

Mining

Liberal

- 8 new mines and 9 upgrades by 2020
- Phase out PST on electricity for mines
- \$18 million for permitting and oversight
- Work with New Gold mining to fix the Ootsa Forest Service Road for the Blackwater Mine near Quesnel
- Continue to address the recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General on Mount Polley
- Implement the expanded Infrastructure Royalty Credit Program for 2017/18 to enhance job creation (Through the Infrastructure Royalty Credit Program, oil and gas companies can apply for a credit to the royalties they would otherwise pay to the Province. This credit can be as much as 50 per cent of the cost of building roads or pipelines. <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-gas-oil/oil-gas-royalties/infrastructure-royalty-credit-program>)

NDP

- Improved, properly resourced approvals process
- Remove the PST from electricity used in mining
- Continued support of the mining flow-through share tax credit and the mineral exploration tax credit
- BC Mining Jobs Task Force, mandated to work with industry and communities to make jobs secure and mines viable as commodity prices fluctuate
- Increase industry safety, by establishing an independent oversight unit
- Expand the role of the BC Geological Survey (BCGS) and use GeoScience and BCGS data to inform land use planning initiatives in partnership with First Nations

Green

- Work with industrial sectors that will be impacted by climate change to develop integrated climate risk management and resilience plans
- Ensure compliance by new guidelines for the use of qualified professionals that eliminate the potential for conflict of interest, and work with professional bodies to ensure that codes of conduct for their members are fully enforced
- Establish a natural resource sector wide compliance and enforcement (C&E) unit (extra \$20 million)
- Establish a Natural Resource Commissioner who will lead a Natural Resources Board that is responsible for establishing sustainable harvest and extraction levels and reporting on the state of BC's environment and natural assets. The NRB will conduct cumulative impact assessments, and oversee the professional reliance model
- Apply carbon tax to coal mine fugitive emissions
- Require efficient operation of equipment (see Climate)

Fracking/LNG

Liberal

- Goal of three LNG plants moving to construction by 2020 (Woodfibre LNG now under construction, 18 projects with export permits approved, 63 natural gas Pipeline Benefit Agreements with First Nations)
- Responsible development of the Montney oil and gas reserves
- Re-establish natural gas fueling stations for heavy truck and fleet use in the province
- Promote electrification in the LNG sector to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- [No mention of fracking]

NDP

- Projects must offer jobs and training for British Columbians, especially jobs for local people
- The people of BC must get a fair return for our resources
- Projects must secure full partnerships with local First Nations

- Projects must complete a made-in-BC environmental assessment, and achieve the highest environmental standards while respecting our commitments to combating climate change
- Fracking – appoint a scientific panel to ensure that gas is produced safely, and environment protected, to include impacts on water and seismic activity

Green

No mention of fracking (see water section); no discussion of LNG except in context of criticism of current Liberal plans for expansion

Kinder Morgan/Pipelines/Tankers

Liberal

- Ensure a world-leading marine spill response system, prior to any new operations
- Ensure that Kinder Morgan meets its requirements to significantly enhance marine safety
- Finalize the Kinder Morgan agreement worth up to \$1 billion in the BC Clean Communities Program – meaning between \$25 million and \$50 million annually for 20 years
- Support the development of refineries and pipelines that meet our environmental assessment requirements "Whether pipelines to tidewater contain Alberta heavy oil or B.C. light oil, it is preferable to refine these products here in B.C. before exporting them to the energy consuming countries of Asia."

NDP

- "Use every tool in our toolbox" to stop Kinder Morgan from going ahead
- Review oil and gas subsidies

Green

- Reform the governance of the oil and gas sector to remove conflicting interests within the Oil and Gas Commission
- Introduce maintenance requirements for pipelines and enhance compliance and enforcement (under Climate, management of fugitive emissions)
- Opposition to Kinder Morgan on the record

Site C

Liberal

- Complete the Site C dam

NDP (WoM)

