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As Islanders, we've had our fair share of ups and downs these past four years. A pandemic, two hurricanes, potato trade disruption, inflation, supply chain issues, and so much more.

Despite the challenges, we have much to celebrate as a province. Employment has increased to 84,200 jobs with the lowest annual unemployment rate in our province's history. Housing starts are the highest since Prince Edward Island became a province. To help our most vulnerable, social programming spending has increased by almost 20%. Investments have been made in senior care, mental health and addictions. We have recruited more healthcare professionals than ever before. Our education system is expanding to offer more opportunities.

Our province is changing. Communities are rapidly growing in harmony with the farming, fishing and tourism sectors. We have experienced growth in our population with increases in migration, immigration and our student population. We have brought in global leaders in the bioscience and aerospace sectors. Efforts to protect our environment are attracting international attention. Our Island has become a destination to live, work and raise a family.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished during some of the Island's most difficult times. But I also recognize we are at a crossroads. Yet more challenges lie ahead. Change is difficult and requires leadership from people with a proven ability to stand up, meet challenges head-on, and make the best decisions to move our province forward.

Given the challenges in healthcare, housing, the environment, the costs of living, our education system, and our communities, we must rethink how we do things. The next four years are going to require courage, strength and above all else, leadership. Our PC team is ready to work with you and for you as we solve these challenges. We've brought together a team of candidates who will run toward these challenges, not shy away from them; a team that is caring, community-minded and has a vision for a better tomorrow.

This plan outlines our vision. The ideas come from our interactions with everyday Islanders. People who work tirelessly to build stronger communities and a better tomorrow for future generations. To me, politics is all about people, and that means working **WITH YOU, FOR YOU.**

Sincerely,



Hon. Dennis King
Leader of the PC Party of PEI

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A MORE RESILIENT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM:

All Islanders deserve a healthcare system that is modern, resilient, and always available. Assessment that is fast, treatment that is right, and confidence that if the worst happens you will be supported through every step.

- Dennis King, Premier of PEI



What follows are more than 60 initiatives that will turn this vision into a reality for every Islander in every community. They build upon the numerous steps already taken, from primary care access clinics to the Pharmacy Plus program to the establishment of a medical school at UPEI.

It will not be easy, it will not be instantaneous, but it will be transformative, and it will be done.

Medical Homes will serve as the core of the system, providing essential personal contact for Islanders and enhancing the services provided while also fostering a better work environment for healthcare providers. Under our plan, sixteen more homes will be added by 2025.

There will always be emergencies and we will add Physician Assistants, Nurse Assistants, Care Providers and Patient Advocates to provide faster treatment and make emergency rooms more supportive for patients.

Healthcare providers are essential to meeting our objectives. Initiatives relating to education, recruitment, retention and workplace supports will help generate the workforce we need to provide quality health care through the decades ahead.

More focus will be placed on supporting and treating the whole person with mental health supports, enhanced dental care, and access to the latest and best treatments and medications.

We will help Islanders remain in their own homes by adding 50 new positions to public home care and creating a Primary Caregiver Grant. Working with allied health providers, we will add services to the long-term care network to enhance the quality of life for residents. The Care-In-Place program will expand services beyond the doors of nursing and community care homes to support more Islanders in their own homes.

We have the plan and we are building the team and obtaining the resources. We are ready to get the job done with you, for you.



PEI'S PATIENT MEDICAL HOMES

I am fortunate to be one of the first physicians to join this model of care. I am already seeing the benefits to patients and caregivers alike...I truly believe if we do it right and commit the infrastructure across the province, we will have a national competitive advantage in recruiting and retaining family doctors.

- Dr. Padraig Casey, Family Physician in a Medical Home on Prince Edward Island (The Guardian, August 13, 2022)

I wasn't sure what to expect when I was first told that our family doctor was joining a Medical Home with other doctors, but I quickly learned of the benefit of having access to so many other healthcare providers like a nurse practitioner, social worker and pharmacist. As the mother of three young children, they have always been able to fit me in for same-day appointments when the kids are sick... This is the type of healthcare we need in the 21st century.

- Michelle, Patient at Kinlock Medical Home



A MORE RESILIENT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Healthcare is our most valued public service, but how we deliver healthcare has not changed for decades and it has not kept pace with our population growth, more complex treatments, increased life expectancies, and advances in technology. This puts pressure on both patients and healthcare providers.

The events of the last four years have placed unprecedented stress on Islanders' health, on our healthcare system and the healthcare professionals who make it run. It has been made clear that how we deliver health care for Islanders must continue to adapt and evolve to better meet their health needs, now and into the future.

What we've been able to accomplish over the last four years **WITH YOU, FOR YOU:**

- **Pharmacy Plus** has provided care to over 20,000 Islanders who otherwise would have had to go to a walk-in clinic, emergency department, or doctor's office to get care.
- **Ambulance Transfer Units** transfer patients within our healthcare system and keep ambulances responding to emergencies.
- The **Maple health app** provides Islanders without a primary care provider with the opportunity to access virtual care. We've provided over 12,000 Islanders with access to care and over 27,000 appointments since implementing the app.
- **Primary Care Access Clinics** provide in-person care. Over 1,800 Islanders have accessed care through these two clinics.
- **Doctors Recruiting Doctors**, where we work with existing doctors to add new doctors to our healthcare team. Recruitment has almost doubled from 38 in 2019-2020 to 73 in 2021-2022.
- **Skip the Waiting Room** has freed up time for healthcare professionals like lab technicians to do the work they are trained to do instead of answering phones and booking appointments. We've booked over 7,000 appointments and reduced phone calls by 40%.
- The **Medical School** at UPEI, which is to open in 2025, will provide training for 20 students each year to become family physicians.
- **Increased the number of training seats for RNs** in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Accelerated Nursing Program at the UPEI School of Nursing.
- **Free tuition for Resident Care Workers** trained in PEI. Over 100 Islanders have obtained free RCW training.





- **Expanded the number of seats in the Primary Care Paramedic and Advanced Care Paramedic program** at Holland College.
- Our **Single Point of Access** line helps people navigate mental health and addiction services on Prince Edward Island. More than 3,500 Islanders have used the service.
- **Full coverage of opioid and alcohol replacement therapy medication.** PEI is the first province to provide this service, and 800 Islanders have gained access to life-changing medications.
- The **PEI Alliance for Mental Wellbeing** was created to work with community organizations and provide funding for programs and services to build resiliency and be more proactive in promoting mental wellness.
- **Family Physician incentives** were increased, becoming the best in the region.
- **\$8 million in retention incentives** were paid to positions with the highest vacancy rates within the healthcare system.
- **Structured Mental Health programming**, including 8 24/7 spaces and 12 additional daytime spaces, provides adequate stepped-down treatment for those experiencing mental health challenges.
- **Provincial Dental Care Program** reduces financial barriers to accessing services.
- **Over 100 drugs were added to the provincial drug formulary** making access more affordable.
- **A Mental Health and Addictions Patient Navigator** was hired to assist Islanders in accessing the services they need.
- The **Atlantic Physician Registry** was created in collaboration with the Atlantic Premiers and Colleges of Physicians to increase mobility for physicians within the region.

