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Better healthcare. Lower taxes. Safer communities.

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FROM THE DESK OF TONY WAKEHAM

Newfoundland and Labrador is at a turning point. After a decade of Liberal government, life has become more expensive, healthcare is in crisis, and too many of us no longer feel safe in our communities. The current Liberal government has chosen photo ops over meaningful action, leaving too many people behind. It's time for a government that listens, delivers, and puts the people of this province first.

A Progressive Conservative government will be different. We will restore affordability, ensure that healthcare works for all of us, and make our communities safer. Our plan is built on three key commitments:

- ✓ **Lower Taxes for All of Us,**
- ✓ **Better Healthcare for All of Us, and**
- ✓ **Safer Communities for All of Us.**

These are commitments and priorities that reflect the everyday challenges Newfoundlanders and Labradorians face and the solutions we will deliver.

We know that affordability isn't just about tax cuts—it's about making life more manageable for families, seniors, and businesses struggling under rising costs. We will take real steps to ease financial pressures and put more money back in the pockets of hardworking people. We also know that fixing healthcare isn't about more reports and empty promises—it's about ensuring that everyone, no matter where they live, can access the care they need when they need it. It's about supporting local health care professionals - not giving millions away to out of province agencies. And when it comes to safety, we won't turn a blind eye to growing concerns—we will take decisive action to hire more police officers, invest in crime prevention, and ensure that every community feels more secure.

This election is about more than changing governments—it's about building a future where people don't just come from Newfoundland and Labrador; they come to it. A future where opportunity thrives, where no one is left behind, and where government works for all of us. Four more years of Liberal government will not change the path we're on. The time for action is now, and with your support, we will make it happen.



Tony Wakeham

Leader of the PC Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

LOWER TAXES

The Liberals have allowed the cost of living in this province to soar, leaving many hardworking Newfoundlanders and Labradorians struggling. It seems like the price of everything has gone up. Soaring food and housing costs mean that your paycheque doesn't go as far anymore.

The Liberal plan was to force prices even higher by increasing 300 taxes and fees in their first budget, followed by a sugar tax and carbon tax.

In order to make life affordable for all of us, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Reduce the amount of income tax paid by hardworking Newfoundlanders and Labradorians by raising the basic personal amount to \$15,000. This means that you will not pay any provincial income tax on your first \$15,000 earned. Newfoundland and Labrador will have the highest basic personal amount in all of Atlantic Canada.
- Eliminate the Sugar Tax legislation. Although the Liberals finally realized the Sugar Tax was a mistake, their regressive legislation remains in place.
- Permanently lower the gasoline tax. We will make the temporary gas tax reduction permanent, saving you 8 cents per litre.
- Make more families and individuals eligible for the Physical Activity Tax Credit by letting them claim fitness gear like sneakers and bikes.
- Review all taxes and fees charged to the people and businesses of the province with the goal of removing unnecessary fees. In 2016, the Liberals added or increased over 300 taxes and fees. Many, like higher provincial park fees, are still in place.
- Support rotational workers who travel out of province for work by introducing a tax credit of up to \$2,000. This credit will help cover travel expenses for Newfoundland and Labrador residents who must pay out of pocket to work outside the province.

But Wakeham's vision goes further. A Wakeham PC government will focus on targeted relief for those who need it the most: seniors, students, and low-income families.

To make life more affordable for seniors, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Raise the Seniors' Benefit by 20% and index it to inflation.
- Help create affordable and independent housing for seniors who prefer to move into a supportive community environment. Helping to create seniors' communities will also free up housing throughout the marketplace.
- Make it easier for seniors to stay in their homes by improving access to repairs and safety upgrades like grab bars and ramps.

Postsecondary students and recent graduates should be focused on building their future and the future of this province, not on how they are going to pay for it. Our province's path to growth relies on our students, which is why a Wakeham PC government will:

- Put money back in the pockets of graduates. Graduates who stay, work, and live in this province will receive their tuition back.
- Provide paid work terms for students, training in hard to fill areas, who complete their placement within the health, social, and education services of the provincial government. This includes students who are studying to be nurses, teachers, social workers, and more.
- Recruit additional healthcare workers by providing every student, training in a program where there are staff shortages, an offer of employment at the beginning of their studies.
- Require Memorial University to be fiscally responsible with the funding it receives. We will not allow MUN to balance its books on the backs of students. We will not allow MUN to expand its footprint or increase tuition until it ends administrative bloat, resolves outstanding critical maintenance, and returns its focus to students.
- Immediately launch a review of tuition and fees at Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic, including the provincial student loans and grant programs.

To make life more affordable for low-income families, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Provide the NL Child Benefit to 3,000 more children.
- Launch a responsive Poverty Reduction and Prevention Strategy with the goal of making our province's poverty rates the lowest in the country.
- Update the eligibility criteria to allow more families and individuals to receive essential support from government programs.

Too many people in Newfoundland and Labrador cannot find a safe and affordable place to live. Newly advertised rental units have long lists of people applying. Homes are being sold for thousands of dollars over list price. Many young people are living with their parents or roommates while dreaming of home ownership. Seniors are struggling to keep up with the cost of heating and maintaining their large family homes; they want to continue to live independently but say their existing home is too big for them.

Tony Wakeham's housing plan is focused on increasing the number of people whose housing costs do not exceed 30% of their incomes – giving everyone the opportunity to have a safe and suitable home within their budget. With the goal of 10,000 new homes in the province over five years, our province can grow.

To make housing more affordable, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Reduce the red tape surrounding new home builds and redevelopment. We will work with municipalities to encourage red tape reduction and explore modular home construction as a solution to build homes faster.
- Help create affordable and independent housing for seniors who prefer to move into a supportive community environment. Helping to create seniors' communities will free up housing throughout the marketplace.
- Aggressively repair or replace uninhabitable NL Housing units. Where possible, we will modify large multi-bedroom units into smaller units for single individuals.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTRE



BETTER HEALTHCARE

The people of our province deserve real access to healthcare—not just a place on a waiting list. Tony Wakeham’s vision is to make sure everyone gets the right care at the right time, without having to pay extra. He will not leave rural NL behind, but instead will make sure every resident of this province has access to healthcare when they need it.

Tony Wakeham will strive to make sure that everyone has access to a consistent healthcare provider, either a family doctor or a nurse practitioner. People shouldn’t be forced to go to the emergency room or resort to virtual care as their only point of access to healthcare. 163,000 people in Newfoundland and Labrador do not have a family doctor - that’s unacceptable.