- Send Site C to BC Utilities Commission for expedited full review

Green

- No mention of Site C except the following: "The BC Liberals' strategy is fixated on LNG plants that employ very few people when operational, and the unnecessary and destructive Site C project. Their outdated, enthrallment with gigantic, environmentally damaging projects is breath-taking."
- WoM: "Green party Leader Andrew Weaver has promised to kill the dam, after initially supporting it in 2010. He has said an environmental assessment completed in 2014 highlighted the permanent damage the project would have on the environment, farmland and wildlife." Laura Kane and Beth Leighton, The Canadian Press , April 18, 2017

BC Hydro & Independent Power Producers

Liberal

- \$2 billion per year over the next 10 years to expand, upgrade, and maintain our electricity infrastructure
- Cap Hydro rate [increases] at 2.6% over the five years
- Phase out BC Hydro's payment to government by 2022, starting in 2017
- Restore the electricity intertie between B.C. and Alberta by partnering with the federal government
- Complete the new turbine installation at the Revelstoke Generating Station
- Encourage the use of biomass as a fuel for energy generation
- Renew IPP contracts and work with them as we re-develop our southern electrical intertie with Alberta

NDP

- Maximize capacity of current infrastructure, upgrade existing dams
- Reduce energy use in public buildings, and put savings back into services
- Revitalize energy efficiency programs and launch new ones
- Bring investment in wind, solar and other clean energy projects back to BC, and include communities in the benefits
- Create lasting good jobs in energy efficiency and generation (green jobs)
- [No mention of IPPs]

Green

- Revisit the mandate of BC Hydro to optimise support for clean energy development, including grid storage for community or privately generated power
- [No specific mention of IPPs]

Climate

Liberal

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% of the province's 2007 emissions by 2050
- Implement the Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change
- Maintain the carbon tax freeze at \$30/tonne until 2021
- Maintain the Low Income Climate Action Tax Credit
- Ensure our energy-intensive, trade-exposed industries are fully protected from any potential increase in the carbon tax
- Work with the federal government to finance upstream oil and gas electrification, reforestation, and flood mitigation programs
- \$40 million for the Clean Energy Vehicle program

NDP

- Meet 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 per cent below 2007 levels and new legislated 2030 reduction target of 40 per cent below 2007 levels
- Phase in the federally mandated \$50/tonne carbon price by 2022 over three years, starting in 2020
- New climate action rebate cheque for low and middle income families, so 80% of households would receive the rebate cheque each year in advance, when carbon tax goes up
- Establish separate sectoral reduction plans for transportation (30 per cent reduction by 2030), industry (30 per cent reduction by 2030), and buildings and homes (50 per cent reduction by 2030)
- Invest in public transit, energy efficiency, clean technology, and "major initiatives that will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels"
- Renew the Climate Leadership panel and work towards implementing their recommendations

- Invest in reforestation, build new rapid transit solutions, [under] a comprehensive clean energy program called PowerBC
- Re-invigorate the Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund to boost investments in new energy technologies, climate change solutions, and community-focused energy projects, especially in rural, northern and First Nations communities

Green

- 40% reduction below 2007 levels by 2030 and 80 percent below 2007 levels by 2050
- Increase the carbon tax by \$10 [per tonne] per year for four years to \$70, starting January 2018
- Invest carbon tax to facilitate the low carbon economy
- Extend the carbon tax to fugitive and vented emissions, from \$10 per tonne rising to \$50 per tonne by 2021
- Starting on January 1, 2020, apply the fugitive rate for the carbon tax, \$36 per tonne, to forest slash pile burning
- Establish an emissions reduction target for carbon neutral government and allow public sector agencies to invest in internal emissions reductions

Behaviour Change

- Public information regarding ways and costs to reduce carbon emissions
- Promote choices with a lower carbon footprint and provide incentives for their adoption
- Introduce a Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) mandate to ensure a growing supply of electric vehicles in B.C.; with incentives of distance-based insurance; and transferable licence plates, where the second vehicle is a zero emissions vehicle; Implement congestion and road pricing policies, and other initiatives: tolls for gasoline or diesel vehicles; free parking for electric vehicles; half price ferry fares for electric vehicles; Expand the network of charging facilities to enable long distance travel
- Introduce Energy Performance Certification for residential properties
- Facilitate modal switching with initiatives: Greater investment, and more predictable funding for public transportation; affordable public transit fares and frequent service; investment in walking and biking infrastructure; Facilitate ride sharing, and car sharing; charging and safe storage facilities for electric bicycles; Road configurations and commuter routes that are friendly for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