OUR VISION: To establish a strong, well-resourced healthcare system focused on patient care and well-being, delivering necessary services in appropriate timeframes, supplied by dedicated professional teams, and supported by modern technology and infrastructure in communities Island wide.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

Help patients before, during and after care and reduce pressure on our Emergency Departments:

- Add **Physician Assistants** and **Nurse Practitioners** to provide care to patients in Emergency Rooms
- Add **Care Providers** and **Patient Advocates** to support patients in waiting rooms at Emergency Departments
- Make **Apps**, like Maple and other virtual care apps, free to reduce the pressure on Emergency Departments
- Establish a multi-disciplined task force to create an action plan to **expedite offload delays** for ambulances at hospitals

Expand ambulance services and support our paramedics:

- Provide **free tuition** for Primary Care and Advanced Care paramedic students who agree to work in PEI for two years post-graduation
- Add **four new full-time ambulances** to improve response times
- Provide **up to \$20,000 in additional annual funding** to fire departments that offer Medical First Responder Services in rural communities
- Provide **funding** to organizations like Pat and the Elephant, Transportation West and others to conduct non-urgent transfers of medically-stable patients on PEI
- Give **recruitment incentives** for paramedic positions in rural PEI to ensure full staffing



Enhance primary care:

- Fund **100 new positions** to support existing and future Patient Medical Homes
- Add **16 more Patient Medical Homes** by the end of 2024
- Attach **all patients** on the patient registry to a Medical Home in the next 24 months
- **Incentivize Patient Medical Homes** to take unaffiliated patients off the registry by providing additional support and financial incentives
- Launch **Nurse Practitioner-led walk-in clinics** across the province
- Expand the **Primary Care Access Clinics** (PCACs) to provide care for unaffiliated patients by increasing capacity at the Charlottetown and Summerside PCAC's and establishing two new PCACs, one in West Prince and one in Kings County
- Establish **Mobile Primary Care Clinics** to provide care in any community across the province based on need
- Add **Telehealth Access Sites** at Access PEI locations, libraries, etc. where Islanders can confidentially connect with providers through telehealth services such as Maple with on-site assistance from staff
- Allow **in-person registration for telehealth services** such as Maple at Access PEI locations
- Modernize the medical fee structure so it is flexible enough to cover innovative arrangements for family physicians who want to **provide access to primary care through walk-in clinics** outside their existing patients
- Work with communities and our post-secondary institutions to **offer training programs for healthcare professionals in communities across the province**, as our PC government has done for RCW training

Help Islanders stay in the comfort of their own homes longer:

- Add **50 new positions to public home care** over the next two years to provide more timely access to home care services and better support to patients who are discharged from hospitals
- Establish a **Partners in Care** program through the Home Care Program where aging Islanders are connected to telehealth services with Pharmacists, Nurse Practitioners, and Physicians
- Create a **Primary Caregiver Grant** of up to \$1,500 a month to support families who choose to keep their loved ones at home longer instead of going to community care
- Provide rebates up to **\$500 per year for home-based Medical Alert Systems** for individuals over the age of 65 to allow seniors to stay at home longer and provide their families with peace of mind
- Establish a **Care-in-Place** program by working with home care, community care, and long-term care facilities to provide seniors and individuals who need care assistance with enhanced social and health supports including:
 - telehealth services available from home;
 - enhanced respite, connecting residents with existing community services and programs;
 - friendly check-in calls and in-person social visits;
 - intergenerational programming with students;
 - transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and social outings;
 - recreational programs at care facilities that are available to seniors living in their own homes; and
 - partnering with care facilities to provide bridge supports while waiting at home to enter a facility



- Increase income thresholds for the **Seniors Safe at Home** program from \$10,000 to \$15,000
- Increase income thresholds for the **Seniors Home Repair** program from \$4,000 to \$8,000
- Increase **monthly comfort allowance** for residents in care
- Expand **restorative care services** to improve the quality of life for Islanders in recovery

Grow our frontline healthcare team:

- Provide **free tuition for RCWs, LPNs, and Paramedics** who train on PEI in return for two years of service
- Launch an **Emergency Medicine Residency Program**
- Work with post-secondary institutions to launch an **Earn and Learn Program** to upskill RCWs to LPNs, LPNs to RNs, and RNs to NPs without having to leave the workforce
- Launch an **Associate Physician License** to provide foreign-trained physicians with expedited licenses to practice within a defined scope and under the supervision of other fully licensed physicians
- Introduce legislation to **recognize domestic and foreign credentials** for healthcare workers within set timeframes
- Introduce a **Job Guarantee** program for students studying in healthcare fields that provides full-time job offers before graduation
- Introduce a **Health Bursary** for students who are pursuing studies off-Island in exchange for a return-in-service program
- **Cover all licensing costs** to support a temporary, part-time or full-time return to work for healthcare practitioners who have previously left the system

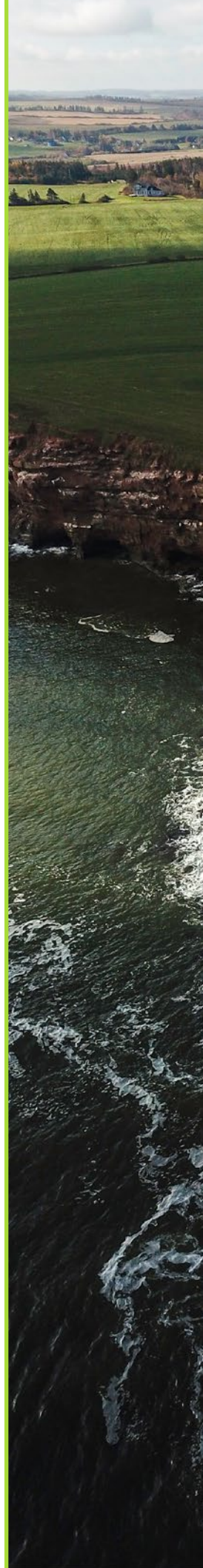
Increase access to healthcare:

- Create a **Portable Health Benefits Program** to provide health, dental, and medication insurance for workers who may not be employed full-time, year-round, or those facing barriers to insurance coverage like seasonal workers, contract employees, and gig economy workers
- Working with communities and non-profit organizations, provide operating grants to establish **Access Clinic Exam Spaces** for local pharmacists, physicians, nurse practitioners, and locum physicians to provide walk-in clinics for routine, non-urgent matters

- Launch a **Virtual Hallway** program to connect family physicians with specialists for consults and avoid unnecessary referrals to specialists
- Provide access to **free contraceptive care**
- Implement tools like **Skip the Waiting Room** across all areas of the healthcare system to reduce no-show appointments and provide patients with the ability to book their own appointments
- Working with the PEI Speech and Hearing Association, develop a 12-month action plan to add new **Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists** positions to the public system to address the current waitlist and population gaps in services
- Work with allied health providers **to expand the scope of practice** to order diagnostic imaging
- Create a pilot project to provide **publicly-funded pelvic health therapy** to Islanders
- Develop and support a **Chronic Pain Management Strategy** and **Chronic Pain Management Clinic**
- Develop a **recruitment and retention strategy for high vacancy positions**, including lab technology, social work, psychology and therapists, by working with post-secondary partners in the region

Improve our community care and long-term care facilities:

- Create a **capital loan program** for community care and long-term care facilities to expand over the next five years
- Respecting collective agreements, establish a fund to foster **recruitment and retention** specific to community care and long-term care facilities
- Continue to work with the Long-term Care Associations to **decrease the wage gap between public and private providers** and to develop a long-term human resource strategy for community care and long-term care facilities
- Introduce **additional resources**, such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other allied health providers, into community care and long-term facilities to improve the quality of life for residents
- Make legislative amendments to ensure that public and private community care facilities and long-term care facilities move toward **common standards**, including uniform inspections so that Islanders are safe and receive appropriate care and support
- Expand the use of **electronic medical records** to manors and nursing homes
- **Increase the monthly “seniors comfort allowance”** that goes directly to seniors living in community care, manors and long term care





Promote physical and mental wellness:

- Provide \$250,000 to facilitate frontline workers — such as social workers, healthcare professionals, correctional workers, police officers and anyone who works with vulnerable Islanders — to take the **Brain Story Certification** training to better understand the connection between brain development to addiction and mental health
- Increase the **Fitness and Activity Tax Credit** to \$1,000 for registration or membership fees to artistic, cultural, recreational or physical activity programming
- Increase the income threshold for **KidSport** funding to provide up to \$600 per child to participate in sports and recreational activities for any household that earns under \$80,000

Reduce barriers to living a healthier life:

- **Remove the age cap on continuous glucose monitoring devices** and provide support based on household income levels
- **Reduce the co-pay for the generic drug program** to \$5
- Continue to work with the federal government towards a PharmaCare program by **adding more drugs to the formulary** covered by the government
- Continue with our **Target Basic Income** program

Enhance regional collaboration:

- Work collaboratively with other Atlantic provinces to use vacant operating room times across the region to **reduce surgery backlogs**
- Launch a comprehensive **Medical Transportation Assistance Program** to provide Islanders who have to travel out of province for medical treatment, tests or operations with financial assistance to cover accommodations and per diems for meals, in addition to existing programs to cover gas, bridge or ferry tolls
- Increase our **regional licensing system** to include other healthcare professionals, similar to what the Atlantic provinces have done with the Atlantic Physician Registry



MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

Inflation, the pandemic, hurricanes and climate change are all impacting the cost of living. Our government has responded with an unprecedented package of programs and supports targeted to help Islanders in need. We have worked to make life more affordable through rental vouchers, expanded public transit, inflationary offset payments, heat pump and home energy efficiency upgrades, improved prescription drug coverage and lower childcare costs.

We know challenges remain and we are focused on doing more to help. We know that financial pressures can contribute to mental health issues and family difficulties. While these challenges affect everyone, those in the middle and lower income brackets are most heavily impacted. We will leave more money in your pocket by lowering your provincial tax burden and help cover some key costs for students and seniors.

OUR VISION: To be a province that supports individuals and families so they can enjoy a quality of life that is free from the worries of meeting basic needs.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

Lower Your Tax Burden:

- Increase the **Basic Personal Exemption amount to \$15,000** over the next four years
- Increase the **Seniors Tax Credit** by 40% to \$6,510 and raise the income threshold to \$36,000
- Introduce legislation to **roll back property taxes** to 2020 assessment rates

Lower your transportation costs:

- Establish a working group with the federal government to **reduce ferry and bridge tolls to \$20**
- Lead the country in **low-cost public transit** by subsidizing the transit system to \$2 per ride or \$10 - \$20 for a monthly pass

Support our families:

- Expand the **Free Heat Pump Program** to include up to \$100,000 household income by 2024
- Launch a **low-income home repair grant** to provide up to \$3,500 per year to assist low-income homeowners with essential upgrades and maintenance
- Expand the **Eye See...Eye Learn Program** to provide children with two free eye exams and two free pairs of eyeglasses between birth and age 12
- Introduce a **\$500 Volunteer Tax Credit** for coaches, leaders and others who volunteer with registered charities and non-profit organizations
- Remove the age requirement on the **Diabetes Insulin Pump Program**



Assist our seniors:

- Double the **Seniors Hearing Aid Rebate** to a maximum coverage of \$6,000
- Launch a comprehensive **Medical Transportation Assistance Program** to provide Islanders who have to travel out of province for medical treatment, tests or operations with financial assistance to cover accommodations and per diems for meals, in addition to existing programs to cover gas, bridge or ferry tolls
- Expand the **Seniors Independence Initiative** to provide up to \$2,500 in assistance for individuals with a household income of up to \$40,000 for a single person or \$50,000 for a couple
- Provide rebates up to **\$500 per year for home-based medical alert systems** for individuals over the age of 65 to allow seniors to stay at home longer and to provide their families with peace of mind

Support our youth and students:

- Increase the **George Coles Bursary** to \$3,500 per year for post-secondary students and expand the program to include students studying off-Island in programs that are not offered in PEI and students enrolled in health care training programs such as LPNs, RNs, etc.
- Provide **free tuition** for Islanders studying in PEI who commit to stay and work in PEI for two years in any of the following fields: Resident Care Worker, Licensed Practical Nurse, Primary Care Paramedic and Advanced Care Paramedic
- Provide a **\$500 tutor rebate** for students who need additional support to achieve success in their education journey
- Continue to work with the UPEI Student Union to **fund open educational resources** to reduce the cost of education for post-secondary students
- Provide **internship opportunities** for post-secondary students to work with sector and industry groups to obtain practical work experience with multiple companies or organizations in the same field







A ROBUST & INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

Even with the significant challenges of the last four years, Islanders have demonstrated their ability to adapt. In 2022, we had the lowest annual rate of unemployment. Our workforce grew to an all-time high of 84,200. Significant employment gains were made in the construction, manufacturing and science-based sectors. We welcomed tourists from around the world to our Island.

