



Policy Manual

Vision Statement:

We believe that Alberta needs a government that is committed to Green principles which include, but are not limited to, the 6 principles of the world-wide Green Party movement – Ecological wisdom, Social justice, Participatory democracy, Non-violence, Sustainability and Respect for diversity.

Mission Statement:

To participate in Alberta electoral politics with the aim of having such a provincial government come to power. To educate Albertans as to the need for a government committed to Green principles.

The Six Principles of the Global Green movement:

Ecological wisdom Human beings are part of the natural world and we respect the specific value of all forms of life | **Non-violence** We are committed to non-violence and cooperation between states, inside societies and between individuals | **Participatory democracy** In a healthy democracy all citizens have the right to express their views and are able to directly participate in the environmental, economic, social and political decisions which affect their lives | **Respect for diversity** We honour all forms of diversity – for example, racial, linguistic, ethnic, sexual, religious and spiritual – within the context of individual responsibility toward all beings | **Social justice** The key to social justice is the equitable distribution of resources to ensure that all have full opportunities for personal and social development | **Sustainability** We recognize the limited scope for the material expansion of society within the biosphere and the need to maintain biodiversity through the sustainable use of renewable resources.

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Advanced Education

A Green Party of Alberta government will support extending formal learning opportunities past high school into post-secondary education and beyond, to lifelong learning for all Albertans whatever their educational needs and desires. The Party recognizes that continuing education is key to ensuring that Albertans are well prepared for the employment opportunities presented by the new, greener economy.

Policies must ensure that people who want to upgrade their education, technical skills or English language abilities can do so without going into burdensome debt.

A Green Party of Alberta Government would support a tuition-free and well-funded Advanced Education sector. (Approved February 2023)

Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development

Resilient Food Systems

A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure that a resilient food system is a main provincial priority. A resilient food system is one that is biodiverse, decentralized, decarbonized and regenerative. It is based on local production and processing, small and medium organic farms, and co-operatives and local markets, including farmers markets.

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Bees

A Green Party of Alberta government will immediately put a ban on the use of all neonicotinoid anywhere they would be considered dangerous to the health of bees.

Sustainable agriculture

A Green Party of Alberta government will engage in a dialogue with farmers and ranchers to assist them in shifting to an agroecological system, meaning farming in harmony with nature, in order to create a resilient food system that strengthens food security and sovereignty, enables sustainable farmer livelihood, supports rural economies, and helps to resolve the climate and biodiversity crises.

It will do so by providing subsidies, tax breaks and other financial incentives for agroecological practices, including but not limited to maintaining and planting shelterbelts, protecting wetlands, conserving native-grass prairie, regenerative soil practices, non-industrial no-till methods, use of natural fertilizers that benefit both crops and soil, complex crop rotation and inter-cropping, and by assisting farmers and ranchers who wish to obtain organic or regenerative organic certification.

(Approved March 2021)

Alberta Environmental Farm Plan

A Green Party of Alberta government will provide assistance to all producers to certify under the existing Alberta Environmental Farm Plan process and to continue applying the prescribed environmental protection measures.

Agricultural research

A Green Party of Alberta government will establish priorities for research focusing on sustainable soil use and cropping practices.

Farm product associations

A Green Party of Alberta government will engage with producers to restructure the farm product commissions into producer member-led producer commissions to facilitate their voice in policy and advocacy.

Marketing options

A Green Party of Alberta government will seek to improve marketing options for farmers by encouraging competition, increasing training for butchers, bakers, millers and processors, and encouraging local sourcing within publicly run operations (farm to hospital, farm to school, etc.).

Synthetic pesticides and chemical fertilizer

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize the harm synthetic pesticides and chemical fertilizers present to the environment, other species and human health. We would provide a subsidy to farmers to support transitioning to organic/permaculture, agroecology and other sustainable agricultural practices. *(Approved March 2017)*

Long term effects of agrochemical weed control

A Green Party of Alberta government will begin immediate funding for publicly available and transparent research into the long term effects of agrochemical weed control, including the effects on human health, soil microflora, nutrient retention, and soil erosion. *(Approved October 2016)*

Land Bank Commission

A Green Party of Alberta government will create a land bank commission to preserve agricultural land for small, family and locally owned co-op farms, assist retiring farmers to pass on their land to new farming families, support environmental stewardship and ensure resilience of rural communities and our food supply. *(Approved September 2017)*

Healthy Soil

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the protection and improvement of soil health, in order to ensure the soil's ability to sequester carbon, harbour biodiversity, help prevent drought and flooding, and increase food nutrition, through various measures, including:

- crop development programs or cropping systems that maintain soil health in a

sustainable manner.

- initiatives that help to prevent erosion and soil degradation.
- targets to address threats to soil health, including acidification, biodiversity loss, compaction, contamination, salinization/sodification, nutrient imbalance, sealing, organic carbon loss and erosion.
- assistance to farmers to implement regenerative soil conservation practices in order to enable long-term, stable food-raising conditions. (Approved Sept 2021)

Farmers' Right to Seeds

A Green Party of Alberta government will strive to:

1. Guarantee the right of farmers to save and replant their seeds, promote seed saving to increase diversity in crop genetics and to develop region specific cultivars and promote seed exchange and heritage seed use.
2. Fund public research on seed varieties.
3. Ban terminator gene testing, use or imports.
4. Free the farmer from seed royalty payments.

(Approved November 2020)

Food Security

A Green Party of Alberta government will increase food security by supporting small and medium-sized agroecological mixed farms, encouraging the diversification of food crops and farm animals, stewarding nature on the farm, and fostering a culture of growing, eating and preserving healthy local foods. (Approved Sept 2021)

School curriculum on food

A Green Party of Alberta government will amend the school curriculum to ensure that every child has the knowledge and skills to grow food to feed themselves, and understands the current global food system. (Approved May 2018)

A Green Party of Alberta government will also encourage farmers with woodlots to sustainably harvest wood and to form cooperative sawmills for local consumption. (Approved Nov 2021)

The legal right to food

A Green Party of Alberta government will be committed to enforcing the legal right to food as set out in the international covenant on economic, social and cultural rights. (Approved May 2018)

A Green Party of Alberta Government supports the development of solutions to reduce food mismanagement with the objective of achieving zero food waste that maximizes environmental, economic, and social benefits, including the banning of food producers and providers from throwing away or intentionally spoiling food that is either edible or useable as animal feed. (Approved February 2023)

Forestry

A Green Party of Alberta government will support sustainable conduct forest management practices that prioritize the ecological services of forests in water retention and management, air purification and cleaning, and maintaining species diversity.

The economic values of timber extraction, food foraging reserves, and recreational use of natural landscapes will be treated as important secondary considerations. (Approved March 2017)

Prescribed burning of forests

A Green Party of Alberta government will support prescribed burning as a forest management tool.

