

I hope you all had a wonderful Canada Day...as much as we need to focus on ways to make our country better, we should never lose sight of how wonderful this place really is. We're a country that shouldn't have worked, but somehow it did. Most of the world would love to have our problems and if the example we've set on how disparate groups can live together and create good things in the name of 'the common good' could be duplicated elsewhere on the planet, it would be a safer, happier and more prosperous place. We have a lot to offer the world; as U2's famous lead singer, Bono, said, 'the world needs more Canada.'

As mentioned previously, a theme is emerging that clearly differentiates Liberals from the NDP. A week ago, Justin Trudeau released the Party's 'green platform', which involved a Liberal promise to work collaboratively with the provinces to come up with carbon reduction targets and programs to reach them. This drew an immediate response from the NDP that this approach demonstrated a lack of leadership from Mr. Trudeau. Mr. Mulcair believes that the role of government is to establish national programs and have them implemented by the provinces, so, for example, if the NDP believes in a cap and trade strategy to reduce carbon output, all provinces would be asked to put such a program in place. The NDP approach would ignore BC's highly successful carbon pricing program whereas the Liberals would be happy to have it in place as this province's contribution to the overall effort.

The NDP's centralized approach that would try to convince provinces not only *what* they needed to do but also *how* to do it would be a recipe for accomplishing very little except for extended bouts of wrangling. Mr. Mulcair's national daycare strategy, carbon reduction strategy and senate reform (abolition or nothing) all fall into that category. Mr. Trudeau's approach is more respectful of the provinces and a far superior fit with the way Canadians have made their country work for the past 148 years.

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

Nanos: <http://www.nanosresearch.com/library/polls/Nanos%20Political%20Index%202015-06-26E.pdf>

Ekos: <http://www.ekospolitics.com/index.php/2015/07/race-narrowing-again/>

Forum: <http://poll.forumresearch.com/post/308/parties-approach-parity/>

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

Justin Trudeau presents new plan for Canada's environment and economy

This week in Vancouver, Justin Trudeau announced the Liberal plan to create clean jobs, grow the economy, and protect the environment.

Stephen Harper has refused to take action on climate change, slashed environmental protections, cut funding for science, and allowed other countries to take the lead on creating clean jobs.

Liberals have a plan to undo the damage done by Harper. Our agenda will focus on: taking action on climate change; investing in clean technologies; creating clean jobs and investment; restoring credibility to environmental reviews; preserving and promoting our National Parks; and protecting our water.

We will phase out fossil fuel subsidies; expand investment in the clean tech sector; remove admission fees to our National Parks for the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation; expand protection of waterways and species at risk; and reinstate funding for science and monitoring.

The Liberal Party has a sweeping agenda to deliver real change. We will tap into the economic opportunities of our environment and create the sustainable prosperity middle class families deserve.

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

- The Tory 'mean streak' :  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/the-harper-government-is-marked-by-its-mean-streak/article25316100/>
- A court challenge by the Council of Canadians seeks an injunction to the 'Fair Elections Act':  
<https://secure.canadians.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1899&ea.campaign.id=36057>
- Reformers 'dismayed' by Stephen Harper's abandonment of their ideals:  
<http://thetyee.ca/News/2015/07/06/Firebrands-Power-Harper/>
- Cutting government services to generate a balanced budget creates hardships for those counting on help from Veterans Affairs:  
<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/staffing-cuts-at-veterans-affairs-hit-frontline-service>
- Anti-union legislation that opposition parties have vowed to rescind:  
<http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2015/07/03/dump-this-regressive-law-editorial.html>
- Another piece of Conservative legislation that may well fall to a Supreme Court Challenge...Bill C-24 has created second-class citizens:  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/editorials/bill-c-24-is-wrong-there->

[is-only-one-kind-of-canadian-citizen/article19400982/](http://www.liberal.ca/is-only-one-kind-of-canadian-citizen/article19400982/)

**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/>

<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Willoughby</a>	Jul 6, 2015	La
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, Kitsilano</a>	Jul 6, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope</a>	Jul 6, 2015	Ho
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep North Okanagan-Shuswap</a>	Jul 6, 2015	Sa
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Training in Vancouver South</a>	Jul 6, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Nanaimo—Ladysmith</a>	Jul 7, 2015	
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<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Chilliwack—Hope</a>	Jul 7, 2015	Ro
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour</a>	Jul 7, 2015	Bu
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, UBC</a>	Jul 7, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Quadra</a>	Jul 7, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Volunteer Orientation Meeting West Vancouver</a>	Jul 7, 2015	W Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour</a>	Jul 8, 2015	No Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour</a>	Jul 8, 2015	Bu
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope</a>	Jul 8, 2015	Ch
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for North Vancouver</a>	Jul 8, 2015	No

<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Fleetwood—Port Kells</a>	Jul 8, 2015	Su
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Langley-Aldergrove</a>	Jul 9, 2015	La
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chiliwack-Hope</a>	Jul 9, 2015	CH
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Quadra</a>	Jul 9, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Langley-Aldergrove</a>	Jul 9, 2015	La
<a href="#">Meet Pam in West Vancouver</a>	Jul 9, 2015	W Va
<a href="#">Team Meeting in North Vancouver</a>	Jul 9, 2015	N Va
<a href="#">Volunteer Appreciation Movie Night: Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam Campaign Office</a>	Jul 9, 2015	Po
<a href="#">Pints and Politics in Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola</a>	Jul 10, 2015	Ke
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep - Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam</a>	Jul 11, 2015	Po
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, Dunbar</a>	Jul 11, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Young Liberals at Khatsahlano Street Party!</a>	Jul 11, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in North Vancouver</a>	Jul 12, 2015	N Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Fleetwood-Port Kells</a>	Jul 12, 2015	Su
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Fairview</a>	Jul 12, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, Central</a>	Jul 12, 2015	Va

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<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, Kitsilano</a>	Jul 13, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge</a>	Jul 13, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Democracy Talks: Fisheries &amp; the Local Economy</a>	Jul 13, 2015	So
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Chilliwack—Hope</a>	Jul 14, 2015	Ro
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Northwest</a>	Jul 14, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, UBC</a>	Jul 14, 2015	Va
<a href="#">Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Quadra</a>	Jul 14, 2015	Va

### **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](#)