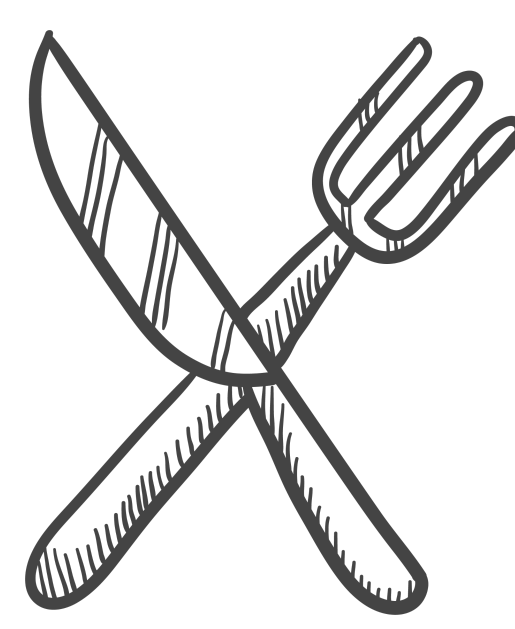
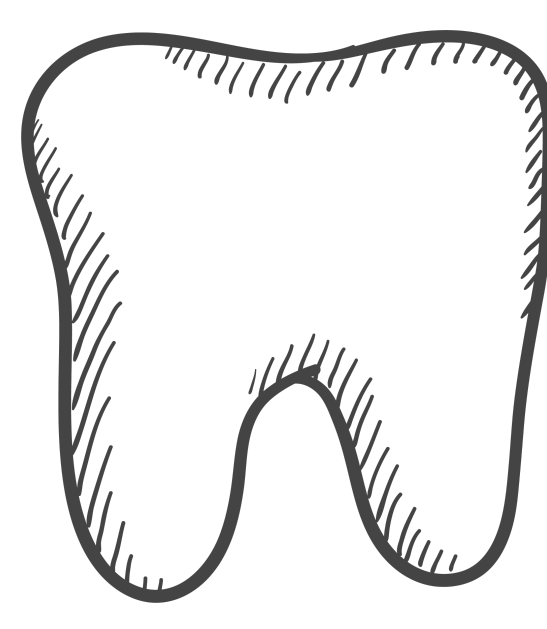
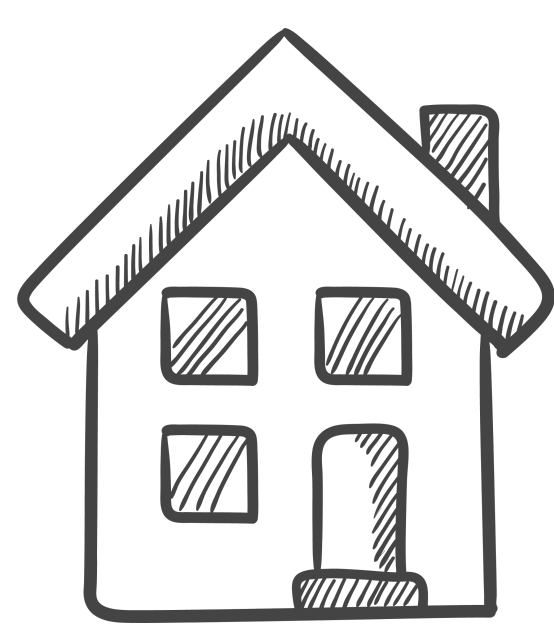


Guelph Candidate Q & A

Federal Election 2019





QUESTION:

Will you and your party commit to the elimination of poverty in Canada? If yes, what actions will your party take to strengthen Canada’s poverty reduction strategy?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

Absolutely. Low wages, high cost of living, lack of workers rights, and stigmatization has been putting Canadians into poverty and precarity for too long. Young people and seniors in particular are having difficult times making ends meet.

We need to address poverty in a holistic way. For me and my NDP colleagues, that means universal pharmacare, expanded medicare, new affordable housing units, student debt relief, affordable childcare, lower cell phone bills, and more access to EI.



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

CHP Canada would strengthen families with a focus toward a family requiring one home rather than a home for each parent with the children rotating between them. This would decrease living costs considerably. We would also require educational curriculum include teaching abstinence as young women with children are often well below the poverty line.