To help everyone access a family doctor or nurse practitioner, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Make sure anyone can see a nurse practitioner for free, with no strings attached.
- Double the size of our province’s nurse practitioner program and train more doctors by increasing the number of seats in our medical school. We will also bring home nurse practitioners and doctors who are now working elsewhere.
- Add 50 seats to our nursing school. We will train, recruit and retain more local nurses so that we can end the reliance on costly out-of-province travel nurse agencies.
- Bring nurse practitioners and family doctors here — and keep them here. We’ll make Newfoundland and Labrador the place they want to build their careers, with overhead support and incentives to help them set up clinics and help patients.
- Recruit additional healthcare workers by providing every student, training in a program where there are staff shortages, an offer of employment at the beginning of their studies.
- Provide paid work terms for students, training in hard to fill areas, who complete their placement within the health, social, and education services of the provincial government. This includes students who are studying to be nurses, teachers, social workers, and more.

When people need healthcare, they should not have to worry about how they are getting there or the cost of travel. That is why, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Fully cover the costs of traveling for essential care when such services are not available in your region and provide free parking at all healthcare facilities.
- Introduce a daily medical air transportation service based out of Gander. This will help rural patients receive more timely care without having to travel long distances via road.
- Fix the problems with the 911 system, including ambulance delays and a lack of funding to fire departments who respond to medical calls.
- Open an Urgent Care Clinic in Conception Bay South.
- Negotiate with the federal government to secure a national pharmacare program that lowers the cost of prescription drugs and diabetic supplies.

Under the Liberal watch, rural healthcare has been eroded, patients are being forced to wait too long for tests, emergency rooms are overcrowded, and patients have even shown up to their local emergency room to find the doors locked.

Under a Progressive Conservative government, decisions about rural healthcare will not be made in St. John's.

To make sure that residents of rural Newfoundland and Labrador have real access to healthcare, without long waits, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Create a permanent team of local, Newfoundland and Labrador, nurses and nurse practitioners. This team will provide healthcare in different parts of the province, when and where they're needed most - especially in rural, remote, and underserved communities. A recommendation of the Registered Nurses' Union, this will reduce the reliance on expensive out-of-province travel nurses.
- Open the emergency rooms in Botwood and Whitbourne for 24 hours a day.
- End the cycle of rural ER closures and diversions. We'll hire more ER doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses so every shift is covered — even when local staff take time off.
- Reduce wait times by adding additional diagnostic equipment outside of St. John's. Corner Brook will get their PET Scanner.
- Reduce wait times with at least 4 new MRIs in rural Newfoundland and Labrador. These will be located in the Burin Peninsula, Grand Falls - Windsor, Labrador, with the fourth MRI to be located based on need. We will hire the additional technicians needed to operate these machines.
- Provide funding to the Lionel Kelland Hospice in Grand Falls - Windsor.

Tony Wakeham knows that better care starts with supporting healthcare workers. But staff shortages are getting worse — because the Liberal government has failed to back our professionals. The result? Empty positions, longer waits, and declining health outcomes. That is why, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Always listen and consult with front line healthcare workers and their unions. Nurses, technicians, therapists, and frontline staff have firsthand knowledge of what our healthcare system needs. Their insights are essential, and we're committed to acting on their feedback to address the challenges they face.
- Recruit additional healthcare workers by providing every student, training in a program where there are staff shortages, an offer of employment at the beginning of their studies. Students must be hired on their way into the training program, not on their way out.
- Enable all healthcare workers to practice to their full scope so more people can be seen in a timely manner.
- Create and follow a Health Human Resource Plan. This will publicly outline the mix of healthcare providers who are needed, where they are needed, and when they are needed. Healthcare workers themselves will be involved in creating this plan.
- Conduct a full review of MCP operations with a goal to reduce the burden of paperwork.
- Focus the innovation department of NLHS on local technology that will support healthcare workers, increase access to healthcare and decrease wait times.

Everyone in the province should have timely access to mental health and addiction services. While the Liberals built a new mental health facility, they reduced the number of beds, leaving it too small to meet demand. People in our communities are waiting years to see a mental health professional. After years of under-prioritizing mental healthcare, the system in this province needs to be fixed, with a clear focus on providing patients with the right care from the right professional, in a timely manner.

Those struggling with addiction and seeking help are forced to wait far too long for treatment, and some are left with no choice but to leave the province to access the care they need. The Liberals have claimed that out-of-province treatment is necessary. We believe Newfoundland and Labrador should build its own expertise, so individuals in need of specialized care can receive treatment while staying close to the support of family and friends.

To provide better access to mental healthcare and addiction services, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Expand mobile mental health crisis teams in the province.
- Reduce wait times for mental healthcare by hiring more mental healthcare workers, including psychiatrists, psychologists, pharmacists, social workers, nurses, nurse practitioners, counselors, case workers and addiction specialists. We will fill positions the Liberals have left vacant. With a mix of professionals, patients will get the right care at the right time - reducing their wait.
- Support those here at home who have the expertise and the passion to provide rehabilitation services. We will support the creation of new treatment centres right here in Newfoundland and Labrador. We believe in recovery. This will increase access to detox, rehab treatment, and sober living for those recovering from addictions.



SAFER COMMUNITIES



SAFER COMMUNITIES

Every Newfoundlander and Labradorian deserves to feel safe at home and in their community. But after a decade of Liberal inaction, crime, drug-related violence, and repeat offenders are on the rise. In fact, Newfoundland and Labrador experienced the largest increase in the overall crime rate of any province in Canada last year.

Newfoundland and Labrador has devolved from a province where people felt safe to leave their doors unlocked. Where once violence and crime were only on television, it is now a very real fear for residents.

Our police services are stretched thin, responding to calls but unable to provide the thorough investigations and support that residents need. Residents are afraid when they hear about break-ins, theft, drug overdoses, and the increasing presence of illicit drugs and related crime. Far too often, people are asked to 'shelter in place.' This isn't just a problem in St. John's—it's a problem across our province, including in rural communities.

To make communities safer, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Increase the presence of police in our communities. We will make sure there are enough police officers to respond to calls in a timely manner, to carry out fulsome investigations, and to take a preventative approach to crime reduction.
- Restore the active-duty police force at the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) to the highest levels in ten years by filling all vacant positions while adding positions where necessary to meet provincial policing needs. This means hiring at least 21 new Police Officers.

