

## **Quebec Provincial Elections Report Card**

**Canada's Carbon Emission Target:** Canada's updated nationally determined contribution to the Paris Agreement is to reduce emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030. Canada is then committed to reaching net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.

The Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act, which received Royal Assent on June 29, 2021, codified the Government of Canada's commitment for the country to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2050. This legislation requires the Government of Canada to set national emissions reduction targets at five-year intervals for 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045, and to develop emission reduction plans for each target as well as explain how each plan would contribute to reaching net-zero in 2050. The Government will engage key stakeholders and partners such as provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous Peoples, and the Net-Zero Advisory Body, among others, in setting these national targets.

Just last month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued what the UN called a 'code-red' warning on potentially catastrophic impacts of climate change, and emphasized that achieving net-zero emissions by about 2050 and achieving deeper near-term emission reductions by 2030 are key to limiting warming to 1.5°C. Reducing Canada's 2030 emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels will help preserve the remaining carbon budget and act as an important milestone to 2050. Deep emissions reductions by 2030 are required to build the demand and supply for net-zero emissions technologies well before 2050.

Canada recognizes that developing a strategy and policies to move towards a nature-positive, carbon-neutral economy is essential to be part of the global transition that is increasingly turning into a sprint. With less than a decade to 2030, and with countries around the world quickly moving to a low carbon economy, Canada's enhanced NDC is ambitious, necessary and achievable—reflecting both the scale of the climate crisis and economic opportunity that strong climate action presents.

### **Report Card GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

For our built communities and outdoor playgrounds to be healthy, safe, and resilient to a changing climate, we envision a future where we've achieved Canada's commitment to the Paris Agreement by transforming our economy and energy systems, cutting our carbon addiction, protecting our natural

spaces and empowering all Canadians to be part of just climate solutions. To achieve this, we advocate for the following:

### **Protected Nature**

Nature is the basis of our society and economy, are essential carbon sinks, food sources, recreation and cultural sites. The more we protect, the better off we are.

**Land:** Forests, grasslands, tundra - you name it Canada's got it and therefore we've got to protect our diverse landscapes and the species and carbon they hold.

**Water:** Rivers, wetlands, oceans, lakes and glaciers. Canada's known for being "water rich" but with temperatures warming, ice melting, toxic algae blooms, floods and other climate impacts we need to carefully protect our water sources.

**Food:** Our agriculture industry is the third largest source of emissions in Canada, yet at the same time soil, plants and animals can be a key climate solution while rethinking access to food at the same time can help reduce vulnerability.

### **Regenerative Economy**

Economies exist to provide products and services that enhance our well-being. Transparently investing our time, money and energy into modes of production and consumption that serve all Canadians and the sustainable future we want is essential and will require a careful transition.

**Energy:** Everything is powered by something, and we want to make sure we are moving towards the cleanest and most appropriate forms of energy across our country.

**Transportation:** With a vast country, moving people and things is costly in our climate. Technology, infrastructure and community planning can help us reduce and transition to new (and old) ways of traveling.

**Goods:** We all have to consume some things but we want our government to help us transition away from a disposable society. We want to consume only what we need, products made to last, made to repair, made locally, made responsibly and with no wasteful packaging.

### **Caring Community**

Known for being nice, we want to build on that Canadian kindness to create a culture that cares not only about climate and environment, but about each other. We all have the rights to a healthy future and climate change is a team sport. We're used to competing but now's the time to take the assist and help others get the goal. We've got to work together, collaborate, question our outdated strategies and ways of thinking and unite for the win!

**Educate:** Make space for Indigenous knowledge and ways of being and thinking.

**Inspire:** A Canadian identity that is united, inclusive and inviting.

**Advocate:** Depoliticize the environment and climate and focus on a just transition that ensures nobody is left behind.

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## **Quebec Election Key Party Scores**

La Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ): **Grade "C+"**

- Website (French only): <https://coalitionavenirquebec.org/fr/>
- Platform: <https://coalitionavenirquebec.org/fr/>

Climate Goal: none stated?

**Protected Nature: "B-"**

### **Land**

- Create three new national parks and expand five existing parks.
- Enhance the Quebec National Trail.
- Support cities and municipalities to create and enhance green spaces and improve access to water bodies.
- Create new protected areas and make them accessible to the public in a sustainable manner.

### **Water**

- Creation of the Blue Fund with a budget of \$650 million for the next mandate. This fund will be financed in part by an increase in fees from industries that use our water.

