

# ELECTION BC

## REPORT CARD

Dear Members,

For the past few weeks, our union has followed B.C.'s election with interest, knowing that whichever party forms the next government could have profound effects on our members and our province. Our union has a long history of political activism when it comes to election campaigns, and this year is no different.

I want to thank all of you who have been involved in our campaign so far, sending letters to the editor, volunteering for your local candidates, attending our telephone town hall, and talking to your friends, family and co-workers about the importance of voting, and voting for a party that supports you and your job this time around.

Enclosed here is our report card on the parties' work to date as well as their platforms going forward. To compile this analysis, we sent a survey to each of the main parties asking about your priorities and their previous record and took into account their platforms and their willingness to meet and discuss important issues with us in recent years.

If we were grading purely on a party's openness and responsiveness, the New Democrats would get an A+, having met with us whenever we asked for many years and responding to the survey to help us focus in on the things that matter most to our members. The Liberals would likely get a C: their leader met with us but their ICBC critic stood us up for a meeting in February and they didn't respond to our survey. And unfortunately, although one member of the Green caucus met with us, we were rebuffed multiple times when we attempted to meet with the current Green Party Leader over the last three years. Combining that with getting no response to our survey, we'd be forced to give the party a D for accountability and transparency.

I hope you find our analysis helpful and informative as you are voting in the coming week. We've included some additional information about how you can vote in advance, by mail, and on election day here to make it easier for you to make a plan to make sure your voice is heard. I encourage you all to exercise your right to vote and make a difference in selecting the government that will shape the next four years in British Columbia.

In solidarity,



David Black  
President, MoveUP



**PROTECTING PUBLIC SERVICES****NDP**

The New Democrats support strong public services, including keeping ICBC, BC Hydro and health care public. They have invested and continue to invest in improving public services to protect them from privatization in the long-term.

**Liberals**

In 2002, the then-Liberal government introduced private power into BC Hydro by developing Independent Power Producer projects, and then outsourced 1,500 union jobs at BC Hydro to Accenture in 2003. In 2004, they privatized BC Rail. In this election, Liberals have committed to opening up ICBC to competition, the first step to effectively privatizing the Corporation and the 5,000 direct union jobs it supports.

**Green Party**

The Green Party proports to support maintaining existing public services; however, it blocked NDP legislation this past summer to end the Independent Power Producer contracts, instead getting behind the continued privatization of our electricity system. They support keeping ICBC public.

**HEALTH CARE AND CHILD CARE****NDP**

Prior to the pandemic, New Democrats had been making progress on reducing surgical wait times and expanding access to Urgent and Primary Care Centres. They also created a ministry to handle the opioid crisis and was getting the situation under control before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Going forward, they plan to hire 7,000 health care aides, improve long-term care, continue expanding urgent and primary care and implement a 10-year cancer strategy. On child care, New Democrats have built thousands of new spaces and created \$10-a-day child care for 32,000 families, promising to expand further going forward.

**Liberals**

When in government, from 2001 to 2017, BC Liberals privatized long-term care, laid off health care workers and doubled the MSP premiums that families paid. Under their watch the opioid crisis was growing out of control and completely ignored. Going forward, their plan to cut the PST at a cost of at least \$10 billion, puts health investments at risk. Liberals have committed to implementing \$10-a-day child care for low-income families, if they win the election. This fall, a BC Liberal candidate called child care “harmful” and suggested mothers stay home with their children.

**Green Party**

The Green Party supported the NDP’s efforts on health care; however, they opposed the elimination of the MSP premium and told businesses they didn’t’ support the Employer Health Tax in this election. If they win, they have committed to expanding public long-term care, extend MSP to cover mental health services, and continue to expand primary care. In 2017, they opposed the NDP plan to create \$10-a-day child care so it changed into a pilot program. They’ve committed this election to creating free child care for children under three years old.

**SUPPORT FOR UNIONS AND UNION JOBS****NDP**

Since forming government three and a half years ago, New Democrats have taken significant steps to improve the rights of workers, improve workplace safety and make it easier for people to join a union. They have committed in this campaign to do even more, including increasing the minimum wage and working with the federal government to create paid sick leave.