Hire 25 new Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers to increase public safety in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

- Reinstate community-based policing to focus on crime prevention.
- Ensure there are sufficient Crown Prosecutors and the necessary support staff to ensure trials proceed without delay. A delay in prosecuting crime does not reduce crime.
- Expand mobile mental health crisis teams in the province.
- Implement stronger civilian oversight of police services with the creation of a Police Oversight Board that is independent of police, civilian-led, politically neutral, and representative of the province's diverse communities.
- Work with federal lawmakers, police, and the court system to end the practice of "catch and release" where police officers arrest the same person repeatedly only to have them released back into society. We will also work with the federal government towards community-based bail enforcement and monitoring to better track compliance.
- Continue progress towards a new Adult Corrections Facility in the metro area. The Liberals failed to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary despite a clear promise to do so and substantial federal money to get it done. This failure means offenders are being released back into the community without addictions treatment, fueling a revolving door of dangerous crime.
- Support municipalities' community safety plans.
- Support those here at home who have the expertise and passion to provide rehabilitation services. We will support the creation of new treatment centres. This will increase access to detox, rehab treatment, and sober living for those recovering from addictions. We believe in recovery.

Safer Communities is more than just policing and crime prevention; it is also about safe roadways, safe schools and safe places. It is about helping to support first responders – both paid and volunteer. A Wakeham PC government will:

- Increase cellular coverage throughout the province by working with industry and advocating for additional investment from the federal government.
- Create a public AED registry to help 911 and the public locate the nearest device in emergencies.
- Fix the problems with the 911 system, including ambulance delays and a lack of funding to fire departments who respond to medical calls.
- Ensure that the province is as prepared as possible to respond to natural disasters, such as floods, storms, and wildfires. This will include reviewing recent emergency responses to wildfires and making improvements for the future.
- Provide volunteer firefighters with training and equipment to respond to floods, forest fires, medical calls, and other emergencies. The Liberals only committed to purchasing wildland coveralls for 35 volunteer fire departments; we will make sure that every volunteer fire department has the wildland coveralls they need.
- Double the Volunteer Firefighter and Search and Rescue Tax Credits.
- Maintain a fully operational and staffed water bomber fleet. A PC government will make repairs to the fifth water bomber a priority, so it can return to operation. Once repaired, it will be stationed and at the ready in Labrador.
- Hire 50 more wildland firefighters and recruit the wildland firefighters four weeks earlier each year.

To increase the safety of our roadways, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Fix the Liberal mistake of canceling 24-hour snow clearing.
- Enact a regular and proactive roadside brush-cutting maintenance plan to improve visibility and reduce the risk of accidents, especially involving wildlife.
- Increase moose fencing throughout the province.
- Fix roads, fill potholes, and repair pavement with a multi-year planning approach.

PUTTING YOU FIRST: EQUITY, SAFETY, AND BELONGING

A society must be equitable and inclusive, where people are embraced for their rich diversity, experiences and perspectives. We must cultivate a healthy environment where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and heard, where diversity is celebrated and where the doors are wide open to all. Everyone must feel safe, secure, and have resources to thrive.

To work to reduce gender-based violence and family violence, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Prioritize community-led prevention initiatives and survivor support.
- Ensure trauma-informed training for justice and law enforcement personnel so victims are treated with understanding and respect. We will conduct a trauma-informed review of the justice system to improve education, prevention, and reduce re-victimization.
- Consult on establishing new legislative tools to give victims of family violence more ways to seek justice within the family law system.
- Expand Family Justice Services to give survivors of family violence better access to legal help without further trauma.

To ensure the values of a Wakeham PC government reflects that of our whole society, we will:

- Create an independent, dedicated Advocate for Persons with Disabilities.
- Implement multi-year core operational funding to community groups.
- Fix the ineffective Liberal Pay Equity Legislation and replace it with legislation that will truly see pay equity in the province. We believe in equal pay for work of equal value.
- Inform decisions with gender based plus analysis. We will develop a robust policy analysis tool which we will make publicly available.

SETTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH UP FOR SUCCESS

Too many children and youth are not getting the support they need to thrive in this province. The new Education Accord paints a vivid picture of all the things the Liberal government should have been doing over the past ten years but failed to do. The Liberals wasted a decade repeating study after study while ignoring the crisis facing students and classrooms.

We believe that a well-rounded education system will prepare youth to help expand the province's economy, rejuvenate rural Newfoundland and Labrador, and bring new industries into our province. Education can help reduce our province's poverty rate, increase population health, and create a stronger community social safety net.

Early Childhood Education

We support \$10-a-day early childhood education, but recognize that it is currently inaccessible for thousands of families because there are not enough spaces in the province. To help create the spaces that families and children need, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Establish a permanent advisory panel of early childhood education operators and care providers. We will take advice and listen to early childhood educators and operators. We will reduce the burden of paperwork they face.
- Provide space for early childhood education in new school builds.
- Work with communities, and the public and private sectors, to create early childhood education spaces in all regions of the province.
- Support Early Childhood Educators by promoting access to pension plans and paid sick leave.

K-12 Education

- Conduct a needs assessment of K-12 schools and maintenance requirements. Based on clearly defined criteria—including overcrowding, structural condition, age, and projected community growth—we will implement a plan to replace schools. Priority will be given to schools in serious disrepair, such as Frank Roberts Junior High.
- Expand school meals for K-12 students. Kids can't learn when they're hungry—yet nearly 40% of children in our province live in food-insecure households.
- Strengthen the basics in education. We will focus on reading, writing, math, science, and computer skills—while also supporting creativity and well-being. The curriculum will better prepare students to meet national and global standards.
- Hire and retain more teachers. We will work with the NLTA to improve working conditions, reduce class sizes, tackle school violence, and increase mental health and classroom support. We will stop splitting teaching positions beyond half-time and ensure full-time roles where needed. To hire more teachers, we will train more teachers locally.

- Review the school transportation system to see if improvements can be made to consider the needs of families.
- Improve students' access to school psychologists and social workers to support youth both inside and outside the classroom. These professionals must be available to students year-round; support should not stop in June.
- Treat Student Assistants and Teaching Assistants with respect. We will fix the policy which hires these essential classroom supports too late in the school year; we will stop the practice of laying them off over the Christmas and Summer breaks.
- Provide Student Assistants to students who need them. Too many students in our province have had their much needed support taken away from them this school year. We will work with students, families, and schools to help every child have a path to success.
- Support early assessment and intervention. We will provide tools and resources to identify and support students with physical, developmental, or learning challenges early in their education. We will strengthen inclusive education with individualized support and small-group instruction to help every student succeed.
- Expand skilled trades programs with a high school pre-apprenticeship program. High school students will be given the opportunity to explore and prepare for careers in the skilled trades.

