

First Nations

Liberal

- Work with the First Nations Technology Council on their program Bridging to Technology
- Double the number of Aboriginal tourism businesses by 2021 and work with Destination BC to expand and promote Aboriginal tourism opportunities
- Triple enrollment in the First Nations Forestry Technical Training Program by 2019
- Support partnerships between First Nations and industry for improved skills training and economic development
- Help Indigenous businesses participate as suppliers and subcontractors of major industrial projects
- \$2 million to the Royal BC Museum to support interested First Nations in seeking the return of their ancestral remains and belongings of cultural significance
- Implement the recommendations from Grand Chief Ed John's report [on indigenous child welfare].
- Focus on improving student outcomes for First Nation children; increase the number of First Nation staff in the Ministry of Children & Families and ensure that all staff are provided training regarding individual First Nation identities and cultures
- Improve permanency planning and cultural connections for First Nation children and youth in care
- Continue to have a Parliamentary Secretary to advise on Métis relations and the Premier's Awards for Aboriginal Youth Excellence in Sport

NDP

- Adopt the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and bring the principles of the Declaration to action in British Columbia
- Accept and act on the 94 Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report.
- Develop, in consultation with First Nations, a curriculum for Indigenous languages and for Indigenous history in Canada and British Columbia
- Work with First Nations to reduce conflict by ensuring decisions affecting land, air and water respect the law
- Support Indigenous communities seeking to revitalize their languages
- Provide reliable, dedicated funding and support for Friendship Centres
- Implement the recommendations from Grand Chief Ed John's report on Indigenous Child Welfare in BC and provide better services to keep Aboriginal children at home, as well as ensuring equal services to non-Aboriginal children through Delegated Aboriginal Agencies. When Aboriginal children do enter care ensure that there is a plan to connect them with their culture and communities
- Partner with First Nations to meet renewable energy targets through PowerBC
- Partner with First Nations to build 114,000 quality housing units in the next ten years
- Mandate government training and apprenticeship programs to prioritize training for First Nations
- Support organizations working to increase First Nations participation in mining, forestry, technology, manufacturing, fishing and energy
- Negotiate with First Nations about expanding their share of BC's gaming industry
- Increase investments in Creative BC to support BC musicians, publishers, authors, artists, digital media, indigenous storytellers, and the film and TV industries
- More than 65 per cent of children in care are of Indigenous ancestry
 - Increase funding for Agreements with Young Adults by an additional \$10 million and

- ensure our K-12 system has the resources to help youth-in-care graduate
 - Expand the tuition fee waiver program and provide enhanced supports for former youth in care who pursue post-secondary education
- Establish a special initiative with First Nations leaders and their communities to provide additional assistance where the impact of the [overdose] crisis is greatest, and create a Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions so patients get treatment early and effectively
- Support First Nations legal services
- Increase support for initiatives that are proven to prevent and reduce crime, and increase the use of restorative justice programs
- Work with First Nations to reduce the number of Aboriginal people facing our justice system
- Recognize culture for its role in rehabilitation and recovery and provide culturally diverse and appropriate programming in prisons, particularly for Aboriginal people

Green

- Engage with Indigenous People to create a positive and collaborative relationship
- Develop a plan, in cooperation with the First Nations Leadership Council to implement all relevant recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Commit to collaborative stewardship of resources:
 - Recognize First Nations as equals in land management and establish a co-management stewardship model with Indigenous People for the development of provincial resources. This could include a review of regional resource management structures in cooperation with the First Nations Leadership Council to incorporate First Nations effectively into decision making; and funding to train First Nations people in resource management trades and professions
 - Collaborate with First Nations and the Federal government to renew and reinvigorate the treaty process
- Identify strategies to address all aspects of child poverty in the province, including specific actions to address poverty affecting Indigenous children and families as part of a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy
- Address recommendations made by the Representative for Children and Youth, and the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, including those regarding adoptions and foster care.
- Work collaboratively to implement the recommendations from Grand Chief Ed John's report, *Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification: From Root Causes to Root Solutions*.
- [Forestry] – 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
- [Water] – 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
- [Education] – Increase the number of Indigenous teachers and incorporate more content on Indigenous culture into the curriculum

