious crimes but say sentencing alone is insufficient to keep communities safe.</li> <li>• <b>Legalize marijuana.</b></li> <li>• Restrict mandatory minimum sentences to serious and violent offences only.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Need “smart and sustainable” investment in law enforcement resources.</b></li><li>• Repeal the problematic elements of Bill C-51.</li><li>• <b>Provide \$100M/yr to the provinces and territories to support guns and gang police task forces to take illegal guns off the streets and reduce gang violence.</b></li></ul>
Aboriginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Work on a Nation-to-Nation basis with First Nations, Métis and Inuit.</b></li><li>• <b>Establish a national inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women.</b></li><li>• <b>Implement full recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on findings on residential school system and First Nations.</b></li><li>• <b>Invest in First Nations education.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· <b>\$2.6B over next 4 yrs towards First Nations education (gr. K - 12).</b></li><li>· <b>\$500M over next 3 yrs for building and refurbishing FN schools.</b></li><li>· <b>\$50M in add'l annual funding to the Post Secondary Student Support Program (to support Indigenous students attending post-secondary education).</b></li><li>· <b>Commit to launching a ntl public inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Overhaul federal rules and regulations to restore democratic integrity.</b></li><li>• Strengthen Access to Information Act.</li><li>• Throw off lid of secrecy on Board of Internal Economy, which controls House of Commons budget.</li><li>• Make evidence and research by government scientists more accessible to the public and create a Chief Science Officer for Canada.</li><li>• New non-partisan appointment process for Senate seats with independent panel appointing eminent Canadians.</li><li>• Subject all government advertising to review by an independent body to ensure ads are not politically slanted.</li><li>• Disclose MPs’ expenses. Strengthen parliamentary committees.</li><li>• Strengthen role of independent parliamentary watchdog agencies.</li><li>• Overhaul electoral process by changing first-past-the-post system.</li><li>• Close political financing loopholes.</li><li>• Place equal number of men and women in cabinet.</li><li>• Consider a mandatory voting scheme.</li><li>• <b>Bilateral agreements with the provinces and territories.</b></li><li>• <b>Provide provinces, territories and municipalities with an unprecedented level of long-term predictability in funding.</b></li></ul>
Foreign Affairs and Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exert Canadian support for multinational institutions.</li><li>• <b>Reopen Veterans Affairs Service Offices closed by the Conservative government.</b></li><li>• Reverse the trend that has seen Canada’s overall foreign aid as a percentage of GDP drop.</li><li>• <b>Exempt Syrian refugees on Conservative-imposed 2012 rule that has become a barrier to accepting more Syrian refugees. (Rule says the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) or another country must first designate a person as a refugee before immigration officials will consider letting the person be privately sponsored to come to Canada. The rule applies to refugees being sponsored by groups of five or more Canadians, or G5 applications.</b></li><li>• Create an environment that is more investment-friendly, to make it easy and profitable to invest in Canadian businesses.</li></ul>

Foreign Affairs and Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Realign defence spending — increasing the emphasis on disaster assistance, and shifting our focus away from NATO war missions towards UN Peacekeeping contributions.</li><li>• Commit to combating global poverty by working with the UN to invest in sustainable locally-owned businesses in impoverished regions.</li><li>• Provide Veterans Affairs Canada the resources it needs to support all Canadian service personnel and reverse the \$200M cut to Veterans Affairs.</li><li>• Vigorously oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).</li><li>• Green Party MPs will build neutral, independent partnerships with Latin and South American countries and engage those countries in creating partnerships in development aid and economic investment that promote strong civil society, human rights, and respect for indigenous peoples and the environment.</li><li>• Overhaul the immigration and refugee protection system to ensure Canada is seen as a welcoming and compassionate option.</li><li>• Reverse laws that have created a two-tiered citizenship system (Repeal Bill C-24).</li><li>• Repeal the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act.</li><li>• Repeal Bill C-51 (anti-terror bill).</li><li>• Will press for legislation to require that any and all complaints from Beijing under the FIPA treaty be made public (elimination of private arbitrations).</li><li>• Oppose the TPP and the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).</li></ul>
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# Federal Ridings 2015 Election



City totals:  
Liberal: 44% of votes  
NDP: 28% of votes  
Cons.: 22% of votes  
Green: 5% of votes

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Meeting Location: Committee Room #1

Attendees: Sadhu Johnston, Acting City Manager  
 Paul Mochrie, Acting Deputy City Manager  
 Adam Palmer, Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department  
 Andrew Naklicki, Deputy General Manager, Human Resources  
 Bill Aujla, General Manager, Real Estate and Facilities Management  
 Brian Jackson, General Manager, Planning and Development Services  
 Francie Connell, Director of Legal Services  
 Jerry Dobrovolsky, Acting General Manager, Engineering Services  
 Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board  
 Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer  
 Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk and Business Planning  
 Rena Kendall-Craden, Director, Communications  
 Teresa Hartman, Acting General Manager, Community Services

Alternates: Brian Godlonton, Deputy Chief, Operations  
 Eric Smith, Director, Finance and Facilities Development, VPL

	AGENDA TOPIC	STAFF ATTENDING	TIME
1	Council Agenda	City Clerk	2:00 - 2:30 (30 min)
2	Internal City Governance - Business Processes	Paul Mochrie Karen Levitt, Christina Medland	2:30 - 3:55 (1.5 hours)
BREAK			
3	Federal IGR Projects	Sadhu Johnston Marnie McGregor, Michel Desrochers, Magnus Enfeldt, Mike Magee, Kevin Quinlan	4:00 - 5:00 (1 hour)



