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Green New Deal - A better deal for people and our environment

In April, I was proud to have introduced a motion in the House of Commons calling on Parliamentarians to support a plan where we achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, while creating high wage jobs and ensuring no community is left behind!

Motion M-232 calls for a Green New Deal for Canada. The motion is inspired by similar legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress by U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The Green New Deal is one of the inspirations for Jagmeet Singh and the NDP's *Power to Change: A new deal for climate action and good jobs*. What's in the Green New Deal?



Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples would be equal partners in the development of job creation, employment training and infrastructure investments for their communities. A Green New Deal would require

the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous communities for projects involving their rights and traditional territories.



Up to 4 million jobs.

Economists with the Canadian Building Trades believe 4 million jobs could be created over 30 years with the right plan to transition to a low carbon economy.

M-232 calls for achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, through a public investment aimed at reducing emissions and creating high wage jobs.



Publicly-owned investments. While the Liberals give \$12 million to Loblaws for new refrigerators, a Green New Deal would make sure that the public & communities own the renewable energy projects and other investments the government will make to decrease carbon emissions.



Carbon-free electricity. The Green New Deal motion calls for Canada to be powered by 100% new net carbon free electricity in ten years. Jagmeet Singh and the NDP have answered that call, vowing to make this a reality by 2030.



No Communities Left Behind. No region, or workers in an industry, or group of people can be left behind as we change our economy. The NDP and the Green New Deal are clear that all communities will be given the support, including retraining and local infrastructure projects, they need to ensure they succeed as we create a sustainable society.



Made-in-Canada zero-emission vehicles. New Democrats inspired by a Green New Deal will work with labour and industry to create good jobs by manufacturing zero-emission vehicles in Canada.



Free, accessible and clean public transport. The Green New Deal calls for government investment to make public transportation carbon-free. The NDP has committed to make Canada's public transportation fleets 100% zero-emission by 2030, and to make public transportation free in collaboration with interested municipalities.



Protecting our communities by investing in our communities. Extreme weather conditions like floods and forest fires are threatening people's homes and jobs. From farming to forestry, supporting community climate action and energy projects will protect families and boost local economies.



Everyone is at the table. A Green New Deal is about making sure no one is left behind. It would be developed with collaboration with Indigenous peoples, labour unions, worker cooperatives, civil society groups, academia, and businesses.

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IN THE NEWS

New West-Burnaby MP takes aim at telecom price 'gouging'

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New Westminster – Burnaby MP Peter Julian has moved a motion in the House of Commons that aims to stop what he calls “gouging” on cellphone and internet service.

“In any one month, half of Canadians are \$200 away from insolvency, but successive Liberal and

Conservative governments have allowed cellphone and internet prices to skyrocket,” said Julian. “These are essential services, but the big telecoms have been allowed to gouge Canadians with impunity. That has to end. The NDP five-point plan would put measures in place to ensure this stops now.”

Julian said that in London, a two-gigabyte plan that costs \$75 in Canada, costs consumers an average of \$26.56. In Paris and Rome, that same plan is \$30 and \$24.70, respectively.

“The price for a two-gigabyte phone plan in Australia is \$50 less than it is in Canada per month. That’s a \$600 difference annually,” said Julian. “Australia is a vast country, with remote communities. It has the same infrastructure challenges as Canada. The fact that Australia has more affordable telecom services at the same time it has better remote broadband and cell phone access proves the point that Canadians are getting ripped off.”

The NDP plan will introduce a price cap, Julian said, to ensure every Canadian saves money on their bill, will establish a Telecom Consumers’ Bill of Rights, and will put an end to what the NDP calls “egregious and outrageous” sales and services practices of the telecom companies■

NDP: PBO REPORT ON TAX EVASION SHOWS \$40 BILLION LOST ANNUALLY

The Parliamentary Budget Officer report on tax evasion shows the cost of the government’s failure to reduce overseas tax evasion. At a minimum, we have \$1.6 trillion dollars leaving Canada each year and \$40 billion lost in tax revenue each year.

In four years, the Trudeau government has not implemented any meaningful measures to stop this, or even to better understand the flow of money.