Efficiency

- Require commercial and industrial operators to ensure the efficient operation of equipment and vehicles
- Introduce mandatory emissions testing for heavy-duty and commercial vehicles
- Introduce maintenance requirements for pipelines and enhance compliance and enforcement
- Require the adoption of international efficiency standards
- Ensure that new buildings are energy efficient; and, that the upfront cost of an energy efficiency upgrade does not form a barrier to retrofits
- Work with local governments to require that GHG emissions from new construction and major renovations are minimized in a manner that takes account of regional variations
- Provide funding for independent energy efficiency audits of private dwellings,
- Facilitate the amortisation of the costs of renovations that reduce the GHG footprint of a home, through mechanisms such as on-bill financing, and repayment through property taxes
- Implement a home retrofit program
- Introduce standards for commercial building GHG emissions
- Establish an incentive program for retrofits of commercial buildings
- Promote efficient community design by enhancing requirements for integrated regional planning, and the consideration of the cumulative impacts on GHG emissions of regional and local government plans: Require community and regional urban containment areas; Require a full analysis of GHG implications and mitigation strategies in development applications; Require Official Community Plans to include a GHG emissions reductions plan; Promote district heating initiatives
- Linked initiatives that support efficient community design
- A new 10-year transportation plan focused on affordable, clean transportation for British Columbians
- \$80 million over four years in green transportation infrastructure, building efficiency initiatives, and other qualifying initiatives

Low Carbon Fuels And Materials

- B.C. Hydro to optimise support for clean energy development, including grid storage for community or privately generated power
- Work with neighbouring jurisdictions to phase out thermal electricity generation
- Integrate the electrical grid, which requires the construction of a transmission line to Alberta to export excess green power from B.C. to back out coal fired generation in Alberta
- Require Fuel switching from fossil fuels to electricity to decrease emissions in the residential, commercial and manufacturing sectors
- Initiatives for switching to biofuels and renewables such as requiring large emitters to submit GHG mitigation plans and phasing out the use of diesel and gasoline powered urban delivery vehicles
- Invest \$120 million over four years for partnerships with industry, academic institutions and other levels of government to support research, development and commercialization of climate friendly technologies and implement innovative ways to achieve desired environmental outcomes

Sinks

- Implement a forest carbon strategy to take full advantage of the opportunities created by forest sinks
- Carbon can also be sequestered in harvested wood products such as buildings, furniture and other manufactured products and paper. Harvested wood products play three important roles climate change mitigation: storage of carbon, a substitute for more energy-intensive materials, and a renewable material for energy generation (as discussed in the section on low carbon fuels)
- \$29 million over four years to enhance the scientific understanding of the effects of climate change in B.C.; and, to support forest carbon management initiatives

Forestry

Liberals

- Stand up for B.C. as Canada negotiates a new Softwood Lumber Agreement with the US
- Continue annual trade missions to Asia to expand markets
- Provide \$9 million to implement the Forest Carbon Initiative
- Commit an additional \$5 million annually to grow additional markets in China and India through Forest Innovation Investment, starting in 2018
- Promote more new tall wood building construction
- Support non-traditional uses of wood and wood-fibre
- Increase wood fibre utilization in B.C.'s interior by one million cubic metres
- Increasing "the number of seedlings planted under the Forests for Tomorrow Program to \$28 million per year by 2020."

NDP

- Construct all types of housing from innovative BC manufactured wood products
- Specialized innovation centres in the interior and northern BC for mining, agriculture and forestry
- Investing in reforestation (climate)
- In partnership with First Nations and communities, modernize land-use planning for forests and old growth, with an evidence-based scientific approach and the ecosystem-based management of the Great Bear Rainforest as a model
- Expand wood manufacturing capacity and create new jobs
- Keep more logs in BC for processing to give BC mills of all sizes access to the logs they need
- Fight hard for a fair deal for BC in softwood lumber negotiations with the US