We also know our work is not done. We need to adapt new technologies, support our primary industries and address climate change.

The PC government will continue to work with industry and our community partners to move our economy forward for the benefit of all.

A robust and innovative economy helps all Islanders thrive. It generates careers, fosters economic activity and improves our quality of life. Farming, fishing and tourism have always been the leading elements of our economy and continue to foster a world-class reputation. Aerospace, bioscience, and Clean Tech are further helping to shape Prince Edward Island as a world leader in those fields.

OUR VISION: To support a strong and growing economy that provides opportunities for all in an environmentally responsible manner. We envision more skilled and productive employees, entrepreneurs who are prepared to innovate, accepting the globe as our market, and building on the skills and reputation earned through the hard work of previous generations.





WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Grow the **workforce to 90,000 jobs** by 2026
- Fund sector and industry groups to develop **online training platforms** for professional development and upskilling and to allow for quicker onboarding of new graduates and employees into critical roles
- Establish a **\$2 million Adaptation Fund** for employers and employees to retrofit workplaces to make them more accessible for those who need supports to continue in the workforce
- Reactivate **regional development corporations** to encourage regional cooperation and growth
- Allow communities and NGO partners to participate in a **Social Enterprise Incubator** project
- Modernize procurement policies to **prioritize local products and services**
- Launch a **\$50 million CleanTech Energy Program** to kick-start the cleantech sector on PEI and support the Clean Tech Academy in Georgetown
- Invest in our arts and culture community to **promote and grow Island talent**
- Continue to partner with and support the PEI Partnership for Growth initiative with **Workforce 2030**
- Work with the federal government to find **expedited routes for international skilled workers** to join our province's workforce in temporary or permanent capacities
- Re-evaluate the provincial income **tax brackets** to be more competitive and leave more money in pockets of more Islanders
- Expand the **Island-wide transit system** to make it easier and more affordable to get to and from work



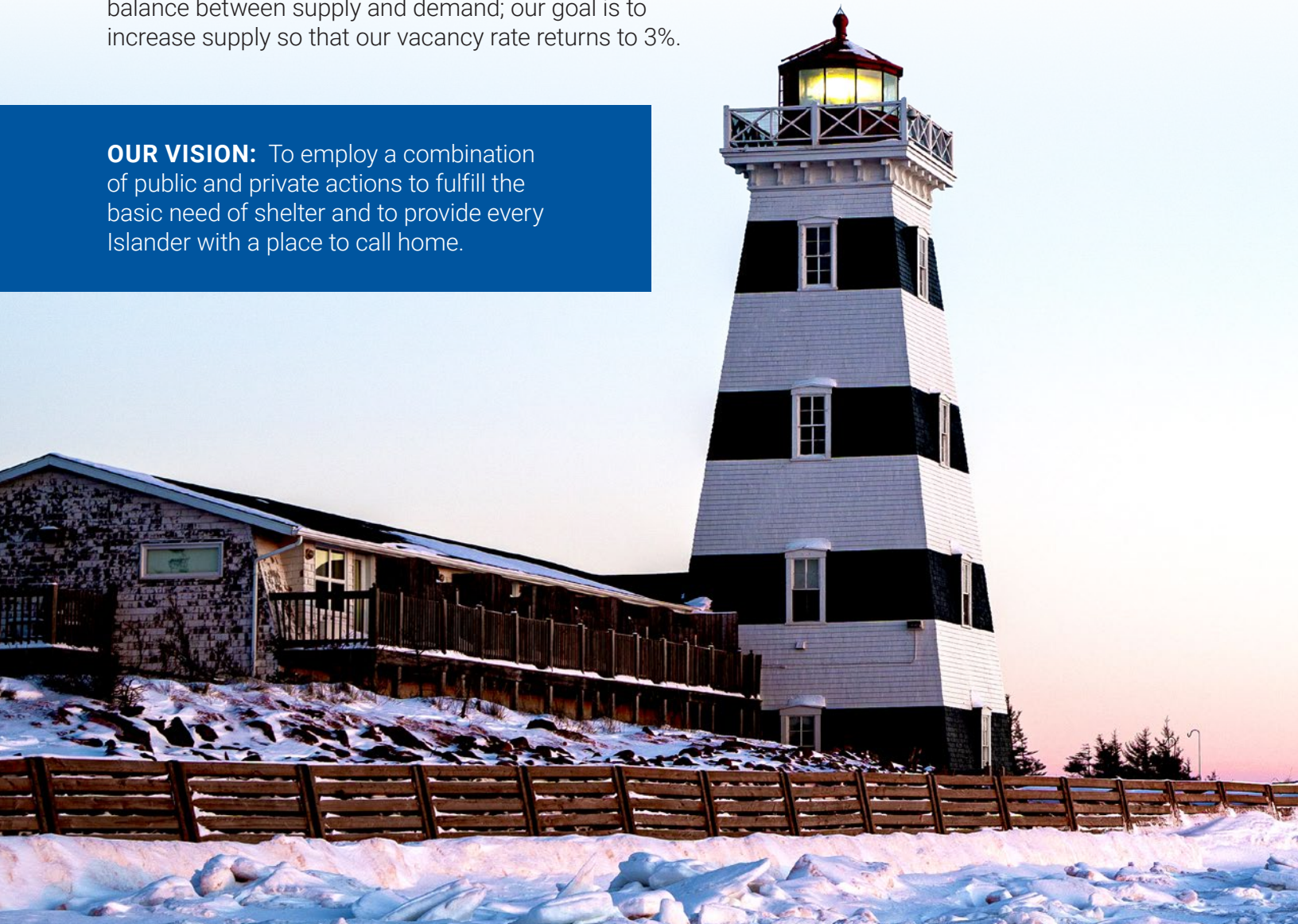
HOUSING FOR ALL ISLANDERS

While we have made great strides in adding more housing options, we know we have more work to do. For many Islanders, the challenge of obtaining housing that meets their needs at a price they can afford is a struggle. These are reasonable expectations, and we are determined to help Islanders obtain affordable housing. Rapid population growth, changing demographics and the pandemic have created significant housing challenges that the government is already making efforts to address.

Since 2019 we have increased the housing inventory by over 1300 units. With the launch of the Affordable Housing Development Program, we have added 108 social units. In 2022, the largest capital budget in Island history earmarked over \$150 million for public housing units.

