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## BC Provincial Election 2020: Election Platform Summaries



|                      | <i>BC NDP</i>  | <i>BC Liberals</i>  | <i>BC Greens</i>  |
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| <i>Economy</i>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invest \$20 billion into creating jobs and supporting the technology, forestry, mining, creative, and tourism industries</li> <li>- Continue with the Economic Recovery Plan in response to COVID-19</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementing a new economic response plan within 60 days of taking office</li> <li>- Adding \$8 billion to the provincial capital plan to build more schools, hospitals, transit, and roads, including replacing the Massey Tunnel with a 10-lane bridge</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with stakeholders to offer reduced work weeks and flexible hours</li> <li>- Support small businesses through creating a rent subsidy program</li> <li>- Retool the provincial grant program to focus on supporting small tourism operators</li> </ul>   |
| <i>Affordability</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID-19 recovery benefit up to \$1,000 for families and \$500 for individuals</li> <li>- Continue with the COVID-19 Action Plan to fill gaps in federal support</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Getting rid of PST for a full year and reducing the tax to 3% for the second year, and reviewing other taxes</li> <li>- Privatize ICBC</li> <li>- Creating a loan guarantee program for those working in the tourism and hospitality sectors</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduce basic income for youth aging out of care, and begin a transition towards basic income</li> <li>- Establish a permanent Fair Wages Commission to recommend consistent and predictable increases in the minimum wage and reduce political interference</li> </ul>  |
| <i>Housing</i>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rent freeze until 2022, with rent increases capped to inflation thereafter</li> <li>- Deliver on the commitment made in 2017 to have over 10,000 new homes available in the next decade</li> <li>- Introduce a renter's rebate of \$400 a year for households under \$80,000 a year not already receiving rental support</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overhaul property taxation, and put a one-year suspension on new fees and taxes</li> <li>- Expanding the supply of housing, including rental units, and reforming zoning</li> <li>- Extend property tax reductions and deadlines to housing developments and implement rebates to encourage rental housing investment</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expand forms of housing, including providing supports for co-op housing and the "missing middle"</li> <li>- Establish a housing office specifically charged with assisting people with disabilities and youth aging-out to find suitable accommodation and supporting the transition</li> <li>- Introduce a rental supplement</li> </ul> |



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| <i>Environment</i>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Net-zero carbon emissions by 2050</li><li>- Phase-out single-use plastics</li><li>- Remove PST on e-bikes</li><li>- Continuing the work of the CleanBC plan</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support the building of the TMX pipeline</li><li>- Reducing air and water pollution and protecting wildlife</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Commit to carbon neutrality by 2045</li><li>- End oil and gas subsidies</li><li>- Introduce a Food Secure B.C. Strategy</li><li>- Invest \$500 million in green jobs</li><li>- Remove PST on e-bikes</li><li>- Support active communities, public transportation, and the electrification of personal transportation</li></ul> |
| <i>Health &amp; Long-term Care</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Free COVID-19 vaccine when available</li><li>- Investing in healthcare, especially new primary care centres, cancer care, rural health, e-health, telehealth and building a new medical school in BC</li><li>- Reducing wait times and making healthcare easier to navigate</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bring back MSP premiums</li><li>- Free flu shots for all British Columbians</li><li>- \$1 billion over five years to build new long-term care facilities, and \$7,000-a-year tax credit to allow more seniors to remain in their homes</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Invest \$1 billion to incorporate mental health services under MSP</li><li>- Stopping support to private long-term care homes</li><li>- Address the opioid crisis through harm reduction and decriminalisation</li><li>- Expand the accessibility of healthcare</li></ul>  |
| <i>Post-secondary</i>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Up to \$4,000 per student for the BC Access Grant</li><li>- Up to 2,000 new spaces at post-secondary institutions for technology programs</li></ul>   | n/a  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Double the funding to the BC Access Grant</li></ul>  |



*Equity*

- Co-develop legislation with B.C. First Nations based on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
- Introduce equal pay legislation
- Work with BC's new Human Rights Commissioner and other stakeholders to introduce legislation for race-based data collection
- Modernize the Police Act
- Cover prescription contraceptive products
- Launch a plan to reduce gender-based violence
- Take action on hate crimes
- Hire 100 psychiatric nurses to attend mental health checks with police
- Introduce equal pay legislation
- Ban conversion therapy
- Review the Police Act, and review procedures for responding to wellness checks for BIPOC
- Support the collection of race-based data
- Introduce equal pay legislation
- Make prescription contraceptive products free for those under 25 and removing the PST on all prescription contraceptive products
- Introduce the BC Accessibility Act