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

We have long been working on campaigns for a higher minimum wage. We would enact a liveable Guaranteed Annual Income. Our plan to nationalize pharmaceuticals would help in our plan to expand Medicare to include pharmacare (and dental, vision, long term and mental health care) while ensuring services - medical and otherwise - would continue to be available to all. We need free, quality, public childcare, and free post-secondary education. We'd cancel student debt, and ban unpaid internships.



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

We invested in Canadians over these past four years, added more than a million new jobs and driven Canada's unemployment and poverty rates to record lows. We will not impose federal taxes on the first \$15,000 they earn. It will also mean that about 700,000 more Canadians, including seniors and young people will pay no federal tax at all. We will increase the Old Age Security for those over 75, provide tax free maternity and parental benefits, lower child care fees and enhance survivor benefits.



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

I would love to eliminate poverty. Right now 25 year olds with a good paying job can't afford to buy a house. Likely two working together are having difficulty buying into the market, so what are we defining as poverty? I think that we should be prioritizing fixing a broken real estate market so that young adults are able to afford the things their parents were able to afford. They need stability to build their life on. Not education debt and living at their parents houses. They deserve more.



Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

A major policy initiative within our platform is a Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) for all. The use of a GLI would eliminate poverty and allow social services to concentrate on problems of mental health and addiction.

The principle of the GLI is simple: to establish an income floor below which no Canadian could fall, but with incentives recipients to continue working and to earn more. A GLI would provide a regular payment to every Canadian, at a level above the poverty line.

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QUESTION:

What will you and your party do to ensure decent work for all, including living wages and fair working conditions?

Do you and your party support introducing a basic income guarantee?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

My party believes all workers should be protected -- unionized or non-unionized; full-time or part-time; contract or permanent; Canadian or migrant. We would set a federal minimum wage as a step towards mandatory living wages, ban unpaid internships, and ensure that part time and contract workers receive the same benefits as permanent employees. We also want to make it easier for workers to form unions, and ensure migrants are no longer abused by Temporary Foreign Worker programs.

Yes



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

CHP Canada recognizes that small businesses employs most Canadians. But, small businesses generally operate on very tight financial budget. Mandating the increase of wages, which increases EI, and increases CPP and increases operating costs, etc.... is not creating an ideal working environment for Canadians. We must build opportunities for Canadian businesses to thrive. We must create an environment that prepares our own Canadian products for market rather than depending on countries with poor human rights records to provide jobs with wages below survival level to provide us with marketable goods.

Response not provided



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

We have a full-employment policy, including a 32 hour work week with no loss in pay, so we could replace precarious work with well-paid, permanent jobs. A Labour Bill of Rights (the right to strike, picket and organize) and legislation to amend bankruptcy laws and plant closure legislation, \$20 (bare) minimum wage. Nationalize - public ownership, democratic control of banks, insurance companies, pharmaceuticals, energy and natural resources etc. Invest - housing, eco-friendly car, solar, wind ..

Yes



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

The changing nature of the workforce can mean finding and keeping a good job is a challenge. We will introduce a federal minimum wage of \$15 per hour, starting in 2020 and rising with inflation, with provisions to ensure that where provincial or territorial minimum wages are higher, that wage will prevail; increase support for apprentices and introducing a career insurance benefit for those who have worked continuously at a company for more than 5 years to provide additional benefits.

Yes



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

Stopping illegal work and keeping good paying work in Canada. Recently the Liberal government promised to build the LNG pipeline materials in China and have them installed in Canada. That will reduce Canadian jobs and doesn't even use our national resources such as steel! We will ensure that we keep this money in our economy and increase the number of well paying jobs for everyone by using Canadian oil instead of buying \$300 million per month for Saudi oil.

No



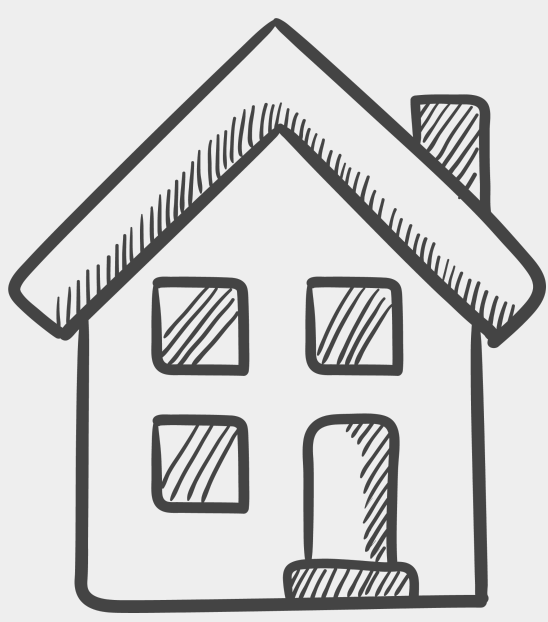
Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