TOPIC	
Economy and Pocketbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more financial support for middle-class and low-income earners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Reduce income taxes for middle-class, defined as those with incomes between \$44,700 and \$89,400/yr.</li> <li>· Create a new family support plan called the Canada Child Benefit, which would combine the Conservatives' family allowance program and other federal assistance plans with the aim of increasing overall family benefits for most families. (For a typical family earning \$90K/yr they will receive \$2,500 more tax-free each year.)</li> <li>· Middle class tax cut, cancel tax breaks for the wealthy / Raise income taxes for those making over \$200,000 annually.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To help pay for the Canada Child Benefit, cancel the Conservative's increase in the Tax-Free Savings Account contribution limit to \$10,000 from \$5,500.</li> <li>• Balance the federal budget in 2016.</li> <li>• Cut small business taxes but want to ensure doing so does not disproportionately benefit the wealthy.</li> <li>• Support reduced minimum withdrawal factors for Registered Retirement Income Funds.</li> <li>• Increase Canada Pension Plan benefits.</li> <li>• Cancel Conservative plan to raise the age of eligibility for Old Age Security benefits to 67 from current 65.</li> <li>• Reverse Conservative plan to phase out tax credit for investment in labour-sponsored venture capital corporations.</li> <li>• Promise to run deficits in the short term - \$3M/yr for the first three years.</li> <li>• Create 40,000 good youth jobs, including 5,000 youth green jobs (each yr for the next three yrs by investing \$300M more in the Youth Employment Strategy).</li> <li>• Double the 11,000 Cdns who access Skills Link/yr. (The program helps young Cdns - including FN and disabled youth - transition to the workplace)</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop new sources of Infrastructure funding for cities. *</li> <li>• Remove the P3 screen for the New Building Canada Fund and new infrastructure funds.*</li> <li>• Expand Infrastructure funding by encouraging pension funds to invest in domestic urban renewal projects. *</li> <li>• Give cities a greater role in national decision-making. *</li> <li>• More than triple federal investment in public transit over the next four years and over ten years will quadruple it - boost investment in public transit by nearly \$6B over the next 4 yrs and almost \$20B over 10 yrs. (Funding to be flexible to the needs of municipalities.) Ensure that the federal govt pays its share of capital, interest and any additional changes to ensure new construction and a state of good repair for transit facilities. * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Includes \$1.7B in spending in each of the first two years and any left over money would be put into the gas tax transfer program for municipalities.) *</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Invest in infrastructure that supports our exporting industries - The New Building Canada Fund will prioritize investments in roads, bridge, transportation corridors, ports, and border gateways.</li> <li>• Promise to pay their share of capital, interest and any additional charges incurred to build new and repair old transit facilities.</li> <li>• Promise \$20B for BC Transit projects. * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Increase Seabus service to every 10 min during commute/rush hour. *</li> <li>· Extend rapid transit along Broadway. *</li> <li>· Bring LRT to Surrey</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Invest an additional \$60B in infrastructure over 10 years on top of existing federal funding through a plan which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A commitment to ensuring "long-term predictability" for municipalities, provinces and territories; *</li> <li>· \$19.7 billion each for public transit, social, and green infrastructure over 10 years; * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support for new construction and good repair for transit facilities. Proposed funding is \$1.675 billion in both 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 and \$1.15 billion in both 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.</li> </ul> </li> <li>· A commitment to automatically transfer any uncommitted federal infrastructure funds near the end of any fiscal year to municipalities, through a temporary top-up of the Gas Tax Fund; *</li> <li>· The removal of the P3 screen for the New Building Canada Fund and new infrastructure funds;</li> <li>· A commitment to invest in climate resilient infrastructure and in helping communities adapt to changing weather patterns;</li> <li>· The establishment of the Canadian Infrastructure Bank to provide low-cost financing to municipalities to build their infrastructure projects, and;</li> <li>· A commitment to issue Green Bonds to make green infrastructure projects more attractive to private investors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Invest \$200M/yr for the next three years to a 'new innovation' agenda. (Support technology incubators and research facilities and financing for small businesses looking to grow.)</li> <li>• \$100M/yr for next three years toward Industrial Research Assistance Program (helps businesses accelerate their growth by connecting them with new technology and research.)</li> <li>• Increase federal infrastructure investment by \$9.5B/yr. (Will nearly double federal infrastructure investment to nearly \$125B - from \$65 B - over 10 yrs.)</li> </ul>
Security and Anti-Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance need for tighter security measures at a time of rising terrorist threats with need for better oversight of Canadian security agencies.</li> <li>• Oppose sending CF-18 fighter jets to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria.</li> <li>• Support Bill C-51 but plan if elected to improve provisions for oversight of security agencies.</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve federal leadership to tackle climate change, protection against wildfires, improved storm water systems to diminish the impact of urban floods, additional dams and dikes to prevent overland or coastal flooding, reinforcement of infrastructure to confront melting permafrost in the North.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with Provinces, Territories, Aboriginal governments, and municipalities to develop a comprehensive action plan that allows Canada to better predict, prepare for, and respond to weather- related emergencies. *</li><li>• Boost investment in green infrastructure by nearly \$6B over the next 4 years and almost \$20B over 10 yrs.</li><li>• Work with provinces on plans to fight climate change by setting a price on carbon emissions; convene meeting of premiers shortly after taking power to develop national plan.</li><li>• Work with cities to adjust to damaging impact of climate change. *</li><li>• Aim for success in the growing global market for clean technologies, increase clean jobs, and build public trust to get Cdn resources to market.</li><li>• Invest in green infrastructure, including local water and wastewater facilities, climate resilient infrastructure, clean energy and clean-up of contaminate sites to facilitate new construction.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Incorporate climate resilience as a key pillar in federal infrastructure programs, and climate impact analysis into federal government contracting.</li></ul></li><li>• Use new financing instruments to stimulate retrofits and distributed energy systems, and make significant improvements to the energy efficiency of Canada’s industrial, commercial, and residential buildings.</li><li>• Modernize and rebuild trust in the National Energy Board; move towards a system where federal environmental assessments of projects includes an analysis of upstream impacts; ensure that the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation, and consent obligations on project reviews and assessments.</li><li>• Establish the Canada Green Investment Bond to support both large- and community-scale renewable energy projects.</li><li>• Oppose Northern Gateway project; create a reinvigorated federal review process.</li><li>• Moratorium on tanker traffic in northern BC waters.</li><li>• Invest \$100M in clean technology producers.</li><li>• Invest \$200M/yr to support innovation and the use of clean technologies in the natural resource sectors.</li><li>• Increase govt use of clean technologies.</li><li>• Increase Canada's protected shoreline from 5 - 10% by 2020 through \$8B/yr in community consultation and science</li></ul>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct an inventory of all available federal lands and buildings that could be repurposed, and make some of these available at low cost for affordable housing in communities where there is a pressing need. This work would be done in partnership with municipalities and other orders of government. *</li><li>• Modernize the existing Home Buyers’ Plan so that it helps more Canadians finance the purchase of a home<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Tax breaks to developers to boost the availability of affordable housing. (Commit \$19.7B over 10 years to social infrastructure.) \$125M/yr in tax incentives for developers and landlords to build and renovate rental units and make investment in affordable housing and residences for seniors a priority. *</li></ul></li><li>• Review the cost of housing in high-priced markets (Vancouver, Toronto) to better understand what is driving up prices for condos and homes. *<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Renew federal leadership in affordable housing, help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities. *</li><li>· Increase the new residential rental property rebate on the GST to 100 percent, eliminating all GST on new capital investments in affordable rental housing. This will end the tax penalty on developers interested in building new, modestly priced rental properties, as well as provide \$125M/yr in tax incentives to increase and renovate the supply of rental housing across Canada. *</li><li>· Direct the CMHC and the new Canada Infrastructure Bank to provide financing to support construction by the private sector, social enterprises, co-ops, and the not-for-profit sector of new, affordable rental housing for middle- and low-income Canadians.</li></ul></li></ul>
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renew federal government role in protecting national health care system.</li><li>• Work to ensure all Canadians are able to access affordable, high-quality child care spaces in every region of this country.</li><li>• Expand access to caregiver benefits, provide more flexible parental leave ensuring the right to request flexible work arrangements in federal jurisdiction, and fulfilling obligations to veterans.</li><li>• Reinstate long-form census.</li><li>• Invest more in education, with better bursaries and loans.</li><li>• Reinstate door-to-door home mail delivery.</li><li>• Invest \$3B from the \$20B of 'social infrastructure' over the next 4 yrs to provide additional and improved services for the nearly 2 million ppl currently receiving care at home.</li><li>• Offer Cdns new ways to tap into their RRSPs to finance the purchase of a home if they have to move for work, take in an elderly relative or death of a spouse.</li><li>• Help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities. *</li><li>• Give more students access to financial assistance / make student loan repayment more flexible.</li><li>• Introduce Canada Child Benefit (tax free, tied to income and delivered monthly).</li><li>• Re-establish lifelong pensions as an option for injured veterans and increase the value of the disability award.</li><li>• Invest \$25M/yr to expand access to the Permanent Impairment Allowance for veterans and \$40M/yr to provide injured veterans with 90% of their pre-release salary.</li><li>• \$80M/yr to create a Veterans Education Benefit.</li><li>• Reopen Kitsilano Coast Guard. *</li><li>• \$10M for RRSP flexibility for homebuyers. *</li><li>• Providing \$125M in tax incentives to increase and renovate the supply of rental housing in Canada. *</li><li>• We will restore funding for Canada’s four heavy urban search and rescue teams.*</li></ul>
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Believe in strong sentences for serious crimes but say sentencing alone is insufficient to keep communities safe.</li><li>• Legalize marijuana.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restrict mandatory minimum sentences to serious and violent offences only.</li><li>• Need “smart and sustainable” investment in law enforcement resources.</li><li>• Repeal the problematic elements of Bill C-51.</li><li>• Provide \$100M/yr to the provinces and territories to support guns and gang police task forces to take illegal guns off the streets and reduce gang violence.</li></ul>
Aboriginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work on a Nation-to-Nation basis with First Nations, Métis and Inuit.</li><li>• Establish a national inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women.</li><li>• Implement full recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on findings on residential school system and First Nations.</li><li>• Invest in First Nations education.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· \$2.6B over next 4 yrs towards First Nations education (gr. K - 12).</li><li>· \$500M over next 3 yrs for building and refurbishing FN schools.</li><li>· \$50M in add'l annual funding to the Post Secondary Student Support Program (to support Indigenous students attending post-secondary education).</li><li>· Commit to launching a ntl public inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.</li></ul></li></ul>
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overhaul federal rules and regulations to restore democratic integrity.</li><li>• Strengthen Access to Information Act.</li><li>• Throw off lid of secrecy on Board of Internal Economy, which controls House of Commons budget.</li><li>• Make evidence and research by government scientists more accessible to the public and create a Chief Science Officer for Canada.</li><li>• New non-partisan appointment process for Senate seats with independent panel appointing eminent Canadians.</li><li>• Subject all government advertising to review by an independent body to ensure ads are not politically slanted.</li><li>• Disclose MPs’ expenses. Strengthen parliamentary committees.</li><li>• Strengthen role of independent parliamentary watchdog agencies.</li><li>• Overhaul electoral process by changing first-past-the-post system.</li><li>• Close political financing loopholes.</li><li>• Place equal number of men and women in cabinet.</li><li>• Consider a mandatory voting scheme.</li><li>• Bilateral agreements with the provinces and territories.</li><li>• Provide provinces, territories and municipalities with an unprecedented level of long-term predictability in funding. *</li></ul>
Foreign Affairs and Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exert Canadian support for multinational institutions.</li><li>• Reopen Veterans Affairs Service Offices closed by the Conservative government.</li><li>• Reverse the trend that has seen Canada’s overall foreign aid as a percentage of GDP drop.</li><li>• Exempt Syrian refugees on Conservative-imposed 2012 rule that has become a barrier to accepting more Syrian refugees. (Rule says the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) or another country must first designate a person as a refugee before immigration officials will consider letting the person be privately sponsored to come to Canada. The rule applies to refugees being sponsored by groups of five or more Canadians, or G5 applications.</li><li>• Create an environment that is more investment-friendly, to make it easy and profitable to invest in Canadian businesses.</li></ul>



