

Election of the new Leader of the Official Opposition

On September 10, the Conservative Party of Canada elected its new leader, Pierre Poilievre, who won with a landslide. Poilievre tapped into voter resentment against Covid-19-related rules and mandates, as well as increasing inflation. He becomes the new leader of the Official Opposition in Canada's federal parliament and will take on Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (who recently announced to his team that he intends on running again) in the next election, expected in 2025.

Poilievre is a longtime Ottawa-area Member of Parliament who previously served in Stephen Harper's Cabinet as Minister of State for Democratic Reform and Minister of Employment and Social Development. A fierce believer in limited government, a Poilievre government would likely focus on deficit reduction and shrinking the size of the federal bureaucracy.

The Cities Initiative has sent a congratulatory letter to Mr. Poilievre for his successful leadership bid.