Post-Secondary

- Require Memorial University to be fiscally responsible with the funding it receives. We will not allow MUN to balance its books on the backs of students. We will not allow MUN to expand its footprint or increase tuition until it ends administrative bloat, resolves outstanding critical maintenance, and returns its focus to students.
- Immediately launch a review of tuition and fees at Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic, including the provincial student loans and grant programs.
- Break down barriers to education by ensuring post-secondary programming is available to students of all regions of the province in a manner that is cost effective. This will be done utilizing distance education and by matching the offerings of the College of the North Atlantic with labour market needs in the regions.
- Align new post-secondary offerings with future labour market needs. We will forecast future labour shortages and adjust class sizes in advance of these shortages to respond more expeditiously to changing labour market needs.



SUPPORTING SENIORS

It is unacceptable that seniors are forced to cut their pills in half because they can't afford the cost of the medicines they need. Many seniors are living below the poverty line, too poor to stay healthy. Some seniors have been forced to take part-time jobs to make ends meet.

To ensure that all seniors in this province have the means to live a healthy and full life, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Raise the Seniors' Benefit by 20% and index it to inflation. This will give seniors who qualify an extra \$300 per year.
- Help create affordable and independent housing for seniors who prefer to move into a supportive community environment. Helping to create seniors' communities will free up housing throughout the marketplace.
- Update the criteria for support programs targeted towards seniors so that more people will qualify for essential government support programs.
- Work with the Seniors' Advocate on strategies to help make life affordable for seniors and to increase access to healthcare. The Liberals have ignored too many recommendations from the Seniors' Advocate.
- Petition the Federal Government to change the current OAS and GIS monthly pension payment schedules to biweekly and to allow pensioners to re-enter the workplace without claw back of their OAS and GIS benefits.
- Create laws to protect older adults and improve home care, supportive housing, personal care homes, and long-term care.
- Help seniors age comfortably at home by expanding programs and services. We will conduct a review of the home support program to make sure seniors who need home care can receive home care.
- Make it easier for seniors to stay in their homes by improving access to repairs and safety upgrades like grab bars and ramps.
- Use a 10-year plan to make sure there are enough personal care homes and long-term care beds. Seniors shouldn't have to wait in hospitals for a bed.

REBUILDING A STRONGER ECONOMY

Newfoundland and Labrador is at a turning point. But with growing international uncertainty, it's clear we need to build a stronger economy that puts our businesses first.

We must cut unnecessary rules and paperwork, increase trade with other provinces, and support our local businesses. Small business owners face too many obstacles when starting or growing a business. We need to create a pro-business environment that helps them succeed.

We also need to focus more on rural economies, which have been overlooked for too long. The Liberal government has continued to leave rural Newfoundland and Labrador behind. With the right support, these communities can grow and thrive. At the same time, we must deal with the serious worker shortage facing our industries. This will require smart workforce planning and efforts to grow our population.

To drive growth through trade, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Eliminate unnecessary regulations that prevent local businesses from expanding or bidding on projects in other provinces.
- Cut red tape between provinces. Products and services should be able to move freely across Canada. Different rules in each province slow things down, cost businesses money, and make everyday goods more expensive.
- Recognize professional credentials and required training across provinces. Workers certified in one province should not be forced to do additional training to work in another. Examples of required training which can be streamlined across provinces include Fall Arrest, Confined Space and WHIMIS training.
- Buy local first. When the government spends tax dollars, local and Canadian businesses should get the work—so more money stays in our communities.
- Task a Minister with helping Newfoundland and Labrador businesses, including the fishery, find international markets.

Growing an economy starts with a pro-business approach. Small business owners face too many roadblocks in starting and growing their business. In January 2025, the CFIB's annual red tape report card gave the Liberals an F grade, the fifth year in a row. Our goal is to achieve an A grade on this report card early within our mandate.

To support local businesses, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Aggressively reduce red tape to free businesses from outdated rules thus allowing them to thrive in all regions of the province.
- Make government services easier to use. We will set clear service standards, put more forms online, and speed things up by auto-filling repeat forms. We will also create step-by-step guides to help new business owners. We will increase the number of government services available online.
- Improve the business help desk. Employers will get clearer answers about the rules that apply to them and can check-in if applications are delayed. We will also extend hours so help is available when business owners need it.
- Lower the small business tax to 1%.

To grow the economy, we also need a bright and talented workforce. We must unleash the full potential of our talent pool through innovative workforce development strategies, population growth and immigration initiatives. With workforce development, a focus on restarting our industries, and using facilities like Cow Head and Bull Arm we can bring back good paying jobs to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

To grow the workforce, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Develop a strategy for population growth spanning 2026-2031, focused on workforce development, growing families, growing regions, immigration and returning Newfoundlanders and Labradorians home.
- Align training and upskilling opportunities with labour market needs to help unemployed and underemployed Newfoundlanders and Labradorians gain the skills they need for available jobs
- Focus immigration on critical areas of labour shortage using the expertise of local individuals who have a track record of recruiting internationally.
- Fix the skilled trades apprenticeship program to make it easier for apprentices to access on-the-job training, complete in-class modules, and successfully pass their certification exams. Upon completion of their primary training, all apprentices will automatically receive their log books.
- Expand skilled trades programs with a high school pre-apprenticeship program. High school students will be given the opportunity to explore and prepare for careers in the skilled trades.
- Require local community benefits agreements for all natural resource projects and public infrastructure contracts valued over \$500,000. This will ensure the principal beneficiary of our resources will always be the people of our province. This will prioritize the hiring of local skilled trade workers, awarding of contracts to local companies, and opportunity for apprentices and underrepresented groups such as women, gender diverse individuals, and Indigenous workers. Projects will be required to employ a minimum of 10% apprentices. In partnership with industry and trades unions, we will work towards the benchmarks outlined by TradesNL.
- Ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador receives its fair share of any new federal government defence spending.