Housing has traditionally been provided by a combination of private development and government-provided or subsidized housing. Recognizing that one size does not fit all in housing, we will build more public inventory and incentivize private development. Vacancy rates are used as a marker of a reasonable balance between supply and demand; our goal is to increase supply so that our vacancy rate returns to 3%.

OUR VISION: To employ a combination of public and private actions to fulfill the basic need of shelter and to provide every Islander with a place to call home.



WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Launch a **Rent-to-Own Program** that provides fair mortgaging through Finance PEI and gives Islanders the opportunity to purchase a home after renting for 24 months
- Continue investments in **Public Housing** with the goal of eliminating the housing registry within the next 24 months
- Launch a **Closing Cost Housing Support Program** to provide home buyers with up to \$2,500 towards closing costs when purchasing their first home
- Provide a **\$25 million infrastructure fund** to PEI Federation of Municipalities to work with communities outside the capital area to develop construction-ready lots for purchase and use for modular builds
- **Reduce building permit wait times** to a maximum of 30 days by the end of 2023
- Provide **support and mentoring services to co-operatives and non-profit organizations** to build housing
- Create opportunities for **tiny home communities** in rural PEI where Islanders can purchase and build equity instead of paying rent
- Introduce **instant building permits** that can be issued during an appointment with a multidisciplinary team for straight-forward, routine building projects
- Increase the **Housing Challenge Fund** by \$50 million providing developers with 2% financing for quick-start housing projects which will add at least another 250 units to the housing inventory
- Provide funding to expand training programs such as the **Discover Carpentry** program to expose more Islanders to the construction industry and provide them with the necessary skills and knowledge to be employable in the industry
- Work with the Office of Immigration, the Construction Association of PEI, and local contractors, invest \$500,000 over the next two years to build on the Trades Canada program to **recruit new workers to join the construction workforce** on PEI through international recruitment missions
- **Expand vocational training opportunities** in our education system to expose students to career options earlier and provide pathways for mentorship and training for young Islanders who express an interest in the construction industry





ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ADAPTATION & CLEAN ENERGY

Though we're already committed to addressing climate change, the devastating realities of storms like Dorian and Fiona mean we have to go further, faster. Significant action is necessary to prepare and protect our land, our infrastructure, and ourselves from climate change.

One of the first actions of your PC Government was to provide support for the development of the world-renowned School of Climate Change and Adaptation at UPEI. Through this initiative, we not only gain knowledge, such as the mapping of coastal changes, but we are also training the people who will become experts in climate adaptation.

Other investments have been made to support our Island way of life and to mitigate climate change. Buffer zones have been increased, soil health requirements enhanced, trees planted, streams improved, water control measures taken, protected areas increased, and development restrictions enacted.

We now have first-hand knowledge about devastating storms and the way they can impact people, property, food production, communities and businesses. We need to strengthen our resilience to endure future events of this nature.

Your PC government has embarked on the path to Net Zero by 2040. We want to ensure that our province is sustainable for future generations. We have introduced aggressive transition programming to move away from fossil fuels that include the greater use of EVs, heat pumps and bicycles. We have also started construction on the Clean Tech Academy in Georgetown.

We are blessed to have diverse landscapes and plant, animal and aquatic ecosystems. We know that in order to maintain our environment we need to ensure protections are in place for our shorelines, waterways and sensitive areas. We will continue to build our protected land inventory.

OUR VISION: To establish a well-resourced, Island-wide team, working cooperatively to reduce the impacts of climate change, protect our shorelines and waterways, and adapt our energy use.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Launch a **\$5 million fund for retrofitting warming centres** with appropriate equipment and supplies to support communities during weather events
- Install **bi-directional EV chargers at critical infrastructure locations and warming centres** so that electric school buses can be used as generators during power outages
- Work with the School of Climate Change and Adaptation to create a **25-year coastal management plan**
- Increase **setback requirements in sensitive areas**, including shorelines
- Increase funding to expand our **Watershed Alliance Network** to ensure in-shore fisheries are protected, waterways are kept clean, and trees are planted
- Build **electrical grid resilience**, in partnership with the federal government, through on-Island generation and storage
- Establish a **generation power network** to ensure essential services and critical infrastructure can continue during significant disruption periods
- Create a pilot for an **on-Island Electrical Generation Project**
- Enhance **partnerships with communities, volunteer fire departments and first responders** to ensure effective and appropriate responses
- Engage with communities on a **Community Energy Initiative** to support green projects
- Implement all **recommendations from the Emergency Forestry Task Force**
- Continue to fund **Fiona clean up** efforts
- Increase **nursery tree production** by 30% to 1,300,000 trees per year
- **Transition the entire school bus fleet to electric buses** by 2030
- Introduce **Solar for Schools to increase renewable energy and education** around green technologies
- Double the investment in **active transportation paths**
- **Become Canada's most EV-friendly province**



BUILDING STRONG & SAFE COMMUNITIES

Islanders have great community pride, which is evident in the manner in which we care for our properties and how we support our neighbours, especially in times of need.

We have worked with communities on numerous initiatives and have provided funding to support local services. Volunteer fire departments have been provided with funding to ensure they have resources to better respond to disasters. 96% of households now have access to high-speed internet. We remain committed to our rural healthcare networks.

All levels of government have to effectively work together to maximize the benefits for our communities.

Municipal governments are a key element in achieving public policy goals. Most recreational, educational, cultural, social, and economic activities take place within the boundaries of communities. They support facilities such as rinks and community centres and provide services such as sewer and water to schools, health care facilities, homes and businesses.

Strong communities support a strong and prosperous province.

OUR VISION: To have a network of safe, welcoming and healthy communities where people have access to essential services, can celebrate culture and can contribute to the Island way of life.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Negotiate a **funding formula that is fair and equitable for all communities** — large, small, rural and urban
- Establish a **\$25 million community infrastructure program** to assist communities in retrofitting and upgrading key community facilities such as arenas and community centres
- Invest in provincial policing resources by **expanding training opportunities at the Atlantic Police Academy** so more Islanders can train, live and work in their communities
- Invest **\$10 million in provincial parks** across the Island to modernize and enhance the programs and services they bring to rural communities

- Introduce **additional shared services programs for municipalities** so that communities can remain independent and autonomous while working together to provide high-quality and timely services to residents
- Provide **\$500,000 in funding to Community Legal Information** to continue their work on intimate partner violence, workplace sexual harassment, sexting and cyberbullying
- Create a multi-sectoral task force to develop an **action plan to address cyberbullying behaviour and promote cyber safety**
- **Expand high-speed internet access to the remaining 4% of households by 2024**
- Fund the service costs for **community after-hour use of schools** to turn these 65 public resources into true community assets
- Establish a **shared services model** with the community sector and fund positions that can provide corporate and administrative support to multiple non-profit organizations
- Invest in a Charlottetown-based **dedicated site to provide wrap-around services for vulnerable Islanders**, including but not limited to Community Outreach Centre, supportive housing, housing that fosters independent living, harm reduction programs, social supports, training programs, etc.
- Continue to **modernize infrastructure and roadways** to support our growing communities
- Expand **commuter travel options and active transportation pathways**





EDUCATION

Education is the foundation upon which the success of future generations will be built. For most young Islanders the formative years of life are influenced by the school system and their interaction with others. Government must always strive to make this experience enriching and developmental. That includes helping to provide for basic needs through breakfast and lunch programs, quality programming delivered by skilled educators, assessments and support for learning challenges, and up to date facilities.