TOPIC	PROMISE / PLATFORM
Economy and Pocketbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic strategy based on low taxes, connecting Canadians with available jobs, opening new markets and supporting businesses.</li> <li>• Balanced budget.</li> <li>• Lower taxes on small businesses and workers.</li> <li>• Aim to create 1.3M new, well-paying jobs by 2020.</li> <li>• Income-splitting for families with minor children, worth \$2B annually.</li> <li>• Expanded family allowance (Universal Child Care Benefit), now totalling \$4.4B/yr.</li> <li>• Expanded Tax-Free Savings Account contribution limit to \$10,000 annually.</li> <li>• Reduce small business tax rate from current 11% to 9% by 2019.</li> <li>• Reduce minimum withdrawal factors for Registered Retirement Income Funds.</li> <li>• Increase support for manufacturing, innovative product development and job training.</li> <li>• Expand export support and free-trade agreements in Europe, Asia and other regions.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Open new markets for Cdn businesses and products through the TPP</li> <li>· Mandate the Canada Border Services Agency to carry out a full investigation of trade complaints even in cases when preliminary reviews by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal come back negative.</li> <li>· Require the Canadian International Trade Tribunal to carry out an automatic five-year review of every finding of non-compliance, to ensure the conflict has been resolved in a satisfactory manner.</li> <li>· Continue to work with stakeholders such as the Canadian Steel Producers Association to ensure that the system is effective and accessible, and ultimately creates a level playing field for Canadian businesses.</li> <li>· Commit to establishing an Investment and Trade Promotion Office (coordinate the government's efforts to encourage businesses in other countries to invest in Canada, and to promote Canadian exports abroad.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Study ways for Canadians to make voluntary add-on contributions to the Canada Pension Plan.</li> <li>• To help manufacturers, brought in a 10-year extension of the accelerated capital cost allowance, a tax break for buying new equipment</li> <li>• Lower Employment Insurance premium rate in 2017.</li> <li>• Commit to following the Federal Budget Balanced Act (keep spending under control, the budget balanced, and taxes low)</li> <li>• Continue to reduce Canada's debt burden to meet our debt-to-GDP target of 25% by 2021.</li> <li>• Impose a tax lock – prohibits increases to federal personal and business tax rates, sales tax rates, and discretionary payroll taxes over the next 4 yrs.</li> <li>• Grant tax relief to businesses that hire apprentices.</li> <li>• Together with the Retail Council of Canada, aim to better harmonize Canada's child car seat regulations with the United States. (Will reduce the red tape burden for Cdn retailers, and at the same time allow them to offer greater choice and better prices to Canadian parents with young families.)</li> <li>• Protect the TFSA and the recent doubling of the annual contribution limit to \$10,000 per year.</li> <li>• Raising the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption from \$500,000 to 750,000 to \$800,000 and indexing it. (Will raise it to \$1M for farmers and fishermen to help with succession planning and retirement.)</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created the Public Transit Fund, a new, permanent fund for major public transit projects with a mandatory P3 requirement.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding phased in over the next 4 yrs, reaching \$1 billion in annual funding starting in 2019-2020 and continuing on a permanent basis.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide long-term and reliable federal funding to help cities and communities to renew bridges, transit, sewers, roads and other Infrastructure. *               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Launch the Quebec Maritime Prosperity Initiative to fund maritime and port infrastructure – including improvements to facilities for cruise ships and tall ships, such as the Quai Alexandra terminal in Montreal, the Ross Gaudreault terminal in Quebec City, and the restoration of Champlain – Foulon sector promenade.</li> <li>· Fund key Asia-Pacific Gateway projects in Western Canada to strengthen our transport system and help Canadian businesses, including our farmers, get their products to market.</li> <li>· Support major public transit projects – such as Smart Track in the Greater Toronto Area, Light Rail Transit in Surrey and Ottawa, and Calgary's Green Line – to fight gridlock, reduce travel times for commuters and businesses, and support new economic development. (Pledge up to \$700M from the National Public Trust Fund for light rail transit in Surrey.) *</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$5B/yr overall in funding for Infrastructure programs.</li> <li>• Outlays for urban programs include \$2B federal Gas Tax Fund, a \$1B annual commitment to renovations of on-reserve schools and long-term spending under the New Building Canada Plan, which will provide \$53B over a decade for provincial and city Infrastructure programs.</li> <li>• Outlays for urban programs include \$2B federal Gas Tax Fund, a \$1B annual commitment to renovations of on-reserve schools and long-term spending under the New Building Canada Plan, which will provide \$53B over a decade for provincial and city Infrastructure programs.</li> <li>• \$150M pegged for Infrastructure projects linked to celebration of 150th anniversary of Confederation.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will support the renovation, expansion, and improvement of existing community infrastructure in all regions.*</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Through gas tax fund, \$762M was transferred to local transit projects from 2006-14.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promise that Metro Vancouver will receive another \$220M by 2016. (Evergreen and Expo Line projects have received investments totaling \$380M.) *</li><li>• Invest a further \$200M to support major new investments in fibre broadband infrastructure in rural and remote communities that currently lack high-speed internet.</li><li>• Implementing the \$100M Automotive Supplier Innovation Program to support product development and technology demonstration by Canadian automotive parts suppliers.</li><li>• Rolling out the \$200M Advanced Manufacturing Fund to support new and innovative products and production methods in Ontario.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Working with Canada’s world-leading aerospace industry to develop a national supplier development initiative to ensure Canada’s aerospace industry remains a global technology leader and a major source of high-quality jobs.</li><li>· Continued participation in International Space Stn.</li></ul></li><li>• Expand rural internet access by funding high-capacity backbone – such as fibre optic cable networks or satellite – in hundreds of communities across the country. (Allows people and businesses in northern and rural communities to access the internet at speeds currently enjoyed by Canadians in larger urban centres.)</li><li>• Commit \$1.5B to Canada First Research Excellence Fund to support research projects that create long term economic advantage for Canada.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Continuing to support the Canadian Foundation for Innovation to finance research infrastructure on university, college, and polytechnic campuses. Provide \$1.33B over 6 years, starting in 2017-18, to support the Foundation’s ongoing work.</li></ul></li><li>• Increase funding to the Agri-Innovation program by \$100 million over three years, and make projects driven by universities and colleges eligible for financing.</li><li>• Support Cdn Fisheries:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Target fish harvesters not in compliance with the Preserving the Independence of the Inshore Fleet in Canada’s Atlantic Fisheries Policy.</li><li>· Ongoing maintenance and upgrades to Canada’s small craft harbours – including more than 250 small craft harbour improvement projects planned over the next two years.</li><li>· Establish and expand the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program to conserve and protect Canada’s recreational fisheries.</li><li>· Fund a new lobster branding initiative.</li><li>· Support Atlantic salmon fishery.</li></ul></li><li>• Support Canada’s forestry industry by establishing a fund to match private-sector contributions to promote Canadian forestry products and our sustainable management practices, and to counter those who are conducting misinformation campaigns.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Pursue untapped market opportunities to expand and diversify export markets both in North America and around the world. (Includes renegotiating an agreement to allow our softwood lumber exports to enter US market.)</li><li>· Continue to encourage the growth and modernization of the industry through the Forest Innovation Program, which supports research and development.</li><li>· Invest in the Forest Industry Transportation Program, which supports the development of new technologies that make our forestry industry more efficient and more environmentally friendly.</li></ul></li><li>• Extend the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit for three years to support further mining exploration and investment.</li><li>• \$84 billion New Building Canada Plan and federal infrastructure investments to support community infrastructure.</li><li>• Sustaining Canada’s manufacturing sector by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Lowering taxes to make it easier for manufacturers to invest in advanced technology and equipment.</li><li>· Helping Canadians acquire the skills and training they need to take advantage of new opportunities in manufacturing.</li><li>· Opening new markets for manufacturers to find customers and sell their products.</li><li>· Making strategic investments to encourage research and development and the creation of new products and technologies.</li><li>· Carry out ten-year plan to lower the tax burden on Canadian manufacturers that acquire the machinery and equipment needed to succeed.</li><li>· Support an Advanced Manufacturing Hub in partnership with employers, colleges and universities, and other stakeholders to encourage the development of new cutting edge products and technologies</li><li>· Establish a \$100-million Manufacturing Technology Demonstration Fund to support large-scale, cutting-edge manufacturing projects in the developmental, pre-commercial stages.</li><li>· Renew the Automotive Innovation Fund for ten years, beginning in 2018-19, at baseline funding of \$100M/yr.</li></ul></li></ul>
Security and Anti-Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish tougher security policies.</li><li>• Committed Canada to provide CF-18 jets in fight against ISIS in Iraq and Syria.</li><li>• Bill C-51 increases powers of CSIS and RCMP to conduct expanded surveillance and to intervene in suspected terrorist activities.</li><li>• \$292M over five years to police and CSIS to counterterrorism.</li><li>• Improving immigration security screening through the adoption of a biometric visa requirement, electronic travel authorization for visa-exempt nationals, an entry-exit information system, and the Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act.</li></ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Favour sector-by-sector regulations intended to cut greenhouse gas emissions in Canada while working internationally to reach agreements on climate change from all major emitters.</li><li>• Agreed with other G7 countries to put Canada on a low-carbon footing by 2050, with an eventual halt in the use of fossil fuels by the end of the century.</li><li>• Plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030, with support of provinces and federal regulations to reduce methane leaks from the oil and gas sector, capping emissions from the fertilizer and chemical producers and from natural-gas fired electricity. Follows earlier emissions controls for cars and light trucks.</li><li>• Align new vehicle and fuel standards with the US to cut air pollution from on-road vehicles to improve air quality.</li><li>• May buy international credits to get to its greenhouse gas emissions goal.</li><li>• \$200M over two years for Environmental projects such as cleaning up federal contaminated sites and protecting species at risk.</li><li>• Continued support of Sustainable Development Technology Canada’s work to finance the development and demonstration of new, clean technologies that create efficiencies for businesses and contribute to sustainable economic</li></ul>