REJUVENATING RURAL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Healthcare in rural Newfoundland and Labrador is the worst in the country. Crime is rising. Too many people no longer feel safe in their own communities. The Liberals have failed not only to deliver quality basic services, but also to support the long-term growth of rural economies. If we want to see our rural communities thrive, we need strong healthcare, safer communities, and a real economic plan that delivers results.

The Liberals have overlooked the importance of cultivating rural economies and delivering essential services. A renewed focus on rural regional development is essential to ensure a vibrant future for rural residents and businesses alike. We believe that regional economic development must be a key focus in rejuvenating rural Newfoundland and Labrador. Everyone has a part to play in a region-led, government supported model.

To grow and develop rural Newfoundland and Labrador, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Introduce a Rural Secretariat within the Executive Council that will ensure every decision is made with rural Newfoundland and Labrador in mind. With the full force of Cabinet, this Secretariat will address both economic and social challenges in rural regions.
- Take a region-by-region approach. We will work with Municipalities NL, industry stakeholders, local leaders, businesses and community organizations to help each region of this province to have a sustainable and prosperous future with a strong economy, amenities, and services readily available.
- Strengthen local economies by focusing on what each region does best, reducing duplication and competition between neighboring communities. To make this happen, the government will restore local-led economic development, and support regions in building distinct economies and maximizing their unique opportunities.
- Replace aging provincial ferries and ensure a swing vessel is available when needed. We will replace the existing, aging fleet with a modern and reliable ferry service. We will explore options to build vessels here in our province with a new strategy to build ferries in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Increase cellular coverage throughout the province by working with industry and advocating for additional investment from the Federal Government, pairing it with provincial funding.



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FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE

For far too long fish harvesters, crew members, plant workers, and processors have all been ignored. Fish harvesters were forced to protest on the steps of the Confederation Building because the Liberals ignored them.

A Wakeham government will prioritize the fishery and the aquaculture sectors. By focusing on joint fisheries management and collaborating with stakeholders, we will build a robust fishery that creates jobs, supports young harvesters, and stimulates economic growth in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

To ensure that our fishery benefits our people, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Appoint a full-time Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister to focus on growing both our traditional fishery and to recognize the potential of aquaculture.
- Prioritize collaboration with the fishing industry. We will never make policy or legislative changes without confirming that they grow, not hinder, the fishery. We will focus on adding value to the products we harvest and identifying new markets where we can increase the value of the sector.
- Demand an equal voice over our fishery. Ottawa should not control our fishery. We will not stop until we have joint control of the fishery while maintaining exclusive control over the processing sector.
- Push Ottawa for a fair food fishery that gives Newfoundlanders and Labradorians the same access to codfish as the rest of Atlantic Canada. This will increase food sustainability and safety on the water.
- Investigate increased harvesting of seals. We will look for more markets to sell our seal products.
- Continue to support the aquaculture Industry by ensuring a world class regulatory regime which balances natural ecosystem protection with the sustainable development of the industry.
- Oppose federal overreach that threatens local industries. Specifically, we cannot support the establishment of a National Marine Conservation Area on the South Coast, as it risks shutting down aquaculture operations and undermining the future of the very communities that rely on them. Our position is clear: we will not support the marine protected area because it puts the aquaculture industry at risk.

FARMING, AGRIFOODS AND FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

We are not producing enough of the food we eat. By working together with farmers, food producers and local retailers, we can grow the farming and agrifoods industry to put more local, affordable food on the shelves for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

To grow the farming and agrifood industry in the province, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Launch a 10-year agriculture strategy, developed with input from farmers, retailers, and experts, to strengthen local food production and connect producers with local markets. This will focus on removing barriers for new farmers, increasing food production, indoor growing, and lengthening the growing season.
- Use more Crown Lands for farming.
- Create a farm loan guarantee program to support new food producers and review grant programs to help farmers attract federal and private investment.
- Review the farm equipment bank and work with farmers to improve access to shared tools and machinery.
- Support secondary food production. We will help food producers who want to set up processing facilities navigate red tape and market their products. We will support new processing facilities which will help local farmers and food producers access local and national grocery stores.

TECHNOLOGY

We envision a strong, innovation-driven economy. By working with industry groups, businesses, and innovators, we can make this province a top choice for investment and job creation. We will support a culture of collaboration and help local tech start-ups grow into larger companies that attract international attention.

To encourage the technology industry to prosper, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Work with industry to promote tech-driven solutions to problems identified in traditional industries. We will host networking sessions so innovators can showcase their innovations across the economy and work with other sectors to solve problems.
- Establish a new process for the procurement of innovation by government and government-funded entities and make sure the terms and conditions attached to projects and pilots do not prevent local companies from accepting capital investment. Procuring innovation is not the same as procuring goods. We will take a local-first approach to ensure that local innovators have an advantage.
- Expand the technology talent pool by training more computer scientists and providing upskilling opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals seeking new careers in the tech industry.
- Create an office to support Intellectual Property. Our IP Office will assist local businesses and innovators in protecting their intangible assets.
- Make Newfoundland and Labrador a world leader in ocean technology again by restarting our ocean strategy, supporting research, and building on our strengths in fisheries, marine science, offshore energy, and Arctic exploration.
- Expand opportunities for students to learn new technologies in our K-12 school system.

BUILDING A SHOWSTOPPING ARTS AND TOURISM INDUSTRY

A vibrant tourism industry requires engaging attractions, beautiful scenery, talented entertainers, welcoming accommodations and amenities, and convenient travel to and within the province. With Newfoundland and Labrador's rich heritage, striking natural beauty, talented artists and artisans, we can grow our industry into one that is busy year-round, offering something for everyone to enjoy.

To make Newfoundland and Labrador the tourism capital of Canada, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Plan for the future beyond 2026 by working quickly with tourism partners on a new strategy to replace the soon-to-expire 5-year plan. This new plan will focus on real, local experiences, better infrastructure, and encouraging people to “vacation at home.”
- Ensure reliable air access with year-round flights to Europe and expanding regional and national connections.
- Reduce the cost of air travel to, from, and within Labrador. The Liberals' initial air travel plan ignored Labrador, their much-too-late “pilot” project failed to lower the cost of travel for all Labradorians. We will push for federal funding to upgrade Labrador airstrips.
- Place a visitor customer service lens on the provincial ferry system to make sure it is easy for visitors to book reservations and visit all of our communities.
- Simplify how tourism businesses register, list, and promote their services online. We will work with Hospitality NL to improve online booking and e-commerce tools.
- Carry out an annual visitor survey and make the results public so tourism providers can target their offerings to the needs of visitors.
- Help the Heart's Content Transatlantic Cable Station become a UNESCO World Heritage Site, drawing visitors from around the world and promoting rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

UNEARTHING THE POTENTIAL OF MINING

Mining and minerals have huge potential to bring jobs and prosperity to rural Newfoundland and Labrador. We will work with developers to drive exploration and development while increasing value-added production and spinoff industries. We must push for competitive regulations so investment does not go elsewhere while waiting on approvals.