### **Food**

- Bring young people closer to the agri-food sector by expanding access to the Agri-Foods Goes to School program. Offer the program to schools that wish to participate.
  - Invest \$50 million in sustainable agriculture to accelerate the adoption of environmentally responsible farming practices.
  - Add \$50 million to help young farmers acquire farmland.
- Making UPA dues more equitable to support small and start-up producers.

**Regenerative Economy: "C"**

- The CAQ wants to reduce GHGs and make Quebec a leader in the green economy.

### **Energy**

- Launching the largest block of wind energy projects and studies for new electrical production facilities.
- Investing \$40 million to fund the creation of the Integrated Battery Centre to stimulate the battery industry and innovation.

## **Transportation**

- Reaching 21,500 Level 2 charging stations and 2,200 fast charging stations across Quebec by 2026.

## **Caring Culture: No information available?**

Le Parti Libéral du Québec: **Grade "B+"**  
"The Liberal Playbook"

- Website: <https://plq.org/en/>
- Platform: [https://secureservercdn.net/45.40.155.193/bmb.7a9.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/liberal\\_playbook.pdf](https://secureservercdn.net/45.40.155.193/bmb.7a9.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/liberal_playbook.pdf)

Climate Goal: ECO Project - \$100B in public and private investments to rethink our economy, reduce emissions by 45% below 1990 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050

## **Protected Nature: "B+"**

### **Land**

- the development of a true Strategy for the Protection of Natural Environments and Biodiversity which will seek, among others, to support the renaturalization of natural environments, better governance over wetlands and better tools to protect threatened and vulnerable species.

- We are committed to achieving the 30% protected area target by 2030.

- adopt a bill to include the right to biodiversity and environmental preservation among the fundamental rights protected by the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

### **Water**

- We are proposing a 3-tiered approach to showcase our water, protect and ensure it is carefully used. Our priorities are to ensure its quality for human consumption as well as biodiversity, and to reduce consumption.

- A Liberal government will increase water royalties up 6-fold. The industries that use our water spent close to \$3M in annual royalties while they used at least one thousand billion litres of water- the equivalent of 250,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools. That's just not enough. The sums collected through the increase in royalties will be used to support upgrading wastewater treatment systems in collaboration with municipalities and to combat invasive exotic species in our lakes.

- We are therefore proposing to finance the installation of water meters in all non-residential buildings to reduce consumption and establish a voluntary program for the agricultural sector.

- Implement regional strategies to prevent shoreline erosion. This work must take into account the different realities of each of our regions. We will also work to develop a plan for better access to waterways, including the Saint-Lawrence River.

- Dumping mine waste into lakes will no longer be an option. Furthermore, we want to quickly increase the annual value of restoration work on abandoned mines, prioritizing sites whose contamination compromises the quality of residents'

drinking water or the economic and tourism-based development in the affected communities.

### **Food**

- Allowing farmland to be parceled out while ensuring that this possibility does not become an open bar for real estate developers and speculation. Creating a tax incentive on the sale of land to the next generation of farmers to provide young farmers with additional support ; Regulating the acquisition of farmland by people who do not intend to farm on land with high agronomic potential ;
- Support farmers in their transformation towards greener, pesticide- limited agriculture, and establish a one-stop-shop for adapting to rapidly changing regulations
- Launching the Water Strategy which comprises 63 measures and includes a variety of investments totalling over \$550 million dollars. Ensuring quality water for the population, protecting and restoring aquatic environments, promoting the sustainable use of water and focusing on water's economic potential are all essential to Quebec's future.

### **Regenerative Economy: "A-"**

Once and for all, we need to stop presenting the economy and the environment and the fight against climate change as oppositional. Our ECO Project is the proof that we can combine these elements to propel Quebec forward. We are proposing to implement a new indicator of socioeconomic progress (Genuine Progress Indicator) for Quebec. Developed, calculated and published on an annual basis by the Institut de la Statistique du Québec, for each of the regions and for the province as a whole, it will provide a more accurate and realistic measurement of Quebec society's evolution and of the impacts of our projects and our public policies.

