

The last days in the House this term and in the Conservative mandate are now shifting to what will be a huge effort by all the parties on the summer BBQ circuit. The NDP ended the session riding high in the polls, but looking over their shoulders as the first signs that the euphoria accompanying the Alberta election result is starting to fade. The emergence of Gilles Duceppe as the once-again leader of the Bloc Quebecois is already having an impact on the other parties, with support for the NDP at risk and pushing the Conservatives farther out of the picture in Quebec.

After the first week, EKOS says it's the NDP that's taken the biggest hit, but all the major swings in polling results over the past couple of months prove little more than the fact we have a very volatile situation at this point.

Justin Trudeau has undertaken three initiatives of note over the last week. First, his speech on democratic and electoral reform won praise for its boldness and the quality of the initiatives it prescribes. Secondly, he and the caucus have pushed back on all of the criticism levelled at the Party over its position on Bill C-51. There, the results are a bit more mixed, as NDP supporters and some journalists remain critical.

The third item rolled out just this morning, as Justin made a speech to a friendly crowd at Canada 2020 in Ottawa. This organization calls itself 'Canada's leading, independent, progressive think-tank working to redefine the role of the federal government in Canada', and the topic was Canada/US relations. Mr. Trudeau was well stocked with commentary critical of the Conservatives' behaviour, strategies and results -- words like 'churlish' and 'belligerent' accurately describe what many have observed from PM Harper and his ministers. Mr. Trudeau's prescription for mending and improving relations was simply sound relationship building, but he took an important step to include relations with Mexico into the mix, saying at one point he would roll back the visa requirements the Conservatives put in place for Mexican citizens wanting to come to Canada.

But perhaps the item with the most potential for establishing the Liberals as the agents of 'Real Change' (the emerging campaign theme), was an interview Mr. Trudeau did regarding the NDP. The link to the item is below, but the mail take-away is that both Mr. Mulcair and Mr. Harper subscribe to the 'Party of One' leadership philosophy. Both are strong and domineering, in contrast to the consultative and participative approach demonstrated by the Liberals in the creation of their policy planks so far. Therein may be the emotional connection for the Party's campaign to win Canadians' support for a style of government that matches the more historic values on which we've operated as a nation.

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

Nanos: <http://www.nanosresearch.com/library/polls/Nanos%20Political%20Index%202015-06-12E.pdf>

Ekos: <http://www.ekospolitics.com/index.php/2015/06/race-tightens-to-three-way-race-again-as-ndp-slips/>

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

### **Justin Trudeau presents Liberal plan for real change**

After 10 years under Stephen Harper, Ottawa is broken. Liberals have a comprehensive plan to fix it. This is [real change](#).

We will restore openness and transparency by modernizing the way government works. Our plan focuses on: more transparent government; giving Canadians a voice in Ottawa; open and fair elections; evidence-based policy; and better service for Canadians.

Our plan builds on measures we have already implemented - like our leadership on the proactive disclosure of parliamentarians' expenses and removing Senators from the Liberal Caucus - but it also moves far beyond them.

We have a sweeping agenda for change at the heart of which is a simple idea: transparent government is good government.

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

The Ottawa Citizen reports on 'a Liberal rocket' aimed at the NDP:

<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/trudeau-blasts-mulcairs-centralizing-approach-to-governance>

Liberal and NDP supporters are looking more favourably at a coalition according to the Toronto Star:

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/06/18/federal-ndp-now-leading-in-public-support-poll-finds.html>

The CBC has prepared an interactive map of the leaders' travels across Canada:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/multimedia/map-tracking-the-leaders-1.3081740>

Set election dates mean extended on-writ campaigning...and big money is starting to have a US-style influence:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/pro-conservative-harperpac-launches-to-counter-union-backed-ads-1.3122785>

Conservatives stand for election status quo:

[http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/tories-reject-plans-from-opposition-parties-to-change-voting-system/article25051883/?click=sf\\_globefb](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/tories-reject-plans-from-opposition-parties-to-change-voting-system/article25051883/?click=sf_globefb)