To unearth the potential of mining, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Aggressively promote the province's wealth of undeveloped minerals worldwide to attract international interest and investment.
- Meet with mining proponents in our province to discuss any obstacles to launching or growing their operations. We will work collaboratively with them to overcome the challenges, get jobs growing, and proactively assist shovel-ready mining projects.
- Work with the mining industry to address the need for additional energy supply to facilitate growth in areas such as Labrador West.
- Work with the mining industry, local leaders and communities to ensure that services and homes are in place to meet an increase of new workers and new residents.
- Make prospecting and exploration easier by publishing maps and mineral geoscience data to help prospectors.
- Help protect communities where mines are established so there are sufficient clean-up measures to keep the local environment safe.
- Work with Mining NL, industry, and academic stakeholders to prepare the labour force for careers in the mining industry. The CNA campuses in Labrador West and Central Newfoundland will offer programming for individuals interested in careers in the mining sector.

ENERGY

A Wakeham government will always make sure the people of our province are the first to benefit from our natural resources. Newfoundland and Labrador has a unique mix of renewable and non-renewable resources which can supply the country and beyond with energy while bringing benefits into the province.

A Wakeham PC government will always stand up for the oil and gas sector which has brought much prosperity to the province.

To develop our renewable and non-renewable resources, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Publish a comprehensive 10-year Energy Plan which will guide the development of both renewable and non-renewable resources, including oil, natural gas, mining, hydro, wind energy, solar energy, and tidal energy in an environmentally conscious manner.
- Always stand up for oil and gas development. We will reignite offshore exploration, support production growth and, most importantly, secure jobs and benefits for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. We will internationally showcase our high-quality offshore oil and gas reserves and our world class workforce.
- Boldly promote the development of Bay du Nord. This offshore discovery has the tremendous potential to bring jobs and prosperity to our province. We will leave no stone unturned in advocating for this project. We will ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador receives its fair share of work on the Bay du Nord project, including topside work.
- Reduce the timeline from offshore discovery to production. We will work with the federal government and the offshore board to streamline approval processes.
- Push Ottawa to remove the emissions cap on offshore oil production and reinstate incentive programs such as the Atlantic Investment Tax Credit.
- Require local community benefits agreements for all natural resource projects and public infrastructure contracts valued over \$500,000. This will ensure the principal beneficiary of our resources will always be the people of our province. This will prioritize the hiring of local skilled trade workers, awarding of contracts to local companies, and opportunity for apprentices and underrepresented groups such as women, gender diverse individuals, and Indigenous workers. Projects will be required to employ a minimum of 10% apprentices. In partnership with industry and trades unions, we will work towards the benchmarks outlined by TradesNL.
- Make the development of natural gas a priority by investing in a joint feasibility study, funded by the province and industry.

- Maintain vigilant oversight of wind projects to ensure there is a local community benefits agreement that genuinely serves our communities' best interest, that decommissioning costs are transparently addressed, and that the highest environmental protection standards are upheld. We recognize the potential of wind-hydrogen to strengthen Newfoundland and Labrador's position as a North American leader in green energy production.
- Support the development of the Churchill River and the Gull Island project. However, given the information currently available, the proposed agreement with Quebec cannot be supported in good conscience. We have no reason to be confident that the Liberal deal is, in fact, the best possible deal.

There can be no deal without real transparency and that requires a truly independent review. We will immediately end the Liberals sham 'review' that they are running with one of their donors – and replace it with a truly independent review. The results of this process will be fully shared with the public.

Based on this independent review we will demand better terms for Newfoundland and Labrador. We will use the review to fix what needs to be fixed and to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador gets a better deal.

We will not proceed with any deal on the Churchill River unless it is approved by the voters via a referendum.

SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES, ENCOURAGING STRONG REGIONS

Municipal governments and Local Service Districts are in tune with the problems their residents face. They should be empowered to grow their communities, but instead are often caught up in red-tape and long delays from the province.

Municipal leaders say that they don't feel listened to by the Liberal government; they feel ignored. A Wakeham PC government will show respect to municipal leaders. We will listen to them, support them, and help them implement the local solutions their community needs.

To support communities, a Wakeham PC government will:

- Pursue a multi-year planning approach for infrastructure including roads, water, sewer, and recreational facilities. We will evaluate existing infrastructure and work with communities to replace it as necessary.
- Work with municipalities to identify and address vulnerabilities to storm damage, forest fires, flooding, and update emergency preparedness plans for dealing with the increasing number of extreme events.
- Improve the delivery of safe, potable drinking water. We will work with local leaders and communities to develop workable small-town solutions that match the area's needs. We will prioritize funds to municipalities who want to invest to create or improve a municipal water supply.
- Cut red tape and streamline regulations that are making it difficult for municipalities to operate in the best interests of the people they serve.
- Give municipalities more decision-making power regarding the Crown Land in their boundaries. The Crown Lands division of government continues to be plagued with problems despite Liberal promises of solutions.
- Support municipalities' community safety plans.

LABRADOR

Labrador is a distinctive region of the province with unique challenges and opportunities. All our policies include Labradorians but there are specific approaches we need to take to make life more affordable, provide better healthcare, and make communities safer for all Labradorians.

Labradorians take great pride in their regional uniqueness of the Big Land. Although Labrador contributes enormous sums to our prosperity and wealth to our province, Labradorians have been ignored and left behind by the Liberals.