	<p>development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assess and manage the risks posed to the health of Canadian families and our environment by new or existing chemical substances. This will include listing microbeads as a toxic substance under the Environmental Protection Act, effectively banning them in Canada.</li><li>• Commitment to the West Coast:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Set aside funds to cover one third of the cost of removing priority derelict vessels.</li><li>· Restore estuaries in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island.</li><li>· Establish the Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area.</li><li>· Increase maritime protection by acquiring greater tugboat capacity on the West Coast.</li><li>· Complete the protection of the globally unique sponge reefs off the coast of British Columbia, by establishing the Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound Glass Sponge Reefs Marine Protected Area.</li></ul></li><li>• Create a Wildlife Conservation and Enhancement Program to fund community projects that improve habitat for species harvested by hunters and trappers, such as moose, deer, wild turkey, and migratory birds.</li><li>• New migratory bird regulations to establish a family hunting permit and remove other unnecessary barriers and irritants to hunters, in time for the 2017 hunting season.</li><li>• Continue to balance what’s best for our climate with the needs of our economy.</li></ul>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New home accessibility tax credit for seniors with disabilities. Consumer protection framework for federally regulated banks.</li><li>• Record \$34B in federal health transfers to provinces.</li><li>• Establish a new, permanent Home Renovation Tax Credit. (Substantial home renovation expenses up to \$2,500, beginning in January 2017, and \$5,000, beginning in January 2019.)</li><li>• Increase the First-Time Home Buyers’ Plan by 40%.</li><li>• Aim to add over 700,000 new homeowners by 2020</li><li>• Collect data on foreign home owners / Commit \$500,000 next year to collect data on foreign investors (to help determine how much influence foreign buyers have on the Vancouver housing market.)</li><li>• Establish a home renovation tax credit.</li><li>• Committed \$150 million over 4 years, starting in 2016-2017, to support social housing in Canada by allowing social housing providers to prepay their long-term, non-renewable mortgages without penalty.</li><li>• Create a permanent \$1.5B/yr Home Renovation Tax Credit of 15% on eligible renovations from \$1,000-\$5,000 to a maximum return of \$750.</li><li>• Raise allowable tax-free RRSP withdrawals from \$25,000 to \$35,000 to finance the purchase or construction of a home. *</li></ul>
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced measures intended to promote security, health and employment.</li><li>• Committed \$250M over two years for training of skilled workers.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Enhancing and extending the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit – raising the amount employers can claim to \$2,500 and extending the credit into the third and fourth years of an apprenticeship program.</li><li>· Establishing a new Skilled Trades Job Experience Program to help up to 2,000 young Canadians get valuable job experience working in the skilled trades.</li><li>· Working with the provinces and territories, employers, and interested post-secondary institutions to develop curriculum that better responds to employer and market needs.</li><li>· Implementing Canada Apprentice Loans to help aspiring tradespeople get the training they need.</li><li>· Continuing to support skills-training programming such as the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy and the Skills and Partnership Fund to help First Nations participate fully in the economy and find high-paying, high-quality jobs.</li><li>· Maintaining programs such as the Opportunities Fund and the Enabling Accessibility Fund to help disabled Canadians participate in the job market.</li><li>· Set a goal of providing as many as 20,000 foreign credential recognition loans over the next four years.</li><li>· Work with the provinces and territories, through the Pan-Canadian Framework for the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Qualifications, to improve the service standards for accreditation decisions for target, high-demand occupations under the Framework from one year to 60 days.</li><li>· Continue to support Canada Job Grant</li><li>· Reform Temporary Foreign Worker Program to prevent abuses, ensure that Canadians always get the first chance at available jobs.</li></ul></li><li>• Support for education<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Student loan relief, making it easier for students to work, earn money, and gain experience while studying without affecting their loan eligibility.</li></ul></li><li>• Improve the administration of the RDSP program, and to expand the range of investment options for RDSP holders. (nb: Registered Disabilities Savings Plan.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Continued support for 3 yr partnership with the Canadian Association of Community Living. (Help connect people with developmental disabilities with jobs.)</li><li>· Continued support of vocational training programs for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder/Continued support for the Autism Spectrum Disorder Working Group’s work.</li></ul></li><li>• Expanded support for parental benefits:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Expand Employment Insurance maternity and parental benefits and federal leave provisions</li><li>· New parents in federally regulated sectors will be provided with job protection to care for a baby up to 18 months of age, allowing workers to take up to 6 months of additional unpaid leave.</li><li>· A new two-year pilot project will be established to allow parents to earn self-employment income, without impacting EI maternity or parental benefits, up to 100% of the weekly EI maximum insurable earnings threshold.</li><li>· Increase the Child Care Expense Deduction by \$1,000, beginning this year.</li><li>· Women receiving EI maternity benefits will also be able to earn employment income under the Working While on Claim pilot project.</li><li>· Expand grants for families with disabled children.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extend the Employment Insurance Compassionate Care Benefits period from six weeks to six months.</li><li>• Support for healthcare:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Renew the Canada Brain Research Fund when it expires in 2017, with another \$100M over seven years.</li><li>· Provide capital funding to help establish the Canadian Cancer Society’s Cancer Prevention Centre, in conjunction with other levels of government and donors.</li><li>· Match contributions to the Terry Fox Foundation up to \$35 million, with the combined funds going to establish a network of designated comprehensive cancer centres across the country.</li></ul></li><li>• Expanded Adoption Expense Tax Credit<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Extended EI parental benefits to foster adoptive parents.</li><li>· Cut backlogs and wait times for adopted children as part of our immigration reforms.</li><li>· Increase the amount eligible for the Adoption Expense Tax Credit from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per child, and by making this tax credit fully refundable.</li></ul></li><li>• Establish an “equivalent to spouse” Pension Income Credit for single and widowed seniors.</li><li>• Allow veterans receiving the extended Earnings Loss Benefit to earn up to \$10,000 in employment income annually without affecting their benefit.</li><li>• Issue a new Canadian Veteran Card to all Canadian Armed Forces members who complete basic training. (To reduce red tape for those seeking veterans services and make it easier to receive veteran benefits.)</li><li>• Provide new tax relief for single and widowed seniors.</li><li>• Committed to launching a public consultation on existing restrictions for pension fund investments in Canada.</li><li>• 18 months maternity leave with benefits.</li><li>• Support for immigration:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Moving to a fast and flexible immigration system where the priority focus is on meeting Canada’s labour market needs.</li><li>· Create Canadian Experience class that invites foreign students who have graduated from Canadian universities and colleges to stay and obtain permanent residency.</li><li>· Improve geographic distribution of immigrants across Canada, partly by increasing the Provincial Nominee Programs by tenfold.</li><li>· Establish Expression of Interest system that shifts from a passive processing of applications to fast-tracking of applicants with jobs offers or in-demand skills.</li><li>· Increase family reunification by 10%/introduce new ten-year multiple-entry Super Visa for parents and grandparents.</li><li>· Adopt a Cracking Down on Crooked Immigration Consultants Act.</li><li>· Reintroduce and pass the Oath of Citizenship Act requiring citizenship candidates to be seen and heard when reciting the Oath in community with others</li></ul></li><li>• Support Canada’s broadcast regulator in compelling satellite and cable companies to “unbundle” TV channels, so that Canadians no longer have to pay for channels they don’t want.</li><li>• Will pass the Protection of Canada’s Vital Cyber Systems Act when Parliament resumes.</li><li>• Support for arts and culture:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Invest \$150M through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program to support up to 1,800 projects across the country that provide community and cultural benefits to Canadians.</li><li>· And we’ll provide \$210M through the Canada 150 Fund to support community initiatives that leave a legacy for the future.</li><li>· Establish a similar endowment incentive program to benefit local museums.</li><li>· Making permanent federal funding for the Canada Council for the Arts.</li><li>· Establishing ongoing funding for the Canada Cultural Investment Fund and the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.</li><li>· Provide permanent, ongoing support for the Canada Book Fund and the Canada Music Fund.</li></ul></li><li>• Increase funding by \$20M over four years for Canada’s future Olympians and Paralympians.</li><li>• Establish an expert panel to study the potential scope of the Adult Fitness Tax Credit, to support Canadians of all ages in making healthy and active choices.</li></ul>
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced a wide range of measures intended to prevent crime, toughen punishment for criminals, keep communities safe and enhance the rights of victims.</li><li>• Tougher penalties for drunk drivers.</li><li>• “Life Means Life” legislation to keep those convicted of crimes of a “brutal nature” in prison for life without chance of parole.</li><li>• Bill to increase penalties for those who harm service animals.</li><li>• Move to outlaw forced marriage, prevent polygamist immigrations and tackle "honour killings."</li><li>• Legislation that would bar repeat violent offenders from being released from prison until six months before the end of their sentence.</li><li>• Considering a new police ticketing proposal for possession of small quantities of marijuana.</li><li>• Legislation to restore mandatory minimum penalties for illegal possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm.</li><li>• New law to combat the trafficking and cross-border smuggling of contraband tobacco.</li><li>• Address human smuggling through the adoption of the Protecting Canada’s Immigration System Act.</li><li>• Drug policies:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Create a national toll-free help line to provide parents with advice and guidance.</li><li>· Increase funding to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Clandestine Laboratory Teams, which investigate drug labs and target organized crime.</li><li>· Ask the Mental Health Commission of Canada to work with the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse to further integrate initiatives involving mental health and substance abuse.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Maintain status quo on marijuana.</li><li>• Continue to make safe streets and communities a top priority.</li><li>• Establish a criminal gang listing process to help crack down on gangs and speed up the justice system.</li><li>• Increase resources to the Youth Gang Prevention Fund by 25 percent, to allow it to help even more young people avoid a life of crime.</li><li>• Provide more resources to the Canadian AntiFraud Centre to bolster its intelligence and disruption activities, in particular online fraud targeting Canadian seniors.</li><li>• Amend the Criminal Code to make any financial fraud over \$5,000, with multiple victims, carry a mandatory minimum sentence of two years in prison, unless the offender makes full and complete restitution to his or her victims.</li><li>• Make passing the Life Means Life Act its top criminal justice priority when Parliament resumes this fall. <i>(nb: with regards to life sentences.)</i></li><li>• Removal of Serious Foreign Criminals Act to make it easier and faster to deport dangerous foreign nationals who commit serious crimes in Canada.</li><li>• The Penalties for the Criminal Possession of Firearms Act to restore mandatory minimum penalties for the illegal possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, such as fully automatic weapons, sawed-off rifles, or handguns, for the purpose of committing a serious offence or in a place where there is a real risk of harm to innocent bystanders.</li><li>• The Protection of Communities from the Evolving Dangerous Drug Trade Act to allow govt to respond quickly and effectively to the emergence of new illicit substances appearing on Canadian streets; broaden existing criminal laws related to the possession, production, or sale of substances or equipment intended to produce illegal controlled substances; and enhance the inspection, monitoring, and regulation of legal controlled substances to prevent their diversion for illegal ends.</li><li>• Double funding for Child Advocacy Centres and Child and Youth Advocacy Centres</li><li>• Set aside funding for research into the “invisible” economic and social damage inflicted upon victims of crime.</li><li>• Making a \$100M, 10-year investment to prevent, detect, and combat family violence and child abuse.</li><li>• Launching the Action Plan to Address Family Violence and Violent Crimes against Aboriginal Women and Girls.</li><li>• Passing the Protecting Victims from Sex Offenders Act.</li></ul>
Aboriginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with First Nations to promote co-operation and foster greater economic development and autonomy.</li><li>• 2015 budget committed \$567M over five years for aboriginal people and northerners for community development.</li><li>• Studying recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s report on the residential school system.</li><li>• Continuing to support skills-training programming such as the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy and the Skills and Partnership Fund to help First Nations participate fully in the economy and find high-paying, high-quality jobs.</li><li>• Commit to completing the devolution of land and resource powers to the Government of Nunavut over the next four years</li><li>• Doubling support to end violence against women and girls, through community-based projects as part of the Women’s Program under Status of Women Canada.</li><li>• Renew the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking when it reaches the end of its current mandate in 2016.</li><li>• Increase funding to efforts to help women escape the sex trade.</li><li>• Establish February 22 as Canada’s “Anti Human Trafficking Day”.</li><li>• Establish a tip line allowing Canadians to alert the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to suspected cases of female genital mutilation, so-called honour killings, polygamy, and early and forced marriages.</li><li>• Increase investment in Aboriginal education by 25 percent.</li><li>• Construct 41 new schools and funding over 500 schools.</li><li>• Increase health funding by 31%.</li><li>• Enact First Nations Financial Transparency Act to increase accountability and transparency of First Nations governance.</li><li>• Mandate the Mental Health Commission of Canada to focus on addiction and suicide prevention with particular attention on Canada’s First Nations communities.</li></ul>
Foreign Affairs and Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emphasize Canada’s principles on the world stage.</li><li>• Increase annual escalator in National Defence budget to 3%, starting in 2017.</li><li>• \$360M/yr for anti-Islamic State mission in Iraq and Syria.</li><li>• \$7M/yr to provide training assistance to Ukraine security forces.</li><li>• \$193M over five years to improve services for veterans.</li><li>• Proposed a victims' bill of rights for members of the Canadian Armed Forces.</li><li>• \$3.5B toward maternal and child health aid projects in Africa and elsewhere, the Conservatives’ top international development initiative.</li><li>• Stand as one of Israel’s most supportive allies.</li><li>• Improve the refugee system amid questions regarding why fewer than 2,400 Syrian refugees have made it to Canada since 2013.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Accept 10,000 more persecuted Syrian and Iraqi refugees.</li></ul></li><li>• Engage with FCM to pursue a strategic dialogue on issues of common interest related to Canada's international development priorities, and explore ways in which Canadian municipalities can collaborate with the Government of Canada to achieve common objectives in international development.</li><li>• Expanded partnership with local governments in Ukraine through the New Partnership for Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance (PLEDDG). The program will require \$19.5M over 5 years to build on local economic development initiatives that FCM has helped to implement in Ukraine.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launched the Sustainable and Inclusive Communities in Latin America (CISAL) program, a 5-year, \$20M program that will run until 2019. It is being implemented by FCM and its Peruvian counterparts to help strengthen local government in mining areas in Peru.</li><li>• Enact “Declared Areas” legislation to prosecute foreign fighters.</li><li>• Continue to participate in the broad international coalition against ISIS.</li><li>• Support persecuted religious minorities around the world.</li><li>• Defend Canada's Northern sovereignty.</li><li>• Expand Canada’s Reserves and Special Operations Forces.</li><li>• Introduce “Declared Areas” legislation, allowing the Minister of Foreign Affairs to identify any part of the world where terrorists are active as a “no-go” zone for Canadians without legitimate business there. Travel to designated zones would become a serious offence, carrying a significant prison term.</li><li>• Continue to address the growing problem of terrorist radicalization and violent extremism among Canadian youth by renewing funding for the Kanishka Project for another five years.</li><li>• Modernize the definition of High Treason to include fighting against the Canadian Armed Forces alongside jihadist terror groups.</li><li>• Fund a new three-year program within the Office of Religious Freedom to support persecuted religious minorities in the Middle East, and protect places of worship and priceless artifacts at risk of destruction.</li><li>• Provide further humanitarian assistance through the Syria Emergency Relief Fund.</li><li>• Support for the Ukraine.</li><li>• Help the Special Operations Forces maintain their top operational capacity by bolstering their ranks by nearly 35% by 2022.</li><li>• Rebuilding and expanding Royal Canadian Navy reserve division base HMCS Discovery in Vancouver.</li></ul>
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TOPIC	PROMISE / PLATFORM
Economy and Pocketbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancel income-splitting and use funds to create along with the provinces a \$15/day national daycare plan that would cost Ottawa \$1.9 billion a year as of 2019.</li> <li>• Ensure tax fairness             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Raise corporate income tax rates.</li> <li>· Reduce small business taxes from 11 – 9% over 2 yrs.</li> <li>· Close loopholes that allow CEOs to pay lower taxes on their stock options and will redirect the \$500M in savings from ending the tax break into poverty alleviation and to help the working poor.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Make it easier for small businesses to access govt export services / break into foreign markets.</li> <li>• Cancel the Conservatives' increase in the Tax-Free Savings Account annual contribution limit to \$10,000 from \$5,500.</li> <li>• Keep expanded family allowance.</li> <li>• Reinstate \$15/hr federal minimum wage.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Reintroduce Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act.</li> <li>· Repeal Bills C-377, C-325 and other anti-union legislation.</li> <li>· Introduce legislation to ban the use of replacement workers in labour disputes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reform Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ability at access a path to citizenship.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure fairness in EI             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Repeal EI changes that force workers to accept any job at 70% of their previous salary.</li> <li>· Increased support for seasonal workers.</li> <li>· Provide a fairer EI benefit for Canadians with uneven work hours by calculating all EI benefits on the best 12 weeks of pay.</li> <li>· Create over 90,000 training and work transition opportunities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Within 4 yrs, create 54,000 construction, manufacturing and transit operations jobs across the country and add \$4.5 billion to Canada's GDP.</li> <li>• Supports reduced minimum withdrawal factors for Registered Retirement Income Funds.</li> <li>• Increase Canada Pension Plan benefits.</li> <li>• Cancel Conservative plan that would eventually raise the age of eligibility for Old Age Security benefits to 67 from current 65.</li> <li>• Reverse Conservative plan to phase out tax credit for investment in labour-sponsored venture capital corporations.</li> <li>• Extend for two yrs the accelerated capital cost allowance for machinery and equipment.</li> <li>• Create an Innovation Tax Credit for businesses that invest in machinery, equipment or property used for research and development.</li> <li>• Promise 4 yrs of balanced budgets.</li> <li>• Increase corp taxes from 15% - 17% (this will pay for subsidized daycare and will increase revenues by \$3.7B/yr).</li> <li>• Pass a new Consumer Protection Act.</li> <li>• Capping ATM fees at a max of 50 cents / withdrawal.</li> <li>• All Cdns to have reasonable access to a no-frills credit cards (no more than 5% over prime).</li> <li>• Checking the fees that credit cards companies charge to retailers (then passed down to customers).</li> <li>• Lower fees on remittances.</li> <li>• Create a Gasoline Ombudsperson.</li> <li>• Roll back the expansion of income splitting, while protecting seniors' ability to split their pension income.</li> <li>• Strengthen Investment Canada Act (protect Cdn jobs and ensure international trade deals provide a net benefit for middle class Cdns).</li> <li>• Create "iCanada" – easier for investors to turn plans for Cdn investment from blueprint to reality, help investors access financial incentives, govt support programs and expertise needed to expand Cdn manufacturing production.</li> <li>• Improve financial incentives for automakers and parts suppliers.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Alter the Automotive Innovation Fund by making contributions to automakers tax free to help secure next generation production capacity.</li> <li>· Double funds for the Automotive Supplier Innovation Program over the course of our first mandate.</li> <li>· Develop a Ntl Automotive Strategy (together with provincial, municipal, business and labour leaders).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Support industry-university partnerships.</li> <li>• Introduce a Microbrewery Tax Credit.</li> </ul>

Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Would Increase federal funding for Infrastructure projects.</li><li>• Give cities an extra cent of the federal gas tax, which would mean an extra \$420M/yr, on top of the \$2.1B in existing gas tax transfers.</li><li>• Provide an overall boost in funding for municipalities to \$3.7B a year dedicated to “core Infrastructure.”</li><li>• Develop a public transit strategy in partnership with provinces and territories.</li><li>• Give cities more flexibility in how they spend federal cash. *</li><li>• Of planned \$5B/yr in spending, \$3B would go to infrastructure.</li><li>• \$5M in grants/yr to municipalities and Indigenous govts to hire apprentices in local infrastructure projects. *<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Will create 1,250 youth apprenticeships/yr.</li></ul></li><li>• Replace Public Transit Fund with “Better Transit Plan” to invest up to \$1.3B annually over 20 yrs through dedicated fund to municipalities (ensure predictable, stable and transparent funding while removing P3 requirement). *</li><li>• Increase direct transfers to municipalities to build and repair roads, bridges, water infrastructure and transit, totally an additional \$1.5B/yr. *</li><li>• Invest in national infrastructure priorities to grow the economy.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Invest in strategic infrastructure priorities like northern roads, bridges and ports. *</li><li>· Improve rail safety and infrastructure.</li><li>· Support for federal infrastructure commitments under the New Building Canada Fund - expand eligibility to ensure that important recreation, cultural, tourist and ferry infrastructure projects are supported. *</li></ul></li><li>• Committed to invest \$5.2B in Lower Mainland transit and transportation over the next 20 years. *</li><li>• Strategic investments in natural resource sector.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Invest \$1B for N. Ontario mining project (Ring of Fire).</li><li>· Extend the Mining Exploration Tax credit / support forestry, manufacturing, innovation and value-added Cdn wood products.</li></ul></li><li>• Invest in regional economic devt<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Support rural broadband and accessibility of next generation high-speed internet.</li></ul></li><li>• Restore funding cut from the CBC.</li><li>• Improve wastewater infrastructure in communities to reduce water pollution. *</li></ul>
Security and Anti-Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opposes Canadian involvement in fighting against ISIS.</li><li>• Opposes Bill C-51.</li><li>• Restore the position of Inspector General for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).</li><li>• Improve oversight of national security intelligence activities through the establishment of a special committee of Parliament.</li><li>• End combat mission in Iraq and Syria and redirect Canada’s resources to saving the lives of civilians displaced by the conflict.</li><li>• Work with regional and international allies to cut off the flow of funds and weapons to extremist groups, including the Islamic State.</li><li>• Prioritize de-radicalization efforts to protect Canada’s youth from ISIS recruitment by creating a National Coordinator who will work in cooperation with local communities.</li></ul>

Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cap-and-trade emissions reduction plan.</li><li>• Bring a clear plan of action to the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris to advance global action on climate change.</li><li>• Make investments totaling \$1.5B over four years to tackle climate change and adapt our communities, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Improving energy security, affordability and reducing pollution by investing \$100M in renewable energy development in northern and remote communities.</li><li>· Supporting local sustainable development leaders by investing \$150M in our communities through the Green Municipal Fund.</li><li>· Providing support for improved passenger rail infrastructure and restoring funds cut from regional rail services across Canada.</li><li>· Reducing water pollution by investing \$200M in wastewater infrastructure in small communities.</li><li>· Preventing damage from natural disasters by investing \$400M in flood mitigation measures and seismic upgrades for schools.</li><li>· Create federal targets for the electrification of federal fleets and strengthen Canada’s green procurement policy to reduce long-term fuel and maintenance costs, including the installation of 150 electric vehicle charging stations on federal properties across Canada.</li></ul></li><li>• Introduce Green Bonds so that Canadians can invest in a cleaner economy.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Provide low-risk financing of up to \$4.5B for clean energy development, climate resilient infrastructure, commercial and industrial energy retrofits, and other sustainable development projects.</li></ul></li><li>• Work with provinces, industry, and with indigenous and other communities to revamp the environmental review process for the approval of major resource infrastructure such as pipelines.</li><li>• Oppose Northern Gateway project; create a reinvigorated federal review process.</li><li>• Pledge \$100M to help 25 northern and remote communities replace diesel generators with clean energy.</li><li>• Invest \$200M to retrofit 50,000 homes and apartment building. (Make homes and apartment buildings more efficient, which will lower energy bills, create thousands of jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.)</li><li>• Consult with municipalities, provinces, the insurance industry, federal departments, Indigenous communities and other key stakeholders to develop a regionally targeted blueprint to deal with increasingly severe impacts of climate change (drought, floods, severe weather, health impacts, etc.) on communities and infrastructure.</li><li>• Introduce a Safe Drinking Water Act.</li><li>• Introduce legislation banning the bulk export of water across international boundaries.</li><li>• Introduce an Environmental Bill of Rights giving all Canadians the right to a clean and healthy environment.</li></ul>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring back Ntl Housing Strategy.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Sustain and build new federal social housing by investing \$2.145 billion over 4 years: \$430 million in 2015-2016, ramping up to \$640 million in 2019-2020. *</li><li>· Boost frontline homelessness supports through an investment of \$40 million over four years. *</li><li>· Mandate the re-development of federal lands to include affordable housing. *</li><li>· Support women and their children fleeing violence by restoring the Shelter Enhancement Program with \$40 million in funding over four years. *</li></ul></li><li>• Work with CMHC and provide a one-time \$500 million allocation for grants and loans to help non-profits and co-ops access capital for the construction of affordable and market rental housing units, to incentivize the development of long-term purpose built rental housing (10,000 units over 10 years). *</li><li>• Invest \$200 million over 4 years in provincial, territorial and municipal home energy programs to retrofit at least 50,000 homes and apartment units. *</li><li>• Appoint a Minister of Urban Affairs to ensure that the priorities of cities are heard in Cabinet. *</li></ul>
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase transfer funds to provinces for post-secondary education and work with provinces to reduce tuition.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Phase out interest on federal students loans within 7 yrs.</li><li>· Commit \$250M to the Canada Student Grants program. (Emphasis on making education accessible for low-income and Indigenous students and students living with disabilities.</li></ul></li><li>• Restore the annual 6% increase in health care transfer payments to the provinces.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Commit to \$2.6B over four years to support pharmacare plan.</li><li>· Increase federal role in mental health with new \$100M Mental Health Innovation Fund for Children/Youth to prioritize high-risk populations.</li><li>· \$500M for 7,000 more doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners and other health professionals in community clinics and 200 new clinics across Canada (community health and mobile rural), hire health staff in Vancouver. *</li><li>· Expanding the Ntl Diabetes Strategy to improve diabetes management in at-risk communities.</li><li>· Increase Canada Health Transfer by at least 6%/yr. (Will put over \$5B back into healthcare over the next 4 yrs.)</li><li>· Making prescription drugs more affordable (work towards universal coverage).</li><li>· Enforce the Canada Health Act to ensure that all provinces provide health services to women who need them, including accessible, reliable abortion services.</li></ul></li><li>• Strengthen retirement security.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Boost the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by up to \$400M.</li><li>· Reverse current govts plan to raise the eligibility for Old Age Security from 65 to 67.</li><li>· Increase CPP.</li><li>· Amend federal bankruptcy legislation to move pensioners and those on long-term disability up the line of creditors when their employer declares bankruptcy or enters court protection.</li></ul></li><li>• Promise \$1.8B to seniors’ healthcare to expand home care for 41,000 seniors, create 5,000 more nursing beds and improve palliative care services.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Develop and fund a Ntl Alzheimer’s and Dementia Strategy.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Improve access to palliative care.</li><li>· Implement a Ntl Strategy on Aging.</li><li>· Greater support for caregivers by expanding Compassionate Leave.</li><li>• Commit to support Cdns living in poverty.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Introduce an Act to Eliminate Poverty in Canada.</li><li>· Increase the government’s investment in the Working Income Tax Benefit by over 15%.</li><li>· Boost the National Child Benefit Supplement by \$300M annually.</li><li>· Create a National Council on Poverty Elimination.</li></ul></li><li>• Increase childcare benefits.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· 1M affordable childcare spaces over 8 yrs.</li><li>· Childcare available for \$15/day. (*see Economy and Pocketbook.)</li><li>· Invest upwards of \$500M/yr in dedicated leave for a second parent / dedicated 5 weeks leave for second parent.</li></ul></li><li>• Introduce a comprehensive Cdns with Disabilities Act.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Eliminate barriers and promote accessibility, effective participation and equality of opportunity for persons living with disabilities.</li><li>· Fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</li></ul></li><li>• Commit to Equal Rights.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Enhance the mandate of Status of Women Canada.</li><li>· Mandate that half of all government appointments to the boards of Crown corporations and government agencies are women.</li><li>· Require that publicly traded, federally regulated companies have a minimum of 40% women on their boards.</li><li>· Support for LGBTQ persons - add gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds for discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act and as a basis for hate crimes in the Criminal Code.</li></ul></li><li>• Make it easier for refugees and immigrants to reunite with their families in Canada.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Create an Ombudsperson for the Dept of Citizenship and Immigration.</li><li>· Resettle 1K Syrian refugees in Canada by the end of 2015/welcome 9,000 Syrian refugees/yr starting in 2016</li></ul></li><li>• Restore \$30M for the Foreign Credential Program.</li><li>• Together with private sector and non-profits, create jobs for 40,000 young Cdns.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Ensure that abuse of unpaid internships stops.</li><li>· Invest \$85M in start-up grants for young farmers.</li></ul></li><li>• Provide \$28M over four yrs to Sport Canada to ensure youth participation in sports with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged youth.</li><li>• Reinvest in core cultural institutions like the Canada Council for the Arts, Telefilm Canada and the National Film Board.</li></ul>
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decriminalize marijuana.</li></ul>
Aboriginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build a new relationship on a Nation-to-Nation basis with First Nations to enhance social Justice, strengthen economy and reconcile rights and interests of Aboriginal Peoples with those of all Canadians. Also, adopt Nation-to-Nation approach to Ottawa’s dealings with First Nations, with emphasis on improving education.</li><li>• Invest in First Nations in health and social services, education, housing, community and sanitary Infrastructures and recreation.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Invest \$1.8B over next 4 yrs towards FN education.</li><li>· Provide skills training by working with Indigenous partners to renew and improve the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy and ensure its long-term sustainability.</li><li>· Continue to work with annual increases over the long-term so that the increase to First Nations education amounts to \$4.8B over 8 yrs.</li></ul></li><li>• Promote economic development of First Nations by supporting traditional economies, social and physical Infrastructure and increased training.</li><li>• Consult with First Nations and establish which recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission findings on the residential school system require the most pressing attention.</li><li>• Call public inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women.</li><li>• Improve critical infrastructure in Indigenous communities such as housing, schools, and clean water and sanitation facilities with \$375M of new investments over four yrs.</li><li>• Support initiatives to revitalize Indigenous languages by establishing, in consultation with Indigenous communities, a National Indigenous Languages Revitalization Fund and a National Indigenous Languages Institute with a total new investment of \$68M over 4 yrs.</li></ul>
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abolish the Senate. Prevent MPs from changing party allegiance without first resigning and being re-elected.</li><li>• Bring in stronger whistleblower laws to protect public employees reporting unethical practices.</li><li>• Strengthen the independence of arm’s length officials such as the auditor general and the ethics commissioner.</li><li>• Increase powers of the privacy commissioner and improve access to information program.</li><li>• Ensuring and supporting public participation in decision-making.</li><li>• Ensuring that the Crown’s duty to consult Indigenous peoples in the environmental assessment process is upheld, and that Indigenous peoples’ meaningful participation is facilitated.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restoring protection to Canada’s lakes and rivers by reversing changes made to the Navigable Waters Protection Act in Budgets 2010 and 2012. Restoring habitat protection to the Fisheries Act. Meeting Canada’s G-20 commitment to cut subsidies to non-renewable energy and end the federal bias towards non-renewable energy production.</li><li>• Modernize Access to Information Act.</li><li>• Move to reform and strengthen Canada’s privacy laws by implementing Bill C-475.</li><li>• Creating a Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister to ensure that our government always has access to the best possible scientific advice from experts in all fields.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Encourage scientists to freely speak with media and publish their findings.</li></ul></li></ul>
Foreign Affairs and Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reverse drop in foreign aid.</li><li>• Promote peacekeeping as military priority, participating only in UN-mandated operations.</li><li>• In Middle East, support peaceful coexistence of viable, independent states with agreed-upon boundaries.</li><li>• Increase overseas development aid to 0.7% of gross national income.</li><li>• Reopen the 9 Veterans Affairs Service Offices closed by the Conservative government.</li><li>• Conduct a full review of Canadian corporate social responsibility policies.</li><li>• Work with provinces, territories, municipalities and Indigenous communities to provide stable, ongoing funding to put 2,500 new officers on the streets and keep them there.</li><li>• Providing the Canada Border Services Agency with additional support to make our borders more efficient for travellers, and secure for all Canadians.</li><li>• Ensuring that communities have the resources they need to invest in crime prevention and anti-gang programs – especially those designed for youth – by investing an additional \$30M.</li><li>• Carry forward the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy to ensure Canada has the ships we need, and focus on industrial and regional benefits to support our shipyards.</li><li>• Draft a new Defence White Paper by 2016 to articulate a clear strategic vision for the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada’s defence policy in the 21st Century.</li><li>• Launch a comprehensive review, as part of the Defence White Paper, to determine how best to meet Canada’s needs in the replacement of our aging fleet of CF-18 Fighters, and ensure that any new program is subject to a competitive process.</li><li>• Providing \$165M to improve treatment for veterans with PTSD and mental health issues.</li><li>• Enhancing long-term care for Canadian Veterans and expanding the Veterans Independence Program.</li></ul>