Prescribed fire is the knowledgeable and controlled application of fire to a specific land area to accomplish planned resource management objectives. These fires are managed in such a way as to minimize the emission of smoke and maximize the benefits to the site.

Public education on prescribed burning

A Green Party of Alberta government will initiate a public education program to inform Albertans about the benefits of prescribed burning, and how a return to it benefits forest health.

A Green Party of Alberta Government will ban the practice of clear-cutting of forests. (Approved February 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta Government will phase out all logging practices that do not meet standards of sustainability and preservation of forest ecosystems. (Approved February 2019)

Sustainable Forest Management

A Green Party of Alberta government will ban the usage of glyphosate and other herbicide chemicals by the forestry industry when the primary motivating factor is to increase the production efficiency of the forest and deter small, low intensity fire generation.

A Green Party of Alberta Government will prioritize species diversification in Alberta's managed and unmanaged forests. (Approved November 2020)

Rural Alberta

A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure that its policies balance the needs of all Alberta communities and ecosystems

A Green Party of Alberta government will discourage urban sprawl, and will work with municipalities and communities to protect and preserve prime agricultural land and natural landscapes. (Approved Nov 2021)

Rural Economies

A Green Party of Alberta government will promote local food systems, and will support local

community processing facilities such as mills, bakeries, canneries, abattoirs, butcher shops, creameries, breweries, and distilleries, as well as natural fibre mills and artisan workshops.

Children's Services

Child welfare and youth justice services

A Green Party of Alberta government will rethink and restructure the provision of child welfare and youth justice services so as to better accomplish a fundamental task—nurturing a sense of belonging in children who lack a functional family or other intact support system. (Approved May 2018)

Child care and early development services

The Green Party of Alberta government will increase support and funding to provide affordable, high-quality not-for-profit child care and early childhood development spaces as required.

Community and Social Services

Automatic annual increases to all financial social supports

A Green Party of Alberta government will set automatic annual increases to all financial social supports, indexed to changes in the provincial Low-Income Cut Off measure (LICO). (Approved May 2018)

Support for individuals and families

Inequality is growing in Alberta and people with lower incomes are falling further behind. Poverty and inequality cause human suffering but also impact all Albertans through less vibrant and inclusive communities, higher costs for health care and the justice system and lost economic opportunity. A Green Party of Alberta government will work together with communities to implement a comprehensive strategy to end poverty and to achieve a more equitable distribution of resources.

Guaranteed annual income

A Green Party of Alberta government will implement a Guaranteed Annual Income in this province. Implementing this program would eliminate many of the current bureaucratic, highly administrative interventions that now exist; their ineffectiveness only exceeded by the humiliation they perpetuate. The current income tax system can administer this program without any additional bureaucracy.

A Green Party of Alberta government will supplement the guaranteed annual income where needed.

Universal basic income

A Green Party of Alberta Government supports the implementation of a universal basic income (UBI) for all Canadian citizens and permanent residents whose primary residence is in the province of Alberta and over the age of 18. to be assessed on an on-going basis by a Citizen's Assembly. (Approved February 2023)

Culture and Status of Women

Culture and the Arts

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that a flourishing cultural scene contributes hugely to the well-being of Albertans, in terms of both quality of life and employment opportunities and other forms of economic development. The Party believes that government has a role to play in supporting culture and the arts.

Education

A Green Party of Alberta government will unequivocally support a strong, consistent public education system, the focus of which is to prepare every child to be an engaged, empowered and contributing citizen of a vibrant, diverse democracy. Indeed, the Green Party of Alberta government will support the achievement of excellence in all our public institutions, such as in education and healthcare.

Public education

The Green Party of Alberta with a majority government will enact policy to merge all catholic and public school boards together to create one inclusive and diverse public school system for all Albertans

- The Green Party of Alberta would not reduce funding for the new public system.
- The Green Party of Alberta would create a new roadmap for private schools in Alberta. Public funding for private schools would be phased out over 5 years. This would give these systems and parents enough time to plan and prepare for the changes and would not jeopardize the students' learning or put them through any major disruptions.
- All public school districts would be free and open to hearing local demand for religious programming options from all religions, and minority language (i.e. Francophone), and where deemed feasible local districts would be able to offer choices in individual schools - creating more choice, more fairly to more people. (Approved February 2023)
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A Green Party of Alberta Government will amend the Alberta School Act so as to prevent the funding of any school the purpose of which is to serve only certain racial, ethnic or religious groups.

A Green Party of Alberta government will hold a provincial referendum on whether separate school boards in the province should be disbanded and combined with the public system.

A Green Party of Alberta government will add a requirement to the School Act that every proposal for a new alternate program or school will be subjected to a formal assessment of its impact on Canadian civic values which include democracy, the rule of law, and human rights. Where that impact is significantly negative, and cannot be mitigated, the proposal must be

refused. All existing alternative programs shall be subject to periodic review, and, if no longer compatible with Canadian civic values, will be terminated.

A Green Party of Alberta government will reduce public funding for private schools from 70% (the current level) to 50%, which was the level of funding first introduced by the Lougheed government.

- Exceptions would be made only for schools which offer programs that are educationally necessary for disabled students and are not available in the public system.
- The money saved by this funding reduction would be earmarked for improvements to the public education system.
- The effects of the funding reduction would be studied and further reductions considered on the basis of that study.

Investing in Education

A Green Party of Alberta government will work to develop solutions to reduce costs for students including tuition charges for universities, colleges, and trade schools.

A Green Party of Alberta government will work to improve affordability and accessibility as we move towards a more equitable system of adequate stable funding of education.

A Green Party government will establish class size limits in accordance with the recommendations of Alberta's Commission on Learning. (Approved Sept 2021)

Education Outcomes and Special Education

A Green Party of Alberta government's required educational outcomes will include teaching tolerance, good citizenship and sustainable, healthy living that includes human sexuality.

Special education must be such an integral part of the system that it has no stigma attached. Early identification and resolution of problems will be the focus and necessary support resources will be available.

Accordingly the Green Party of Alberta government will support the following:

- Formal instruction will not begin before a child is six years old.
- Daycares and early childhood classes will encourage play and outdoor activity when at all possible.

The Green Party of Alberta government will support school programs geared to improving civility and eliminating violence and bullying.

A Green Party of Alberta government will reinstate funding for extracurricular sports, fine arts, and student clubs that encourage healthy community spirit, creativity, and leadership.

Schools as focal points in the community

A Green Party of Alberta government will support transforming schools into community centres offering programs such as libraries, recreation facilities, technology and training areas, fine arts theatres, and studios in partnership with municipalities and the elementary and secondary schools.

