

A little late today thanks to super weather, a big project at home and the hockey game, where the score flip-flopped quite a bit, almost like the political poll results in recent weeks. Old political hands believe that this far out from the vote, the only people paying close attention to the goings-on in federal politics is the 'chattering class'. As we slide into the summer season, it will be interesting to watch the positioning take place.

Justin Trudeau spoke to the Canadian Federation of Municipalities this week at their big annual meeting in Edmonton. Some of us were hoping he would roll out the cities plank, but he passed, indicating that details of reliable infrastructure funding and an affordable housing strategy would come out closer to the election.

Polling data continues to be suspect; supposedly there have been wild ten-point swings among certain groups. One might think that this is a sign that the public is really paying attention and, if that's the case, we should expect a record turnout on October 19th. Experience shows that's a big 'if'.

One thing is for sure, the NDP 'brand' is clearly on the upswing, Liberal fortunes have faded and, in spite of all the criticism leveled at them and a dud budget, the Conservatives remain neck and neck. The jump in positive perceptions for the Liberal Party when Justin Trudeau became leader was not necessarily supported by anything major he or the party did. Likewise, Tom Mulcair and the NDP haven't actually done much of anything other than oppose Bill C-51 to explain their lift, except perhaps to ride the momentum created by the Alberta election. One consequence of the NDP's continued surge has been closer scrutiny of their campaign promises and media pundits have not been greatly impressed by the quality of their proposals; however, observers point to the roll of emotional appeal rather than platform promises in attracting and maintaining public support.

While the noise around Bill C-51 has subsided, there is still the matter of the senate vote, which will lift the issue's profile this week. It has become a drag on both the Liberals and Conservatives. There are signs that some of the Tory 'core' are sufficiently upset by C-51 that they may not be the reliable votes the party has counted on over the years, while the NDP have been the beneficiary of the disenchantment with the Liberal position.

The long awaited Truth and Reconciliation Commission report has prompted both the Liberals and the NDP to promise to implement all of the recommendations. The Conservatives' response has been less specific, and they continue to resist any enquiry into the murdered and missing aboriginal women.

### **Latest Public Opinion Survey Results:**

Nanos: <http://www.nanosresearch.com/library/polls/Nanos%20Political%20Index%202015-05-29E.pdf>

Ekos: <http://www.ekospolitics.com/index.php/2015/06/ndp-and-mulcair-continue-to-rise/>

threehundredeight: <http://www.threehundredeight.com/>

## **Our messages to the public:**

Liberals present plan for fairness for Canadian cities and communities

Justin Trudeau has a plan to stand up for the middle class and those working hard to join it. Today he is in Edmonton at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show, where he will present his vision for fairness for Canada's cities and communities.

Municipal leaders across the country have been clear: we must invest in our cities and towns to attract new businesses and new jobs. It is time for a new revenue source, dedicated and delivered to local governments.

The Liberal plan for infrastructure will invest in affordable housing, public transit and transportation, climate change, and smart cities. In addition, a future Liberal government is committed to holding an annual Big City Mayors' meeting in Ottawa to discuss pressing issues facing our cities.

Canadians have two fundamentally different choices. Mr. Harper offers tax breaks for the wealthy. Liberals believe in a country that works for everyone. We will put more money in the pockets of the middle class.

## **Items of interest from the news and the Party:**

- Part II of an unflattering review of Stephen Harper's time as Prime Minister:  
<http://www.nationalobserver.com/2015/06/07/news/harper-worst-prime-minister-history-part-two>

- Pierre 'Skippy' Poilievre isn't a very likeable person...according to a survey taken in his riding:  
<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2015/06/08/poilievre-popularity-problem-bad-sign-for-party>

- Canada continues to distinguish itself on the world stage as resisting aggressive climate change initiatives:  
<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/06/08/canada-japan-said-blocking-g7-push-on-climate-change.html>

- The senate continues to be embroiled in Duffy-like expense revelations, that reach right up to the leaders chosen to fix the problem:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/senate-leaders-leo-housakos-james-cowan-repaying-expenses-dropping-arbitration-1.3104483>

**Looking ahead:** -- BC Events below (you can use the direct links to the event page) -- for details on all scheduled events in Canada, click the 'Events' tab here: <https://www.liberal.ca/get-involved/>

Don't forget: a special event, right around the first day of summer in Abbotsford:

Pints & Politics

Monday, June 22nd

6 pm at Phoenix Lounge - 33780 King Road, Abbotsford

To RSVP: Call Brenda at [604-217-9136](tel:604-217-9136)

<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Kelowna
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Nanaimo-Ladysmith</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Nanaimo
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Chilliwack
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in North Vancouver</a>	Jun 9, 2015	North Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Northwest</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Port Coquitlam
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver South, Central</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Burnaby
<a href="#">Team Trudeau : House Meeting in Kootenay—Columbia</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Kaslo
<a href="#">Annual General Meeting - Prince George-Peace</a>	Jun 9,	Prince George

<a href="#">River-Northern Rockies</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Annual General Meeting - Cariboo-Prince George</a>	Jun 9, 2015	Prince George
<a href="#">Together Shuswap Workshop</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Chase
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Cloverdale-Langley City</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Langley
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Nanaimo-Ladysmith</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Nanaimo
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour</a>	Jun 10, 2015	North Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Port Coquitlam
<a href="#">Meet Pam in Whistler</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Whistler
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola</a>	Jun 10, 2015	West Kelowna
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Chilliwack
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in North Okanagan-Shuswap</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Salmon Arm
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Northeast</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Centre</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Northwest</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in</a>	Jun 10,	Vancouver

<a href="#">Vancouver South, West</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Burnaby
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge</a>	Jun 10, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Cloverdale-Langley City</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Langley
<a href="#">Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Victoria</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Victoria
<a href="#">Team Trudeau Outreach: Coffee Meeting in North Okanagan-Shuswap</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Vernon
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour</a>	Jun 11, 2015	North Vancouver
<a href="#">Pints and Politics in Courtenay-Alberni</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Port Alberni
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Cloverdale-Langley City</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Langley
<a href="#">Wine and Cheese Fundraiser in Coquitlam -- Port Coquitlam</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Port Coquitlam
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep Chilliwack-Hope</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Chilliwack
<a href="#">Pints and Politics in North Okanagan-Shuswap</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Sicamous
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Fairview</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver South, East</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Burnaby
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: House Meeting in Richmond</a>	Jun 11,	Richmond

<a href="#">Centre</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Victoria</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Victoria
<a href="#">Team Meeting in North Vancouver</a>	Jun 11, 2015	North Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau : House Meeting in Kootenay—Columbia</a>	Jun 11, 2015	Salmo
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Cloverdale-Langley City</a>	Jun 12, 2015	Langley
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<a href="#">Fair Elections Act</a>	Jun 12, 2015	Parksville
<a href="#">Meet Carrie Powell Davidson LPC Courtenay-Alberni Riding</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Qualicum Beach
<a href="#">BCWLC Presents: Power of Your Voice: Power of Your Vote!</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Mill Bay
<a href="#">Lumby Days Parade</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Lumby
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Port Coquitlam
<a href="#">Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Victoria</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Victoria BC
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Cloverdale-Langley City</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Langley
<a href="#">Meet Jody Wilson-Raybould in Saanich-Gulf Islands</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Victoria
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour</a>	Jun 13, 2015	North Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in</a>	Jun 13,	Vancouver

<a href="#">Vancouver South</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Northeast</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Talk Politics With David Merner and Jody Wilson-Raybould</a>	Jun 13, 2015	Victoria
<a href="#">BCWLC Presents: Power of Your Voice: Power of Your Vote!</a>	Jun 14, 2015	Colwood
<a href="#">Your Voice Matters with Maria Manna</a>	Jun 14, 2015	Cobblehill
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola</a>	Jun 14, 2015	Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Fairview</a>	Jun 14, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">House Meeting in Terrace</a>	Jun 14, 2015	Terrace
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, Central</a>	Jun 14, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope</a>	Jun 15, 2015	Hope
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra</a>	Jun 15, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in North Okanagan-Shuswap</a>	Jun 15, 2015	Salmon Arm
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge</a>	Jun 15, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, East</a>	Jun 15, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, West</a>	Jun 15, 2015	Vancouver
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: House Meeting in Vancouver</a>	Jun 15,	Vancouver

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[Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Nanaimo-Ladysmith](#)

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Finally:

Keep up to date on the activities of the major ABC groups:

- [C.R.U.S.H.](#)
- [Council of Canadians](#)
- [Canadians Deserve Better](#)
- [Operation Maple](#)
- [Lead Now](#)
- [Anything But Conservative in 2015](#)

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Have a great week!