The summer BBQ campaign...it's Mulcair vs. Trudeau:

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/06/21/the-summer-mulcair-trudeau-battle-a-key-to-election-tim-harper.html>

A new book examining the Conservatives' trade deals concludes they're not about trade...and appear to be more about 'trouble':

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/06/19/why-stephen-harpers-trade-deals-are-losing-their-cachet-walkom.html>

Andrew Coyne, often branded as a Conservative journalist, finds lots to like about Justin Trudeau's democratic and electoral reform package:

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/Andrew+Coyne+Justin+Trudeau+proposed+reform+package+serious+substantive/11145204/story.html>

## 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/>

Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 22, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Courtenay- Alberni	Jun 22, 2015	Parksville	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Chilliwack-Hope	Jun 22, 2015	Hope	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra	Jun 22, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in North Okanagan-Shuswap	Jun 22, 2015	Salmon Arm	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge	Jun 22, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, East	Jun 22, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver South, West	Jun 22, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 22, 2015	Burnaby	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra, UBC	Jun 22, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Plnts and Politics in Abbotsford	Jun 22, 2015	Abbotsford	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 23, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Pints and Politics in Courtenay—Alberni	Jun 23, 2015	Parksville	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola	Jun 23, 2015	Kelowna	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in North Vancouver	Jun 23, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Jun 23, 2015	Nanaimo	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver South, Central	Jun 23, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Northwest	Jun 23, 2015	Vancouver	BC

Pints and Politics in North Okanagan-Shuswap	Jun 23, 2015	Salmon Arm	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam	Jun 23, 2015	Port Coquitlam	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 23, 2015	Burnaby	BC
Team Trudeau: House Meeting in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge	Jun 23, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Langley-Aldergrove	Jun 23, 2015	Langley	BC
Meet Pam in Squamish	Jun 23, 2015	Squamish	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam	Jun 24, 2015	Port Coquitlam	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in North Vancouver	Jun 24, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 24, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for North Vancouver	Jun 24, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola	Jun 24, 2015	West Kelowna	BC
Pints and Politics in Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Jun 24, 2015	Ladysmith	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 24, 2015	Burnaby	BC
“Name that beer!” with Hon. Scott Brison	Jun 24, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in North Okanagan-Shuswap	Jun 24, 2015	Salmon Arm	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Northeast	Jun 24, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Northwest	Jun 24, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver South, West	Jun 24, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Vancouver Granville, Oakridge	Jun 24, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Fleetwood-Port Kells	Jun 24, 2015	Surrey	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 25, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for North Vancouver	Jun 25, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Pints and Politics in Courtenay-Alberni	Jun 25, 2015	Port Alberni	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Quadra	Jun 25, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 25, 2015	Burnaby	BC

Pints & Politics - North Vancouver	Jun 25, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver South, East	Jun 25, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep in Vancouver Granville, Fairview	Jun 25, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: House Meeting in Vancouver Granville, Northeast	Jun 25, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau: Calling for Change in Victoria	Jun 25, 2015	Victoria	BC
Team Meeting in North Vancouver	Jun 25, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 26, 2015	North Vancouver	BC
Ralph Goodale speaking at Thompson Rivers University	Jun 26, 2015	Kamloops	BC
Candidate Selection Meeting: New Westminster-Burnaby	Jun 26, 2015	New Westminster	BC
Team Trudeau : Change on the Doorstep in Burnaby North—Seymour	Jun 26, 2015	Burnaby	BC
Team Trudeau: House Meeting in Vancouver Granville, Northwest	Jun 26, 2015	Vancouver	BC
Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo Fundraiser cocktail party with special guest Ralph Goodale	Jun 26, 2015	Kamloops	BC
Team Trudeau: Change on the Doorstep for Langley-Aldergrove	Jun 27, 2015	Abbotsford	BC
Cindy Derkaz Invites You to a Private Meet & Greet with the Hon. Ralph Goodale	Jun 27, 2015		