





2020 BC ELECTION PLATFORM COMPARISON

			
INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS & INVESTMENT			
<p>Preserve the community infrastructure investment within the Province's \$1.5 billion economic recovery plan and ensure its flow through to local governments.</p> <p>Create a provincial infrastructure stimulus framework that maximizes local government choice and flexibility in ensuring funds are invested in the areas with the greatest need and economic return. The framework would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include flexibility on project category, eligible costs, procurement and timelines; • provide 100% funding for any recovery program and/or current infrastructure program; • support shovel worthy projects over shovel ready projects and removes existing federal stacking rules; and • employ the current Gas Tax funding model. 	<p>Develop climate and sustainability criteria, including consideration of cumulative impacts, that will be applied to all future capital projects including transportation infrastructure investments.</p> <p>Undertake a comprehensive build out of public charging infrastructure on all highways in the province, particularly in remote and rural BC, to enable EV drivers to travel across BC with ease.</p> <p>Working with local governments, school districts and other stakeholders to upgrade municipal water infrastructure and replace household pipes through grants and incentives.</p>	<p>Invest an additional \$8 billion in infrastructure improvements over three years, an increase of 35% in infrastructure investments.</p> <p>Deliver the biggest infrastructure investment in BC history, with a total investment of \$30.9 billion over three years, including in transportation, hospitals, primary care clinics, seniors' care homes, mental health treatment and affordable housing.</p>	<p>A new \$3 billion Recovery Investment Fund to drive growth and investment – above and beyond the existing \$23 billion in new capital commitments over three years. The funding will be used in communities to build new schools, hospitals, child care spaces, and roads and transit.</p> <p>Community Benefits Agreement (CBAs) will be attached to projects launched through the Recovery Investment Fund to benefit local workers whenever possible.</p>

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

<p>Work with local governments in developing transition plans and long-term economic development strategies in response to the changing resource sector.</p> <p>Provide the capacity building resources for local governments to implement those plans.</p> <p>Resources to create new tourism infrastructure, partnerships, destination development, skills training, and tour operator financial support.</p>	<p>Establish a \$1 billion strategic investment fund to support business innovation that aligns with the province's goals, with a particular emphasis on supporting innovations that help the shift to a zero-carbon economy.</p> <p>Establish a \$500 million fund to support sustainable jobs.</p> <p>Implement a just transition program for workers in the oil and gas sector and other industries in transition, working with them on a pathway to a guaranteed job in the clean economy.</p> <p>Develop a clean jobs program focused on enhancing BC's natural assets, tree planting, conservation, remediating environmental liabilities, as well as climate adaptation and improving community resilience.</p> <p>Re-tool the provincial grant program to focus on supporting small tourism operators.</p> <p>Work with the not-for-profit tourism businesses, cultural facilities and attractions to develop a separate granting program that will</p>	<p>Expand measures to increase access to capital and investment for the technology sector and new start-ups.</p> <p>Accelerate BC's role as a clean hydro-power exporter to other provinces and the United States, to aid global greenhouse gas reductions.</p> <p>Deliver emergency financing for BC businesses hardest hit by the pandemic, through a loan guarantee program for BC's more than 19,000 tourism and hospitality businesses.</p> <p>Implement an aggressive agenda to rebuild and expand BC's tourism sector.</p> <p>Work with the tourism industry and municipal partners to support the development and growth of regional tourism hubs across BC.</p>	<p>Establish a new Worker Training & Job Opportunity Office with a focus on retraining workers, supporting resource communities facing job loss, developing higher value goods, and accessing new global markets and opportunities for BC products.</p> <p>Make targeted investments in high-potential, innovative businesses based in BC.</p> <p>Support innovation clusters with a particular focus on emerging industries – such as life sciences, emergency management technology, engineered wood, clean tech, artificial intelligence, quantum, and virtual reality technologies.</p> <p>Create a Mining Innovation Hub to identify and support innovation, training for workers in new technologies, regulatory excellence, environmental management, and low-carbon approaches.</p> <p>Dedicate a specific portion of the annual allowable cut towards higher value producers who can demonstrate their ability to create new</p>
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	<p>ensure these signature businesses can survive COVID-19.</p> <p>Work with the federal government to establish a repayable loan program for the hospitality sector and for tourism operators that exceed the criteria for the small tourism operator grant program.</p>		<p>jobs for workers in BC.</p> <p>Implement a new industrial and manufacturing strategy aimed at delivering smart, distributed industrial and manufacturing activity and growth to all parts of the province.</p> <p>Create a new Regenerative Agricultural Network will bring together natural systems of production with agri-technologies that enhance production.</p>
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PUBLIC TRANSIT