Sensory Rooms

Be it resolved a Green Party of Alberta government will ban the use of seclusion rooms throughout Alberta, and would instead encourage the use of sensory rooms for students with sensory issues, social behavioural issues, and those feeling overwhelmed. (Approved September, 2019)

Educational Assistants

Be it resolved a Green Party of Alberta government will support an increase of educational assistants (“EAs”) in elementary and secondary schools, while also promoting education and training in conflict de-escalation for EAs and teachers by psychologists, indigenous elders, and other culturally inclusive specialists, to deal with students who require additional support/use of sensory rooms. (Approved September, 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta government will provide funding so that each classroom can have a qualified teacher and an educational assistant for twenty students to properly facilitate inclusive education for all students. (Approved November 2020)

Energy

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize climate change as a serious threat to humanity globally. The Party also recognizes Alberta’s ethical obligation to contribute to the solution of climate change and supports an orderly transition from dependence on fossil fuel exploitation to reliance on the full range of renewable energy sources available in the province, including wind, solar power and geo-thermal. The Party endorses the fastest possible retirement of Alberta’s coal- burning electricity plants and is against any expansion in the rate of production from the oil sands.

A Green Party of Alberta government will place a moratorium on development of additional tar sands projects until the impacts of existing and approved projects on the environment, infrastructure and society are assessed and an overall development policy is created.

A Green Party of Alberta government will impose an immediate and permanent rescission* and ban on coal leasing, and on the licensing of coal exploration, coal development, and coal mining in the entire province of Alberta on both Crown and freehold lands.

- A Green Party of Alberta government will permanently ban coal land leasing, as well as the licensing of coal exploration and/or development, including above or below ground and using any technique of extraction.
- The Green Party of Alberta calls on the federal government to immediately reinstate the pre-2009 Navigable Waters Protection Act.
- A Green Party of Alberta government reiterates its support for the 1969 Master Agreement on Apportionment and the Prairie Provinces Water Board.

(Approved March 2021)

A Green Party of Alberta Government will review laws to hold corporations responsible for reclamation and rehabilitation of the fossil fuel sites that have been impacted through their operations.

A Green Party of Alberta Government will review current obligations for remediation to re-evaluate if the dedicated financial devices are sufficient to the task. Where they are insufficient, the Government will pursue means to remedy the situation. (Approved March 2021)

A Green Party of Alberta government will incorporate Project Drawdown's principles and solutions to guide policy development that is ecologically and economically sustainable and draws down the levels of greenhouse gases to preindustrial levels as quickly and effectively as possible. (Approved Nov 2021)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the idea that we should live within our existing pipeline means and thus opposes the approval and construction or expansion of any pipeline the purpose of which is to transport bitumen production from Alberta.

A Green Party of Alberta government will improve government monitoring of all pipelines.

Although the matter is largely within the jurisdiction of the federal government, a Green Party of Alberta government will support the tightening up of all laws and regulations concerning the transport by train of bitumen production and all other hydrocarbons and dangerous goods.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support a thorough independent review of the economics of the Northwest Upgrader project and, if so indicated, the termination of provincial participation in it.

A Green Party of Alberta government will terminate government funding for carbon capture and sequestration.

A Green Party of Alberta Government will abolish the privately incorporated Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and will create two publicly owned and operated review boards: an energy development review board; and an environmental assessment review board. These boards shall consist of independent and qualified experts working with communities and Indigenous peoples to ensure that proper environmental assessment and public consultations are conducted in the public interest. These boards will act with the authority of The Alberta Government and will have enforcement and respect for full public accountability. (Approved Sept 2021)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support research into power storage technology that would make intermittent alternative power sources more viable, for example, technology that would store excess wind power for use when the wind is not blowing.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support phasing out the use of coal for electric power generation, with the goal of complete elimination by 2030. A Green Party of Alberta government will replace coal generation with renewable power, improved efficiency, small-scale cogeneration, demand response, and natural gas peaking capacity. (Approved September 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the introduction of laws and regulations that would create a level playing field for geothermal energy, both for heating and for generation of electricity. In particular, the Green Party of Alberta government will support creation of a licensing system for geothermal wells.

A Green Party of Alberta government will set a goal of a 50% renewably powered grid by 2030. It would provide economic incentives for the transition through a combination of carbon taxes, feed-in tariffs, tax incentives, and regulation.

A Green Party of Alberta government will re-envision the Alberta electricity grid to give preference to decentralized power minimizing the need for long-distance transport from large, centralized power plants.

Recognizing that the Alberta grid is relatively isolated, a Green Party of Alberta government will support the development of an interconnected national grid.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the phasing out of coal leases.

A Green Party of Alberta government will not support the large scale use of crop land, forest and other vegetation for conversion to bio-fuels.

Since energy efficiency is the cheapest, easiest and quickest way to drastically reduce our energy consumption, a Green Party of Alberta government will support initiatives to facilitate it. For example, a Green Party of Alberta government will require all homes to have an energy efficiency rating at point of sale or resale.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the provision of government subsidies, based on income, to offset or pay for installation costs for home based renewable energy technology.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the immediate implementation of feed-in tariffs. A Green Party of Alberta government will require power companies to compensate customers for their power input at a substantial premium over the cost they pay for their power and to guarantee such arrangements for a term of 10 years.

A Green Party of Alberta government strongly supports renewable energy, especially solar power. A Green Party of Alberta government will immediately facilitate the construction of solar power stations.

Further to the goal of encouraging the development and use of solar energy, a Green Party of Alberta government will require developers/builders to offer an optional solar package to all new home buyers.

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that in the move away from carbon-based energy sources to benign renewables, other values must also be protected. For example, bio-diversity and the agricultural land needed for food security. (Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will resolve that the province's overall renewable energy strategy be designed to take into account the mix of available local energy sources. (Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will act to promote research and development of

geothermal energy in Alberta, either through the creation of a Crown corporation analogous to AOSTRA or through a much stronger emphasis on geothermal research at Alberta Innovates. (Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support much more rigorous regulation of the oil and gas industry. Regulation by the provincial government and by the agencies that operate under provincial law, such as the Alberta Energy Regulator, should apply the following principles:

1. The precautionary principle: a project should not be approved unless the evidence presented by the company proposing the project shows that the sustainability of Alberta's ecosystems will not be threatened by it;
2. Strict enforcement of the laws regulating the industry is essential: penalties for infractions must be large enough to change the way companies do business and stop-work orders should be used as often as necessary to achieve compliance;
3. The polluter must pay: the costs of pollution, reclamation and restoration must be paid over the life of a project and not put off until the end of it (as by then the companies involved may no longer exist or have the funds to pay them);
4. The regulatory process must be fully transparent;
5. The public, including public-interest advocacy groups, should have the right to greater participation in the regulatory process.

(Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will press for a change in Federal bankruptcy law to give priority to discharging a bankrupt entity's obligations to reclaim and restore uneconomic industrial sites before dispersing any funds to other creditors. (*Approved March 2017*)

A Green Party of Alberta government will top up the Orphan Well Fund by an amount sufficient to eliminate its backlog of well-sites requiring abandonment and reclamation, and to recover these costs by means of a surcharge on PNG (petroleum and natural gas) and bitumen royalties. (Approved March 2017)

Electric vehicle rebate

A Green Party of Alberta government will establish an EV rebate comparable to that of Quebec, British Columbia, and Ontario. Such rebate be available within a term of 2 years with such term being open to extension by the legislature. (Approved May 2018)

Fracking ban

A Green Party Government will ban multi-stage, high pressure hydraulic fracturing in Alberta. (Approved May 2018)

Whereas wells which have been fracked have given rise to serious problems, the effects on the environment must be assessed and mitigated to the highest degree possible.

Be it resolved that a Green Party of Alberta Government will require that the concentrations and compositions of all additives to frack fluids be made available on a public data base and easily accessed by legal land description. (Approved February 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta Government will require groundwater testing of all public and private water wells within an eight kilometer radius of each multi-stage, high pressure, hydraulic fracked well, including testing for all additives in the frack fluid used in that well. Results of such testing must be made publicly available and easily accessed by legal land description.

A Green Party of Alberta Government will require that any contamination must be mitigated and

remediated to the highest degree possible, and costs levied on the company responsible for the fracked well. (Approved February 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta government will require ongoing monitoring and public disclosure and reporting of all monitoring results of all multi-stage, high pressure, hydraulic fracked wells to determine and stop any leaks of contaminants into air, soil, or water. (Approved February 2019)

Environment and Parks

Environmental Protection

With ecological wisdom and sustainability two key Green principles, environmental protection lies at the heart of Green Party thinking. A Green Party of Alberta government will beef up every aspect of environmental protection and weave environmental criteria into other policy areas whenever appropriate.

For example, when provincial electoral boundaries are next redrawn, the Green Party of Alberta government will urge that ecosystem boundaries be included as a mandatory consideration.

A Green Party of Alberta government will keep and maintain all existing parks and protected areas in the Alberta Parks System.

A Green Party of Alberta government will continue to expand the Alberta Parks system to fulfill the goal of protecting areas of significant ecological value. (Approved March 2021)

Be it resolved that the Green Party of Alberta government will support Ecotourism as defined by The International Ecotourism Society. (Approved February 2019)

Environmental Bill of Rights for the province of Alberta

A Green Party of Alberta government will call for the adoption of an Environmental Bill of Rights (EBoR) for the province of Alberta. Because laws can be passed more quickly than constitutions amended, a Green Party of Alberta government will enact an EBoR first as a statute and then, later, move for it to be added to the provincial constitution.

Much research and consultation would have to be done before the final wording of the EBoR was decided. But a Green Party of Alberta government will insist that the following aspects be included:

1. The EBoR would legally enshrine the right of Albertans to a “healthy and ecologically balanced environment” and would impose a duty on the government of Alberta to protect the environment under its jurisdiction for the benefit of both present and future generations.
2. The definition of “a healthy and ecologically balanced environment” would be stringent, much like the following: This term “means an environment of a quality that protects human and cultural dignity, health and well-being and in which essential ecological processes are preserved for their own sake, as well as for the benefit of present and future generations.”
3. The definition of “environment” would be all-encompassing, something like the

following: "Environment" means the components of the Earth and includes:

- a) air, land and water,
 - b) all layers of the atmosphere,
 - c) all organic matter and living organisms,
 - d) biodiversity within and among species, and
 - e) the interacting natural systems that include" the above mentioned components.
4. The EBoR would guarantee that neither Indigenous people nor other Albertans would lose any of the legal rights or legal remedies they already have to protection of the environment.
 5. The EBoR would specify that it must be interpreted (by the courts and all others) "consistently with existing and emerging principles of environmental law, including but not limited to
 - a) The precautionary principle,
 - b) The polluter-pay principle,
 - c) The principle of sustainable development,
 - d) The principle of intergenerational equity, and
 - e) The principle of environmental justice."
 6. The EBoR would clearly specify the means by which Albertans could force the government to comply with provincial environmental law, including the EBoR itself. One of these mechanisms would give every Albertan the right to go to the courts to "protect the environment by bringing an environmental protection action against the Government of Alberta for
 7. Failing to fulfill its duties as trustee of the environment;
 8. Failing to enforce an environmental law; or
 9. Violating the right to a healthy and ecologically balanced environment."

(Approved May 2018)

Climate Change

Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing humanity and supports the creation of a climate change strategy at the provincial level that would determine mitigation and adaptation strategies for Alberta, and implement those strategies. (Approved March 2017)

Whereas much of Green Party of Alberta energy and other policy is devoted to significantly reducing the volume of GHGs emitted in the province (i.e., mitigation), but

Whereas the Green Party of Alberta also recognizes that climate change is taking place at the same time as efforts to curb it are needed,

Therefore a Green Party of Alberta government will make adaptation to climate change an integral part of all government decision-making. Where communities suffer damage from extreme weather and other climate related events, a Green Party of Alberta government will ensure that they are rebuilt in such a way as to minimize the likelihood that they suffer the same sort of damage again in the future. A Green Party of Alberta government will work with municipal governments to amend the Municipal Government Act so as to ensure the principles of adaptation to climate change are followed by municipal governments throughout the province. (Approved September 2017)

Floodplain mapping

A Green Party of Alberta government will coordinate the production of accurate floodplain maps for the province. It will also produce flood plain maps for projected changes 25 years in the future. (Approved September 2017)

Animal Rights

A Green Party of Alberta government will amend the Animal Protection Act to include wildlife. (Approved February 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta government will ban trophy hunting. (Approved February 2019)

Cambridge Declaration

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize The Cambridge Declaration of Consciousness that declares in part “non-human animals [as recognized by the Cambridge Declaration] have the neuroanatomical, neurochemical, and neurophysiological substrates of conscious states along with the capacity to exhibit intentional behaviours.”

Recognition of this declaration will guide other related Green Party of Alberta policies. (Approved September, 2019)

Ban Compound 1080, Strychnine, Sodium Cyanide

A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure Compound 1080, Strychnine and Sodium Cyanide are banned as a means to kill any wildlife. *(Approved November 2020)*

Protection for Wolves

A Green Party of Alberta Government will ensure wolves are not culled for any reason and any version of the current “Alberta Wolf Management and Control Plan” that has inhumanely culled over 2500 wolves will be abolished. (Approved November 2020)

Water Management

A Green Party of Alberta government will affirm that all water in the Province of Alberta is, and should remain, the property of the Crown, to be managed for the common good. While the Crown may grant licences for the use of water, this does not, and should not, grant title to the water itself.