### **Transportation**

- Improving our public transportation offer in metropolitan areas as well as in the regions.
  - There will be no new highway projects announced in metropolitan regions until we have conducted a neutral and transparent analysis of the interactions between mobility, urban planning and public transportation service offers in these regions.
  - We will triple the number of public network charging stations for electric vehicles. As part of that exercise, we will also ensure that municipalities in rural areas have at least one charging station.
- Furthermore, as part of the Building Code's overhaul, we foresee the addition of electric charging stations in all new buildings and will also implement installation objectives in existing buildings, so that there are as many charging stations throughout Quebec as possible, as soon as possible.

### **Energy**

- clean energy through green hydrogen, nationalize the distribution
- to decarbonize our economy through electrification and green hydrogen, we will need a lot of green energy, close to 80% more than today's levels.
- energy efficiency plan that will reduce our energy waste by two-thirds within 10 years. This represents a reduction of about 10% of Quebec's energy bill

- The QLP adheres to putting an end to the exploration and development of oil and natural gas within its territory. That means that no new permits for exploration will be issued, current development permits will be halted and the necessary funds will be invested to identify and secure several dozen abandoned boreholes which are the sources of methane leaks and soil contaminations. The development of oil and natural gas is not, even as a temporary measure, a solution to the fight against climate change or a means of achieving international climate goals.
- We must withdraw the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec from fossil fuels within 5 years. In 2017, the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec's (CDPQ) investments in fossil fuels amounted to a record-breaking 18.5 billion dollars, representing 6.2% of its portfolio. The Caisse committed to liquidating its assets in the oil sector by the end of 2022 and it also anticipates an end to all investments in new pipeline constructions. We must ensure that this transformation is completed quickly.
- We will also work with Energy to hasten its decarbonization. We should not aim to grow this network, but rather to use it more responsibly.

### **Caring Culture: "A-"**

#### **Educate** (Multiple ways of knowing)

- We will support the deployment of more specific educational projects focused on science. We want to see more "science studies" programs so that we can awaken young people's interest in the major challenge of fighting climate change and develop a better sustained thirst for careers in the sciences.

#### **Inspire** (Unite and support)

- We are committed to reviewing the proportion of mining royalties that are paid to the local communities.
- introduce free public transportation for students and for those aged 65 and up throughout Quebec, at no cost to the transit authority. We will also gradually establish the Passport Mobilité throughout Quebec. It is an application and universal mobility card that can be used in all of Quebec's sustainable transportation services.
- committed to presenting a clear action plan to fight systemic racism in the first year of our mandate.

Protecting minorities also calls on us to protect and promote the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

- It goes without saying that we must follow up on the recommendations related to the Government of Quebec, for example the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We are also committed to launching a public inquiry on the issue of residential schools.

#### **Advocate** (De-politicize)

- Premier will be directly responsible for achieving these greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as part of their responsibility for the fight against climate change. To ensure effective governmental coordination, the Premier will be supported by a scientific officer in charge of the issue, based in the Ministry of the Executive Council.
- The Quebec Liberal Party will organize a "COP-Quebec", which will gather scientists, researchers and governments from throughout North America. For each State, it will

be an opportunity to take stock of the climate change measures in place and operationalize collaborative arrangements that will leverage Quebec's expertise, which includes hydroelectricity. We will aim to hold this event within the first 100 days of a Liberal government.

- A Law on carbon neutrality will be adopted and will establish five-year targets to achieve carbon neutrality in 2050. Specific targets in the oil and gas sector are anticipated. The necessary exercise of reducing GHGs must be done while taking the impacts on families and businesses into account. We need predictability if we want to be successful. It is essential to reflect upon a fair transition.

- Once and for all, we need to stop presenting the economy and the environment and the fight against climate change as oppositional. Our ECO Project is the proof that we can combine these elements to propel Quebec forward. We are proposing to implement a new indicator of socioeconomic progress (Genuine Progress Indicator) for Quebec. Developed, calculated and published on an annual basis by the Institut de la Statistique du Québec, for each of the regions and for the province as a whole, it will provide a more accurate and realistic measurement of Quebec society's evolution and of the impacts of our projects and our public policies.