Our province-wide network of 65 schools provides French and English education to more than 21,000 students. Over the past four years, we have provided more staff and educational resources and have refurbished schools to ensure healthy environments. Reflecting a commitment to community engagement, elected school boards have been re-established.

The flexibility demonstrated by educators and the support team in pivoting to at-home learning and other care precautions during the pandemic reveals a system capable of rapid adaptation. This level of dedication by those employed in our education system is applauded and supported. We must also recognize the pandemic resulted in a major disruption of the traditional learning environment and has added new challenges.

OUR VISION: To continue to build a quality, professional public education system that welcomes all children, supports all children and helps all children.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- A budget increase of **100 new positions** for our education system increasing teachers, educational assistants, youth service workers, counsellors and mental health support workers
- Create a **school infrastructure revitalization fund** investing \$25 million over the next three years to ensure our schools are safe, modernized teaching and learning environments
- Engage with our school boards to address the **enviable challenges of growing enrollment** linked to migration and immigration
- Pilot a **school bus monitoring program** to support students and staff
- Create a pilot program to fund the hiring of **School Resource Officers** for each family of schools that want one and conduct a comprehensive review of how they can work collaboratively with school administration, teachers, support staff and student wellbeing teams

- Continue to **promote and educate the importance of social-emotional learning** at all levels through professional development
- Take immediate steps to **alleviate student growth pressures at Queen Charlotte Intermediate School** through expansion and renovation
- Introduce **Solar for Schools to increase renewable energy and education** around green technologies
- **Expand the Stratford campus plans to include a junior high school**
- Expand curriculums to include course offerings on **local Indigenous history**
- Establish more **outdoor learning spaces** to stimulate new educational opportunities and a greater appreciation for our environment
- Provide the necessary funding to expand the **Imagination Library Program** so that more young Islanders receive books in the mail each month
- Place **automated external defibrillators (AEDs)** in all schools
- Develop a **Healthcare Career Pathway Pilot** in high schools to promote health-based careers





ADDRESSING FOOD SECURITY

Global political issues and climate events impact the food supply system. Rising costs make it more difficult for families to regularly access quality, nutritious food. We need to place even greater emphasis on accessing necessary food items as close to home as possible. That includes diversifying our product lines to grow even more varieties and to take advantage of the impact of climate change. We must also be mindful of the possible impacts of climate change on traditional crops.

OUR VISION: To build a robust and resilient local food supply system that meets the modern needs of Islanders for healthy food at reasonable prices.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Keep agricultural land in **food production**
- Support **healthy soils initiatives**
- Support the agriculture sector by exploring **controlled-environment farming and indoor farming** through state-of-the-art greenhouses, tunnels, hydroponics and enhanced storage and refrigeration
- Promote **local food products and support community based promotional campaigns for our products from land and sea**
- Make provincially-owned land available for organizations to operate **community gardens**
- Explore the creation of a **universal breakfast program** with the English and French language school boards
- Create a provincial **food waste reduction strategy**
- Provide **core funding to organizations that run community fridges** and fund an umbrella organization to work with community leaders across the province





INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN

All children on PEI deserve the best start. All children deserve to thrive. Upstream investment in our children is the key to wellness initiatives long term. This government has made record investments in our children through a nationally recognized early years program and the introduction of free pre-kindergarten.

We need more childcare spaces across the Island and we will work with the Early Childcare Development Association (ECDA) to establish a mapping system that will allow us to catch up to current needs and prepare for the future.

OUR VISION: To be a society that demonstrates support for children by affording them the best possible developmental opportunities.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Establish a **\$20 million fund to provide grants to early learning centres** to expand and create more spaces
- Work with existing providers and engage with our school system to **pilot a universal afterschool program for grades K to 6** and develop an action plan to expand the program to all areas of the province
- Designate **six additional early learning centres in 2023**
- Pilot **extended-hour childcare facilities** that are in close proximity to our hospitals
- Work with ECDA to launch a **national recruitment campaign** to recruit trained early childhood educators
- Launch a **pension plan for early childhood educators** before the end of 2023
- Create **incentives for private developers** to allocate space in multi-unit buildings for childcare centres in areas with the most need
- Commit to **building childcare centres in all new public buildings** going forward until waitlists are eliminated
- **Review and promote our foster parent program** to ensure that more children in need are being placed in the best temporary care
- **Reduce childcare fees to \$10 a day** for all Island children enrolled in designated Early Years Centres before the end of 2023





Our primary industries are the backbone of our economy. The last four years have brought significant challenges to our primary industries, but - like they always do, our dedicated Islanders who work in these sectors put their shoulder to the wheel and powered through.

Unparalleled challenges brought unparalleled responses from your government. We provided programs that offered wage support, loans to help cover operating costs, clean-up services, and more to sustain our primary industries. Now, as we emerge from these challenging times, we must create an environment where these industries can, and will, continue to grow and thrive.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU IN TOURISM WE WILL:

- Provide **multi-year funding agreements for Community festivals and events**
- Establish **labour incentives** to assist the tourism sector (TIAPEI) in staffing hard-to-fill positions, with a focus on the shoulder seasons
- Provide \$1 million in marketing funding to the Charlottetown Airport Authority to **re-establish connections to key Canadian destinations**, such as Ottawa, and work with regional carriers, such as Provincial Airlines (PAL Airlines), to open up new tourism markets in Atlantic Canada
- Create **new interactive tourism products** in rural PEI by working on sharing our history through tourism products such as the Confederation Trail
- Work with industry on reducing **regulatory barriers to expand** rental car availability
- In cooperation with the federal government, provide **shore-side power at the Charlottetown Port to attract more cruise ships**, especially in the shoulder seasons
- Promote Charlottetown as a **Music City destination**
- Support **upgrades to Confederation Centre**
- Maximize the opportunities offered with the **reopening of Province House**

WITH YOU, FOR YOU IN AGRICULTURE WE WILL:

- Continue to **advocate for seed producers** to get our world class seed potatoes back into domestic and international markets
- Develop a **land use plan** that will ensure quality land remains available for agriculture
- Support **mental health services for farmers**
- Support **diversification of crops** to more fully prepare for climate change
- Modernize the **Agricultural Insurance Corporation**
- Support **green farming initiatives**
- Continue to **advocate for our farmers** on a national and international basis to address production and export barriers
- Provide assistance for **housing supports to address workforce challenges**
- Support green farming initiatives including expanding the solar program for farms and making three-phase power more widely available to rural businesses and farms that contribute to our primary industries



WITH YOU, FOR YOU IN THE FISHERY WE WILL:

- In partnership with the Fishermen's Association provide funding to **develop a made-in-PEI, for PEI, e-log system** to comply with the mandate from DFO to have an electronic log system by 2024
- **Rebuild lost infrastructure**
- **Promote and market Island products**
- Support the sector by **establishing its own dredging service**
- Invest in technological advancements to **reduce waste and create value-added products** in our fishing industry
- Provide assistance for **housing supports to address workforce challenges**



AN INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE ISLAND

Our Island communities have been enriched by growing diversity across the province. Women now make up half of the workforce. We have welcomed newcomers from around the world with different backgrounds and beliefs. While there is still work to be done, productive discussions on reconciliation with Indigenous people are taking place across the country and here at home. Our 2SLGBTQIA+ community continues to work towards more wide-spread education and acceptance. Adaptive supports for persons with disabilities have increased. Despite these advancements, issues of discrimination, bigotry, and hate continue to exist.

OUR VISION: To be a fully inclusive society where Island residents have the opportunity to fully participate in all that our province offers.



WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Provide a **four-year core funding agreement for the Black Cultural Society of PEI** to renew its strategic plan and to ensure it can continue to address structural and systemic racism in PEI
- Provide the Autism Society of PEI with funding to **establish a dedicated resource to provide mental health support** to its members and their families
- Add a **Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Officer** position to ensure temporary foreign workers are treated with respect and fairness
- Work with L'nhuey to **create online learning courses to preserve the Mi'kmaq language**
- Support immigration and **assist newcomers in becoming active members of our community**
- **Continue to fund 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations** to continue their work in promoting education and understanding, and celebrating diversity across the Island
- Establish a **Community Legal Aid Service** to increase access to justice including legal representation which is not currently provided by existing programs
- Work with our school system and post-secondary institutions to **continue to invest resources into English as an Added Language (EAL)**
- Develop an **incentive program for bilingual training** to expand French services
- **Designate more public services in French**
- Implement the **Francophone Immigration Strategy**



PC | VOLUNTEERS

All aspects of Island life are enriched by the work of volunteers. There are everyday services that would not be provided were it not for the dedication and determination of volunteers. These individuals prepare and serve meals, support health care services, manage school-related activities, operate sport and recreation programs, serve on committees and more.

Recent events highlight these qualities. More than 5,000 people stepped up to support the Canada Winter Games and showcase our Island to the nation. During Fiona, volunteers helped neighbours and many people they did not know to obtain needed services during the extended power outage and with the clean up and removal of debris.

OUR VISION: To support a vibrant community that enjoys volunteering, appreciates the contribution of volunteers, and the skills and rewards gained by volunteering.

WITH YOU, FOR YOU. WE WILL:

- Introduce a **\$500 Volunteer Tax Credit** for coaches, leaders and individuals who volunteer with registered charities and non-profit organizations
- Mandate **minimum four-year funding agreements for non-profit organizations** for core operational funding
- Establish a **shared services model** with the community sector and fund positions that can provide corporate and administrative support to multiple non-profit organizations





PLATFORM COSTING

	2023-2024 Spending	New Capital Spending
	\$	\$
A More Resilient Healthcare System		
Physician Assistants and NPs in EDs	500,000.00	
Care Providers and Patient Advocates in EDs	250,000.00	
Free Virtual Care	6,000,000.00	
Off-load delay task force	75,000.00	
Free Tuition for PCP and ACP	500,000.00	
Four new ambulances	2,000,000.00	
Additional funding for Fire Departments	200,000.00	
Transportation funding for NGOs like Pat and the Elephant	100,000.00	
Recruitment Incentives for Rural Paramedics	100,000.00	
100 new positions to support existing and future Patient Medical Homes	11,500,000.00	
16 new Patient Medical Homes	5,000,000.00	
Unaffiliated Patients to Medical Homes	5,000,000.00	
NP Walk-In Clinics	400,000.00	
Expansion of PCACs	750,000.00	
Mobile Primary Care Clinic		750,000.00
Telehealth Access Sites		250,000.00
Modernize the medical fee structure	600,000.00	
Healthcare training opportunities in communities	150,000.00	
50 new positions for Home Care	1,400,000.00	
Primary Caregiver Grant	5,200,000.00	
Partners-in-Care Program	1,800,000.00	
Medical Alert System Rebates	300,000.00	
Care-in-Place Program	650,000.00	
Seniors Safe at Home Expansion	500,000.00	
Seniors Home Repair program Expansion	400,000.00	
Increasing Monthly Comfort Allowance	75,000.00	
Restorative Care	500,000.00	
Free tuition for RCWs, LPNs, and Paramedics who train on PEI in return for two years of service	225,000.00	
Emergency Medicine Residency Program	150,000.00	
Earn and Learn training opportunities	750,000.00	
Associate Physician Licenses	100,000.00	
Job Guarantee Program	75,000.00	
Health Bursary for students	125,000.00	
Free Licensing for Healthcare Professionals Re-entering workforce	25,000.00	
Portable Health Benefits Program	400,000.00	
Clinic Exam Spaces		500,000.00
Virtual Hallway Program	350,000.00	
Free contraceptive care	250,000.00	
Skip the Waiting Room and other Technologies	50,000.00	
Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists positions and strategy	150,000.00	
Expanding Scope of Practice for Diagnostic Imaging	25,000.00	
Pelvic Health Program	75,000.00	
Chronic Pain Management Strategy and Clinic	250,000.00	
Recruitment and Retention efforts for high-vacancy health positions	125,000.00	
Capital Loan Program for LTC and CC	250,000.00	
Recruitment for LTC and CC	75,000.00	
Health Human Resource Strategy for LTC and CC	35,000.00	
Additional Resources for LTC and CC	500,000.00	