Green

- Enact a modern, evidence-based, multi-objective BC Forest and Range Ecology Act to implement global best practices in forestry, and be focused on restoring wildlife habitat, improving forest productivity, reforestation, and addressing priority forest health issues. Among other things, it will address First Nations rights, resilience planning and cumulative effects. The legislation will also balance stakeholder interests in the management of rangelands

- Develop a BC Old-Growth Forest Inventory that will determine reserves and protect BC's old-growth forests
- Improve the sustainable logging of second-growth forests, which now constitute the majority of forest lands in southern BC
- Utilize new technologies and the latest science and apply the precautionary principle to timber supply reviews to direct sustainable resource management
- Develop a comprehensive and updated forest inventory
- Place further restrictions on the export of raw logs, while recognizing that raw log exports are a symptom of a struggling value-added forest industry
- Remove the PST from purchases of machinery and equipment for modernization, upgrading and new investment in sawmills and other value added wood processing
- Establish a Forest Opportunities Panel mandated to identify opportunities for promoting innovation, value added production, independent regional operations and Indigenous enterprises
- Invest in a more extensive forest research network to encourage innovation regarding non-traditional uses of wood and the use wood fibre to develop new grades of material for a wide range of products; and to promote advanced wood technologies and building systems
- Institute policies to ensure that forest waste is used productively
- Promote BC forest products in international markets and support the identification of new markets.
- Modernize forest tenures with a view to promoting innovation, value added, independent regional operations and Indigenous enterprises
- Engage in meaningful consultation and engagement that respects Indigenous resource rights and title, and collaborate with First Nations to build economic, environmental and social opportunities and commercial partnerships in the forest sector; and support more community forests
- Support small, rural resource-dependent communities, by building skills and capacity for a future forest industry, promoting investment in economic diversification in rural communities
- From Climate Action: Implement a forest carbon strategy to take full advantage of the opportunities created by forest sinks

Wildlife/Biodiversity/Ecology

Liberal

- Invest \$36 million for the BC Parks Future Strategy; \$9 million for Environmental Management Act compliance and enforcement; \$26 million over three years in base funding for the BC Parks Future Strategy
- Add more than 1,900 new campsites
- New park rangers throughout the province, especially for the backcountry
- New programs to promote and protect the environment
- Include the Great Bear Rainforest in curriculum
- Undertake a new Cathedral Grove master plan
- Keep quagga and zebra mussels out of B.C
- Invest \$1.8 million for 31 grants to control the spread of invasive plants
- Provide \$500,000 for the Fraser Basin Council's Sustainable Solutions Fund
- Invest \$27 million to support an enhanced provincial caribou recovery program
- Endow the new Wildlife Society with \$5 million to manage and grow habitat, with future hunting fee revenue
- Develop a plan to protect Steelhead Trout
- Work with the Coastal First Nations towards the elimination of the grizzly bear hunt in the Great Bear Rainforest

NDP

- Bring in an endangered species law and harmonize other laws
- Work with the federal government, South Okanagan communities, and local First Nations to create a plan to protect the large number of endangered species in that area, as the federal government develops a new national park

- Restore funding for BC parks, hire additional park rangers and conservation officers
- Build new campsites to catch up with demand, and put BC residents first in line for campsite bookings
- Ensure dedicated funding for wildlife and habitat conservation, and give wildlife and habitat priority
- Put all funds from hunting licenses and tags into a dedicated fund for wildlife and habitat conservation
- Ensure people who rely on our wildlife resources all participate in and contribute financially to conservation
- Ban the grizzly bear trophy hunt
- Make permits for other kinds of hunting more fair for BC residents

Green

- Optimize the value of BC's forests, by recognising multiple values, including carbon sequestration, recreation, soil and water quality, wildlife, biodiversity, Indigenous interests and community health, as well as maximizing the economic contribution of forest fibre
- A ban on foreign trophy hunting (Press release Nov. 24, 2016)
- Support for habitat and food supply for grizzly (Press release Nov. 24, 2016)

Fish Farms

Liberal

- Increase export of agrifood and seafood products by 25% by 2020
- Increase domestic purchases of agrifood and seafood products by \$2.3 billion by 2020
- create a new Centre for Salmon Research in Campbell River
- \$500,000 for research into closed containment finfish aquaculture

