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Subject: Summary: 2025 Federal Election Results

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

With the preliminary results of the 2025 federal general election from Elections Canada, the IGR team has compiled for your reference the following summary of the results and key platform commitments for the incoming Liberal minority government. Should there be any changes to the results, we will provide an update.

The caretaker convention – where the government acts with restraint during an election period – ends when a new government is sworn-in, or when an election result returning an incumbent government is clear. Members of Parliament will be sworn in shortly after the election. Given the current situation with US tariffs, it is likely that Cabinet ministers will also be sworn in promptly.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

Best,

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2025 Federal Election – Results

The election resulted in a minority for the Liberal Party of Canada. The preliminary results for the federal election are as follows:

- Liberal Party of Canada: 169
- Conservative Party of Canada: 144
- Bloc Québécois: 22
- New Democratic Party: 7
- Green Party of Canada: 1
- Independent: 0

In Vancouver ridings, the voting results are as follows:

- Vancouver Centre: Hedy Fry, Liberal Party of Canada
- Vancouver East: Jenny Kwan, New Democrat Party
- Vancouver Fraserview–South Burnaby: Gregor Robertson, Liberal Party of Canada
- Vancouver Granville: Taleeb Noormohamed, Liberal Party of Canada
- Vancouver Kingsway: Don Davies, New Democrat Party
- Vancouver Quadra: Wade Grant, Liberal Party of Canada
- Richmond Centre–Marpole: Chak Au, Conservative Party of Canada

Other results of note:

- Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Prime Minister Mark Carney, and Leader of the Bloc Québécois, Yves-François Blanchet, both won in their ridings of Nepean and Beloeil-Chambly, respectively.
- Co-leader of the Green Party of Canada, Elizabeth May, won her seat in Saanich-Gulf Islands while Co-leader Jonathan Pedneault lost in the riding of Outremont.
- Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Pierre Poilievre, lost his seat in the riding of Carleton.
- Leader of the New Democrat Party, Jagmeet Singh, lost his seat in the riding of Burnaby Central and has resigned as Leader, pending an interim leader being named.
- All current members of [Cabinet](#) won their respective seats except for Minister of Health Kamal Khara (Brampton West).

The validation of the results typically happens within a week following election day. During validation, the returning officer reviews the information from the *Statement of the Vote* for each polling location in their riding and compares it with the information that was entered on election night into the system used to report the preliminary results. Official voting results give a detailed breakdown of the results of a federal election. The overall results do not change from the validated results shared just after the election—the difference is in the level of detail and additional context provided by the official results. When the results are tied or are very close, the votes are recounted in a process presided over by a judge. This is called a judicial recount. Judicial recounts happen automatically if the difference between the leading two candidates is less than one one-thousandth of the total votes cast. For example, in a riding where 40,000 votes were cast, if the difference is less than 40, a recount would be required by law. In such a case, the returning officer must make a request to a judge within four days after validating the results.

More information on counting and results can be found [here](#).

The riding-by-riding voting results can be found on the [Elections Canada website](#).

Key Platform Commitments

In his election night speech, Prime Minister Mark Carney shared that he:

- Will be guided by the values of humility, ambition and unity.
- Wants to work constructively with all federal parties, provinces & territories and Indigenous Peoples as well as labour, business and civil society.
- Recognizes that millions of people did not vote for the Liberal Party and that he will do his best to represent everyone who calls Canada home and wishes to put an end to division.
- Plans to be bold to meet the current crisis with the US.
 - Assert Canada's economic sovereignty
 - Strengthen relationships with partners in Asia, Europe and elsewhere
- Recognized that the coming time will be hard and will require sacrifice.
 - Committed to taking care of workers.
- Is focused on building, and doing it at speed –
 - Building housing units
 - Making Canada an energy superpower
 - Creating new trade and energy corridors
 - Creating jobs in skilled trades
- Plans to build one Canadian economy, rather than 13, and make Canada the strongest economy in the G7.
- Believes that Canada's strengths lies in our resolve to work together as a country.

A link to the Liberal Party's election platform can be found [here](#).