We must protect workers whose incomes and work lives are being and will be disrupted, especially by AI and the transition away from fossil fuels. Enable the creation of new jobs in the green economy and facilitate the transition of workers from shrinking sectors into those jobs. Establish the federal minimum wage of \$15 per hour in addition to a Guaranteed Livable Income. Respect the unionized employees of the federal public service and rejecting back-to-work legislation.

Yes

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QUESTION:

How will you and your party address the housing crisis, so that everyone has a place to call home?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

Right now in Guelph, there are so few housing units available at an affordable rate, and the market has not been able to keep costs under control. We need to get the government back in the business of building affordable homes.

The NDP is committed to building 500,000 new affordable homes across the country, including social housing and co-ops. We would also help immediately by providing up to \$5000 in subsidies for people who pay more than 30% of their income on housing, and 30 year mortgages.



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

CHP Canada would work together with such organizations as Habitat for Humanity to provide great opportunity for affordable housing. We would also restrict the purchase of Canadian land and homes by foreign entities.



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

We would build emergency shelters and transitional housing, plus one million units of social housing for sale and for rent, and enact a federal housing policy that recognizes housing is a fundamental human right, and make housing a public utility. Use rent controls and rent roll-backs so no one pays more than 20% of their income on shelter. Ban evictions, mortgage foreclosures and utility cutoffs due to unemployment. Establish federal-provincial-municipal land banks for strictly public use.



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

The Liberal Government has introduced the first ever National Housing Strategy. Over the next decade, it will remove 530,000 families from housing need and cut chronic homelessness by 50% to change housing in Canada forever. I have been working locally with the County and the Task Force to secure more affordable housing in Guelph. We have introduced the first time Home buyers incentive which allows first-time homebuyers to reduce their mortgage payment without increasing their down payment.



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

The People's Party of Canada is the only party promising to address the root cause of rapidly increasing housing costs. The cause of this problem is supply and demand. Last year Toronto had a demand of 50,000 rental units, but only had 37,000 units available. This lack of supply results in increased rent and drives up the prices of entry level homes.

People who should be able to afford a house at 25 years old with a good job simply cannot afford to buy into this market.

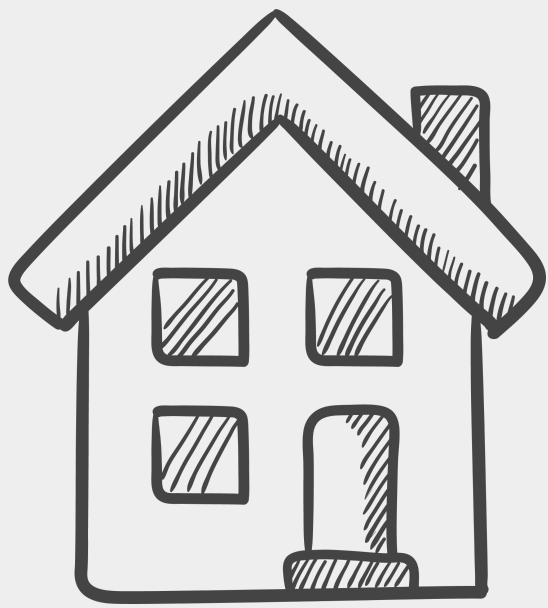


Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

While housing costs have increased by 30% since the last election, but our incomes have not increased by 30%. We need to ensure that everyone has access to housing they can afford. Appoint a Minister of Housing to strengthen the National Housing Strategy so that it meets the needs for affordable housing that are unique to each province, and oversee its implementation in collaboration with provincial ministers.

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QUESTION:

Will you and your party commit to the elimination of homelessness in Canada? If yes, what actions will your party take to support this commitment?

Will your party support increased and targeted capital investments in affordable and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

Yes -- housing is a human right and it is everyone's responsibility to uphold that right. As a government we can help by providing affordable homes and subsidies. We need to recognize that Indigenous people suffer inadequate housing, including in Guelph where Indigenous people are disproportionately affected by homelessness. We need to make sure our national housing strategy addresses this, by listening to reports from Indigenous people, and increasing funding allotted to combating homelessness.

