

## Partial list of commitments in Green Party of Canada platform

A Green government will:

- Small Businesses
  - Extend wage and rent subsidies until COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions are fully lifted.
  - Hold the small business tax rate at no more than 9%.
  - Reduce the paperwork burden on small businesses by eliminating duplicative tax filings and red tape.
  - Ensure all new legislation considers the impact on small businesses.
  - Reduce bureaucracy and streamline approvals for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to adopt technologies.
  - Promote entrepreneurship training and business support, especially for women, young, racialized and Indigenous entrepreneurs.
  - Provide affordable and accessible internet services across Canada, including rural areas.
  - Establish a federally funded Green Venture Capital Fund of \$1 billion to support viable small local green business start-ups.
  - Subsidize the implementation of new clean technologies across all SMEs.
- Intellectual Property (IP) Commercialization & Innovation
  - Increase direct federal funding for private and student-led business R&D
  - Strengthen Canada's venture capital (VC) ecosystem
  - Implement a national Buy Clean strategy to increase government procurement of Canadian low-carbon technologies
  - Provide access to federally funded IP at a discount to Canadian companies with Canadian operations
- Manufacturing in Canada
  - Support localized investments in renewable energy and green manufacturing which will allow for job transition in communities dependent on the oil and gas sectors
  - Assist farmers with transitioning away from the industrial model controlled by large agri-business and toward locally and regionally based food systems
  - Fund new and innovative value-added forestry-based manufacturing facilities in rural Canada to create jobs and keep profits from our resources in Canada. Work with provinces, territories, and municipalities to make sure that timber, pulp, and paper manufacturing is environmentally and economically sustainable in rural Canada.
  - Maximize economic opportunities, upstream and downstream valued-added processes, such as the use of local contractors for construction, and the local processing and refining of resources, shall be promoted.
- Shorter supply chains
  - Lessen Canada's overall dependence on global supply chains for essential goods and services.

- Construction
  - Invest in construction and operation of 50,000 supportive housing units over 10 years.
  - Build and acquire a minimum of 300,000 units of deeply affordable non-market, co-op and non-profit housing over a decade.
  - Eliminate GST on all construction costs related to child care spaces.
  - Create and implement a national green retrofit of existing residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings.
  - Support agencies and institutions working to create innovative, efficient, and cost-effective programs to carry out green retrofits in different areas and for different communities, thereby creating local jobs and reducing emissions.
  - Change the national building code to require that all new construction and major renovations to older buildings meet net-zero standards by 2030.
  - Undertake a green retrofit of all federal government buildings, including government agencies.
- Research & Development
  - Increase R&D spending to 2.5% of GDP, bringing Canada in line with the OECD average.
  - Establish a dedicated innovation agency that focuses on developing joint projects across universities, private industry, and national labs.