Key themes from the platform are:

- Uniting Canadians to meet the moment
- Securing our sovereignty and our economy
- Protecting our values as Canadians
- Building the strongest economy in the G7

Highlights from the platform are outlined below:

Public Safety:

- Act decisively to strengthen the Criminal Code and move aggressively to protect victims by making bail laws stricter for violent and organized crime, home invasion, car theft, and human trafficking.
- Make it harder to get bail for those charged with violent car theft, car theft for a criminal organization, home invasion, and certain human trafficking and smuggling offences by establishing a reverse onus for these crimes.
- Require the court to prohibit possession of firearms or weapons when releasing someone charged with a violent offence or any offence involving a criminal organization.
- Toughen sentencing guidelines so they are stricter for repeat offenders of car theft, as well as violent and organized crimes:
 - Direct courts to primarily consider denunciation and deterrence when sentencing repeat car thieves or home invasion offenders.
 - Allow for consecutive sentencing for car theft with violence or car theft involving a criminal organization on top of home invasion offences if applicable, or any other offences the person is subject to.
- Allow for consecutive sentencing for serious and violent offences.

Housing and Infrastructure:

- Create Build Canada Homes (BCH) to get the federal government back into the business of building homes.
- Through BCH, Canada will:
 - Act as a developer to build affordable housing at scale, including on public lands. BCH will develop and manage projects and partner with builders for the construction phase of projects.
 - Build faster, smarter, sustainable, more affordable homes by providing over \$25 billion in financing to innovative prefabricated home builders in Canada, including those using Canadian technologies and resources like mass timber and softwood lumber. BCH will also issue bulk orders of units from manufacturers to create sustained demand. This will revitalize how we build homes in Canada, bringing forestry, innovation, engineering, manufacturing, and construction together.
 - Support affordable homebuilders by injecting \$10 billion in low-cost financing and capital

- for homes that support middle- and low-income Canadians. This will include housing for students, seniors, Veterans, people with disabilities, and Indigenous housing, shelters, and more.
- Prioritize -sustainable building including sustainably sourced wood, recycled content, and low-emissions materials.
- Incentivize companies to hire apprentices and recent graduates by establishing new requirements on federal contribution agreements to major projects that commit industry partners to include significant opportunities for young Canadians.
- Cut municipal development charges in half for multi-unit residential housing for five years by working with provinces and territories to keep municipalities whole. These revenues will be offset by federal investment in housing infrastructure like water, power lines, and wastewater systems.
- Reintroduce a tax incentive for home builders known as the Multi-Unit Rental Building (MURB), which, in the 1970s, spurred tens of thousands of rental housing units across the country.
- Facilitate the conversion of existing structures into affordable housing units.
- Build on the success of the Housing Accelerator Fund, further reducing housing bureaucracy, zoning restrictions, and other red tape so that builders only need to navigate one housing market, instead of thirteen. And we will publicly report on municipalities' progress to speed up permitting and approval timelines.
- Speed up approvals by reforming and simplifying national building codes; eliminating duplicative inspections and streamlining regulations for prefabricated and modular housing; leveraging pre-approved, standardized housing designs across all public lands and encouraging the adoption of the designs as-of-right across the country; allowing builders and other orders of government to apply for multiple projects at once; and fast-tracking builders who have a proven record with government.
- Build federal homes in ways that reduce the risk of costly damages. To protect homeowners and renters from costly flood and wildfire risks, federally supported housing will not be built in areas that are at high risk for floods and wildfires. Housing will be built in safer locations, reducing homeowners' exposure to costly risks and protecting their health and wellbeing.
- Stand up Canada's high-risk flood insurance program by April 2026 to support homeowners to reduce their exposure to future climate risk. We will expedite work with provinces, territories, and industry to finalize this low-cost program.
- Build community infrastructure that brings communities together. We will engage with municipalities that make progress on housing first.
- Invest to build infrastructure that connects Canada, breaks down barriers, and brings people and economies closer together. We will work with all orders of government and Indigenous Peoples on critical infrastructure that connects communities. These could include contributions to projects such as the George Massey Tunnel that connects Richmond to Delta; supporting Alberta's work on Edmonton to Calgary passenger rail; the Québec City Tramway; the Grays Bay Port and Road Project connecting the Arctic Ocean to Yellowknife southern Canada; and other projects such as the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.
- Build critical health infrastructure like hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities by working with provinces and territories.