Yes



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

Response not provided.

Response not provided



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

Please see the section in our platform at www.votecommunist.com called 'Housing is a Basic Human Right!' I've outlined a number of things we'd do: emergency and transitional housing, one million new units, etc. but there is more detail in the platform online. We support anything that helps end homelessness. We would want to be sure any needed supports continue as long as necessary.

Yes



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

Our Housing strategy initiatives will build new affordable housing and renew the existing affordable housing stock as well as provide technical assistance, tools and resources to build capacity in the community housing sector and funds to support local organizations and support capacity-building and innovation in housing research. The strategy will promote partnerships and the alignment of efforts in order to achieve ambitious outcomes of eliminating homelessness in Canada.

Yes



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

I think it is atrocious that we have homeless veterans and homeless refugees in this country, and we are sending billions of dollars out of our economy to other rich nations! We have rampant speculation in our markets from foreign buyers who let houses sit vacant and take them off the market. We have money laundering inflating our markets to the tune of \$40 billion dollars in 2018.
My party will focus tax dollars on solving problems for Canadians in Canada. I think that's a responsibility.

No



Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

The Green party believes we must legislate housing as a legally protected fundamental human right for all Canadians and permanent residents. We will provide \$750 million for rent assistance for 125,000 households. Additionally, we plan to include new and existing housing as eligible infrastructure for funding purposes, allowing the Canada Infrastructure Bank to support provincial and municipal housing projects.

Yes

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QUESTION:

What actions will you and your party take to respond to the escalating impacts of mental health and addictions in our community?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

Working as a mental health nurse has taught me that there is so much more the government must do. We need adequately funded supports in all municipalities, including Guelph-Wellington. The various poverty elimination and relief organizations in town have done excellent work. We need to implement a national mental health strategy that is generously funded. We also need to decriminalize drugs and eliminate mental health stigma -- the evidence is clear. It worked in Portugal. It can work here, too.



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

Response not provided.



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

Expand Medicare to include pharmacare, dental and vision care, long-term care and mental health care. Reduce drug overdose deaths with harm reduction and 'safe supply' policies. Nationalizing drug companies reduces costs, but also allows them to focus on what is good for people, and high quality control, not what makes the most money. Also, our plans to reduce the work week while ensuring sufficient money, AND the services we all need, can reduce stress and uncertainty in our lives.



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

Mental health and addictions has become one of my largest files serving as the MP for Guelph. Our Liberal government has made major strides to advance mental health. We made Canada's largest-ever investment in mental health, and working with the provinces and territories, we made mental health a key priority in our health accords for the first time in Canadian history. I have been working with service providers locally to prioritize mental health and addictions prevention and treatment.



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

We will look at the source of the fentanyl coming into our country and we will give the RCMP the power to fight it at its source. The 'Vancouver method' is a well known money laundering / drug smuggling operation that has been happening in Canada for years uninterrupted. Why has the Liberal government ignored this but changed laws to give SNC lavalin a break from their legal troubles?

Reducing the drugs source and ability to wash the money will impact the supply. This will make a difference.



Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

The Green Party supports establishing a national mental health strategy and a suicide prevention strategy and funds to transition primary care providers to a patient-centered care model so that Canadians can have timely and comprehensive care that is centered around their needs. Negotiate the Canada Health Accord to prioritize the expansion of mental health and rehabilitation services, reduction in wait times, and access to gender-affirming health services such as hormones, blockers, and surgery.

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QUESTION:

In Canada, 3 million people do not fill their prescriptions for medication because they cannot afford it. How will your party ensure that everyone has access to prescription drug coverage, regardless of their income, age, or where they work or live?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

It's time we had a government that doesn't sacrifice people's medication to corporate profits. Research shows we can save lives and save money by implementing a national Pharmacare program as soon as possible. The New Democratic Party is ready to put funding up to start working with provinces to incorporate Pharmacare by the end of 2020. People need help now, not later. The studies have spoken -- it's time for medications to be paid for with health cards, not credit cards!



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

Introduction of Pharmacare has some considerations that we would want addressed before a plan was considered. The government is challenged to decide what drugs it would cover.

A CHP government would not cover drugs for the purpose of ending life either through abortion or medically assisted suicide. Drugs for lifesaving purpose only would be covered. Puberty blocking drugs and elective hormone treatments would not be covered.