A Wakeham PC government will:

- Create a Regional Health Council to be the voice of Labradorians.
- Reduce waiting times by adding additional diagnostic equipment. Labrador will receive a new MRI machine and the additional technicians needed to operate this machine.
- Ensure that sufficient medical flights are available for residents of remote communities and make sure Labradorians can avail of emergency air medical transport when needed.
- Review services and bed availability in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Labrador West to explore ways to reduce the need to travel, reduce wait times, and improve patient care.
- Recognize that the remote nature of Labrador communities often exacerbates mental health concerns of individuals. We will work to increase access to mental health supports and services across Labrador.
- Collaborate with Labradorians to develop a new Northern Strategic Plan for Labrador.
- Help build new homes in Labrador. Areas such as Labrador West can grow with the proper plan and more housing starts.
- Help create affordable and independent housing for seniors who prefer to move into a supportive community environment. Helping to create seniors' communities will free up housing throughout the marketplace.
- Use a 10-year plan to make sure there are enough personal care homes and long-term care beds. Seniors shouldn't have to wait in hospitals for a bed.
- Work with Indigenous governments to create more housing in Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities are growing.

- Mobilize law enforcement, healthcare and addiction services, housing supports, and community organizations in a strategic effort to improve safety and public health in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. This initiative will be carried out in lockstep with municipal and Indigenous leaders.
- Station a water bomber in Labrador.
- Take action to increase the availability and affordability of food in Labrador, giving special attention to fresh products and produce.
- Reduce the cost of air travel to, from, and within Labrador. The Liberals' initial air travel plan ignored Labrador, their much-too-late "pilot" project failed to lower the cost of travel for all Labradorians. We will push for federal funding to upgrade Labrador airstrips.
- Work with local stakeholders to explore options to reduce reliance on diesel energy generation.
- Press the Government of Canada to acknowledge the importance of raising the quality of the Trans-Labrador Highway to Canadian national highway standards with cell phone service along the highway.



MAKING REAL PROGRESS ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Truth and reconciliation means being honest about the issues facing Indigenous Newfoundlanders and Labradorians and being proactive in making meaningful changes to deal with the wrongs of the past that are still impacting people today. This can only be accomplished by listening and working together as partners.

Imposing solutions without true consultation does more harm than good. A Wakeham PC government will continue implementing the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System. We will do so in true partnership with Indigenous communities.

A Wakeham PC government will:

- Support the redevelopment of the K-12 curriculum so that it includes appropriate content on Indigenous histories, cultures, stories, and languages.
- Provide opportunities to Indigenous Children and Youth to learn and champion traditional language, craft, and skills. We will also provide opportunities for these children and youth to share their heritage with non-Indigenous children and youth throughout the province.
- Implement stronger civilian oversight of police services, including the creation of a Police Oversight Board that is independent of police, civilian-led, politically neutral, and representative of the province's diverse communities.
- Make progress on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Environmental stewardship is crucial for a sustainable future, yet the Liberal government's inaction has severely hindered our progress. Without immediate and decisive measures, it is increasingly unlikely that the province will meet its 2030 emission reduction targets under the Paris Accord. Emission reduction plans must be realistic, practicable, and actionable in the pursuit of net zero.

A Wakeham PC government will:

- Work with stakeholders to review learnings from previously failed Climate Change Action Plans and then create a more attainable Climate Change Action Plan with clear and achievable emission reduction targets, by sector, and report on them regularly.
- Continue to promote Newfoundland and Labrador oil on the world stage due to its low carbon footprint and the efficiency of our industry.
- Fix the Oil to Electric Incentive Program so that more homeowners can make the switch away from oil heated homes.
- Support innovation and green technology by investing in local research that drives sustainable solutions.
- Promote environmental education and awareness through community programs and outreach.
- Work with Indigenous leaders to understand the threat that climate change has on the Indigenous way of life.
- Support communities in adapting to climate change and recovering from its impacts. We will help develop long-term strategies while providing direct aid to residents affected by climate-related disasters, including floods, wildfires, and severe storms.

A RESPONSIBLE FISCAL APPROACH

After ten years of Liberal neglect, life has become more expensive, healthcare is in crisis, and too many of us no longer feel safe in our communities. Instead of addressing people's needs, the Liberals have chosen photo ops and costly sole-sourced contracts over fiscal responsibility.

For much of the past ten years the Liberals chose to manage decline. We reject that option. Newfoundland and Labrador must grow.

Nor do we accept the Liberal's argument that we must rush into a deal with Quebec that sells off our resources for 50 years in order to pay for 4 weeks worth of election promises. Instead we will invest based on clear priorities. No government can be all things at all times to all people. But in this platform, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians can clearly see where we stand - for better healthcare, lower taxes, and safer communities for all of us.

Newfoundland and Labrador needs a government that invests responsibly—a Wakeham PC government will be guided by the following three fiscal principles:

1) A Commitment to Long-Term Planning

Many facilities in this province are well past their best-before date and in real danger of crumbling. The Liberals ignored critical infrastructure—failing to repair the province's fifth waterbomber, neglecting the ferry fleet, leaving roads in disrepair, and stalling school replacements.

To deliver the infrastructure people deserve, we will introduce a Newfoundland and Labrador Infrastructure Act—a strong legislative framework that supports transparent, long-term capital planning. We'll ensure people get the infrastructure they deserve—investments that strengthen communities, support economic activity, and create lasting prosperity - while doing so with fiscal responsibility in mind. Long-term infrastructure planning will empower long-term financial planning while focusing on growing the local workforce and keeping more of the economic benefits here at home. This Act will utilize local community benefits agreements to grow the local workforce, provide opportunity, and keep more of the economic value from these projects here at home.

While investing in better healthcare, lower taxes, and safer communities for all of us, we will take a multi-year approach to reduce deficits step by step. We will set out measurable borrowing reduction targets, and focus on debt reduction once the province is back in surplus.

Our commitment to long term planning is a reasonable and responsible approach that prioritizes people today while securing Newfoundland and Labrador's future.

2) Economic Growth

A PC Government will make long-term economic growth a priority—because the path to fiscal sustainability starts with getting Newfoundland and Labrador moving again. That means focusing on job creation, growing our economy, and harnessing the province's full economic potential. We need more people paying less tax, not less people paying more tax.

Effective governments create the conditions for local businesses and entrepreneurs to create jobs. The Liberals have a dismal record when it comes to creating the conditions for job growth. The latest statistics show this province has the worst unemployment rate in the country, and the worst job creation record of any province.

Rather than raising taxes, we will generate more revenue by creating the conditions for greater prosperity—ensuring more Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are working and building a stronger, more diverse economy for the future. Harnessing the economic potential of the province is critical to future fiscal prosperity.