Homelessness, Mental Health & Addictions:

- Invest in deeply affordable housing, supportive housing, and shelters in recognition of the link

- between housing and mental health outcomes through \$6 billion invested in the new Build Canada Homes (BCH) which will build and acquire housing. This investment builds on the Rapid Housing Initiative which supported 15,000 homes for our most vulnerable
- Provide 100,000 young people a year with mental health care by establishing a permanent Youth Mental Health Fund. This fund will enhance community-based mental health services and give access to mental health care to people who otherwise would not, improving the lives of young people, and the friends and families that love them.
- Provide urgent and immediate support to address the overdose crisis by adding \$500 million to the Emergency Treatment Fund to support municipalities, Indigenous Peoples, and community health care organizations to confront the toxic drug and overdose crisis and connect more people to treatment and vital services, faster.
- Build hospitals, clinics, and more by investing \$4 billion to construct and renovate community health care infrastructure. This will also support investments in public long-term care; improve access to team-based care, including mental health care services
- Support the health, including mental health, of our first responders by doubling our collaboration with the Canadian Institute of Health Research, and the Canadian Institute of Public Safety Research and Treatment.
- Continue to fund the 9-8-8 suicide crisis helpline.
- Increase investments for Indigenous mental health, healing and wellness centres, and friendship centres.

Transportation:

- Make rural and small communities more affordable and accessible through investing an additional \$250 million in the Rural Transit Solutions Fund. By working with provinces and territories, we will lower costs and further support the development, expansion, and operation of local, regional, and cross-Canada transit and bus solutions that help Canadians get to work, school, medical appointments, and visit loved ones.
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- Build new trade infrastructure that connects Canada through the new \$5 billion Trade Diversification Corridors Fund, including ports, railways, airports, highways, and other trade enabling infrastructure. This will develop economic corridors that can make the greatest contribution to interprovincial and international trade, prioritizing areas where jobs and growth are held back by infrastructure capacity constraints. We will work in partnership with provinces, territories, and Indigenous Peoples to advance this work.

Business, Economy and Trade:

- Unleash free trade in Canada by Canada Day by tabling legislation to eliminate all federal barriers to interprovincial trade and labour mobility and to remove all federal exceptions under the Canada Free Trade Agreement. By removing internal trade barriers we will create higher paying jobs, unlock economic potential, and become stronger at home and abroad.
- Achieve mutual recognition of credentials with provinces and territories so Canadians can work