**Liberals**

The BC Liberals regularly oppose improving worker rights, often fighting minimum wage and worker safety rules. They also legalized child labour. Last year, they worked with the Green Party to prevent changes to labour law that would make it easier for workers to join legitimate unions. They have made no commitments to promote unions in this election.

**Green Party**

The Green Party worked with the BC Liberals to defeat NDP legislation that would have made it easier for workers to join legitimate unions and also prevented the NDP government from passing legislation that would allow workers to join unions when a majority of them signed up, favouring the practice of forcing workers through extra hurdles to exercise their collective bargaining rights.

**AFFORDABILITY****NDP**

New Democrats eliminated MSP premiums, saving British Columbians \$1,800 every year. They delivered \$10-a-day child care for 32,000 families and have started or completed 25,000 affordable homes. In this campaign, they’ve committed to a \$1,000 COVID-19 recovery benefit for families making less than \$125,000, and an average \$400 reduction in car insurance premiums with the implementation of Enhanced Care next year.

**Liberals**

Liberals oppose the elimination of MSP premiums and have said so more than 300 times in the legislature. Their plan to open ICBC to competition will eliminate the planned \$400 car insurance reduction, and their plan to eliminate the PST for a year and then bring it back at 3% until the economy recovers, will mostly benefit the wealthiest British Columbians (and this means cutting \$10 billion in public services to pay for it).

**Green Party**

The Green Party Leader has said she opposes government’s MSP premium cancellation and she told a business audience in Vancouver that she doesn’t think they should have to pay the Employer Health Tax; however, the Party did not vote against it in the legislature. In this campaign, the Greens are proposing free child care for children under three years old and to begin a transition to a guaranteed basic income.

**TRANSIT****NDP**

Since 2017, the NDP government expanded transit options and provided emergency funding to BC Transit and TransLink when ridership dropped significantly during the pandemic. In this campaign, they’ve committed to introduce free transit for children up to age 12 and build to Skytrain expansion to Surrey and Langley, as well as expanding transit options in the Fraser Valley, Sea-to-Sky region and on the South Island.

**Liberals**

Liberals built the Canada Line in the Lower Mainland for the 2010 Olympics; however, they are also responsible for privatizing B.C.’s public rail line, BC Rail. They largely failed to effectively expand transit since completing the Canada Line in 2009. In this campaign, they are making no commitment to expand public transit.

**Green Party**

The Greens have supported expanded public transit as a means to reduce carbon emissions. In this campaign, they have committed to revising the transit funding model together with municipalities, consider mobility pricing to reduce the use of single passenger vehicles, and prioritize investment in transit.

**CLEAN ENERGY AND GREEN ECONOMY****NDP**

The New Democrats, together with the Green Party, developed and have begun implementing CleanBC, the country’s most aggressive plan for cleaning up the environment and tackling climate change. They have committed in this campaign to pass legislation requiring B.C. to reach net-zero by 2050, to allow time for the development of new technologies and economic diversification, protecting thousands of direct jobs in the energy sector, as well as the significant spin-off effects from this important sector in B.C.’s economy.

**Liberals**

The BC Liberals have supported proposals to address climate change in the past, including a carbon tax, though more recently have criticized the price on carbon and suggested a slow down in planned increases due to the economic situation. In this election, they are committing to retrofit homes and businesses, add electric vehicle charging stations and apply an environmental lens to all government decisions; however, they have no targets or timelines for emission reductions.

**Green Party**

The Green Party worked with the NDP to develop and begin implementing CleanBC, the country’s most aggressive plan to clean up the environment and address climate change. In this election, they’re committing to ending all fossil fuel subsidies and legislate a transition to net-zero by 2045. Unfortunately, the abrupt transition from fossil fuels proposed by the Greens will result in massive job losses, including thousands of union jobs, and significant financial hardship for families, which in turn could erode public support for action on climate change.