Topic	PROMISE / PLATFORM
Economy and Pocketbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boost economy and help Canadians adjust to climate change by putting more money into Environmentally-friendly policies.</li> <li>• Create jobs through investment in renewable energy, expanding passenger rail, retrofitting buildings for energy efficiency and Infrastructure improvements.</li> <li>• Expand access to Employment Insurance for those who paid into it.</li> <li>• Rethink Canada's trade agreements to ensure they are "fair for all".</li> <li>• End corporate bailouts for big business and subsidies to nuclear and fossil fuels while raising corporate income taxes. Small business taxes kept low.</li> <li>• Reform the tax system to encourage developers to build more market rental housing and said new developments should be required to keep some units below market prices.</li> <li>• Eliminate the Immigrant Investor Capital Pilot Project (which currently allows foreign investors to purchase Cdn properties - the Green party argues this can drive housing prices up.)</li> <li>• Establish a Cdn Sustainable Generations Fund - majority will be invested in Canada (jobs, education, infrastructure, small-business, and communities):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Return corp tax rates to 19%, eliminate tax havens and tax credits used by the wealthy, tax pollution and waste, increase efficiency of tax system, and work with provinces to increase resource extraction royalties.</li> <li>· Reduce red tape for small businesses by enacting Think Small First legislation to ensure that federal laws and regulations enhance an economic environment where local businesses and entrepreneurs can thrive.</li> <li>· Commit \$1B/yr to Green Technology Commercialization Grants - to accelerate emerging technologies and give a boost to Cdn entrepreneurs and allow them to compete internationally.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Implement a \$15/hr minimum wage.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overhaul national decision-making and create new mechanisms for Infrastructure funding.</li> <li>• Create new national Governance body called the Council of Canadian Governments, chaired by the Prime Minister and including provincial, city and First Nations leaders.</li> <li>• Provide \$6B/yr for urban projects and establish an iBank to help fund Infrastructure development.</li> <li>• Promise a 'massive re-investment' in public transportation across all Cdn cities.</li> <li>• Create green transportation and energy infrastructure corridors in key regions.</li> <li>• Improve rail infrastructure and intermodal connections, increasing joint federal-municipal light rail investments. Funding will begin at \$600M in 2015-16 and will increase to \$764M in 2019/20.*</li> <li>• Promise to advocate covering up to 75% investments into transit with federal dollars, with a min of 25% of the total cost.</li> <li>• Wish to enact requirements that new developments must have transit.</li> <li>• Encourage competition in long-distance coach companies by loosening regulations.</li> <li>• Plan to dedicate 5 cents of the gas tax to sustainability initiatives such as public transportation. *</li> <li>• Direct 1% of GST to municipalities for infrastructure projects and would ensure flexibility in project criteria.</li> <li>• Commit \$6.4B per year, one point of the GST, to municipal infrastructure until 2020 – providing stable, long-term funding to Canadian municipalities. This includes the creation of six municipal super funds for community brownfield reclamation, water and waste treatment facilities, sports, cultural and recreation facilities, mass transit promotion, cycling and pedestrian promotion, and community housing. *</li> <li>• Invest \$1B annually until 2020 to fund local Community &amp; Environment Service Corps Youth teams that will provide employment for 40,000 youth (18 -25) for a one year period. (Three year program for a total employment of 120,000 youth.)</li> <li>• Fund community supported agriculture, farmers' markets, small-scale farms and producers, and wineries/microbreweries.</li> <li>• Shift govt-supported research away from biotech and energy-intensive farming towards organic and sustainable food production.</li> <li>• Reverse CBC-Radio Canada Funding Cuts by initially investing \$168M and \$315M/yr thereafter.</li> <li>• Increase funding to arts and culture organizations including the Canada Council for the Arts and Telefilm Canada.</li> <li>• Protect Canada Post.</li> <li>• Provide more robust and innovative financing and investment partnerships (to build safer bridges, better roads, water treatment facilities, affordable housing, efficient public transportation, expanded broadband access).</li> <li>• Create a Cdn Infrastructure Bank.</li> </ul>
Security and Anti-Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Favour more oversight of agencies involved in anti-terrorist activities.</li> <li>• Provide CSIS, RCMP, and the Canada Border Services Agency with sufficient resources to conduct effective anti-terror operations, while maintaining rigorous civilian oversight.</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a Cdn climate and energy strategy.</li> <li>• Introduce carbon fee based on carbon content of fossil fuels, with proceeds recycled to public as fiscal dividend.</li> <li>• Commit to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% below 2005 levels by 2025, and 80% reductions below 1990 levels by 2050.</li> <li>• National comprehensive plan for emergency preparedness in the face of more severe weather events.</li> <li>• Retrofit all Cdns homes by 2030 to increase energy efficiency, cut heating and electricity bills and reduce 80% of building emissions by 2040. *             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Will commit \$400 M in 2015-2016 and \$600 M annually thereafter until 2020. *</li> <li>· Will establish a nation-wide program to retrofit all low-income rental housing by 2025, investing \$150 million annually until 2020. *</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Embed the right to a healthy environment in Canada's constitution.</li> <li>• Develop a national energy plan with a commitment to strong climate action through our Council of Canadian Governments.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislate a ban on super tankers on B.C.'s coast.</li><li>• Implement a carbon fee of \$30 per tonne of GHGs held constant for the next three years. 100% of the amount collected will be distributed back to Canadians as a dividend payment. Each Canadian would receive a carbon dividend equivalent to the tax amount for a zero net impact, starting at \$22,266 from 2015-2016.</li><li>• Implement a Green Technology Commercialization Grant to bring green technology to commercialization, by investing \$1B annually until 2020.</li><li>• Retrofit municipal, university, school, and hospital buildings to a high level of efficiency by 2025, using a variety of green tools. Will invest \$200M annually until 2020.</li><li>• Stop the growth in oil sands expansion.</li><li>• Create a Ntl transportation Strategy with strict new rules on rail safety / investing in local public transit and expanding VIA Rail:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Invest \$600M in 2016/17, building to \$764M by 2020 in VIA Rail.</li></ul></li><li>• End thermal coal exports.</li><li>• Reduce carbon emissions by 30% by sending carpenters, electricians and contractors to update outdated and leaky public buildings.</li></ul>
Housing <i>*See also Environment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a National Housing Strategy through the Council of Cdn Govts. (Seniors' housing plan, First Nations plan, plan for Social Housing and for affordable market housing.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Ramp up to build 20,000 new affordable housing units per year and renew 8,000 units per year to ensure the existing stock.</li><li>· Devt a Housing First approach for the chronically homeless.</li><li>· Increase access to social housing for First Nations on and off-reserve.</li><li>· Ensure a percentage of all newly built units are reserved for affordable housing.</li><li>· Reintroduce and expand the home renovation tax credit.</li></ul></li><li>• Create incentives for individuals and companies to make their homes and businesses more efficient and accessible by installing high-efficiency insulation, solar heating and electricity, energy-efficient appliances, and accessibility upgrades.</li></ul>
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guaranteed Livable Income for all Cdns.</li><li>• Roll out a Ntl Sustainable Jobs Plan (invest in well-paying, local and sustainable jobs).</li><li>• Eliminate tuition fees for students with inadequate financial means for college, university, and skills training program.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Invest in undergraduate research fellowships to support innovation, and encourage more young Canadians to pursue careers in such subjects as science and technology.</li><li>· Eliminate existing or future student debt above \$10,000.</li><li>· Abolish charging interest on new student loans and increase available funding for bursaries</li><li>· Remove the 2% annual cap on increased funding for post-secondary funding for FN and Inuit students.</li></ul></li><li>• Create a Ntl Community and Environment Service Corps - will provide \$1B/yr to municipalities to hire Cdn youth.</li><li>• Expand health care to cover prescription meds for all Cdns and public dental coverage for low-income youth / increase emphasis on preventative health care</li><li>• Implement a Ntl Seniors Strategy, to include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Implement a Ntl Pharmacare Plan that will save Cdns \$11B/yr, benefit seniors</li><li>· Housing Plan (affordable and predictable home care support)</li><li>· Ntl Dementia Strategy</li><li>· Pension protection, expansion of CPP</li><li>· Promote intergenerational programs</li><li>· Convenient and safe public transportation to support independent living</li><li>· Address Supreme Court decision to allow physician-supported death.</li><li>· Address gender wage inequality.</li></ul></li><li>• Tax breaks to employers for the creation of child care spaces.</li></ul>
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legalize and regulate marijuana.</li></ul>
Aboriginal <i>* also see Social Issues</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take action on urgent Aboriginal issues.</li><li>• Establish a national inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women.</li><li>• Act on recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on findings on residential school system and First Nations.</li><li>• Council of Cdn Governments to engage FNs, Metis, and Inuit leadership as full partners in intergovernmental decision-making.</li><li>• Partner with FNs to negotiate comprehensive Indigenous self-governance arrangements, and bury the Indian Act.</li><li>• Recognize indigenous rights and title and negotiate in good faith to settle land claims, establish treaties and self-government arrangements, and move to repeal the Indian Act.</li><li>• Ensure access to quality public services for all FNs, Metis and Inuit.</li></ul>
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Return democratic power in Ottawa to MPs.</li><li>• Eliminate the first-past-the-post system, and consult the public on proportional representation.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slash the Prime Minister’s Office budget by 50%.</li><li>• End power of party whips to force MPs to vote the party line.</li><li>• Change Senate to elected body.</li><li>• Restore Cdn public science and the role of evidence-based decision-making.</li><li>• Enact a Public Access to Science legislation to ensure scientists are unmuzzled and free to discuss finding with media and the Cdn public without censorship or political interference.</li><li>• Provide \$75M/yr to add critical science capacity to Environment Canada, Health Canada, Parks Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans.</li><li>• Overhaul the Fair Elections Act / make the Commissioner of Canada Elections (CCE) responsible for investigations into campaign irregularities. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) should be clearly mandated to encourage voter turnout.</li><li>• Both the CCE and CEO should be appointed by an impartial Public Appointments Commission.</li></ul>
Foreign Affairs and Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Realign defence spending — increasing the emphasis on disaster assistance, and shifting our focus away from NATO war missions towards UN Peacekeeping contributions.</li><li>• Commit to combating global poverty by working with the UN to invest in sustainable locally-owned businesses in impoverished regions.</li><li>• Provide Veterans Affairs Canada the resources it needs to support all Canadian service personnel and reverse the \$200M cut to Veterans Affairs.</li><li>• Vigorously oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).</li><li>• Green Party MPs will build neutral, independent partnerships with Latin and South American countries and engage those countries in creating partnerships in development aid and economic investment that promote strong civil society, human rights, and respect for indigenous peoples and the environment.</li><li>• Overhaul the immigration and refugee protection system to ensure Canada is seen as a welcoming and compassionate option.</li><li>• Reverse laws that have created a two-tiered citizenship system (Repeal Bill C-24).</li><li>• Repeal the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act.</li><li>• Repeal Bill C-51 (anti-terror bill).</li><li>• Will press for legislation to require that any and all complaints from Beijing under the FIPA treaty be made public (elimination of private arbitrations).</li><li>• Oppose the TPP and the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).</li></ul>