- wherever they want. This includes health professional credentials, professional qualifications in financial services, and trucking safety certifications, amongst others. In cases where mutual recognition is not attainable, we will harmonize regulations to enhance labour mobility.
- Reduce red tape. We will require all relevant federal departments – such as Transport Canada, Natural Resources Canada, and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada – to undertake reviews and to report on progress, within 60 days, on steps to eliminate outdated or unnecessary rules, reduce duplication or overlap with provincial rules, and streamline the administration of rules and the delivery of regulatory decisions.
- Invest in digital infrastructure for the economy of tomorrow.
- Build out Canada's east-west electricity grid, a nation-building transmission project developed with provinces, territories, and Indigenous partners, and stakeholders.
- Provide disaster mitigation and recovery funding where infrastructure that connects Canada is under threat. This will help communities get back on their feet after natural disasters that are increasing with climate change.
- Build critical health infrastructure like hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities by working with provinces and territories.
- Build community infrastructure that brings communities together. We will engage with municipalities that make progress on housing first.
- Get big projects built quickly by establishing "One Window" project decisions through a Major Federal Project Office and effectively shifting the focus of project review from "why" to "how."
- Protect our economic sovereignty by unlocking projects that grow our economy. We will work with provinces and territories and Indigenous Peoples to establish a list of nation-building projects that span provincial and territorial boundaries and deliver major economic and strategic benefits to Canadians. Long project approval timelines in Canada create significant investment uncertainty, hindering the rapid response needed to address today's global economic shifts. We will prioritize funding and assessment resources for these projects on an expedited basis.
- Reduce the cost of investment for Canadian companies and make sure they are internationally competitive by extending immediate expensing for manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment, clean energy generation, energy conservation equipment, and zero-emission vehicles, as well as the Accelerated Investment Incentive.
- Drive increased private sector investment in research and development by increasing, to \$6 million, the claimable amount under the Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program (SR&ED) for Canadian companies, along with other reforms, to drive economic growth for small- and medium-sized businesses. This program will help Canadian companies stay on the cutting edge, build in Canada, and stay ahead of foreign competitors.
- Invest in our homegrown startups by recapitalizing the Venture Capital Catalyst Initiative (VCCI) by \$1 billion. Combined with the previously announced reversal of the capital gains hike, this will encourage Canadian capital funds to take risks and invest in promising companies. It's about fueling our startup ecosystem, commercializing Canadian science, and betting on our own companies. This will include a defence-specific stream to catalyze our early-stage defence companies.
- Incentivize investment in innovation, especially in Canada's startups, to help them grow and scale by introducing flow-through shares to our Canadian startup ecosystem, supporting companies in AI, quantum computing, biotech, and advanced manufacturing to raise money faster. This works by allowing companies to issue new shares that allow investors to deduct eligible R&D expenses directly from their taxable income, lowering the risk of investing in innovative Canadian companies. This builds off the successful model that has drawn investment

- into Canada's world-leading mining sector and will help our startups to scale up and be the best in the world.
- Bring IP back to Canada and attract talent by creating a Canada Patent Box that will reward builders who locate or stay in Canada. This will encourage more businesses to grow at home and create jobs here. This will reverse the flow of made-in-Canada ideas to the U.S., ending the trend of subsidizing the U.S. economy with Canadian-grown ideas.
- Make the Black Entrepreneurship Program permanent and provide ongoing funding to support Black-owned businesses. The more entrepreneurs with good ideas that are supported, the more resilient and sustainable our growth will be. Supporting Canadian businesses from every community is how we build Canada strong.
- Secure the Canadian advantage in strategic industries like biomanufacturing, quantum computing, and ag-tech. These industries protect our sovereignty and security—from being able to make our own vaccines and medicines, to protecting our security, to ensuring food security. These industries will keep us sovereign, set Canada up to lead in the economy of the future, and create high paying jobs.
- Build AI infrastructure and invest in AI training, adoption and commercialization.
- Attract leading researchers to Canadian institutions by creating the Canadian Sovereignty and Resilience Research Fund. If the U.S. cuts a researcher's project funding, we will work with the Canadian research ecosystem if projects can directly help Canadians or be commercialized here. Where the U.S. is squeezing out researchers, we will look to welcome research here in Canada. Eligible researchers could include professors and graduate students. More researchers at home will help us solve Canadian problems, and export more Canadian solutions to the global marketplace.
- Finalize Canada's modernization of science and research, through the creation of a capstone organization that will ensure the federal granting agencies are driving mission-driven research that brings Canadian expertise to big global challenges and effectively commercializes homegrown ideas.
- Continue to support workers affected by President Trump's unjust trade war through the revenues from counter tariffs.
- Strengthen our social safety net and ensure no one is left behind. As a priority over the next year, we will work to enhance the Employment Insurance system to better reflect the modern workforce with flexible, reliable support.
- Provide a new Apprenticeship Grant of up to \$8,000 for registered apprentices.
- Increase access to union-led training initiatives by permanently doubling the funding of the Union Training and Innovation Program from \$25 million to \$50 million.
- Establish a new \$20 million capital funding stream for colleges to support new training spaces, such as classrooms, for apprenticeships.
- Uphold the Apprenticeship Service program.
- Increase labour mobility for skilled trades people between provinces and territories to address labour shortages.
- Expand the Labour Mobility Tax Deduction.
- Ensure that Canadian workers impacted by tariffs have the necessary tools to pursue good paying jobs and advance their careers in priority sectors.
- Futureproof the workforce by ensuring federally funded training programs better align with labour market needs, which means meeting the needs of employers today, and the employers of tomorrow.
- Open a \$25 billion export credit facility to support Canadian businesses as they expand into new markets. This program offers financing to help other countries procure Canadian goods and