**HUMAN RIGHTS****NDP**

New Democrats introduced and passed Canada’s first law to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the NDP Premier appointed a Cabinet Minister responsible for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and they reinstated the Human Rights Commission. In this election, they are fielding the most diverse slate of candidates in B.C.’s history. They have committed to passing a new Anti-Racism Act and equal pay legislation, as well as modernizing the Police Act.

**Liberals**

The last time they were in government, Liberals eliminated the BC Human Rights Commission. In this election, only one-third of their candidates are women and there are no out LGBTQ2S+ candidates, though at least two of them have a history of opposing LGBTQ2S+ rights, including right up to the day they were announced as nominees for the party. In September, leader Andrew Wilkinson attended a Zoom roast for a retiring MLA and he laughed along with other members of his caucus at sexist remarks made about a New Democrat MLA on the call.

**Green Party**

The Green Party has stated support for diversity and inclusion initiatives but they continue to fail to attract diverse candidates. One candidate in this election took to social media to question the idea that more Black, Indigenous and People of Colour being elected had no demonstrable effect on public policy, which the Party has not addressed. In this campaign, they have the least diverse slate with just one-third women and only 10 People of Colour running. They are fielding the only trans candidate in the race.

# ELECTION 2020 REPORT CARD

## THE ISSUES



PROTECTING PUBLIC SERVICES	✓✓✓	✗	✓
HEALTH CARE AND CHILD CARE	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓
SUPPORT FOR UNIONS AND UNION JOBS	✓✓✓	✗	✗
AFFORDABILITY	✓✓✓	✗	✓✓
TRANSIT	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓
CLEAN ENERGY AND GREEN ECONOMY	✓✓	✓	✓✓
HUMAN RIGHTS	✓✓	✗	✓

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# HOW TO VOTE

## VOTING AT A DISTANCE



If you're voting by mail, drop it off at an [Electoral Office](#), an advance [poll location](#) or on Election Day at your [polling station](#) to make sure it gets counted!

Your ballot **MUST** be received by Elections BC by October 24, 8 p.m.

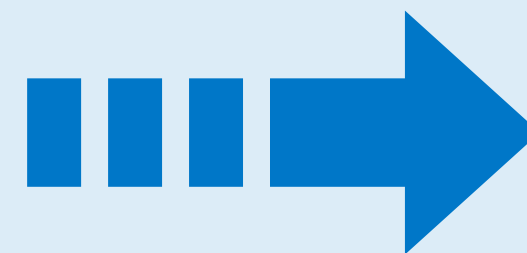
## AT-RISK VOTERS



At-risk voters may be eligible for assisted telephone voting. Call 1-800-661-8683.

**For more information visit: [Elections.bc.ca](https://elections.bc.ca)**

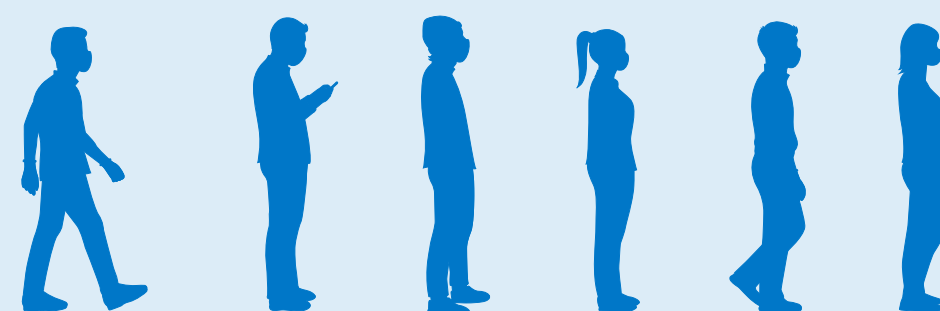
## ADVANCE VOTING



**Advance Voting**  
Vote any day from  
**October 15 to 21**  
**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

[Here's where to vote!](#)

## ELECTION DAY



[General Voting Day](#)

**October 24**  
**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**What to bring:**

- [Valid ID](#)
- Your where to vote card
- Your own pen or pencil
- Mask

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