<p>Develop a provincial re-building strategy that seeks to strengthen transit funding models by creating new revenue tools for local governments that reduce the reliance on ridership fares.</p>	<p>Prioritize investment in transit service coming out of COVID-19 to support economic recovery, improve livability of communities, and reduce GHG emissions.</p> <p>Ensure that the projected long-term losses facing TransLink, BC Transit and BC Ferries are dealt with so that service levels are maintained, allowing ridership to quickly bounce back through the economic recovery period.</p> <p>Work with local and regional governments to redesign the transit funding model and establish an equitable, stable long-term funding model for transit, including</p>	<p>Increase transit hours in the Interior, North and on Vancouver Island.</p> <p>Expand public transit options.</p>	<p>Make transit (TransLink and BC Transit) throughout the province free for kids up to and including age 12.</p> <p>Expand transit options for people in growing areas of the province – which includes increased connections within the TransLink network for people living in the Fraser Valley and the Sea-to-Sky region, expanded West Coast Express service, and more service for the successful BC Bus North program for rural communities.</p> <p>Implement the South Island Transportation Strategy.</p>
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	<p>consideration of mobility pricing.</p> <p>Work with local governments to establish a vision for sustainable transportation in an era of expanded population growth on the South Island.</p>		
RURAL CONNECTIVITY			
Mandate service providers to make full use of under-utilized network infrastructure, which will augment existing programs that focus on finalizing backbone and last-mile network infrastructure.	Enhance investments to deliver high-speed internet access across BC.	Significantly expand high-speed broadband and mobile coverage across BC in rural and remote communities, by leveraging government's purchasing power as part of the procurement of telecommunications services.	Continue to prioritize high speed internet projects through the \$90 million investment in connectivity under the provincial Economic Recovery Plan.
OPIOID & MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS			
<p>Develop a comprehensive strategy for the provision of protective and health services which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustained funding for the opioid crisis; • implementing a province-wide agreement between police and mental health officials on the management of mental health patients in emergency wards; • creating integrated teams of health, police, and other officials on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to manage individuals with mental health issues; and introducing additional long-term 	<p>Enhance funding for harm reduction services and create COVID-friendly plans to ensure people have access and don't use alone.</p> <p>Scale up safe supply.</p> <p>Decriminalize simple possession of drugs.</p>	<p>Increase addiction-treatment and recovery programs.</p> <p>Clearly recognize that addiction is a medical disorder, and ensure a focus on public health and safety in the treatment of people suffering from addictions.</p> <p>Increase mental health supports in public secondary schools, such as registered psychiatric nurses.</p> <p>Introduce a <i>Safe Care Act</i> to safely and ethically help young people with addictions into treatment.</p> <p>Implement a provincial prescription-drug monitoring program to prevent addiction with</p>	<p>Keep accelerating BC's response across the full continuum of care: prevention, harm reduction, safe prescription medications, treatment, and recovery.</p> <p>Crack down on the toxic drug supply.</p> <p>Fast-track the move toward decriminalization.</p> <p>Build new treatment, recovery, detox and after-care facilities across the province.</p> <p>Focus new mental health initiatives on kids and young adults.</p>

care beds to address mental health cases.		early referrals to specialist care and treatment options.	<p>Develop Complex Care housing.</p> <p>Expand access to counselling.</p> <p>Connect front-line workers from different health, safety, and social service sectors to identify and help vulnerable people before a traumatic personal event takes place.</p>
CLIMATE ACTION			
<p>Provincial engagement on UBCM's Special Committee on Climate Action recommendations that identify new pathways of action for buildings, transportation, solid waste, resilience, governance and social mobilization.</p>	<p>Commit to be carbon neutral by 2045.</p> <p>Set sectoral targets to ensure industry is contributing their fair share to emissions reductions.</p> <p>Prioritize investment in transit service coming out of COVID-19 to support economic recovery, improve livability of communities, and reduce GHG emissions.</p> <p>Provide \$100 million over 4 years to fund climate adaptation initiatives, including the development of a coordinated approach with First Nations and other levels of government to disaster risk reduction.</p> <p>Build capacity in communities so they can respond safely and effectively to extreme weather and natural disasters - and so they can recover</p>	<p>Re-establish BC as a global climate leader.</p> <p>Create jobs and reduce energy costs for British Columbians, by encouraging the retro fitting of homes and businesses.</p> <p>Reduce the impact of climate-related disasters like wild fires and floods.</p> <p>Expand public transit options.</p> <p>Support investments in more electric vehicle charging stations across BC, working with municipalities and businesses.</p> <p>Support investments in renewable energy and next-generation clean energy and technology solutions, including working with the federal government and other provinces to leverage innovations and research in carbon capture.</p>	<p>Commit BC to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.</p> <p>Invest in made-in-BC carbon capture technology.</p> <p>Empower local governments to set their own carbon pollution performance standards for new buildings.</p> <p>Accelerate energy efficiency retrofits with programs and incentives for both residential and commercial buildings – including PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing.</p> <p>Expand <i>CleanBC</i> and the existing zero-emissions vehicle program to industrial vehicles.</p> <p>Provide additional funding for the</p>

	<p>quickly when the threat has passed.</p> <p>Protect communities from wildfires and flooding through landscape level, ecologically-centred, forest management and fuel treatment projects.</p> <p>Increase the resilience of regional ecosystems by restoring habitats and protecting biodiversity.</p> <p>Undertake a comprehensive build out of public charging infrastructure on all highways in the province, particularly in remote and rural BC, to enable EV drivers to travel across BC with ease.</p> <p>Support electric vehicle charging in multi-unit buildings through a variety of tools, including building code changes and establishing “right to charge” rules to facilitate access to home charging infrastructure for British Columbians living in multi-family buildings.</p>	<p>Ensure a comprehensive greenhouse gas strategy that reduces emissions while enabling sustainable resource development and Indigenous land use.</p> <p>Ensure decisions in every Ministry across government are made with environmental improvement as an overarching goal.</p> <p>Improve the provincial building code to maximize energy-efficiency in a way that respects communities’ unique geography, and avoids imposing one-size-fits-all costs with minimal environmental benefit.</p> <p>Work with the federal government to review scheduled increases in the Carbon Tax in light of the current economic recession.</p>	<p><i>CleanBC</i> industrial emissions strategy.</p> <p>Fast-track the provincial industrial electrification strategy.</p> <p>Provide a new income-tested incentive on new and used zero-emission vehicles.</p> <p>Expand home and workplace charging through increased incentives and 'right-to-charge' legislation that gets charging infrastructure into more strata and apartment buildings.</p> <p>Remove the PST on e-bikes.</p> <p>Work with communities to expand their networks of active transportation.</p>
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