## Le Parti Québécois (PQ): **Grade "A-"**

- Website (French only): <https://pq.org/>
- Platform (French only): <https://pq.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/cahier-projet-nationalv2.pdf>

Climate Goals: to provide a framework for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 through the adoption of a budget and a binding framework law that will raise Quebec's climate ambitions and ambitions and the 2030 target in line with the target set at COP26 in Glasgow and in the spirit of the and in the spirit of Quebec's fair share in the fight against climate change climate change;

### **Protected Nature: "A"**

- Quebec's territory is inseparable from our national identity. It characterizes our pride and deeply marks our history; our forests as far as the eye can see, our great river, our winding rivers and our white deserts have become true symbols of Quebec. Bearing first the imprint of the Aborigines, our territory conditions our existence and embodies our future. Like our people, our territory is welcoming and knows how to charm tourists who come from all over the world to visit it, in all seasons. Rich in natural resources, it requires us to ensure its sustainability and its sustainable exploitation, in order to guarantee an economy in harmony with the local communities.

## **Land**

- Work with municipalities to ensure that land-use planning laws and regulations reflect the imperatives of the ecological transition and development, while allocating a proportion of the Plan québécois des infrastructures (PQI) to the greening of municipalities;
- Enhance the tax rebate program for owners of certain protected natural areas on private protected natural areas on private land in order to protect biodiversity and natural conservation, biodiversity and natural environments, but also, in many respects, to the health the health, economy and well-being of our communities, for a collective benefit collective benefit;
- to integrate the polluter-pays principle with respect to air, soil and water contamination soil and water contamination;

## **Water**

- assert our sovereignty over the St. Lawrence River and Gulf, protect their flora and fauna and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, protect their fauna and flora, and perpetuate the Seaway;
- Increase accessibility to the waterways for citizens;
- Guarantee the protection of drinking water and its access to all citizens;
- Exclude the water trade from international trade treaties;
- Ensure public and collective management of water by significantly increasing the by significantly increasing the fee charged for commercial and industrial water use, including including a program to support municipalities in modernizing and upgrading water treatment for the modernization and upgrading of wastewater treatment infrastructure;
- Protecting wetlands, natural environments and waterways by strengthening existing Protecting wetlands, natural environments and watercourses by strengthening existing legislation and ensuring that it is enforced;
- Protecting marine and coastal areas, including the control of shoreline erosion erosion of shorelines;
- ensure responsible and intelligent management of our forests, limiting to the maximum ecosystems and communities as much as possible, and by optimizing optimizing the capture of GHGs;

## **Food**

- To develop food independence through the sustainable use of agri-food resources
- promote food sovereignty through mechanisms for monitoring national supply national supply;
- ensure public and collective management of our agricultural land, to allow our farmers access to access to it for our farmers;
- ensure that the ownership of our agricultural land remains in Quebec, to curb land grabbing by foreign or financial interests;
- strengthen the protection of our agricultural lands, particularly in the face of urban sprawl, in order to ensure, among other things, that urban sprawl in order to ensure, among other things, the increased protection of woodlands, forests and wetlands;

- support the transfer of farms to the next generation of farmers;
- encourage the development of year-round greenhouse agriculture;
- encourage organic and diversified agricultural production;
- regulate the use of chemical fertilizers and promote alternatives, while accompanying regulate the use of chemical fertilizers and promote alternatives, while supporting businesses in this green shift;
- Adding additional regulatory provisions in order to to promote sustainable agriculture;
- Maintain supply management for milk, chicken, turkey, table eggs and and hatching egg production;
- Supporting urban agriculture on a commercial and personal scale;
- support agricultural and agri-food businesses in the development of their products their products, in Quebec and on international markets;
- Develop a policy for the purchase of local food products in public institutions (e.g., the institutions (e.g., daycare centers, schools, hospitals, etc.);
- encourage Quebecers to consume local food products food products;
- legislate to reduce food waste;
- encourage agri-food producers to donate their unmarketable produce to food to food banks or community organizations, while providing financial support to ensure zero cost to them for them;
- ensure sustainable fishing throughout the maritime territory of Quebec;
- support, develop and promote the processing and consumption of marine products in Quebec;
- ensure that all agricultural workers and those involved in the processing of marine products a decent income and working conditions while working to reduce dependence on temporary foreign reduce dependence on temporary foreign workers;
- promote training in the marine trades sector in the maritime regions of Quebec maritime regions of Quebec;
- support the transfer of fishing licenses and enterprises to the next generation generation to the next;
- identify protected areas throughout the territory, in the south as well as in the northern regions, with a view to northern regions, with a view to protecting the biodiversity that is at the heart of Quebec's natural heritage of Quebec;

