

A Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty: building a stronger, greener and more equitable Canada

Summary

Canada faces the triple crises of catastrophic climate change, growing economic inequality and Trump's economic war against our sovereignty. Canadians and our governments are uniting from coast to coast to coast to stand strong against American domination and for a better, a more equitable, independent and greener Canada.

Canada needs a bold **Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty** to mobilize the creative imagination and energy of our people, institutions, organizations and governments to harness our vast public resources and capabilities to transition from excessive reliance on the US economy to a more self-reliant, more equitable economy driven by dignified work, using clean renewable energy and efficient public services for all.

A Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty will:

- Reduce our reliance on burning fossil fuels and quickly scale up renewable energy technologies;
- Build our domestic production capacity to supply Canadians with quality, made-in-Canada goods and services to meet our needs and expand our global trading relationships;
- Respect and work with First Nations across Canada to address genuine, meaningful reconciliation and development;
- Take action to protect, preserve and re-green our natural habitat and endangered species;
- Uphold our international relationships and obligations;
- Encourage coordination and cooperation between our national, provincial/territorial
 and municipal governments to build a healthier, more resilient, more inclusive and
 more economically equitable social economy that leaves no one behind; and
- Create a mix of public and private financing and resurrect wartime financing tools such as low interest loans through the Bank of Canada and marketing of Canadian Sovereignty Bonds.

A **Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty** will create hundreds of thousands of well paid, family-supporting jobs in every community from coast to coast to coast. It will consciously redirect the Canadian economy from our excessive reliance on the American economy to satisfy domestic needs and strengthen our international relationships and markets.

The vast majority of Canadians want and expect our federal and provincial/territorial governments to stand up to the US **and** take much more robust action to combat climate change. We can and must do both! Our governments must step up and accept their responsibility to lead!

Building a **Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty** will require a coordinated national effort by citizens, organizations, labour, business, and governments. A **Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty** can and will simultaneously address our sovereignty, economic and climate crises. Working together, we will reap success and show our struggling American friends, by our living example, that there is a better, more responsible and equitable path forward.

For more details please see our full discussion paper, which includes an action guide **Bending the Arc of Justice** on how you can contribute to and get involved in this national project - **A Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty: building a stronger, greener and more equitable Canada** at https://greennewdeal.ca/ Thank you.

In compassion and solidarity,

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We are a group of Sunshine Coast – BC residents who believe that Canada must take bold action to address climate change, build a resilient and self-sustaining economy, and uphold Indigenous rights. We are committed to advocating for a Green New Deal for Canadian Sovereignty – one that reduces our reliance on fossil fuels, strengthens local communities and fosters a more just and sustainable future for all.

If you find merit in the concepts we advocate for we ask that you share our material with your family, friends, co-workers and networks and encourage them to share it with their respective networks. Contact your respective government legislators. Together we can contribute to a greener, more equitable and independent Canada.