The NDP is calling on all parties to add to their election platforms the NDP’s proposals to crack down on tax evasion and the abusive transactions used by the wealthy to hide their money in shell companies overseas.

The rich are getting richer and you’re paying for it. When super-rich Canadians and Canadian corporations hide their money in tax havens, we lose \$40 billion in tax revenue every year. That’s money that could be used to invest in the public services we all use.

Imagine what we could fund if Canada’s government took this issue seriously: childcare, tuition fees, affordable housing, clean energy.

The Liberal government is not pursuing these tax cheats – and keeps forgiving over \$2 billion of this lost revenue every year. Other countries are recouping it, so why isn’t Canada?

Prior to the release of the PBO report, the Canada Revenue Agency admitted that corporations likely avoided paying billions in taxes in 2014.



Tired of seeing the rich get richer?

The PBO report shows a more serious picture that includes massive sums of corporate money flowing to small countries known for being tax havens, including \$47.6 billion transferred from Canada to the small European country of Luxembourg in 2016. The report also shows that in 2018, Canadian corporations transferred \$157.7 billion to Singapore, while Singapore only transferred \$35.9 billion to Canada.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer has shown that the \$11.4 billion reported by the CRA is very likely only the tip of the iceberg. The difference between what our tax revenue is, and what it could be, is called the ‘tax gap’. The PBO report shows we don’t have a tax gap, we have a tax chasm. It’s staggering what we could fund if this Liberal government was taking this issue seriously.

We must create a publicly-accessible registry of ownership information for federally incorporated corporations and shine a light on the tax evasion we know is taking place■

Peter in the Community



1 Meeting with First Nations carver Jack Timothy was a spiritual awakening experience. Mr. Timothy accepted the request from the Edmonds Community School last year to carve a “Welcome Pole” to commemorate First Nations peoples’ welcoming of newcomers to dwell on their land.



3 I had the privilege to present congratulatory certificates to the women who graduated from the ISS of BC’s Immigrant Women’s Peer Support Program. Many of them are volunteering in our community or looking for career opportunities. My best wishes to them in their future endeavours.

2 Thank you to the Environmental Club at New Westminster Secondary School for inviting me to speak about the Green New Deal Motion M-232 that I submitted to the House of Commons on April 25th, 2019. I was encouraged to see so many young people fighting back against climate change.



5 I spend Sunday to Thursday every week in Ottawa when Parliament is in session. Whenever I return, if I am not meeting my constituents or attending community events, my favourite thing to do is hit the basketball court and shoot some hoops at Moody Park & Playground, which is another great way to meet constituents.

4 The Grand Parade is a family-friendly fundraising walk that celebrates and supports aging Canadians and their families across Canada. New Westminster hosted the Grand Parade to fundraise for the Seniors Services Society.



We’ll save you money with Pharmacare for all.

Across Canada, people are having to make impossible choices every day – cutting pills in half, choosing between paying rent on time or filling their prescription, or going without the drugs they need altogether.

Canada is the only country in the world with universal health care that doesn’t cover medication. And even though experts say we could have better health care, lower costs, and savings for families, pharmacare has been stalled for years.

The NDP’s *Medicine for All* plan will save families more than \$500 a year, and save \$4.2 billion in prescription costs across Canada.

Topping up your prescription, not toppling your budget.

Canadian families will save more than \$500 a year on average – even if they have insurance at work or school. And businesses currently providing health insurance will save around \$600 per employee, and be confident that their whole team is covered.

Use your health card, not your credit card.

No more worrying about paying your deductible, co-pay, or premium. No more stress over how you’ll fill your kid’s prescription and still buy groceries. No more anxiety about your friends and family who need expensive prescription medicine to stay healthy – all you’ll require is your health card.

Saving money means saving lives.

Buying medicine together in bulk undercuts inflated prescription costs set by private companies, and lets us lower costs dramatically by negotiating prices as a country. We can save \$4.2 billion and use that money to give better coverage to all Canadians.