Democracy/ Pro Rep and Donations

Liberal

- Amend the Elections Act to require real time disclosure of donations to political parties
- Commission an independent Election Act Review Panel to review proposals on political fundraising reform
- Undertake a full review of Capital Regional District governance structures and implement improvements to make CRD decision-making more accountable to South Island residents

NDP

- Ban corporate and union donations, and set limits on individual contributions.
- Ban out-of-province donations and require transparency from outside organizations advertising to influence elections
- Hold a referendum on changing our voting system to a proportional system, and campaign for the yes side
- Work with the auditor general to set strong standards for [government] advertising spending
- Protect whistleblowers, strengthen conflict-of-interest legislation and improve access to information rules
- Put an end to frivolous anti-free speech lawsuits with anti-SLAPP legislation

Green

- Reform political finance laws:
 - Ban monetary and non-monetary contributions from non-individual entities (including corporations and unions) and non-residents of BC
 - Place annual limits on individual contributions that are in line with current federal limits
 - Ban members Cabinet from engaging in partisan fundraising activities while in office and explore similar restrictions for all MLAs
- Rein in lobbying:
 - Institute a multi-year prohibition on lobbying for former Senior Public Office Holders (SPOH), similar to federal prohibitions in the Lobbying Act, 2008
 - Increase penalties for violations of the Lobbyists Registration Act, similar to federal standards in the Lobbying Act
 - Conduct a comprehensive review of the Lobbyists Registration Act, including the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists' mandate, to ensure that our democratic institutions and the interests of British Columbians are adequately protected from the influence of special interests
- Institute electoral reform:
 - Introduce proportional representation, and lower the voting age to 16
 - Shift the fixed date of the provincial election to October
- Establish transparency and accountability:
 - Establish a public watchdog to oversee government advertising and communications
 - Work with the Auditor General of BC to develop a performance scorecard for Government
 - Establish a Provincial Budget Officer to provide independent and objective analysis to the Legislative Assembly on the state of the province's finances, and to estimate the financial cost of any proposal for matters within the Legislative Assembly's jurisdiction

Race, Gender, & Equality Issues

Liberal

- \$300,000 in multiculturalism grants to non-profit societies and community-based organizations to help them celebrate cultural identity, promote diversity, or challenge racism
- Add an additional \$2 million per year for single parent legal aid assistance for women
- Expand the use of domestic violence court processes to address case management pressures and speed up time to trial
- Participate in the National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Women, and share the findings of our provincial inquiry with the federal commission

NDP

- (WOM) 51% of BC NDP candidates in this election are women
- Bring back the Human Rights Commission to stop discrimination
- Ensure government is inclusive to minority communities, persons with disabilities, racial groups, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community
- Form a youth council, to make sure young people's voices are heard by government
- Provide incentives to employers to increase the number of women in apprenticeships
- Increase funding to support women who experience domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes by \$8 million a year
- Work to close the digital divide, increasing the participation of women, First Nations and people from low-income families in the high-tech workforce

Green

[Mentioned in the context of their "Strategy for Covering the Basics: Income Security"]

- Many people who are not paid to work outside the home are making a major contribution to the quality of life of British Columbians through volunteering, caring for children or elderly relatives without financial reward. Women often take on this work and undervaluing their contribution often leaves them struggling to make ends meet. "Covering the Basics" is the least we, as a society, should do for them

Affordable Housing & Homelessness

Liberal

- Increase housing supply by working with municipalities to speed up permitting and open new opportunities for housing
- Expand the Home Renovation Tax Credit eligibility to those renovating their home to accommodate a secondary suite
- Raise the threshold of the First Time Home Buyers' Program exemption to \$500,000
- Invest \$700 million in the BC HOME Partnership program to provide mortgage down payment assistance loans to an estimated 42,000 first-time home buyers over the next three years
- Provide housing support to the close to 53,000 seniors' households that receive assistance today
- Develop new student housing financing rules that allow student housing to be built without impacting the provincial debt load or credit rating
- [No mention of homelessness]

NDP

- **Fixing the Housing Shortage**
 - Build 114,000 affordable rental, non profit, co-op and owner purchase housing units through partnerships over ten years. These homes will be a mix of housing for students, singles, seniors, and families and will range from supported social housing to market rental housing
 - In urban and suburban centers, build near transit hubs.
 - Use public land to build housing.
 - Change regulations to allow colleges and universities to build on and near-campus rental housing, and ensure student renters receive the renter's rebate of \$400 per year.
 - Wherever possible, construct all types of housing from innovative BC manufactured wood products
- **Making Renting Better and More Secure**
 - Provide a refundable renter's rebate of \$400 dollars per rental household in BC each year
 - Close the BC Liberals' "fixed term lease" loophole and ensure controls on rent increases