NDP

- Implement the recommendations of the Cohen Commission, keep farm sites out of important salmon migration routes, and support research and transparent monitoring to minimize the risk of disease transfer from captive to wild fish
- Provide incentives to help the aquaculture industry transition to closed containment where possible

Green

- Make the resilience of our natural asset base a priority and work with industrial sectors that will be impacted by climate change to develop integrated climate risk management and resilience plans to preserve long term economic and environmental sustainability, and promote best practices. Sectors affected by climate change include forestry, mining, tourism, aquaculture, fisheries, agriculture, and energy. The plans will consider competing interests of the different industries

Water

Liberal

No specific mention except noting that the government had passed the new *Water Sustainability Act*, which was implemented starting in February 2015

NDP

- A renewed environmental assessment process that works with First Nations and communities to address the cumulative effects of development on ecosystems and watersheds
- Work with the federal government to improve drinking water quality in BC communities and ensure our permitting process prioritizes local drinking water needs
- Review the Water Sustainability Act to ensure that high volume water users are paying for access fairly, and that drinking water sources are protected
- Ban cosmetic pesticides

Green

- Develop resilient water infrastructure, ensure that the design of stormwater, wastewater and drinking water infrastructure fully accounts for the risks of a changing climate
- Review the water allocation and licensing provisions of the Water Sustainability Act to ensure that they fully protect BC's water quality and quantity, so that it is sustainable for future generations
- Initiate comprehensive, province-wide water and watershed planning in collaboration with local governments, First Nations, and other government agencies, stewardship organizations, water use sectors and community stakeholders. The plans will address water supply and demand, protecting drinking water quality, integration of land use planning and water and watershed planning, conflicting water use demands
- Enhance data gathering and analysis of water quantity and quality to enable science-based decision-making

Environmental Assessment

Liberals

See Kinder Morgan/Pipelines/Tankers

NDP

- Update our environmental assessment legislation and processes to ensure that they respect the legal rights of First Nations, and meet the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process that results in the best outcomes as part of a made in BC assessment process
- Improve environmental assessments to provide certainty to project proponents, First Nations, and all British Columbians, faster
- In partnership with First Nations and communities, we will modernize land-use planning to effectively and sustainably manage BC's ecosystems, rivers, lakes, watersheds, forests and old growth, while accounting for cumulative effects. We will take an evidence-based scientific approach and use the ecosystem-based management of the Great Bear Rainforest as a model

Greens

- Re-establish the integrity of the Environmental Assessment process and establish clear criteria for decisions that fully factor in sustainability and cumulative impacts
- Develop sustainability criteria, including consideration of cumulative impacts, that will be applied to all future capital projects including transportation infrastructure investments

Agriculture/Food Security

Liberal

- Increase export of agrifood and seafood products by 25% by 2020
- Increase domestic purchases of agrifood and seafood products by \$2.3 billion by 2020
- Ensure an additional 91,000 hectares of agricultural land is in production by 2020
- \$5 million for the construction of a new [5000 seat] 'Agriplex' in Comox
- A further \$5 million to the BC Tree Fruit industry for a replant program in the Okanagan Valley.
- Double the 'Grow Local' program and make it permanent
- Increase the 'Buy Local' program by \$1 million starting in 2019
- Support small meat producers in gaining access to processing facilities
- Ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in British Columbia to protect honeybee populations
- Stand up for the B.C. wine industry against the threat of international trade disputes
- Develop an international marketing strategy for B.C. wine, craft beer, cider, and distilled products
- Support a new BC Wine Centre of Excellence in Penticton
- Invest in targeted advertising campaigns and new apps to promote B.C. craft breweries, wineries, and distilleries

- \$1 million annually towards an incentive program for farmers, contributing to the development of a VQA-like program for made-in-B.C. craft beer
- Review the mark-up policy for craft distillers
- Streamline the process for entrepreneurs to get a brewery license
- Maintain a moratorium on the number of private liquor store licenses through 2022
- Make permanent the BC Farmers' Food Donation Tax Credit to encourage farmers and farming corporations to donate to registered charities such as food banks or school meal programs