A Green Party of Alberta government will affirm that water, being essential to life, is more than a simple commodity and may not be bought and sold as such. Recognizing that the needs of licensees may change over time, the Crown may permit the transfer of water licences in whole or in part, subject to conditions to protect the public interest and promote conservation.

A Green Party of Alberta government will provide for the review of existing water licences at

least every 20 years in order to adapt to climate change, future water needs, and First Nations rights, and will allow increased public participation in the granting of water licences.

A Green Party of Alberta government will affirm that The Crown should have the right to rescind or restrict existing licences where water is being used wastefully.

A Green Party of Alberta government will endorse the July 28, 2010 United Nations resolution recognizing the human right to safe clean drinking water and sanitation. This shall be a foundational principle of Green Party of Alberta water policy. (Approved November 2020)

The Green Party of Alberta government will assess and regulate the density of all linear developments (roads, utility corridors, pipelines, railways, power lines, telecom infrastructure, right of ways, etc.) within our watersheds in order to minimize the harm associated with or resulting from these interventions.

Riparian reserve margins must be designated for all waterways according to size of the stream/river, the fish etc. Management areas will border and protect the reserve areas and must follow specific restricted guidelines.

A Green Party of Alberta government will improve surface and ground water surveys to generate regional modeling of water resources. Survey data and modeling results will be available and actively distributed to interested parties and the general public in the form of Open Data.

A Green Party of Alberta government will complete a water management plan that identifies and enforces a science based Ecosystem Base Flow (EBF) for all major Alberta rivers at a low—flow threshold.

Because of the increasing demands on water from oil sands development, the lower Athabasca region and the Athabasca River should have first priority for water source modeling and the establishment of an Ecosystem Base Flow (EBF). In the interim the low—flow threshold for the lower Athabasca River will be set to at least 100cubic meters per second.

A Green Party of Alberta government will restructure the Regional Aquatics Monitoring Program and replace as a comprehensive and scientifically robust monitoring system. This system shall be compatible with and integrated with regional water modeling.

Where supported by data from an enhanced water quality monitoring system, a Green Party of Alberta government will act vigorously to stop water source pollution, including but not limited to:

1. pollution of water bodies by runoff of agricultural chemicals
2. aquifer contamination by feedlot effluent
3. physical or chemical contamination of water and watersheds by industrial, mining, oil and gas, or forestry operations
4. use of recreational vehicles

Sustainability

A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure that all government policy is guided by the Party's 6 guiding principles. Where choices must be made between material standard of living and quality of life for future generations, a Green Party of Alberta government will prioritize the latter. (Approved November, 2020)

A Green Party of Alberta government will require all new construction of buildings, as of 2030, to be “net-zero” for GHG emissions. (Approved February 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the creation of community-owned renewable energy projects. (Approved October 2016)

The Green Party of Alberta government will support creation of mechanisms for financing cooperative businesses. (Approved October 2016)

The Green Party of Alberta government will encourage the transition of existing businesses into cooperative businesses when the alternative is closure. (Approved October 2016)

The Green Party of Alberta resolves that the move to renewables be managed with consideration for local social conditions and with as much engagement, buy-in and participation of local communities as possible. (Approved October 2016)

Management of the Eastern Slopes

A Green Party of Alberta government will support measures requiring the management of the Rocky Mountains’ eastern slopes landscape to focus on protection of the headwaters of our rivers.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the creation of an eastern slopes conservation authority.

A Green Party of Alberta government will drastically reduce the area over which off-road vehicles can be used in the eastern slopes and would strictly enforce laws and regulations on their use.

A Green Party of Alberta government will assess and regulate the density of all linear developments (roads, utility corridors, pipelines, railways, power lines, telecom infrastructure, right of ways, etc.) in order to minimize their negative impact on watershed health. (Approved March 2017)

Health

A Green Party of Alberta government will stress the importance of wellness and prevention of illness through the elimination of poverty and homelessness and the adoption and enforcement of environmental policies that will keep our air, water and land free from contaminants which cause disease. Its policy would encourage an individual, patient-centred approach to the delivery of health services. A Green Party of Alberta government will work to ensure the sustainability of Alberta’s universal, publicly-funded healthcare system and to extend the coverage of that system, over time, to cover basic dental care and other critical health services.

A Green Party of Alberta government will be strongly in favour of maintaining a publicly-funded, government-operated health care system.

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize the overwhelming importance of exercise to the health of Albertans and of the harm to any Albertan denied full opportunity to exercise. A Green Party of Alberta government will provide funding to remove barriers to participation such as access to facilities, transportation, childcare and other support services.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support a preventative approach to healthcare.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support inclusion of basic dental care in the services covered by AHS. *(Approved May 2016)*

A Green Party of Alberta government will extend Alberta Health Care coverage to all health professionals falling under the Health Professionals Act.

A Green Party of Alberta government will work to reduce unnecessary and redundant prescriptions, tests and other inappropriate use of health services.

A Green Party of Alberta government will investigate the current application within Alberta of Nationally Allowed Guidelines for cadaver organ transplants, in particular the donation after cardiac death (DCD) as well as after brain death.

A Green Party of Alberta government will work with health care professionals to empower individuals to improve their own health.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support increased funding to improve dignified end of life treatment, specifically, to improve palliative care, pain management, community and home care resources and grief counseling.

Pharmacare

A Green Party of Alberta government will support changes that would see the cost of prescription drugs covered by our provincial healthcare program. A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that the costs to government of providing pharmacare will be less if implementation of this program is put in place and coordinated across the country. For example, the provinces will be able to get a better price on many drugs if they purchase them jointly rather than province by province.

Accordingly, the Green Party strongly supports a pan-Canadian approach to implementation of pharmacare but wants to see the province of Alberta show leadership on this issue.

Mental health

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize free access to mental health care as just as important as physical health care and implement a Universal Mental Health Care for Albertans to ensure mental health services are provided by qualified health care professionals and community health workers as part of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP).

This initiative would include:

A wait time reduction strategy for mental health services that sets targets, tracks wait times, and makes capacity information available to the public.

Support programs and mobile services that take an intersectional approach to care to meet the needs of all people, including but not limited to those with disabilities, people with addictions, the 2SLGBTQ+ community, women, Indigenous people, racialized people, and those with housing insecurity.

Provision of dedicated funding for education and training to increase healthcare professionals and expand their scope of practice to include identification, diagnosis and treatment of a wider variety of mental health and addictions issues. (Approved February 2023)

A Green Party of Alberta government will work vigorously to bring continuity to our badly fractured mental health system by providing appropriate resources and followup treatment.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support research into environmental factors contributing to mental illness.