- services, with similar programs having facilitated the sale of potash to Bangladesh and water bombers to the European Union.
- Help Canadian businesses diversify their markets by expanding the CanExport program and pivoting it to focus on diversifying from the United States and fully take advantage of our existing trade deals, such as CETA and CPTPP.
- Pursue new trade deals with MERCOSUR and ASEAN so that Canadian businesses can access markets worth \$9 trillion combined.
- Modernize Canada's Special Import Measures Act to respond to the new international trade reality, particularly to update Canada's trade remedy tools in situations of circumvention or diversion, including legislating express timelines for safeguard actions.
- Build trade enabling infrastructure to diversify our trade away from the United States, create new jobs, and build one Canadian economy.
- Attract the best talent in the world to build our economy by revitalizing the Global Skills Strategy to help high-growth Canadian businesses and entrepreneurs with new projects that will support Canada's strategic economic growth. This includes attracting highly skilled talent from the United States who can help grow the economy here in Canada.
- Examine measures to reduce Canada's reliance on imported clean fuels as part of our plan to support Canadian farmers and businesses.

Climate Change:

- Expand Canada's electric vehicle (EV) charging network by supporting the building of thousands of new stations by 2027. Look at ways to reintroduce a purchase incentive worth up to \$5,000 that supports Canadian workers and strengthens our domestic supply chains.
- Examine measures to reduce Canada's reliance on imported clean fuels as part of our plan to support Canadian farmers and businesses.
- Secure Canada's energy and electricity sovereignty.
- Move forward on Canada's six major investment tax credits (ITCs) that support clean energy and technology — the Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage ITC, Clean Technology ITC, Clean Electricity ITC, Clean Hydrogen ITC, Clean Technology Manufacturing ITC, and Electric Vehicle Supply Chain ITC.
- Continue to be a world leader in Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage technology so that Canada is a world leader in responsible energy production.
- Finalize and implement the voluntary made-in-Canada sustainable investment guidelines for every priority sector by fall 2026.
- Issue Canada's first-ever transition bonds by 2027, to finance projects that help industrial and agricultural sectors get cleaner and more competitive. The federal government will issue at least \$10 billion per year through new bonds.
- Lead by example and reduce energy bills, in government-owned buildings by phasing out fossil fuel use by 2030.
- Ensure new federal buildings will be top performers in energy efficiency by adopting the top tiers for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower long-term energy costs, and stimulate demand for clean energy technologies and green construction jobs.
- Make sure big emitters pay while protecting the competitiveness of Canadian industry. We will improve the Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS) for large industrial emitters and actively work with provincial and territorial governments to ensure carbon markets continue to function well,

