



# Key Policy Ideas for Transforming British Columbia

*As British Columbia readies for a transformational election, the following are some of the key policy ideas that British Columbians should consider their government adopting to propel the province forward.*

## **Housing Affordability**

Revise all provincial and municipal laws and regulations that delay or outright block the development and construction of new rental and owner-occupied homes. Eliminate restrictive zoning laws and advocate for more flexible land-use policies, including a thorough review of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation.

## **Taxes**

Eliminate the carbon tax. Gradually but substantially cut income and sales taxes as the economy grows. Tax levels reduce affordability and investment. Gradual tax reduction can ignite a virtuous circle, wherein lower rates encourage more investment and hiring, increasing output and future government revenue, allowing more tax reductions.

## **Mental Health, Drug Addiction and Homelessness**

Addicts and mentally challenged homeless people should be placed into wide-spectrum rehabilitation and addiction remediation. Criminality should not be enabled and condoned.

## **Street and Gang Crime**

The Justice Ministry should address recidivism, prosecute and pro-actively confine violent individuals, directing judicial reform if needed. Safety and security encourage investment.

## **Healthcare**

Replace the present global budgeting hospital funding model with a results model. Expand innovative healthcare provision to include market-structured health services that have been successful around the world.

## **Energy**

Make B.C. attractive for primary energy exploration and development, pipeline construction and corridors. Remove all preferences and subsidies for so-called 'green' energy. Reduce meddling in BC Hydro, foster competition and initiate discussions to sell it to the public.

## **Environment**

Demote 'net zero' goals to the lowest priority. Eliminate public sector conflicts of interest by separating resource ownership from regulation. Encourage proliferation of natural gas use and enable nuclear energy production.

## **Forest Management**

Make it more difficult for 'activists' to stop logging. Do more precautionary, proactive steps to reduce the potential severity of forest fires. Work with logging towns and companies.

## **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Emulate best practices in other jurisdictions, plan far ahead and keep projections realistic. Use lessons learned from global projects' failures and successes. Restructure TransLink.

## **Divest Non-Core Assets**

Divest BC Hydro, ICBC, BC Liquor Stores and allow full competition. Inefficient public enterprises are a drag on the economy. Revitalize their sectors by restructuring them in a market-oriented direction.

## **Education and DEI**

Promote parental choice in education and advocate for alternatives such as charter schools and homeschooling. Keep ideological agendas out of classrooms, including racial and gender ideologies. Advance a parity of esteem between skilled trades and higher education. Encourage and promote free speech on university campuses.

## **Mining**

Support responsible mining and other resource extraction activities to bolster the provincial economy. Advocate for policies encouraging investment in the mining sector while ensuring that these industries contribute fair returns to taxpayers. Cut red tape to enable mining companies to develop projects more efficiently, aiming for a balance between environmental sustainability and economic growth.

**As you consider your vote, ask your riding candidates about these policy ideas**

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## How we go about our mission

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- b) Evidence (data-driven, not pre-determined narratives)
- c) Transparency (measurement of results)
- d) Neutrality (consideration of all delivery options)
- e) Separation (elected officials as policymakers separated from operations)
- f) Subsidiarity (services delivered as close to the people as possible)
- g) Empowerment (enable citizens to choose)
- h) Competition (instead of monopolies)
- i) Civic society (cooperation and community)

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