What people are saying:

“I have idiopathic anaphylaxis and need epi-pens. I’m required to carry two at all times, but they cost \$120 per pen. Some weeks, after I’ve had a reaction, I have to cancel plans, like not being able to go on school trips, because we can’t afford to carry a second epi-pen.”

Cole Sheehan-Klassen, Burnaby BC

“Like any parent, our kids come first. We can’t afford my husband’s heart medication, so we’re rolling the dice. Canadians need universal, public pharmacare. Our income shouldn’t dictate our access to medicine.”

Marilyn Sheehan, Burnaby BC

Canadians deserve leaders with the courage to stand up to big pharmaceutical and insurance companies, and fight for a solution that will make life better for everyday people.

Jagmeet Singh and the NDP will fight to give every Canadian pharmacare coverage that puts an end to impossible choices – and makes life more affordable for all.

MP Peter Julian is on *your* side.

Over the last four years, Peter and his NDP colleagues in Parliament fought to make life more affordable, to protect our environment, to reduce inequalities and defend workers' rights.

Meanwhile, the Trudeau government and Official Opposition Leader Scheer's Conservatives took the side of the richest corporations and helped them profit on the backs of everyday Canadians. And people are still paying the price from the last Conservative government under Stephen Harper.

A cleaner environment, action on climate change, access to housing that's more affordable and better healthcare; these are the things most Canadians are dreaming about. But getting by in Canada has never been more difficult.

Too many people can't afford the medicine they need, or they're facing an unprecedented housing crisis, while others are being held back by crushing student debt, and some of the highest childcare costs in the world. And still too many Indigenous communities don't have access to drinking water.

While the Liberals were picking and choosing which rights of Indigenous peoples they'd uphold, MP Romeo Saganash and the NDP Caucus were pushing the Trudeau government to enshrine into our laws the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

It is shameful that unelected and unaccountable Conservative Senators opposed the human rights of the First Peoples of this country and blocked the passage of Bill C-262 in its last legislative stages.

Throughout these last four years, the NDP always put solutions for people front and centre in everything they did.

The NDP presented plans to give Canadians access to affordable housing, access to affordable medication with a universal and public pharmacare program, priority over the richest corporations and needed roadmaps with concrete measures to fight climate change.

New Democrats are committed to continue to fight for people and are excited to bring their message to Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Successive Liberal and Conservative governments keep telling Canadians they can't afford to fix these problems – all while making choices that favour wealthy corporations and the richest Canadians.

The Liberals promised to be different, but they haven't had the courage to fix the problems the Conservatives created.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and Canadians need an ally on their side – to help make life easier and more affordable for all, where no one is left behind.

Together, it is possible to get better results and create a Canada where everyone can achieve their dream of a better life and a real path towards reconciliation.

- **Together, we can** create a fairer tax system and invest in the services we all need, instead of losing billions in tax revenue by protecting the Canadians who use offshore tax havens.
- **Together, we can** create a green energy economy and protect the environment, instead of wasting billions of dollars in subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.
- **Together, we can** take immediate action to lift all drinking water advisories in affected First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, instead of letting the problem linger for another generation.
- **Together, we can** protect workers' pensions during bankruptcy proceedings, instead of standing by as they lose their dreams of retiring in dignity.
- **Together, we can** invest in universal childcare and give women an equal chance to succeed, instead of letting rich corporations avoid paying their fair share.
- **Together, we can** create good quality jobs and build new affordable housing units across Canada, instead of allowing the housing crisis to continue.
- **Together, we can** reduce drug costs and implement a universal drug coverage plan, instead of caving in to large pharmaceutical corporations ■

My office is here to help.



My team can help constituents experiencing difficulties & with inquiries to federal government departments and agencies, including:

- Citizenship, immigration & visa applications
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS) & Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Revenue Agency & tax benefits
- Canada Student Loans
- Veterans Affairs

We can also arrange special messages for occasions such as birthdays & anniversaries; provide referrals to other services offered in Burnaby and New Westminster; and we'll do our best to support initiatives that enrich our community.

I am here to ensure that you have a strong voice in Parliament. Please do not hesitate to write, phone or email me your views on policies affecting our community.

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