NDP

- Revitalize the land reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission
- Help young farmers access land, and work with primary producers on initiatives like ensuring bee populations stay healthy
- Help hospitals and care facilities increase their use of BC grown and processed foods and we will work to expand the use of BC food products in all other government facilities
- An enhanced *Buy BC* marketing program to help local producers market their products in BC and for export
- Develop a BC Food Innovation Centre to innovate in the processing, packaging and marketing of BC food products and link local food producers with new technology and expand their access to world markets
- Establish a BC beer, wine and spirits advisory panel to advise on how to increase domestic sales of BC products in stores and restaurants and on how to strengthen and grow the industry
- Work with local producers to expand market access in the rest of Canada and abroad, including providing marketing support through the renewal of *Buy BC*
- Innovation centres in the interior and northern BC that will help us grow and strengthen our traditional industries, like mining, agriculture and forestry.

Green

- Invest \$30 million to enhance the long-term viability of the agricultural sector so that it will provide an increasing proportion of the food consumed by people in BC. This will include incentives to produce food on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land, the establishment of agricultural apprenticeship programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels, and greater advertising and awareness of BC produce and products through expansion of buy-local initiatives
- Enhance the protection of agricultural land, and increase the proportion of ALR land in use for agricultural purposes
- Provide \$40 million to fund research, and establish regional agricultural bureaus to provide expertise and support to local farmers to adapt to a changing climate
- Collaborate with Indigenous People, the not-for-profit sector, and other land interests to enhance access to land for farming. Alternative land access models such as cooperatives and agricultural land trusts and land sharing agreements will be explored
- Work with farm operators to address labour shortages in agriculture, including improvements to remuneration for agricultural workers

Transportation

Liberal

- Introduce a \$500 annual cap for commuters who use tolled bridges
- Complete the construction of the George Massey replacement bridge
- Complete the Alex Fraser Bridge capacity improvements
- Complete the Interchange investments at Sunbury, Nordel, and Tilbury on the South Fraser Perimeter Road
- Complete the six-laning and build interchanges between 216th and 264th on the Trans-Canada Highway
- Complete the interchange upgrades at Lower Lynn Creek on Trans-Canada Highway in North Vancouver
- Complete the four-laning of the Trans-Canada highway from Kamloops to the Alberta border

- Complete Phase 3 of the Cariboo Connector – a \$200 million project to ensure a safe four-lane highway between Prince George and Cache Creek
- Complete safety improvements at the 10 Mile Slide location of Highway 99 east of Lillooet
- Complete the Highway 97 widening in Kelowna from Highway 33 to Edwards Road
- Eliminate the last remaining road-rail conflict on Highway 16, at Mile 28 east of Terrace
- Complete the interchange work at Admirals Road / McKenzie Avenue in Greater Victoria
- Move forward with the Okanagan Valley corridor program and further planning for a second crossing over Okanagan Lake
- Invest in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure upgrades
- Match the federal government's \$2.2 billion investment in Metro Vancouver transit projects over 11 years
- Negotiate with all three levels of government on project specifics, with the Surrey LRT Project and the Broadway Line our two top priorities
- Continue to work constructively with the Mayor's Council to move forward on their 10-year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transportation

NDP

- Fund 40% of the plan from the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transportation, including Surrey Light Rail, a new Broadway skytrain and thousands of new hours of bus service, as well as bridge and road improvements
- Work with Metro municipalities to develop a new Translink governance model that provides the structure, the funding model and the certainty to make good transportation decisions
- Work with TransLink and BC Transit to find long and lasting solutions to improve HandyDART service, reduce trip denials, and ensure that seniors and people with disabilities get the rides they need
- Explore the potential of a regional transportation authority in the capital region
- Invest in capital projects and buses to support transit in the region
- Promote efforts to fix the E&N railway tracks so that commuter rail can become an option to eliminate gridlock in the capital region
- Partner with federal and local governments to build and fund transit priorities in communities across the province
- Build, maintain and upgrade highways across the province, including completing Highway 1 upgrades to the Alberta border, and upgrade interchanges and crossings to make our roads safer
- Partner with communities to make travelling safer for people walking, using mobility aid devices, riding bicycles and using other forms of active transportation
- Eliminate "Clark's bogus \$500 million LNG Fantasy Fund" and apply it to eliminating the tolls on the Port Mann bridge and Golden Ears bridge

