

CLIMATE-RELATED ELECTION PROMISES SO FAR MARCH 2025

POILIEVRE - CONSERVATIVES

Poilievre says he wants to create what he calls “shovel-ready zones” with pre-approved permits for major resource or energy projects. Poilievre says the goal is to get permits in place early for a mine, liquefied natural gas plant, pipeline or other major project.

TO CONSIDER: *Poilievre makes no mention of what impact cutting through the red tape will do to the environment and First Nations’ rights or involvement in these projects.*

Unfortunately, we have seen what that looks like at the Ontario provincial level with MZO, changes to environmental protection laws and lack of thorough consultation with First Nations.

Poilievre says he’ll “set a deadline” to approve all federal permits for mining in northwestern Ontario’s Ring of Fire region within six months. He says that a Conservative government would also commit \$1 billion over three years to build a road network to link the mining sites to Ontario’s highway network and First Nations communities in the area.

TO CONSIDER: *Again, Poilievre seems intent on setting timelines without consultation of key stakeholders and respecting First Nations’ involvement in the decision-making.*

Poilievre says a Conservative government would repeal the entire carbon pricing law for consumers and big industry. To reduce emissions, Poilievre says his government would “expand eligibility” for the clean technology and clean manufacturing tax credits. He adds his government would “reward” businesses that made products with emissions lower than the world average.

TO CONSIDER: *The consumer carbon pricing has already been removed. Removing the carbon pricing for big industry polluters is more likely to result in a slower transition away from fossil fuels as many countries have demonstrated that there needs to be a carbon pricing as well as incentives in order to make the kind of gains we need in reducing emissions. It is ill-advised to remove industrial carbon pricing if we are attempting to improve economic relations with Europe - they are putting more stringent carbon regulations in place and it was made clear to Canada by EU President von der Leyen, goods must be ‘[clean, green](#)’ if you want our business’. Additionally, the current clean technology and clean manufacturing tax credit system is wide reaching to any taxable Canadian corporation and also includes mineral extraction right through to 2034. It does however, prevent companies from ‘double dipping’ for the same property.*

CARNEY - LIBERALS

Prime Minister Mark Carney makes several announcements after meeting with Canada's premiers. They include waiving the one-week waiting period for employment insurance for those who lose their jobs to U.S. tariffs and temporarily allowing Canadian businesses to defer income tax and GST and HST payments to help boost their liquidity.

TO CONSIDER: *Workers who lose their jobs or are laid off can receive employment insurance faster, & companies can hold off on tax payments.*

Carney confirms a plan to hike the inclusion rate on capital gains, first pitched in the federal budget last year, will not move forward. The proposal was set to take effect on June 25 of last year and would have seen all businesses and individuals reporting more than \$250,000 in capital gains in a year pay more tax on those proceeds.

TO CONSIDER: *COMPANIES ARE NOT GETTING THE TAX INCREASE.*

In Edmonton, Carney announces a \$187-million investment to repair and rebuild critical infrastructure in Jasper National Park.

TO CONSIDER: *The federal Liberal government already committed \$160 million to the town previously this year; Alberta backtracked on their \$112 million housing commitment because it wasn't single dwelling homes being built.*

Carney announces that his government will eliminate GST for first-time homebuyers on homes sold at or under \$1 million.

TO CONSIDER: *better affordability for first time home buyers*

Carney says his government will expand the Canadian Armed Forces' presence in the Arctic and turn to Australia's over-the-horizon radar tech to monitor threats from adversaries like China and Russia. Carney also pledges \$253 million in new funding for Indigenous reconciliation initiatives in the North.

TO CONSIDER: *Carney moved away from the US; managed to get the Australian deal while the US stalled in its signing with Australia and is giving funding to Indigenous-led projects.*

SINGH - NDP

Leader Jagmeet Singh says an NDP government would cancel Canada's F-35 contracts, and build jets in Canada instead. He also committed to bolstering Canada's Arctic with new defence spending, building marine search and research stations, pay boosts for soldiers, and building Northern community infrastructure.

TO CONSIDER: *The current government is already considering the F-35 contract review.*

Singh promises to improve employment insurance, create jobs by investing in infrastructure and using Canadian resources, and expanding trade beyond the United States.

TO CONSIDER: *Missing specific details; current government is already expanding beyond the US.*

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No pre-election promises as of March 21st.

Sources:

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