### **Regenerative Economy: "B+"**

#### **Energy**

- contribute to the expansion of the carbon market (SPEDE), notably by phasing out free allocations, increasing the number of offset protocols and offset protocols, and by encouraging other international partners to join international partners;
- Implement an environmental policy based on the concept of a circular economy by promoting eco-design of products in order to fight against obsolescence the fight against programmed obsolescence, more efficient recycling practices, and recycling practices, as well as short production-consumption circuits reflecting the reflecting the quadruple R philosophy (recover, reuse, recycle, repair);

## **Goods**

- Renew our industrial policy by focusing on a better use of natural resources, on the fight against resources, on the fight against waste of resources and programmed obsolescence, on the identification of critical niches in the face of the challenges of a energy economy, and on local economic actors who will be involved in the long term in the long term;
- Promote green entrepreneurship among Quebec SMEs through public purchasing and support policies, with a particular focus on the development of the development of the social economy, cooperatives and social entrepreneurship entrepreneurship;
- - provide Québec with a responsible investment policy for the management of savings of Quebecers, including the withdrawal of investments in fossil fuels and investments in fossil fuels and by changing the CDPQ's legislation;
- Adopt a sustainable commercial and pricing policy, i.e. one that takes into account the the ecological (including carbon footprint) and social cost of imported goods and services;
- Improve the Wood Charter, use more Quebec wood in the construction of infrastructures infrastructure construction in Quebec and ensure that Quebec's domestic needs are met before domestic needs are met before authorizing the export of the resource;

## **Transportation:**

- Reduce transportation demand by: promoting telecommuting; promoting the soft densification of urban centers, particularly around public transit; Supporting municipalities in their efforts to combat sprawl.
- Shifting transportation demand to other modes by: developing the supply of active transportation throughout Quebec; supporting public transit projects in all regions of Quebec; supporting public transit projects in all regions of Quebec, with a view to the right mode at the right time and in the right place; improving incentives for carpooling and carsharing.
- Improve existing transportation by accelerating the electrification of transportation, both individual and collective, including the development of an industrial sector for electric vehicles of all types.
- Establishing, in partnership with large companies and public transporters public transportation systems linked to park-and-ride facilities to improve the fluidity of the main roads around the major urban centers, to reduce the occasional transit of single-occupant motorists during peak hours;
- Create a decentralized transportation agency, whose mission will be to coordinate the maintenance of transport networks and the management of transport infrastructure construction;
- Ensure intra- and inter-regional accessibility of Quebec's regions;
- To claim from the federal government jurisdiction over rail transportation on the Quebec territory;
- Promote the development of rail and maritime transport of people and goods, with a view to of people and goods, with a view to reducing trucking;

## **Caring Culture: "B+"**

### **Educate** (Multiple ways of knowing)

- Mobilize Quebec's civil society and bring it into the picture by convening a social dialogue on the climate emergency to develop regional and national strategies for and national strategies for ecological transition and by creating a national transition council to ensure follow-up;
- Promote environmental education and develop basic and applied research in this and applied research in this area, in particular by adopting a policy of research and development policy focused on the emergence of a resilient society and a sustainable and a sustainable economy;
- Highlighting Aboriginal place names, particularly in natural areas such as rivers natural places such as rivers;

### **Inspire** (Unite and Support)

- strengthen the adaptation of our communities to the impacts of climate disruption and ensure that and ensure that the taxes applied are used for the ecological, economic and social transition economic and social transition; to financially assist businesses to gradually electrify all
- Establish a specific national policy for the protection of our landscapes in collaboration with municipalities and local communities, including Aboriginal communities, in order to develop more protected areas and ensure the principle of guaranteeing the principle of social acceptability in relation to any mining or logging project.

### **Advocate** (Depoliticize)

- Develop economic development indicators that better reflect the economic and social progress of our social progress of our society by taking into account the ecological services provided by our ecological services provided by our natural environment;
- introducing, in the analysis of each government investment and purchase the calculation of its ecological impact, as well as environmental criteria in public public tenders;
- Putting the fight against climate change at the heart of Quebec's international cooperation policy.
- Develop government and municipal expertise and human resources to ensure the and municipalities to ensure that laws are enforced and environmental standards are met environmental standards;
- Enshrine the sustainability of our natural environment and the protection of biodiversity in the Quebec Constitution and ensure that the Quebec State is the sole decision-maker the sole decision-maker on environmental issues within its territory;

## Québec Solidaire: **Grade "A"**

"Let's Clear the -> air"

- website: <https://en.quebecsolidaire.net/>
- Platform: <https://v.fastcdn.co/u/7dad2151/62412696-0-QS-Platform-2022.pdf>

**Climate Goals:** adopt climate legislation that reduces greenhouse gasses at least 55% by 2030 from 1990 levels, with the ultimate aim of being carbon neutral by 2050.