Green

- Promote investment in clean energy and transportation, and clean/green initiatives that create jobs and economic activity without increasing greenhouse gas emissions
- Support local governments' greenhouse gas emission reduction initiatives by investing \$80 million over 4 years in green transportation infrastructure, climate adaptation measures, and building efficiency initiatives
- Provide an additional \$25 million per year for public transit to address frequency of service and affordable fares
- Invest an additional \$152 million in capital expenditures to fully match the federal contribution of \$460 million for the public transit infrastructure
- Address funding for community and regional transportation infrastructure; examine tools such as mobility pricing to manage congestion and generate funds for public transportation upgrades
- Promote investment in clean transportation initiatives and technology that creates jobs and economic activity without increasing greenhouse gas emissions

Education

Liberal

- Continue to support parental choice in education – Today’s BC Liberals will not change the independent school funding formula.
- Implement the March 2017 agreement with the BC Teachers’ Federation on class size and composition.
- Provide \$5 million over the next two years to fund teacher retention programs in rural school districts.
- Establish a student-teacher loan forgiveness program in rural districts with extreme teacher attraction and retention challenges.
- Invest over \$2 billion in capital spending over the next three years for schools, including addressing significant enrolment growth in Surrey
- Strive to secure another longterm contract with the BCTF
- Undertake a full educational funding review
- Fully implement the interactive, web-based school district reporting tool to allow parents to review their school and district compared to others
- Complete the Seismic Mitigation Program for B.C. schools
- Provide \$228 million to fund enrolment growth across the fiscal plan period.
- Invest \$54 million to eliminate bus fees for students and mitigate rural school closures.
- Ensure all new elementary schools get a publically [sic] funded playground.

NDP:

- Complete a comprehensive review of BC’s current K-12 funding formula.
- Create an ongoing capital fund for school playgrounds.
- Work with school districts to implement BC’s new school curriculum and provide new technology, lab equipment, learning material and professional development support for teachers.
- Provide \$30 million per year to our school system to ensure that kids have the school supplies that they need.
- Replace Surrey portables with real classrooms
- Work with local governments, First Nations and communities to build and upgrade schools in every region of BC
- Accelerate the seismic upgrade program for BC
- Invest in energy efficiency and lighting upgrades for our schools, reducing power consumption, improving the quality of light and learning,
- Make mental health counsellors available where schools identify a need
- Provide supports to learn coding in the classroom and partner with innovative not-for-profits and technology companies in British Columbia that teach coding in schools and afterschool programs. Support the expansion of digital arts, technology and trades education; make
- tools, machinery and equipment available to students.
- **Post Secondary:**
- Make student loans interest free—current and future.
- Provide a \$1,000 completion grant for graduates of college, university and skilled trades programs
- Keep a cap on tuition fees at colleges and universities.
- Support the UPass, to ensure transportation to and from class is affordable.
- Make Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) free again.
- Introduce a new graduate student scholarship fund to encourage excellence in BC’s graduate programs.

- Expand BC's apprenticeship and trades training programs

Green:

- Increase funding for schools, beginning in 2017/18 at \$220 million and rising to \$1.46 billion in 2020/21 (in addition to the \$330 million committed by the BC Liberals to address the recent court ruling on class size)
- Direct \$35 million into nutrition and physical activity programs to promote learning readiness, and improve student health
- Invest \$140 million over three years to train teachers to deliver the new curriculum
- Review the funding model for the K-12 education system with a view to ensuring equitable access for students. This will address targeting funding to schools with the greatest need and increasing local autonomy regarding funding priorities and distribution

Post Secondary:

- Restore funding for adult secondary education upgrading and language training
- Implement needs-based grants for postsecondary students
- Offer tax forgiveness for up to five years to assist qualifying graduates to repay outstanding debt incurred for tuition fees.
- Set up a task force on postsecondary education funding to identify ways to make postsecondary education more relevant, accessible and affordable.
- Allocate up to \$10 million per year for in-service skills training for workers in small and medium-sized enterprises, and retraining for those displaced by automation or changing markets.