- are enforced
- Pass legislation requiring fair treatment during renovations and demolitions of rental properties.
- Tighten the rules that protect good landlords and tenants
- Provide local governments the tools to zone areas for rental housing, and tax short-stay home rentals
- With federal government funding for co-op housing expiring, we will reinvest in and support co-op housing.
- **Stopping the Cheaters**
 - Require speculators to pay their fair share of tax on their empty houses through a yearly two per cent absentee speculators' tax
 - Use the absentee speculators' tax to support housing affordability initiatives
 - Establish a multi-agency task force to fight tax fraud and money laundering in the BC real estate marketplace
- Broaden support for the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program
- **Taking action on homelessness**
 - Partner with the federal government, local municipalities, agencies and community groups to create an immediate homelessness action plan, which includes a provincial poverty reduction plan
 - Ensure that initiatives in other areas such as mental health, social assistance, justice, safety, health, and more are tied into the action plan
 - Conduct a province-wide homeless count and reduce the homeless population through permanent housing and services as part of our action plan on housing

Green

- **Act to cool the market for residential real estate**
 - Work with the federal government to to eliminate money laundering and international property speculation from the BC residential real estate market
 - Discourage speculation by:
 - Enhancing the progressive nature of the Property Transfer Tax (PTT) with a sliding scale of rates from 0% on properties under \$200,000 to 12% on properties over \$3.0 million (see below)
 - Applying the PTT to the transfer of beneficial ownership
 - Introducing a "speculation" PTT to discourage flipping of property
 - Expanding the foreign buyers tax across the province, and increase the rate to 30% in addition to the PTT payable
 - Introducing measures to tax lifetime capital gains in excess of \$750,000 on principal residences;
 - Working with financial institutions and the federal government to develop protections for recent homebuyers who are negatively affected by market cooling initiatives
 - Begin to transition the home owner grant (HOG) starting in 2019, to be income based
 - Introduce a progressive property tax system that imposes a surtax based on the property value, and allows homeowners to credit rental income and their previous year's BC income tax against the surtax
- **Increase the supply of affordable accommodation**
 - Invest up to \$750 million per year to support the construction of approximately 4000 new units of affordable housing per year
 - Work with governments to make land available for the construction of affordable housing
 - Develop and implement a provincial housing plan to address deficiencies in the supply of affordable rental accommodation based on priority needs

- Lead a comprehensive rethink of zoning to ensure it is consistent with government objectives such as the provision of affordable housing
- Protect existing social housing and reduce operating costs by investing \$100 million per year in retrofits and renovations of older units
- Partner with First Nations, non-profit developers, cooperatives, and the private sector to support the planning and construction of low income rental units
- Introduce incentives for the construction of, and/or conversion of existing buildings for rental property
- **Protect tenants and landlords**
 - Enhance the provisions of the Residential Tenancy Act to control rent increases, and to protect tenants from tenure termination
 - Work with BC Housing to enable the inclusion of private rental properties in their directly managed portfolio of affordable accommodation
- **Maintain and enhance housing support programs**
 - Maintain or enhance existing housing support programs in the context of the suite of initiatives to address income insecurity
- [Specific actions on homelessness not part of Green platform, but it gets a mention in the context of affordable housing: “There are some ripple effects to the availability of affordable housing; however, cooling the real estate market would not, in and of itself, solve the problem of homelessness,” and health: “We know that alleviating poverty and homelessness will also have a strong, positive impact on people’s health.”]