- reduce barriers to harmonizing and linking these markets across the country, and ensure they establish a long-term signal to lock in investments. This will make sure that, as Canadian industry reduces emissions, we are still competitive, make sure companies are able to withstand America's trade war, and that Canada is positioned to take advantage of new opportunities in the global marketplace.
- Enable opportunities for big polluters to support consumers in lowering their carbon footprint. We will work with provinces and territories to seek ways for large emitters to support consumer adoption of green technologies and retrofits, such as heat pumps and electric vehicles, which also help lower household energy bills.
- Promote fair competition with our trading partners by developing a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. Companies that take their climate responsibilities seriously should be treated fairly. So we will work with reliable partners to ensure fairness for Canadian industries and better economically integrate Canada with allies in the fight against climate change. This approach would focus on ensuring the competitiveness of Canada's most energy-intensive, trade-exposed sectors, and protect Canadians who work in industries such as steel and aluminum.
- Support carbon contracts for difference to derisk investments in the clean economy and further foster Canada's clean industrial competitive advantage. We will also work with industry to make sure that emissions decline to achieve our climate goals, including through enhanced final oil and gas methane regulations that support innovation in Canadian technology.
- Become a world leader in carbon removal and sequestration by establishing Canada as a world leading hub for carbon removal and sequestration technology. We will ensure that the full value of the Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage Investment Tax Credit (CCUS ITC) is accelerate offset protocol development across a range of carbon removal technologies, and establish a separate carbon removal target for Canada for 2035 and 2040.
- Establish broad coverage of climate risk disclosure for companies across Canada. We will prioritize working with provincial, territorial, and international partners to enhance transparency for investors, better assess climate risks and opportunities, enable the development of transition plans, and help align capital towards a sustainable economy.
- Speed up the approval of clean energy projects while upholding environmental rigour and Indigenous rights.

Reconciliation:

- Work in full partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis to advance and realize the rights of Indigenous Peoples through a distinctions-based approach.
- Support Indigenous-led processes for advancing self-determination and the exercise of jurisdiction in priority areas such as education, health, child and family services as well as community safety and policing.
- Work in partnership on the implementation of treaties, land claim, and self-government agreements.
- Commit to developing and supporting, in partnership, the structures that support a nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, government-to-government relationship to progress on shared priorities.
- Move forward on the important work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and support Indigenous communities to uncover unmarked and undocumented graves

and burial sites at residential schools.

- Move forward on the implementation of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice and the National Action Plan.
- Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and the Action Plan. Seniors:
 - Protect Canadians' retirement savings from volatile market conditions by reducing the minimum amount that must be withdrawn from a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) by 25% for one year. This gives seniors much-needed flexibility to avoid liquidating their retirement savings in a down market to meet current RRIF rules.
 - Give a temporary income boost to low-income seniors by increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 5%, providing up to an additional \$652 in income per year, tax-free. GIS has been proven to help lift seniors in Canada out of poverty.
 - Get Canadians the benefits they deserve by delivering automatic tax filing starting with low-income households and seniors. This will ensure more Canadians can access the benefits they are entitled to such as the Canada Child Benefit and GST/HST credit, both benefits which help lift Canadians out of poverty.
 - Support affordable homebuilders by injecting \$10 billion in low-cost financing and capital for homes that support middle- and low-income Canadians. This will include housing for students, seniors, Veterans, people with disabilities, and Indigenous housing, shelters, and more.

Child Care:

- Protect and strengthen \$10-a-day Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) system to create 100,000 new spaces by 2031. This will increase the supply of not-for-profit and public early learning and child care, getting more families off wait lists, and saving families money. It will also create 35,000 jobs for early learning and child care workers.
- Ensure ELCC providers have good wages, which is critical to keeping child care centres staffed. We will work with provinces and territories so that workers have predictable wage increases and investments in pensions and benefits programs.
- Require provinces, territories, and municipalities to expand child care in public infrastructure wherever possible, including in schools and community centres, and in community infrastructure that receives federal financing, so families can get child care close to home.
- Link child care with housing development on sites that receive federal financing or affordable housing funds. When child care is considered from the start of the development process, it ensures spaces grow alongside communities, saving time and money, and giving more children and families access, earlier.
- Make the National School Food Program permanent. The program is a direct investment in the middle class, making life a little easier for working families especially as they try to keep up with inflation. It is also a safety net for children who don't always have enough to eat at home. Last year, this program was introduced with a goal of reaching 400,000 children. In less than ten months, agreements were reached with all provinces and territories to reach over 500,000 kids, exceeding targets and helping more families.

- Continue to advance the National Caregiving Strategy, a comprehensive plan to better support those caring for loved ones. The Strategy will focus on early recognition of caregivers, simplified and increased access to government benefits and services, and better coordinating on emotional, financial, and practical support with the provinces and territories.
- Protect and deliver the Canada Child Benefit, which helps low- and middle-income families afford the costs of raising a child.

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