A Green Party of Alberta government will be committed to high ethical standards and know that any government will be judged by the way in which it treats its most vulnerable members, including those that face mental illness. A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that mental health services and facilities in the province have long been inadequate and that Albertans have a right to much better, that is, to as good mental health care as our society can collectively afford.

All health care professionals and front line workers in the emergency, health, education and social service sectors—e.g., police, peace officers, teachers, nurses, nurses-aids, doctors, dentists, social workers and others—will be trained to recognize and deal with the manifestations of mental ill-health.

This includes such things as knowing where specialized services can be found and responding appropriately (e.g., with skill and compassion and with an emphasis on dignity and respect) to those suffering problems with their mental health.

A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure that there are a sufficient number of appropriately trained and licensed mental health specialists in Alberta to meet the needs of all Albertans.

A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure that all educational institutions are staffed with mental health professionals and nurses. (Approved Nov 2021).

A Green Party of Alberta Government will set automatic annual increases to the provincial minimum wage matching the percentage increase in a cost of living index. (Approved February 2019)

Harm reduction

A Green Party of Alberta supports a balanced, evidence-based substance use strategy of

prevention, treatment, and harm reduction including supervised safe consumption sites.

A Green Party of Alberta supports treating problematic substance use as a health issue, providing adequate and voluntary treatment on demand, without stigma.

A Green Party of Alberta supports low barrier access to safe supply to reduce the risks to people of the poisoned illegal drug supply.

A Green Party of Alberta supports decriminalization for simple possession of illegal drugs including pardons and amnesty for people already charged or convicted or imprisoned for simple possession.

Indigenous Relations

A Green Party of Alberta government will acknowledge the genocide of Indigenous peoples of Canada, inclusive of First Nations, Metis and Inuit. The Green Party of Alberta government will recognize the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples of Canada, which requires the duty to consult and obtain consent in regard to the consequences of genocide and the healing required. The commitment to the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples will permeate all policy development, lawmaking and day-to-day operations. (Approved September, 2019)

A Green Party of Alberta government will abide by both the letter and the spirit of the constitutional duty to consult and accommodate Indigenous peoples when the Crown's conduct impacts Indigenous or Treaty rights.

A Green Party of Alberta government will negotiate revenue sharing with Indigenous communities affected by resource developments.

A Green Party of Alberta government will negotiate co-management regimes with Indigenous communities affected by resource developments.

A Green Party of Alberta government will enforce compliance with conditions attached to licenses and permits, issued by government, that allow projects to proceed.

A Green Party of Alberta government will make loans and advances against shared revenue available to Indigenous communities.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Whereas the Government of Canada is a signatory to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the declaration),

Therefore, a Green Party of Alberta government will formally acknowledge our obligations to uphold the declaration;

A Green Party of Alberta government will also commission a review of existing Alberta laws and policies to identify laws and policies which are non-compliant with the declaration for the purpose of bringing forward amendments or replacements or revoking such legislation. Such a

commission would be constituted of a majority of Indigenous members. (Approved September 2017)

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC)

A Green Party of Alberta government will acknowledge and endorse the report of the TRC and the 94 “TRC Calls to Action.” (Approved September 2017)

Indigenous flags

A Green Party of Alberta government will mandate that all government properties where provincial or national flags are flown will also fly, not in an inferior position, the applicable Treaty flag and/or flag of the local First Nation(s) on whose traditional territory the property is found.

Be it further resolved that local First Nations elders and leaders shall be properly engaged, with appropriate recognition and compensations (such as, but not limited to, ceremonial tobacco), prior to the first raising of such flags, for the purpose of having appropriate and inclusive ceremonies at the first raisings. (Approved September 2017)

Reconciliation

Whereas reconciliation between Indigenous and other Albertans will require that trust be built between the two groups, and

Whereas building trust with Indigenous people will require that other Albertans and Albertan institutions, including the government of Alberta, will have to show they are sincere about changing their behaviour towards Indigenous people,

Indigenous people are less likely than most other Albertans to come forward with evidence of wrong-doing against them, because historically they have not been believed or their evidence has been discounted when they have come forward,

A Green Party of Alberta government will take proactive steps to determine whether systemic abuses against Indigenous people, such as coerced sterilizations (e.g., against Indigenous women in Saskatchewan) or police abuse of power (e.g., against Indigenous women in Quebec), that are documented to have occurred in other provinces have also occurred in our province. (Approved September 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize traditional Indigenous hunting rights and that Provincial Laws and Regulations do not supersede those rights. *(Approved February 2019)*

Infrastructure

A Green Party of Alberta government will apply sustainability principles to proposals for new infrastructure. For example, the question of new transmission lines would have to be evaluated in light of the need to transition to production of electricity from renewable sources which by their very nature tend to be more dispersed than huge coal-burning plants. Greater decentralization may mean less need for transmission lines and cost savings. (Approved March 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will treat broadband internet access as a human right, and work to provide Albertans with wired broadband internet access to the premises wherever feasible, in order to ensure internet access that is fast, reliable, cyber-secure, and economically

affordable, while also protecting the environment.
(Approved Sept 2021)

A Green Party of Alberta government will develop and implement a government-funded job creation program called the Alberta Resilience Corps (ARC). The ARC has three main components:

1. (DM) Disaster Management jobs that provide mitigation and recovery for areas suffering from natural and man-made disasters such as flood, fire, drought and unsafe drinking water.
2. (CM) Conservation Management jobs that expand park trail systems and support ecotourism. Also, preserve our environment, water, soil, and biodiversity by regenerating our natural areas and bolstering our water and food security.
3. (RM) Reclamation Management jobs that restore areas damaged and polluted by industry and repurpose abandoned infrastructure for sustainable uses such as solar or geothermal optimization. (Approved Sept 2021)

A Green Party of Alberta government will vigorously oppose all P3, that is, public-private partnership, initiatives. (Approved March 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will assess and regulate the density of all linear developments (roads, utility corridors, pipelines, railways, power lines, telecom infrastructure, right of ways, etc.) in order to minimize their negative impact on watershed health. (Approved March 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will commit to developing and promoting essential green energy infrastructure. This infrastructure may include a variety of solutions for communities such as distributed smart grids, microgrids, district heating and cooling, community-owned energy, renewable energy generation, distributed generation, energy storage, electrification of transportation systems, and a network of high voltage direct current transmission lines. A Green Party of Alberta government will commit to the aim of the democratization and decentralization of energy. (Approved Nov 2021)

Public Libraries

Public libraries, accessible to all in the community, are essential if we are to have a vibrant and fair democracy.

As is the case in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the Green Party of Alberta government will support putting into law “specifically and unambiguously” our citizens’ rights to free universal public library access.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the immediate restoration of funding to our public libraries to compensate for revenue they would lose by providing free library cards.