Living Wage & Affordability

Liberal

- Develop a Low Income Families in Transition (LIFT) pilot program that provides temporary assistance to low-income single working parents while upgrading or acquiring new skills
- Create 5,000 new child care spaces in 2017, with a goal of up to 13,000 spaces by 2020
- \$3.1 billion in 2017 to help individuals and families in need
- Increase the assistance rates for about 100,000 people with disabilities by \$50/month
- Increase funding for community living services by \$135 million over the next three years
- Consult with families to develop long-term care plans for Community Living BC clients with aging parents
- Work to become the province with the most generous child benefit exemptions for the calculation of income and disability assistance
- Increase the net income threshold for low-income individuals to \$19,749 to qualify for the BC Tax Reduction Credit
- Increase in the value of the tax credit for charitable donations to a maximum value of \$500 on the first \$1,100 of donations
- Create a Minister responsible for accessibility to make B.C. the most accessible jurisdiction for disabled people in North America
- Phase out MSP, starting with 50% reduction in premiums those with net income of up to \$120,000 per year

NDP

- Increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, then tie it to inflation
- Get rid of Medical Services Plan fees
- Bring in \$10 a day childcare
- Eliminate interest on student loans and provide students a \$1,000 completion grant
- Freeze BC Hydro rates and stop Christy Clark’s 42% increase in ICBC rates
- Roll back ferry fares on small routes by 15%, freeze fares on major routes, and return the 100%

- seniors' weekday discount
- Reduce the cost of prescription drugs
- Create a new climate action rebate cheque for 80 per cent of families
- Immediately raise all income assistance and disability rates by \$100 per month
- Support assistance recipients as they re-enter the workforce by allowing them to keep an additional \$200 a month in earnings exemptions
- Restoring the BC Bus Pass program for people with disabilities
- Develop a poverty reduction strategy

Green

- Implement needs-based grants for post secondary 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 with a mandate to identify ways to make postsecondary education more relevant, accessible and affordable
- Initiate the transition to livable incomes with an increase in Persons with Disabilities rates by 10% effective October 1, 2017, rising to 50% above the current level on April 1, 2020
- Existing assistance programs will be reviewed to ensure that they are efficient, effective and fair; and, that financial disincentives to work are avoided
- Introduce a basic income support for youth aged 18 to 24, who are transitioning out of foster care.
- Test whether giving people a basic income is an effective way to reduce poverty, improve health, housing and employment
- Establish an at-arm's-length Fair Wages Commission that will be tasked with establishing a new minimum wage and overseeing regular rate reviews by November 30, 2017. The new minimum wage will become effective January 1, 2018
- ECE Funding will rise from \$495 million in 2017/18 to \$1.38 billion in 2020/21. The initial focus will be on expanding spaces for early childhood education and care, Up to 25 hours free ECE per week for three- and four-year-olds; Free daycare for working parents with children under age three; Up to \$500 per month for families with children under age three and a stay-at-home parent.
- Work with the federal government to provide a Low-Income Benefit of up to \$205 per month for low income families
- Roll MSP payments into the payroll tax and personal income tax

Corporate Welfare & Privatization

Liberal

- BC Hydro's 10-year rate plan submitted to the BCUC caps rates at 2.6% over the [first?]five years
- Phase out BC Hydro's payment to government by 2022, starting in 2017
- [No mention of P3's]

NDP

- BC Hydro, ICBC and BC Ferries will all be required to conduct comprehensive operating reviews to look for inefficiencies, fiscal mismanagement, and cost savings that don't impact services
- End Christy Clark's billion dollar tax cut for the wealthy reinstating the top income tax bracket for incomes over \$150,000
- Increase the general corporate income tax to 12 per cent. Reduce the small business tax rate to 2.0 per cent from 2.5 per cent
- Tax speculation in the housing market at 2%

- Review oil and gas subsidies, eliminate partisan government advertising, end patronage positions, ground Air Christy, and implement a fraud and tax avoidance task force.
- [No mention of P3s, IPPs]

Green

- Bring BC Ferries back into government as a Crown Corporation, and conduct a full review of BC Ferries operations
- Request a full audit of projects carried out as Public Private Partnerships [P3s] to determine whether they are cost effective
- Revisit the current capital investment plan and determine whether the current plan meets the priorities of the BC Greens, including those for construction of schools, seismic upgrading, investment in long term care beds and affordable housing
- Establish a working group to develop proposals for an overhaul of the tax system
- Begin the transition to tax fairness by increasing the share of taxation contributed by those earning over \$108,460 per year over four years by 1% in 2017/18, rising to 3% in 2020/21
- Increase the general corporate tax rate to 12%
- Develop options to shift taxes in order to incentivize choices that benefit society and disincentivize choices that are harmful and costly
- Introduce a Fiscal Responsibility Act that requires the BC Budget to be balanced on average, over a government's term of office to accommodate a downturn in revenue without cuts to programs
- Work with the federal government to streamline business and consumption taxes
- [No mention of IPPs, subsidies]