### **Protected Nature: "A-"**

#### Land

- Guarantee that 30% of Québec's landmass and its ecological diversity is protected by 2030, particularly in southern Québec.
- Will build wildlife corridors
- Will expand the SÉPAQ network and exercise the right to expropriate vacant land in cities in order to create green spaces; we will provide adequate protection for existing woodlands and wetlands and the animals that live there, while supporting citizens' initiatives. We will protect waterways and facilitate public access to natural shorelines.

#### Water

grant the St. Lawrence River legal personhood.

- We will significantly increase royalty rates for companies that use drinking water for commercial purposes, and we will progressively ban private companies from bottling drinking water in Québec.

#### Food

- To feed the people of Québec healthy, accessible and local products, Québec Solidaire will improve programs that support local organic and sustainable agriculture.
- We will implement a local food procurement policy in the public sector that includes a target goal of 70% local food and 50% plant-based meals.
- We will also provide support and financial aid to farmers to help them use fewer pesticides and reach net-zero GHG emissions by encouraging a transition to plant-based farming. We will offer technical and financial support for the transition from conventional to organic farming and reimburse organic certification. Furthermore, we will introduce mechanisms to avoid the need to use farm inputs that compromise population and ecosystem health (e.g., glyphosate and neonicotinoids).
- Block urban sprawl from encroaching upon farmland. We will issue land protection regulations that are conducive to small parcel farming and housing for farmers. We will promote urban agricultural development and farming for self-consumption. We will also establish public agricultural areas (land trusts) and make them available to young farmers.
- To diversify and strengthen the local food supply, Québec Solidaire will create collective production and processing facilities.

We will develop a public network of regional slaughterhouses while also funding regional biofood processing centres that support the producing and processing of food with a small ecological footprint, namely plant-based protein. We will also create new public markets and improve existing ones to shorten supply chains.

- To stimulate development of Québec's maritime communities, Québec Solidaire will promote selling Québec's seafood products locally. We will use a shared system to trace and identify local and sustainable maritime products, as well as create supply coordination tools, including shared marketing platforms and community-backed fishing networks.

### **Regenerative Economy: "A"**

- Green taxes to make the major polluters pay for the damage caused by their economic activities. We will institute a Carbon Budget with annual and industry-based reduction targets and set goals for regional transition plans.

### Transportation

- In both the city and the surrounding areas, we will launch a major infrastructure project to build a public electric rail network for goods and travelers.

-make public transit (trams, trains, electric buses) the focal point of this transformation, in cities, towns and rural areas, and enlist public companies to spearhead this shift. We will develop a transportation system that reduces dependence on single-occupier vehicles, and instead promote active transportation measures, carpooling and short-distance transportation.

- Create an extensive network of charging stations and a regional reward/ penalty system with the intention of banning the sale of all new gas-powered vehicles by 2030, and we will develop safe cycling networks in small, medium and large urban areas.

- Make it so that everyone can get around affordably, Québec Solidaire will cut public transportation prices by 50%, with the long-term goal of making public transportation free.

### Energy

- Nationalize and decentralize all renewable energy providers (wind, solar, etc.) in order to make energy production fully public in Québec and to ensure its structured expansion.

- Keep the ban on oil and gas drilling throughout Québec and will ensure that the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec divests from companies in this industry. Any new oil and gas pipeline in Québec will be banned.

- This new contract will lay the groundwork for a sustainable and responsible battery metals industry, from extraction all the way to recycling. We will promote local energy produced from biomass and other renewable and residual sources. We will also transform our logging practices by developing tree farms and multi-use community forests. Lastly, we will set softwood lumber targets that prioritize green renovation and restoration of existing buildings, followed by constructing new, greener buildings.

## Goods

- To reduce waste and extend the lifespan of consumer products, Québec Solidaire will end planned obsolescence and legislate the Right to Repair, prioritize household appliances and communication devices, including the different kinds of computers and will make repair services tax-free. We will introduce a law to combat food waste and gradually ban single-use products whenever possible.
- To encourage consumption locally and promote a social, circular economy, Québec Solidaire will create a "Made in Québec" certification and a local procurement policy.