September 9, 2015

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Dear Conservative Party of Canada,

We are pleased to invite a representative of your party to participate in an all-party forum on urban issues to be hosted by the Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue and the Big City Mayors' Caucus Thursday, October 1st from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, in Vancouver, BC.

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The event will begin with remarks from myself, as Chair of Canada's Big City Mayors' Caucus.

Please indicate who will be representing your party by September 25, 2015 to Janet Webber ([jwebber@sfu.ca](mailto:jwebber@sfu.ca)). We look forward to hearing your party's vision for Canada's cities at our event.

Sincerely,



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Dear Green Party of Canada,

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Dear Liberal Party of Canada,

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Dear New Democratic Party of Canada;

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# Federal Priorities & Opportunities for Vancouver

Corporate Management Team

October 29, 2015





# New Federal Government Priorities

## Federal Liberals

- Infrastructure
  - Public Transit
  - Social
  - Green
- Environment
- Housing
- Aboriginal/First Nations







# Many shared priorities

## Federal Liberals

- Infrastructure
  - Public transit
  - Social
  - Green
- Environment
- Housing
- Aboriginal/First Nations

## FCM & Big City Mayors

- Affordable housing
- Transit
- Climate action
- Refugee support

## City of Vancouver

- Affordable housing
- Broadway subway
- Childcare
- Greenest City



# City's capital program

## Service categories:

Affordable housing

Childcare

Parks & recreation

Community facilities

Civic facilities

Transportation

Utilities

Equipment & technology

## Themes:

Renewal of existing assets

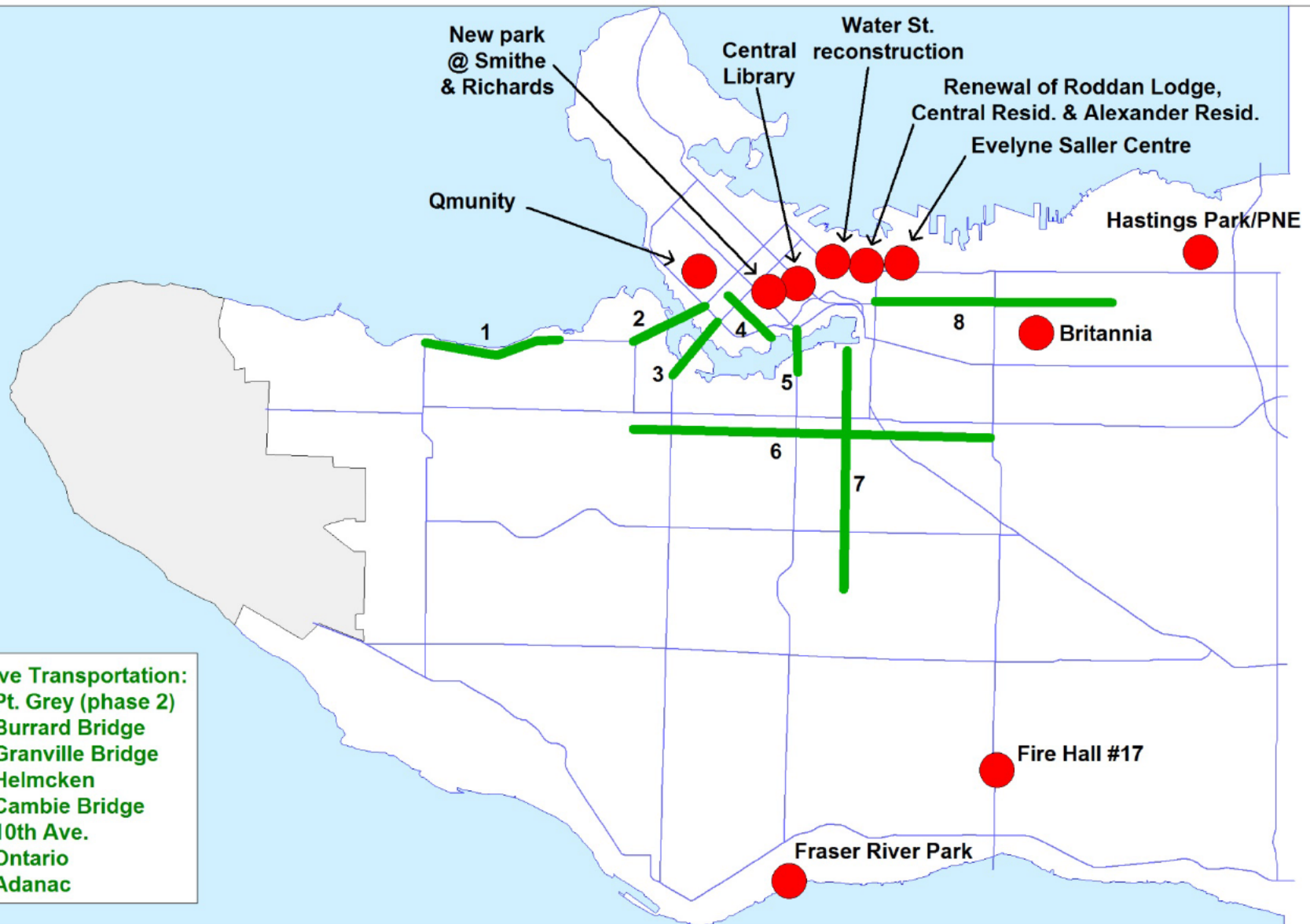
New/expanded assets



# City's 2015-2018 Capital Plan

- ~\$1.1 billion over 4 yrs
- 2/3 for renewal & 1/3 for new
- Reserved \$75 million for 'emerging priorities'
- Ability to reshape 2<sup>nd</sup> half of capital plan (2017-2018)
  - Respond to internal needs (e.g. advance work on Viaducts)
  - Respond to external opportunities (e.g. Federal funding)

# 2015-2018 Major Projects (from Sept. 2014)



# ✓ Major Projects beyond Capital Plan

## Ongoing programs:

- New Affordable Housing
- New Childcare
- Active Transportation
- Sewer Separation

## Multiple locations or location TBD:

- Permanent Police HQ
- District Energy
- Climate Change Adaptation

Stanley Park Seawall

New VAG

Fire Hall #1

Malkin Overpass

Broadway subway

City Hall Seismic

Marpole Community Facility



# ✓ Key Projects & Policies- Short-Term\*

- Affordable Housing
  - Rental
  - Non-market
- Transit
  - Broadway Subway
- Climate Action & Adaptation
  - Green economy and clean technology
- Refugee Support
  - Housing and social services
- First Nations
  - Implementing TRC report and national inquiry missing and murdered aboriginal women

**\* Initial ideas for discussion purposes only**



# ✓ Key Projects & Policies- Mid-Term

- Kits Coast Guard
- NEB- TransMountain Pipeline
- CMHC
- District Energy
- Child Care
- Smart Digital Cities
- HUSAR Funding
- Granville Island
- Port Metro Vancouver
- Sewer Separation
- False Creek Bridges

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# 📌 Key Projects & Policies- Longer-Term

- Community Centres
- Malkin Overpass
- Water Street
- Cambie Bridge
- North Shore Regional Treatment Plant
- City facilities (Firehalls, VPD, City Hall, Hastings Park/PNE, Libraries)
- Arbutus Corridor
- Art Gallery/Cultural Spaces

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