Education

Liberal

- Continue to support parental choice in education, no change to independent school funding
- Implement the March 2017 agreement with the BC Teachers' Federation on class size and composition
- \$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
- Invest over \$2 billion in capital spending over the next three years for schools
- Strive to secure another long-term 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
- \$30 million per year for school supplies
- Replace Surrey portables with real classrooms
- 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

- 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
- Support the expansion of digital arts, technology and trades education; make tools, machinery and equipment available to students.
- Make student loans interest free—current and future.
- Provide a \$1,000 completion grant for graduates of college, university and skilled trades programs
- Cap 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
- 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, targeting funding to schools with the greatest need and increasing local autonomy regarding funding priorities and distribution
- 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

Health & Seniors

Liberal

- Increase the number of graduating doctors from B.C.'s medical programs to 400 by 2025
- Train an additional 500 nurses per year across the province by 2022.
- Train and place an additional 100 nurse practitioners across British Columbia.
- Identify retention programs to ensure these health care providers remain in rural and northern communities
- Expand our Practice-Ready Assessment-BC program that fast-tracks international physicians into clinical practice in rural communities
- Amalgamate B.C.'s three nursing colleges into one
- Retain and recruit rural palliative care professionals
- Invest \$91.4 million towards ambulance response times and supports to paramedics and dispatchers
- Expand the scope of practice of nurse practitioners in British Columbia
- Work with the Doctors of BC and BC Health Authorities to allow nurse practitioners in areas underserved by general practitioners, access to MSP fee codes for treatment in addition to referral services

- Explore additional scope of practice expansion for pharmacists

Seniors

- Double the Home Renovation Tax Credit to \$20,000 to make home improvements to accommodate seniors or family members with disabilities
- Introduce a Respite Tax Credit of up to \$2,500 for people caring for seniors or family members with disabilities
- Invest \$500 million to ensure seniors in residential care facilities are provided with a minimum of 3.36 care hours per day
- Complete our commitment to double the number of hospice spaces in British Columbia by 2020
- Build and publicly fund an additional 500 long-term care beds across British Columbia by 2022
- Introduce an Active Seniors Tax Credit to support and promote seniors leading active healthy lifestyles
- Provide \$1 million in grants to communities across British Columbia to build activity areas that are appropriate for seniors suffering from dementia
- Provide an additional \$2 million to the Union of BC Municipalities to fund our age-friendly communities program and expand access for seniors across BC
- Invest \$2.7 billion in capital spending on infrastructure in the health sector over the next three years

Mental Health & Addictions

- \$45 million to provide resources to allow for more mental health counselling and treatment for children
- \$12 million to provide up to 28 addiction treatment beds for youth
- \$9 million for the expansion of youth service centres at up to five sites, each expected to reach 1,200-2,500 more clients annually in Abbotsford, Campbell River, Kelowna, North Shore, and Prince George through Foundry
- Up to \$5 million to support mental health services for post-secondary students
- \$2 million annually for the BC Centre on Substance Use, largely for clinical research in support of evidence-based addiction treatments
- \$10 million to reduce wait lists for substance use treatment services incremental to those provided by the Health Authorities
- \$65 million over two years for the acquisition and renovation of buildings to house some of our most vulnerable, including those with mental health and substance use issues
- Reopen the Crossing at Keremeos near Ashnola, a 22-bed program to provide intensive residential substance use treatment for youth young adults aged 17-24
- Fund an additional 250 mental health and problematic substance use beds by 2022
- Fully utilize the additional \$10 million provided by the federal government to continue to prevent fentanyl and carfentanil deaths

NDP

- Establish Urgent Family Care Centres across BC to improve access to doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, dietitians, pharmacists, mental health workers, midwives, occupational therapists and other health care providers
- Ensure these care centres are open evenings and weekends, and provide one-on-one health care
- Make this type of team-based primary care the standard model for primary care delivery in BC and the top priority for the Ministry of Health
- Invest in more paramedics
- Implement province-wide coordination to manage and actively monitor waitlists to deliver the best outcomes and most timely care for patients
- Improve and expand travel assistance coverage for patients, including expectant mothers, from rural and remote communities, including equalizing the coverage provided for ferries and commercial flights