## **Caring Culture: "A"**

### Educate (Multiple ways of knowing)

- To ensure a just transition to a net-zero carbon economy, we will create a workforce requalification fund to help workers in polluting industries find green jobs that align with their skills.
- To ensure that all Québec farmers and all agricultural models are represented, Québec Solidaire will amend the law to promote union pluralism.

### Inspire (Unite & Support)

- To protect the population, First Nations, and our land from the effects of the climate crisis, Québec Solidaire will implement significant adaptation measures.
- To give everyone in Québec a good standard of living when they exit the workforce, Québec Solidaire will create a universal public pension plan. This plan will include a minimum pension 10.4 to account for the unpaid labour that is predominantly carried out by women.
- To give all low-wage workers a decent salary, Québec Solidaire will raise the minimum wage to \$18/hour immediately after taking power, and then continue raising it so low-wage earners can get out of poverty
- increase social assistance so that it covers all recipients' basic needs. We will also launch a guaranteed minimum income pilot project.
- Québec Solidaire will require public sector bodies to adopt a 25% hiring rate for visible and ethnic minorities until the overall target of 18% is reached. We will also ensure that the Equal Employment Opportunity Program for historically underrepresented groups is strengthened, particularly in Québec's public sector. Furthermore, Québec Solidaire will temporarily raise the hiring rate for people with disabilities until an overall target of 10% is reached.
- To combat the criminalization of Indigenous, racialized and marginalized people, Québec Solidaire will put an end to racial profiling.
- We will allot significant funding to making municipal services and transportation universally accessible. Furthermore, all new commercial construction must be based on universal design, to guarantee accessibility for all; we will provide financial incentives to offset universal accessibility expenses in the workplace. Lastly, we will do everything in our power to make recreational, cultural, social, sports and outdoor activities accessible to people with disabilities.
- Establish a Systemic Racism Commission and implement its recommendations. We will also see to it that the Human Rights Commission's recommendations are implemented.
- Make gender parity mandatory in the Cabinet and in all decision-making roles in public services and government-owned corporations.

## Advocate (Depoliticize)

- Provide adequate funding for the mission of independent community action groups
- Relocalize our economy, become less dependent on imports and combat Global North–South disparities, Québec Solidaire will renegotiate the free trade treaties that Canada negotiated on Québec's behalf, with the aim of entering into international trade cooperation arrangements that honour individual and collective rights, particularly those of Indigenous peoples, as well as social and environmental justice.
- To strengthen our democratic system so that it actually reflects the will of the people, Québec Solidaire will reform the voting system. We will establish a compensatory mixed- member proportional voting system that will make it possible to achieve gender parity. We will allow citizens' initiative referendums and give constituents the power to remove elected officials from office. We will lower the voting age to 16 to foster public debate.
- To ensure that Québec politics is truly in the hands of its citizens, Québec Solidaire will establish regional governing bodies with set budgets and powers.
- To foster transparency and fight corruption, Québec Solidaire will make it easier to access information that concerns the public interest by requiring government agencies to publish their information in an understandable and accessible format.
- To ensure that public services are actually geared toward the people they are meant to serve, Québec Solidaire will bring back local governance, introduce accountability mechanisms and increase citizen decision- making involvement. Québec Solidaire will allow permanent residents to vote in municipal elections.

## Parti Conservateur du Québec: **Grade: F**

### "Free in our own homes"

- website: <https://www.conservative.quebec/>
- Platform: <https://www.conservative.quebec/platform>

**Climate Goals:** none stated

#### **Protected Nature: "F"**

- Making the most of our natural resources
- Relaunching the Quebec LNG-Project
- investing in infrastructure for the implementation of major mining projects

#### **Regenerative Economy: "D"**

- Encouraging environmental entrepreneurship
  - Demanding abolition of the federal carbon tax
- Transportation:
- Promote public transportation by offering free buses rather than investing in a "costly and useless" tramway in Quebec City.
  - Progressive electrification of transport
  - Phasing out subsidies for electric vehicles and biofuel subsidies

## Energy

- Allow the exploration of our natural gas resources in order to make Quebec self-sufficient in energy and help our European allies gain access to greener energy.
- Suspend gasoline taxes to help Quebec families cope with the rising cost of living.

## Goods:

- Ending taxation on the resale of all used consumer goods including automobiles

## **Caring Culture: "F"**

- Serving the diversity of education