Jobs, Economy and Innovation

Flexible Work Hours

A Green Party of Alberta government will legislate reasonable access to flexible work practices,

including telecommuting and flexible work hours in order to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by unnecessary commuting, heating empty offices and homes, and rush hour idling.

The regulatory framework would require employers to justify refusing a request for flexible work arrangements. The framework would also stipulate occupational health and safety standards for staff who work off-site. (Approved September, 2019)

Justice and Solicitor General

Human Rights

Respect for human dignity and individuality lies at the heart of human rights. A Green Party of Alberta government will support robust legal protection for the human rights of all Albertans. The Party would ensure that the Alberta Human Rights Commission functioned effectively to promote respect for human rights in the province.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support amending the Alberta Human Rights Act to require prospective employers to eliminate names, gender, and age from initial hiring and application processes in order to reduce discrimination. (Approved May 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will amend the Alberta Human Rights Act to make it illegal to discriminate in employment on the basis that a person has been convicted of a criminal or summary conviction offence that is unrelated to the employment, or to the intended employment, of that person. (Approved March 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will also amend the _Alberta Human Rights Act_ so that

- a. it is illegal for an employer to ask for a criminal record check until a job offer has been made, and
- b. where an offer is made and a criminal record is shown to exist, it would be illegal for the employer to withdraw the job offer, unless the offence for which there is a conviction is related to the intended employment of that person. (Approved March 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will mandate all governmental departments and agencies to include an option to specify “other” wherever gender is to be specified in forms or other procedures. (Approved September 2017)

Legal System

A well-functioning and fair legal system lies at the heart of Canadian democracy, including our democracy here in Alberta. A Green Party of Alberta government will be vigilant in keeping our legal system strong where it is still in good shape and to improving it where weaknesses are developing or are already evident.

Improving legal aid

A Green Party of Alberta government will provide adequate funding for legal aid in this province. (Approved September 2017)

Non Disclosure

Be it resolved that a green party government will ban non-disclosure agreements in any situation where victimization of persons or communities have been raised as a formal complaint against a corporation, government body or institution as a means of contributing to a broader culture of democratic transparency. (Approved September, 2019)

Annual payment per vote

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the public funding of political parties by means of an annual payment of \$2 to each registered party for each vote cast for that party in the most recent general election.

Electoral reform: Proportional Representation

A Green Party of Alberta Government will immediately implement a voting system similar to the Proportional Representation (PR) voting system that existed in the province between 1924 - 1955 which utilized Singular Transferable Voting in all city-wide districts and Ranked Choice Voting (Alternative Vote) in rural districts. The reinstatement of a PR system would be followed by establishing a Citizens Assembly on PR to guide best practices and further reform. (Approved February 2023)

Electoral reform: Voting age

A Green Party of Alberta government will lower the voting age in provincial, municipal and school board elections to 16.

Election finance

Individual contributions would be limited by a Green Party of Alberta government to a maximum amount to be determined on the basis of further research. That maximum amount would be lower than \$4000. (Amended September 2017) (Approved September 2017)

Election finance: Third-party spending in municipal elections

A Green Party of Alberta government will legislate that the third- party spending regulations for provincial elections be applied to all municipal and school board elections and by-elections, in addition to any further constraints imposed by municipal election bodies. (Approved September

2017)

Other Election Act amendments

A Green Party of Alberta government will make all charges, findings and penalties imposed under the Election Act, as well as any subsequent, related legal proceedings (for example, appeals) publicly available immediately on the web site of the Chief Electoral Officer.
Government transparency and accountability

A Green Party of Alberta government will review and amend the _Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act_ to maximize the availability of government-held information to Albertans and remove all unjustifiable exemptions.

A Green Party of Alberta government will also amend the _Conflicts of Interest Act_ so that the responsibility for reporting meetings between government officials and others would fall on the shoulders of those government officials. (With this change made there would be no need for a Registrar of Lobbyists.) Government officials would be required to display all such meetings in their daily agendas which would be posted in real time on their web sites. Monthly summaries of these meetings with participants and topics discussed included would also be posted. With the objective of enhancing the free flow of information to the public about what government is doing a Green Party of Alberta government will disband the Public Affairs Bureau.

A Green Party of Alberta government will establish an independent, non-ad hoc process for setting MLA and Cabinet Ministers salaries, benefits, and compensable expenses. Before making a choice of process, it would review how these issues are handled by other Canadian jurisdictions which use such processes, such as Manitoba, Ontario and PEI. Since the position as currently defined has only to do with conflicts of interest, not ethics, a Green Party of Alberta government will rename the Ethics Commissioner the "Conflict of Interest Commissioner."

Public participation

A Green Party of Alberta government will strike a Citizens' Assembly to advise and consult on how all dimensions of provincial government operations can be made more genuinely participatory and transparent to Albertans.

Tax credits for political donations

A Green Party of Alberta recommends adoption of the federal government's donation framework with a 75% credit available for donations up to and including \$400, 50% for the next \$350, and 33.3% for the following \$525 to a total credit limit of \$650 for donations up to and including \$1275.

School board elections

A Green Party of Alberta government will support tightening up the campaign finance and expenditure rules which apply to school board elections. As a first step, the Green Party of

Alberta government will make school board elections subject to campaign expenditure rules that are at least as rigorous as those which apply to municipal council elections.

Open data policy

A Green Party of Alberta government will adopt the “open by default” approach in the gathering, compiling, and processing, of new data. This would require explicit action to be taken by government workers or officials to designate data to be withheld from public disclosure. In the absence of such action, data systems and practices would be enacted to automatically make the data available through “Open Data” processes in accordance with personal privacy legislation. (Approved September 2017)

Citizens' Initiative and Recall Proposal

A Green Party of Alberta government will implement citizens' initiative and recall legislation, similar to the Recall and Initiative Act put into effect by the Province of BC, thereby encouraging Albertans to have a stronger, healthier voice within our political system. (Approved November 2020)

Expansion of Postal Voting

Consistent with the Green principle of Participatory Democracy, a Green Party of Alberta government will support making it easier for Albertans to vote by mail ballot. Accordingly, a Green Party of Alberta government will establish a commission to determine how the opportunities for voting by mail can best be increased, and will subsequently enact legislation to that end. (Approved November 2020)

Labour and Immigration

A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that for most ordinary Albertans employment – a good job – is key to their financial security and sense of well-being. The Party also appreciates that the move to a smart, greener economy, which it supports, will provide more good work, not less, and thus will improve the lives of Albertans and that of newcomers to the province.

Foreign and out-of-province credentials

A Green Party of Alberta government will establish a commission to review the processes whereby foreign-trained and out-of-province professionals are certified to practice in Alberta.