Targeted tax and fee relief will free employers to grow and hire, and that growth will be the foundation for others to enter the market. A thriving economy with more and more employers and jobs will mean a broader revenue base, with less burden on each and every taxpayer. A thriving private sector will result in new hires as our young people graduate, building our population. This is how a healthy economy operates, and making that a reality is our vision for a brighter future of opportunity throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

Every young person leaving the province to find work is a reminder of the opportunities we're missing. By focusing on developing our resources, like Bay du Nord and hydro, here in Newfoundland and Labrador, for the benefit of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, we can make sure Newfoundlanders and Labradorians aren't forced to leave to make a living—they can move home, stay here, build their futures here, and strengthen our communities for generations to come.

3) Better Spending Choices

The Liberals voted themselves secret bonuses—showing how little respect they have for your tax dollars. We will end waste on outside travel nurse agencies, foreign sponsorships, and bloated contracts. Every dollar will be spent with purpose, accountability, and results—focused on lower taxes, better healthcare, and safer communities for all of us. The Liberal government has lost control of your money. Under their watch, millions have been squandered on Liberal friendly projects, foreign sponsorships, and sole-sourced deals. The Liberal Cabinet shockingly approved a secret severance package to put up to \$48,000 in each of their own pockets—while families are forced to spend more and more every day.

A Wakeham PC government will end the waste caused by bad Liberal decisions and put every dollar to work for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. A Wakeham PC government will use your money for your benefit.

While there are many worthy areas of need, in this platform we are being clear about what we prioritize. You can expect investments related to better healthcare, lower taxes and safer communities to take precedence over all others in the early months of a PC Government.

We have not yet seen the books the Liberals have hidden from public view. Given that the Liberals added hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue to their budget, from the tobacco settlement, that they haven't even received, we cannot trust their financial reporting. But an initial review shows there are potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in annualized Liberal expenditures that could be discontinued, this money should be spent on helping to lower taxes, provide better healthcare, and make communities safer for all of us.

We have identified over \$254 million in annualized Liberal spending that a PC government will repurpose to provide better healthcare, lower taxes, and safer communities. This includes:

- The outrageous UK soccer sponsorship deal—where Liberal politicians decided your money was better spent supporting a team outside the country than on healthcare or addressing rising crime here at home. (\$100,000)
- Millions flowing to travel nurse agencies, instead of investing in the long-term stability of our own health-care system. (\$132 million)
- Tens of millions for a sole-sourced contract with an airport hotel to house individuals facing homelessness—a decision that raised more questions than answers and speaks to the Liberals' mismanagement and lack of planning. (\$13 million)
- The Premier's Office in Boston. (\$1 million)
- The Premier's Office in Grand Falls - Windsor. (\$250,000)
- The so-called Future Fund, a political slush fund the Liberals keep funding while services continue to deteriorate. It doesn't make sense to borrow money for the Future Fund while people struggle to access healthcare or afford groceries. (\$108 million)

A Wakeham PC government will stop these bad Liberal decisions and reallocate those funds to the priorities that actually matter— lowering taxes, better healthcare, and safer communities for all of us.

SPENDING SMARTER, FOCUSING ON PEOPLE

What Newfoundland and Labrador needs is a government that makes better choices. We will use your money for your benefit.

Under a Wakeham PC government, every dollar will be measured against one clear standard: Does this help the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, does this help all of us?

Our first priority will be to provide better healthcare, lower taxes, and safer communities for all of us. We will never balance the province's books without first helping families balance their own.

Our focus will be on lowering taxes to grow the economy, attract investment, and put more money back in your pocket. We will make meaningful investments to fix healthcare so people no longer wait months—or even years— to see a doctor, for an essential procedure, or a diagnostic test - because early diagnosis reduces long-term suffering and long-term costs. Safer communities will also be a priority, with real support for front-line enforcement and addressing the root causes of crime - because preventing crime also saves money.

We understand that the financial condition of the province—inherited from the Liberal government—will determine how quickly we can implement our commitments. But there is also a cost to doing nothing: the cost of people waiting too long for medical care, the cost of high taxes driving families and businesses out of the province, and the cost of crime putting strain on our communities.

The actions outlined in this plan are intended to be implemented throughout a four-year Wakeham PC government. All figures represent annual operational spending estimates for the first year of implementation.

Initiative	Cost (\$Millions)
24-hour snow clearing	1.9
50 more wildland firefighters	2.3
Additional funding for the Lionel Kelland Hospice	0.4
Affordable, supportive, independent housing communities for seniors	26.6
Bringing RNs & NPs to rural, remote and underserved communities	3.8
Covering travel costs for patients who must travel for essential medical care and free parking	4.6
Double the Volunteer Firefighter and Search and Rescue Tax Credits	1.6
Encouraging pension plans for early childhood educators	5.0
End the cycle of rural ER closures and diversions	2.8
Expanding the Physical Activity Tax Credit	2.2
Expanding the School of Nursing, Medical School, and Nurse Practitioner Program	2.5
Funding for volunteer fire departments who respond to medical calls	5.0
Funding to re-open the emergency rooms in Botwood and Whitbourne for 24 hours a day	2.5
Graduate Tuition Refund Program	16.2
Hire more mental healthcare professionals	1.0
Hiring additional Crown Attorneys	0.9
Implement a Police Oversight Board	0.5
Improving access to repairs and safety upgrades for seniors	1.0
Increase cellular coverage	3.0
Increase moose fencing	1.0
Increase the Seniors' Benefit by 20%	14.0
Independent, dedicated Advocate for Persons with Disabilities	0.4
Lower the small business tax to 1%.	11.5
Make sure anyone can see a Nurse Practitioner for free	5.0
Mobile Mental Health Crisis Teams and expansion of addiction treatment	14.0
More RCMP Officers	2.1

More RNC Officers	2.1
Open an Urgent Care Clinic in CBS	4.9
Overhead support and incentives for Doctors and Nurse Practitioners	19.0
Paid work terms for students	9.5
Permanent advisory panel of early childhood education operators and care providers	0.2
Provide space for early childhood education in new school builds	1.3
Provide the NL Child Benefit to more children	5.6
Public Safety in Happy Valley - Goose Bay	3.0
Raise the basic personal income tax exemption to \$15,000	93.0
Regional economic development	2.0
Rotational Worker Tax Credit	4.8
The purchase of four new MRI machines	4.4
Wildland coveralls for all volunteer fire departments	3.0

The cost of capital expenditures, including the cost of new provincial ferries, is not listed in the table above as the expense will be amortized over the entire life of the asset. The last two ferries which were purchased by the province cost approximately \$60 million each.

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