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

Again, by expanding Medicare, and nationalizing (de-privatizing) the pharmaceutical industry.



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

The Liberals are committed to instituting a national pharmacare program. Following the advisory committee's report recommended extending prescription drug coverage to all Canadians. We will set clear national standards for access to mental health services so Canadians can get the support they need continue to make home care and palliative care more available and take the critical next steps to implement national universal pharmacare so that all Canadians have affordable medications.



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

We have a situation where we have First Nations communities that don't have drinking water. We have homeless veterans and homeless refugees! Talking about creating a new system to ensure all Canadians have access to pharma-care without attempting to fix these problems seems to me like making promises we can't keep. We aren't administering our own systems responsibly now, so we need to fix that problem before expanding services. Healthcare is a provincial jurisdiction.

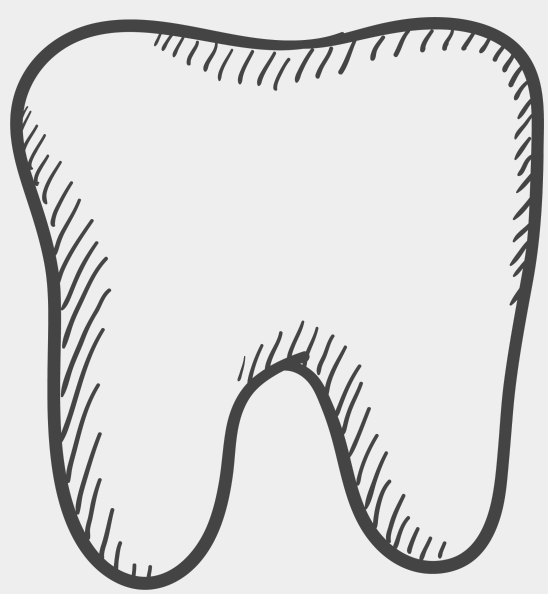


Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

The Green Party supports the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on Health to expand the Canada Health Act to include prescription drugs dispensed outside of a hospital. Universal Pharmacare is the best way to accomplish both life-saving and cost-cutting goals. We've submitted our plan for pharmacare to the parliamentary budget office, their independent audit has determined that what we plan to do is both ambitious and realistic.

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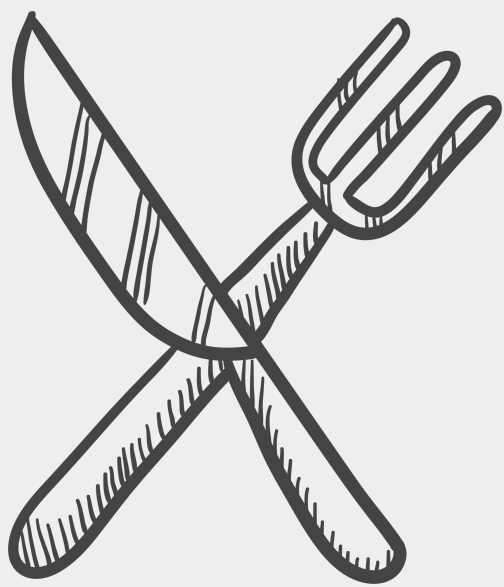


QUESTION:

An estimated 6 million Canadians do not see a dentist because they can’t afford it. What actions will your party take to ensure dental care for all?

	Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party Teeth are not a luxury. Understanding the connection with oral hygiene and overall health. Dental care must be included in universal healthcare. NDP is committed to providing basic dental care for free to households that make less than \$70,000 in income, as a first step that would expand medicare to include dental care too. This will help people take care of their health sooner, and save us money in the emergency room when we treat preventable conditions caused by lack of access to dental care.
	Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada Response not provided.
	Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada Please see above, and our platform at votecommunist.com. To help pay for the services we need, we would cut the military budget by 75%, and introduce changes to our taxation system - double corporate taxes, restore capital tax, and impose taxes on 100% of capital gains. End tax loopholes and shelters; collect unpaid and deferred corporate taxes and jail corporate tax evaders, and enact wealth and inheritance taxes on the wealthy.
	Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada Our party has provided a number of measure to reduce poverty in seniors and provide more money in the pockets of lower income families and individuals, such as increasing the GIS and OAS, increasing the CCB for children under 1 and not taxing Canadians earning under \$15,000.
	Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada We will give \$40 billion dollars to the provinces as well as the power to tax. Healthcare is a provincial jurisdiction. We should be able to hold our representatives accountable, but the more the federal government gets involved in the system the less you can hold the government accountable for healthcare. Feds campaign against Provincial and nothing gets done. This way you will be able to hold your provincial reps accountable and demand the services you want, but they can raise taxes to pay.
	Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada The Green party will expand the single-payer Medicare model to include Pharmacare for everyone as well as free dental care for low-income Canadians. It's important that we remove the barriers for all Canadians to access the health care, dental care, mental care and prescriptions they need.