Municipal Affairs

A Green Party of Alberta government will support law and public finance reform that would better recognize the key role that city governments play in meeting the needs of Albertans. A Green Party of Alberta government will amend the Municipal Government Act to give Alberta municipalities the power to require that developers make a certain percentage of their projects

affordable housing. More research would be needed to establish the precise criteria for implementing inclusive zoning.

The Green Party of Alberta government will provide meaningful discussions with the municipalities to develop a definition of grey water leading to further discussions on the secondary use of grey water and storm water runoff.

Third-party spending in municipal elections

Whereas third-party spending in municipal elections is unregulated,
Whereas this allows for semi-anonymous, including potentially non-local or foreign, funding to interfere in local democratic processes,

Therefore, a Green Party of Alberta government will legislate that the third- party spending regulations for provincial elections be applied to all municipal and school board elections and by-elections, in addition to any further constraints imposed by municipal election bodies.
(Approved September 2017)

Sustainable municipalities

A Green Party of Alberta government will adopt a framework which sets and supports sustainability targets for the province including our municipalities. The framework would be enforced by provincial law, including by means of amendments, if necessary, to the Municipal Government Act. (Approved September 2017)

Public Service Commission

Seniors and Housing

Seniors, long-term care and community support policy

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the creation of a coordinated, publicly-funded and delivered support system for seniors who require care. The system will be based on principles of dignity and respect and will focus on quality of life including emotional, spiritual and social needs of seniors as well as health-care needs. We will expand home care to bring the care people need into their own homes. For people who can no longer remain at home we will provide long term care option in improved facilities that are more home-like and that follow best international practices.

Home care

A Green Party of Alberta government will expand and adequately fund comprehensive home care to ensure it is responsive to both health and personal care needs of the patient and the family so that people are able to stay in their own homes as long as possible rather than having to move for care.

Housing

A Green Party of Alberta government will take very seriously the need of Albertans for affordable, suitable to their needs and sustainable, for example, energy efficient, housing.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the new small house philosophy and will develop policies to help accommodate this style of housing.

A Green Party of Alberta government will support adoption of a building code for straw and earth structures.

A Green Party of Alberta government will revise and update the current provincial social housing regulations, and will develop a long-term capital plan for additions to, and maintenance of, that portion of the social housing stock that is owned by the province and municipalities.

A Green Party of Alberta encourages affordable cooperative housing. (Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the approach to ending homelessness known as "Housing First." A Green Party of Alberta government will recognize that Housing First is an empty slogan and cannot be successful anywhere in the province unless there is an adequate supply of affordable and supported housing for those needing it. A Green Party of Alberta government will ensure there is an adequate supply of both affordable and supported housing and other required resources throughout the province. (Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will require all municipalities to facilitate alternative approaches to more sustainable housing, such as housing cooperatives and co-housing. The purpose of these facilitators (in essence, case-managers) would be to assist groups wanting to build or retrofit existing buildings for cooperatives, co-housing or other alternative approaches to housing, in getting through the approval process successfully and as quickly as possible. (Approved October 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will require all municipalities to review their bylaws, regulations and procedures so as to remove unnecessary or unreasonable barriers to meeting the need for affordable and alternative forms of housing, including for cooperatives and co-housing. (Approved October 2016)

Transportation

A Green Party of Alberta government will support forms of transportation that are consistent with the need to reduce dependency on fossil fuels. The Party is supportive of developing and expanding public transit systems wherever feasible in the province.

A Green Party of Alberta Government will create a provincially funded Public Transportation Agency responsible for coordinating the delivery of Interurban and rural sustainable public transportation within the Province of Alberta. (Approved Sept 2021)

Be it resolved that a Green Party of Alberta Government will prioritize the development of low emission ground-based public and mass transportation systems over air and private automotive transportation. (Approved February 2019)

Treasury Board and Finance

Public Finance

A Green principles of social justice and sustainability bear on public finance policy. Accordingly, the Party would avoid incurring debt that would limit the ability of future generations of Albertans to meet their needs.

Taxation: progressive income tax

A Green Party government will make personal income tax rates more progressive and proposes the following tax brackets and rates. The brackets will be adjusted annually at the rate of inflation and the rates will be adjusted to reflect increases or decreases in federal income tax rates.

\$0 to \$20,000 0%
\$20,000 - \$40,000 4%
\$40,000 to \$80,000 7.5%
\$80 000 to \$130,000 12%
\$130,000 to \$190,000 17%
\$190,000 to \$300,000 23%
\$300,000 to \$1,000,000 30%
Over \$1,000,000 40%
(Approved March 2021)

Taxation: corporate tax rates

A Green Party of Alberta government will reinstate the 2001 corporate tax rates which are higher than current rates. (Approved February 2023)

A Green Party of Alberta government will support introduction of a sales tax for Alberta. (Approved May 2016)

A Green Party of Alberta government will replace fines of a fixed dollar amount with day fines that are proportional to the fined individual's daily income, subject to a basic minimum fine. (Approved Nov 2021)

Carbon tax

A Green Party of Alberta government will support the imposition of Carbon Taxes on all hydrocarbons, at levels sufficient to discourage consumption of them, and will implement equivalent taxation of other sources of greenhouse gas emissions insofar as evolving technology for monitoring makes it practically possible to do so

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Under a Green Party of Alberta government, the Carbon Tax price level will:
Include a plan for defined annual escalations over five year horizons;
Be based on the intention that the pricing plans will be regularly reviewed to balance achieving required reductions in emissions with the intention of being consistent with the efforts of the developed world in general.

Revenue from the Carbon Tax may be used to:
Offset the impact of the Carbon Tax on lower income individuals; Fund research and development of sustainable technologies and governance;
Pay down debt or add to the Heritage Fund; Reduce taxation from other sources. (Approved March 2017)

A Green Party of Alberta government will revise, improve, and reincorporate the Carbon Competitive Incentive Regulation (CCIR) legislation that creates industry standards, based on product and technology for allowable levels of GHG emissions. It would create a common 'best practice' benchmark for industry participants upon which all GHG costs or credits available are calculated for their facility. (Approved March 2021)

Royalties

A Green Party of Alberta believes that Albertans should "act like owners" of publicly held resources and would continually monitor the status of royalties payable to the provincial government to optimize Albertans' share of production. (Approved March 2017)

Heritage Fund

The goal in 1976 was to contribute 35% of royalties to the Heritage Fund. A Green Party of Alberta government will settle for nothing less.

Emissions from shipping and aviation industries

A Green Party of Alberta government will actively support dramatic reductions from the shipping and aviation industries, and particularly a global carbon price on shipping and aviation fuels, by consulting with and urging the federal government to take up the policy in international fora and negotiations, and other mechanisms. (Approved May 2018)