

Another beautiful day on the Left Coast and another hockey game...last one of the season as it turned out, in spite of last minute desperation by Tampa Bay. Could be seeing some of that from the Conservatives with news today that they intend to make a bunch of infrastructure announcements with most of the funding still left over in the Build Canada Fund. This is the sort of thing that drive cities crazy and it was what Justin Trudeau was talking about at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention in Edmonton a week ago. Cities and provinces need assured funds on a reliable schedule that everyone knows about well in advance. Last minute, politically driven funding announcements when there are no shovel-ready projects is simply a recipe for the dollars to go unclaimed. Back into government revenue. Where they can be used to claim a balanced budget. Are we seeing a pattern here?

Liberal eyes, and a few others no doubt, will be tuned in tomorrow morning at 8 am Pacific Time when Justin Trudeau releases more of the Liberal platform, this time on democratic/parliamentary reform. Fingers crossed that we will see some more evidence of the quality thinking that went into the Canada Child Benefit and the tax cut. According to the pundits, there may not be very much coming out after this until September when everyone's back from summer holidays and the writ is dropped.

But a word of caution from some. Liberal and NDP strategists are alleged to have collaborated with major unions on a series of ads that will attack the Tories' record on a number of fronts, starting with income inequality. Pundits are musing that this might move more voters to the NDP thanks to the momentum they've gained in the last few months. Others are musing that it's only a matter of time before Mr. Mulcair is given 'the treatment' by Conservative attack ads.

Then there's Gilles Duceppe, coming back to lead the Bloc in Quebec. Given that the NDP scooped many Bloc voters in 2011, will Mr. Duceppe be out for some orange-tinted revenge? Or is the Bloc a spent force after the last provincial election dashed the Parti Quebecois? Pundits, muses, pollsters and anyone with access to the internet may have themselves a field day over the summer. Liberals, on the other hand, will most certainly build on the ground game established so far, with more calls and door knockings. Watch for quite a number of 'weekends of action' coming up!

Latest Public Opinion Survey Results:

Nanos: <http://www.nanosresearch.com/library/polls/Nanos%20Political%20Index%202015-06-05E.pdf>

Ekos: <http://www.ekospolitics.com/index.php/2015/06/ndp-continues-to-rise-as-liberals-and-conservatives-continue-to-slide/>

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

Our messages to the public:

Justin Trudeau presents plan to deliver fairness for middle class

Justin Trudeau has a [plan](#) to stand up for the middle class and those working hard to join it.

Over the past two years, Mr. Trudeau has met thousands of Canadians, in hundreds of communities across the country. Their message is clear: under Stephen Harper, middle class Canadians have had to work longer and harder just to make ends meet.

The Liberal Middle Class Tax Cut:

A Liberal government will make the tax system fairer and cut the middle class tax rate by seven percent. That's a \$3 billion tax cut for those who need it the most.

We will ask the wealthiest Canadians to pay a little more so the middle class can pay less. Liberals will cancel Mr. Harper's income splitting and other tax breaks for the wealthy. We will introduce a new tax bracket for the top one percent - on incomes over \$200,000.

The Liberal Canada Child Benefit:

The Liberal plan will also provide one bigger, fair, tax-free, monthly cheque to help families with the high cost of raising their kids.

With the Liberal plan, a typical two parent family, with two kids, earning \$90,000 per year will get \$490 tax-free every month. With Mr. Harper, the same family only receives around \$275 after-tax. That's \$2,500 more help, tax-free, over the course of a year.

With the Liberal plan, a typical one parent family, with one child, earning \$30,000 per year will get \$533 tax-free every month. With Mr. Harper, the same family only receives around \$440 after-tax.

Additional messaging:

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.

Mr. Trudeau's priority is clear: we must strengthen those at the heart of our economy, middle class Canadians, who have not had a decent raise in 30 years.

Items of interest from the news and the Party:

- Here's the story on Justin Trudeau's announcement tomorrow morning:
http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/liberals-to-offer-open-government-reforms-in-bid-to-overtake-ndp/article24971673/?click=sf_globefb
- The Hill Times' Evan Sotiropoulos looks at the Conservatives 'vote efficiency' and predicts a majority for them:
<http://www.hilltimes.com/opinion-piece/politics/2015/06/11/road-to-majority-government-smoothly-paved-for-conservatives/42493>
- Although the Senate has earned a great deal of criticism, Tom Mulcair's vow to abolish it rubs Quebec and unions the wrong way, both seeing the upper chamber as levelling the playing field in their interests:
<http://www.nationalobserver.com/2015/06/12/news/mulcair-union-leaders-differ-senates-right-defeat-labour-bill>
- Mel Hurtig's final installment in The Tyee zeros in on his record of deficits following so many years of Liberal surpluses:
http://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2015/06/12/Harper-Put-Canada-in-the-Red/?utm_source=mondayheadlines&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=150615
- C-51 continues to do damage as a veteran has dropped out of the Liberal nomination as a result of the party's support for it:
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/liberal-candidate-david-macleod-quit-central-nova-run-over-bill-c-51-vote-1.3114227>
- The Globe & Mail broke the story about Conservative plans to boost infrastructure spending:
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/tories-to-roll-out-pre-election-infrastructure-spending-spree/article24954571/>
- Meanwhile the Toronto Star has listed the issues the government would rather not be talking about:
<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/06/14/the-issues-conservatives-dont-want-to-talk-about-tim-harper.html>
- 'Engage Canada' is revealed as 'a group of high-level Liberal and New Democratic backroom veterans':
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/unions-centre-left-interests-to-begin-ad-campaign-attacking-harpers-tories/article24924913/>

- Here's the 'Engage Canada' ad:

<https://youtu.be/5ABvLHvwMAS>

- Another week, another court setback for the Conservatives and a flame-out by Health Minister Rona Ambrose:

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/opinion/conservative-minister-ambrose-blows-pot-gasket-nobody-cares>

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, one week today 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)

Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope	Jun 15, 2015	He
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra	Jun 15, 2015	Va
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in North Okanagan-Shuswap	Jun 15, 2015	So
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge	Jun 15, 2015	Va
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, East	Jun 15, 2015	Va
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Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Centre	Jun 15, 2015	Va
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, UBC	Jun 15, 2015	Va
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Cloverdale—Langley City	Jun 16, 2015	La

Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Jun 16, 2015	Na
Coffee Meeting in Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Jun 16, 2015	La
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Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon	Jun 16, 2015	AB
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Northwest	Jun 16, 2015	Va
Team Trudeau Training in Vancouver South	Jun 16, 2015	Va
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour	Jun 16, 2015	Bu
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam	Jun 16, 2015	Co
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver South, Central	Jun 16, 2015	Va
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Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North-Seymour	Jun 17, 2015	B
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Team Trudeau : House Meeting in Fleetwood—Port Kells	Jun 17, 2015	S

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DEMOCRACY TALKS Climate Change & the Future of Snow (Whistler)	Jun 17, 2015	W
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Meet Cindy Derkaz, Candidate for North Okanagan-Shuswap	Jun 18, 2015	Ve
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Reception and Discussion with Lieutenant-General Andrew Leslie	Jun 18, 2015	Ne Va
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Victoria	Jun 18, 2015	Vi