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QUESTION:

Household food insecurity occurs when there is inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints. What actions will your party take to address food insecurity?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

Here in Guelph, we have food deserts that limit food access, and there is more we can do to stand up to large grocers to ensure they fulfill obligations to provide food outlets in all corners of the city.

Food insecurity is a complex issue, and it requires complex solutions. The NDP would work towards fare-free public transit so people can reach grocers, and reduce the cost of living in every way possible so that people don't need to choose between medications and putting food on the table.



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

Response not provided.



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

Again, please see the 'Support Family Farms - Defend Canada's Food Sovereignty' section in our platform. Expand Canada's supply management system (threatened by free trade agreements), to raise farm incomes, and protect food safety and security. Curb the power of agro-industrial monopolies; set price controls to reduce the cost of farm inputs and shift to environmentally sustainable methods of agricultural development and food production. Set price controls on food staples for Northern and Indigenous communities.



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

By increasing the Canada Child Benefit and reducing the costs of daycare expenses this will help put more money in the pockets of families in Guelph. We have also increased the GIS for our most vulnerable seniors. I have been working with our community gardens, Guelph Community Health and other organizations in Guelph as well as the Smart Cities team and the U of G to continue to ensure our most vulnerable residents can transition out of poverty with safe affordable food options for all.



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

We will repeal supply management and open it up to a free market. Australia and New Zealand successfully made this transition in the early 2000's. This will reduce the price of milk, butter, poultry and eggs to the consumer and will increase the potential profits from dairy farms because we will be able to export our products.

We will reduce taxes and repeal the carbon tax, which doesn't reduce emissions, but does increase the price of all consumer goods. Taxes are too expensive for Canadians.



Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

We support the focus on increasing access to healthy food including a national school lunch program, a Buy Canada program, increasing food security for northern communities and reducing food waste. We will set a target to replace a third of Canada's food imports with domestic production, increasing regional food self-reliance and returning 15 billion food dollars back into our economy. Support rooftop and community gardens and urban food production systems to increase access to local food.

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QUESTION:

What actions will your party take to ensure families have access to quality early learning and childcare regardless of their income?



Aisha Jahangir, New Democratic Party

The NDP has committed \$10 billion to jump start towards a public childcare system that is universal and affordable. The rising cost of living has put too many people in situations where they need to work multiple jobs, and when childcare is not provided the burden of responsibility falls on others in the community. People need and deserve public support so that they can live freely in the knowledge that their children will have a safe place to go every day. The NDP is here to help with that.



Gordon Truscott, The Christian Heritage Party of Canada

CHP Canada believes that parents and intact families are the best way to provide care for children. While there is a need for childcare to accommodate the years of damage government policies have done to families, the ideal solution is to work together to strengthen families. Out of home childcare is best provided by extended family, which loves the child and is able to provide healthy nurture in a loving relationship. Our efforts would be focussed toward achieving this goal.



Juanita Burnett, Communist Party of Canada

Establish a system of universally accessible, affordable, quality public childcare now, with Canada-wide standards. Raise the wages of childcare workers, and make Early Childhood Education qualifications mandatory.



Lloyd Longfield, Liberal Party of Canada

We've already created tens of thousands of new pre-school child care spaces, and will move forward with creating up to 250,000 more before and after school spaces for kids under 10, with at least 10 per cent of these new spaces for extended hours. To help families with the high cost of care, we will also lower child care fees for before and after school programs by 10% and building on our CCB program, give up to \$1,000 more to families to help for children under the age of 1.



Mark Paralovos, People's Party of Canada

Education is a provincial jurisdiction. We will respect the constitution and allow the provinces to deliver the services.



Steve Dyck, Green Party of Canada

Canada must dedicate additional resources to making a universal, affordable, early learning and child-care (ELCC) system a reality. It cannot occur without public funding. Canada needs an ELCC system that contributes to a green Canada. Thus, a Green Party government's childcare plan will provide the early educator jobs that sustain local communities.

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