- Invest in improving rural health services

Drug Costs

- Ensure the Therapeutics Initiative has the resources it needs to do its job effectively, keeping drug costs down and patients safe. (UBC's Therapeutics Initiative was recognized as a world leader in keeping prescription medication affordable and safe, before the BC Liberals' health firings scandal wrongfully targeted the team at the Therapeutics Initiative, damaging valuable research about drug safety and affordability.)
- Work with the federal government towards a national pharmacare program and support efforts to bulk purchase medication, bringing costs down
- Enhance support to British Columbians living with, and at risk of, diabetes and remove the age restriction on access to the insulin pump program for people over 25

Seniors

- Increase the length of home support visits and expand the scope of services provided
- Build and strengthen seniors' centres around the province
- Increase support for residential care and demand accountability from providers to ensure that they meet standards
- Support relationship-based care, and ensure those care relationships are not disrupted by contracting out or contract-flipping
- Conduct a systematic review to establish and maintain safe staffing levels going forward

Mental Health

- Create a Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions that will work with the Ministry of Children and Families, Ministry of Health, local governments, First Nations and the education and justice systems so patients get treatment early and effectively
- Establish a long term plan so prevention activities and treatment can be secure and effective
- Ensure children and youth have timely access to the full spectrum of mental health and addictions care in every region of the province.
- Ensure students can access specially trained adolescent mental health professionals within the school system
- Recognize the hard work of community-based and not-for-profit services in improving the lives of those with mental health and addictions and expand support for these services
- Provide access to a wide range of evidence-based and regulated treatment, including licensing our current recovery house system, enhancing supports post-detox, and improving access to harm reduction options that save lives
- Reopen facilities on the Riverview lands to provide residential care where needed.

Overdose Crisis

- Establish a province-wide strategy to ensure the widest possible availability of life-saving naloxone kits with people trained to use them
- Provide more support to police efforts to disrupt the supply chain through measures to break up the major drug rings and send the perpetrators to trial
- Push for increased penalties for drug dealers who knowingly distribute death-dealing drugs like fentanyl and carfentanil
- Establish a special initiative with First Nations leaders and their communities to provide additional assistance where the impact of the crisis is greatest
- Increase support for first responders, including counselling for PTSD and work-related stress

Green:

- Establish a Ministry responsible for health promotion, disease prevention and active lifestyles
- Explore additional measures to discourage the consumption of substances that can be harmful to health such as tobacco and alcohol
- Establish a task force to develop a plan to transition the balance of resources between acute care and preventative care

- Consult with physicians and other stakeholders to improve efficiency, reduce administration, and incentivize becoming a General Practitioner
- Allocate \$100 million for the expansion of support for interprofessional, integrated primary care to be provided by physiotherapists, nurse practitioners, midwives, dieticians and other health professionals
- Invest \$40 million in new long term care facilities to increase the availability of acute care beds
- Identify and remove barriers to the implementation of integrated healthcare delivery between acute and post-acute service providers
- Establish an Acute Care Innovation Task force to promote the application of best practices to reduce surgery wait times

Drug Costs

- Develop a proposal to implement an essential drugs program beginning in 2019, designed to reduce the costs of prescription drugs

Seniors

- Invest \$35 million over four years in home care
- Ensure the staffing of public and private care homes meets government guidelines, and provide an additional \$200 million over four years to address staffing levels in public facilities
- Collaborate with Health Authorities and BC Care Providers Association to ensure that clear, measurable and enforceable staffing standards for residential care facilities are implemented
- Develop a Medically Assisted in Dying (MAiD) Strategy that supports training for physicians and nurses who wish to provide medically assisted dying services and ensures patients receive services in an appropriate time frame and in appropriate settings

Mental Health/Addictions

- Establish a Ministry responsible for mental health and addictions; which will be responsible for developing and implementing:
 - A Mental Health and Addiction Strategy based on the recommendations of the auditor general
 - A Youth Mental Health Strategy for early detection of mental health illness
- Allocate \$80 million to fund early intervention, youth mental health initiatives, supervised injections sites, and community-based centres for mental health and rehabilitation
- Implement an integrated primary care model specific to youth and mental health and support innovative community-based options such as the Clubhouse International model

Overdose Crisis

- Develop an immediate response to the fentanyl crisis based on successful programs in Europe that invest in treatment on demand, drug substitution, early-warning monitoring systems, and coordinated response