Expanding EMR		1,000,000.00
Seniors Comfort Allowance	75,000.00	
Brain Story Certification Training	250,000.00	
Increase to Fitness and Activity Tax Credit	75,000.00	
KidSport Funding Increase	75,000.00	
Removing Age Cap on Glucose Monitoring Devices	450,000.00	
Reducing Co-Pay	3,000,000.00	
Additions to Drug Formulary	300,000.00	
Reduce Surgery Backlogs	300,000.00	
Medical Transportation Assistance Program	150,000.00	
Making Life More Affordable		
Basic Personal Exemption	9,000,000.00	
Seniors Tax Credit	1,300,000.00	
Property Tax Freeze	2,000,000.00	
Transit Pass Subsidy	250,000.00	
Free Heat Pumps	3,500,000.00	
Low-Income Home Repair Grant	250,000.00	
Eye See...Eye Learn	60,000.00	
Volunteer Tax Credit	500,000.00	
Expanded Hearing Aid Rebate	750,000.00	
Seniors Independence Initiative Expansion	500,000.00	
George Coles Expansion	1,250,000.00	
Free Tuition for Health Care Students	450,000.00	
Tutor Rebate	135,000.00	
Open Educational Resources	50,000.00	
Internships and CO-OPs	250,000.00	
A Robust & Innovative Economy		
Online training platform	150,000.00	
Adaptation Fund	500,000.00	
Regional Development Corporations	150,000.00	
Social Enterprise Incubator	125,000.00	
CleanTech Energy Program	10,000,000.00	
Arts and culture sector investment	250,000.00	
PEI Partnership for Growth initiative <i>Workforce 2030</i>	50,000.00	
Provincial income tax bracket reform	3,500,000.00	
Expansion of Island Transit	500,000.00	
Housing for All Islanders		
Rent to Own	1,000,000.00	
Closing Cost Housing Support Program	125,000.00	
Municipal Infrastructure Fund	6,250,000.00	
Reduce building permit wait times	175,000.00	
Support Mentorship to Co-operatives for Housing	125,000.00	
Tiny Home Communities	1,000,000.00	
Instant Building Permits	750,000.00	
Housing Challenge Fund (borrowing cost)	2,500,000.00	
Expansion to Discover Carpentry program	85,000.00	
International Recruitment for Construction Sector	250,000.00	
Expanding Vocational Training for students	75,000.00	

Environment, Climate Adaptation & Clean Energy		
Warming Centres Retrofit Fund	1,250,000.00	
Bi-directional EV chargers		500,000.00
Coastal management plan	100,000.00	
Watershed Alliance Network	150,000.00	
Electrical Grid Resiliency		5,000,000.00
Critical Infrastructure Power Supply Plan		2,000,000.00
On-Island electrical generation project		2,000,000.00
Community Partners Support for Resiliency	150,000.00	
Community Energy Initiative	500,000.00	
Emergency Forestry Task Force Recommendations	250,000.00	
Increase nursery tree production increase	100,000.00	
Electric School Bus Transition		20,000,000.00
Solar at Schools		1,000,000.00
Increase Investment in Active Transportation infrastructure		5,000,000.00
Building Strong & Safe Communities		
Community Infrastructure Program	5,000,000.00	
Atlantic Police Academy	750,000.00	
Provincial Parks Investment		10,000,000.00
Shared Services Program for Municipalities	250,000.00	
Community Legal Information grant	100,000.00	
Action plan to address cyberbullying	25,000.00	
High Speed Internet for remaining 4% of households		2,500,000.00
After-hour Access to Schools	100,000.00	
Shared Services Model for Community Sector	500,000.00	
Single Site for Wrap-Around Services in Charlottetown		2,000,000.00
Education		
100 New Positions for the Education System	6,000,000.00	
School Infrastructure Revitalization Fund		8,500,000.00
Growing enrollment strategy for schools	50,000.00	
School Bus Monitoring Pilot	50,000.00	
School Resource Officer Fund	750,000.00	
Social-emotional learning and professional development	65,000.00	
Queen Charlotte Intermediate School Expansion/Renovation		15,000,000.00
Stratford School Expansion to include Junior High		20,000,000.00
Local Indigenous History Curriculum	50,000.00	
Outdoor Learning Spaces		200,000.00
Imagination Library Expansion	100,000.00	
AEDs in Schools	100,000.00	
Healthcare Career Pathway Pilot	250,000.00	
Addressing Food Security		
Healthy soils initiatives	100,000.00	
Controlled-environment farming	250,000.00	
Promoting Local Products	25,000.00	
Universal Breakfast Program Pilot	30,000.00	
Provincial Food Waste Reduction Strategy	25,000.00	
Community Fridge Support	150,000.00	

Investing in our Children		
Reducing Childcare Fees by the end of 2023 to \$10/day	8,000,000.00	
Early Learning Centre Grants for Expansion	4,000,000.00	
Pilot a Universal After School Program	50,000.00	
Designate Six Additional Early Learning Centres	1,200,000.00	
Extended hours at early learning centres near hospitals	250,000.00	
National Recruitment Campaign with ECDA	75,000.00	
Pension plan for early childhood educators	1,000,000.00	
Incentives for private developers to include childcare centres	200,000.00	
Building childcare centres in all new public buildings		750,000.00
Review and promote Foster Parent Program	75,000.00	
Primary Industries		
Labour incentives for the tourism sector	250,000.00	
Charlottetown Airport Authority flight expansion	1,000,000.00	
Rural Interactive Tourism Products	75,000.00	
Shore-side Power at Charlottetown Port	250,000.00	
Music City Destination	100,000.00	
Confederation Centre Expansion		20,000,000.00
Land Use Plan	250,000.00	
Expand mental health services for farmers	100,000.00	
Support diversification of crops	100,000.00	
Modernize the Agricultural Insurance Corporation	50,000.00	
Support green farming initiatives and three-phase power		2,500,000.00
Provide assistance for housing supports to address workforce challenges	250,000.00	
Rebuild lost infrastructure to support fishing industry	400,000.00	
Promote and market Island products	100,000.00	
Support the sector by establishing its own dredging service	250,000.00	
Investing in technological advancements to reduce waste and create value-added products in our fishing industry	50,000.00	
E-Log System	125,000.00	
An Inclusive and Diverse Island		
Black Cultural Society Funding for four-year strategy	150,000.00	
Autism Society of PEI Mental Health Supports	50,000.00	
Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Officer	75,000.00	
Online learning courses for Mi'kmaq language	50,000.00	
Support immigration and assist newcomers	100,000.00	
2SLGBTQIA+ organizations	100,000.00	
Community Legal Aid Service	250,000.00	
Investing in EAL Resources	500,000.00	
Expanding French language services	250,000.00	
Volunteers		
Introduce a \$500 Volunteer Tax Credit for coaches, leaders and individuals who volunteer with registered charities and non-profit organizations	500,000.00	
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