

THE 2026 PLATFORM

A BALANCED PLAN FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

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**The best place for people,
investment and quality of life.**

Economy & Affordability

Health Care

Education

Public Safety

Environment & Climate

Good Government

AI & the Future of Work

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**“If something isn’t working,
we will say so and we will
fix it.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER

STRAIGHT ANSWERS. REAL RESULTS.

British Columbians are tired of politics driven by ideology and grievance. We want a government that solves problems, tells the truth and gets things done. That is what CentreBC offers.

Life here costs too much. Too many people wait too long for surgery or a family doctor, downtowns that used to feel safe don’t anymore, and the province is running a \$13 billion deficit with no date to balance the budget.

A CentreBC government will change that. We will cut income taxes for working families on January 1, 2027. We will get homes built faster and make more of what we need right here in BC. Everyone who wants a family doctor or care team will have one, and people who ask for help with addiction will get it. We will put police, prosecutors and pragmatic supports where they’re needed, so our downtowns are safe again.

Most importantly, we will pay for it responsibly. Our plan cuts the deficit every year after our first budget and balances the budget by 2034/35. We have estimated what every commitment costs and show where the money comes from.

We will report our results every quarter, good and bad. If something isn’t working, we will say so and we will fix it.

Our plan is built on evidence, not ideology. On solutions, not grievance. Together, we will make BC the best place for people, investment and quality of life.

Elenore



CENTREBC 2026 PLATFORM

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OUR PLAN AT A GLANCE

Seven practical plans, one balanced budget. Every commitment in this platform is part of one fiscal plan: the deficit shrinks every year after our first budget, and the budget balances by 2034/35.

\$9.0B
Deficit in 2030/31,
down from \$13.3B
today

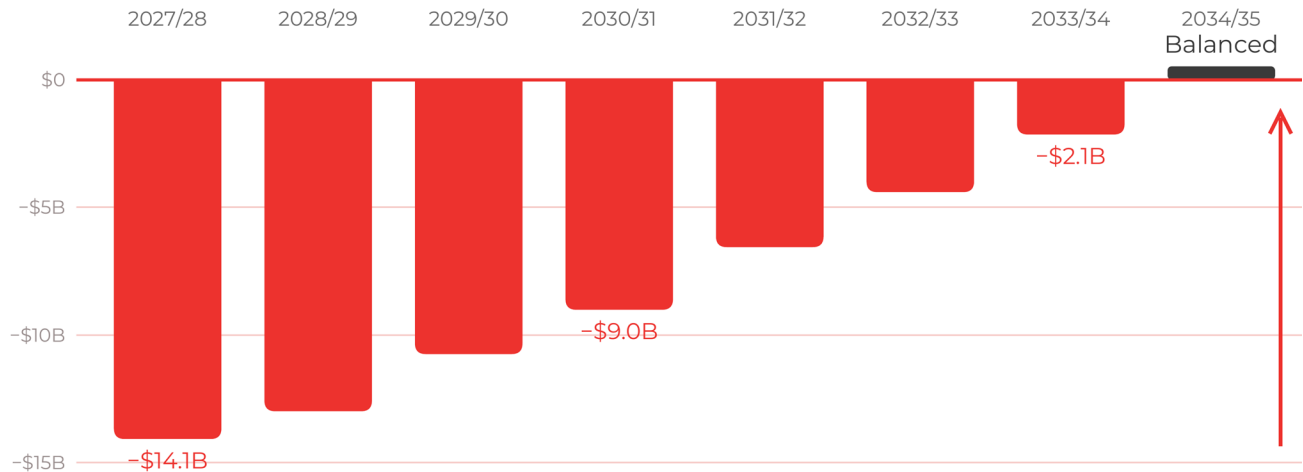
2034/35
The year the budget
balances

\$640
Yearly saving for a
typical two-income
family by 2030/31

\$13.7B
Cost of the platform
over four years,
including interest

THE DEFICIT SHRINKS EVERY YEAR

Provincial deficit with our platform, \$ billions. Each year the gap to a balanced budget gets smaller.



Cautious case: no extra revenue from economic growth is counted. The \$13.3 billion deficit is Budget 2026's projection for 2026/27.

01 Economy & Affordability
Lower taxes, more homes, good jobs and a balanced budget

02 Health Care
A family doctor or care team for everyone, shorter waits, care at home

03 Education
Strong schools, reading and math, help for families, skills BC needs

04 Public Safety
Police where they're needed, safe public spaces, ready for fire and floods

05 Environment & Climate
Honest targets, lower energy bills, clean water, parks and trails

06 Good Government
Open government, certainty with First Nations, honest budgets

07 AI & the Future of Work
Help to retrain, made-in-Canada AI, rules you can trust, safe kids online



STRONGER ECONOMY



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ECONOMY & AFFORDABILITY



**The best place for people,
investment and quality of life.**

Life in British Columbia costs too much. Rent, groceries, power bills and the price of a home are the first things people raise. At the same time, US tariffs and a \$13.3 billion provincial deficit are putting jobs and services at risk.

CentreBC's plan is practical. We will build more homes faster, leave more money in people's pockets, and grow the industries that pay for the services we all rely on. We will keep what works, fix what doesn't, and publish the results so you know how we're doing. Together, these measures would save a typical two-income family about \$640 a year by 2030/31. We have estimated what each commitment costs. Our plan puts the provincial budget on a clear path back to balance. We will cut the deficit every year after our first budget, to about \$9.0 billion by 2030/31, and balance the budget by 2034/35.

■ MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

WHY IT MATTERS

Prices in BC rose 3.0% over the past year. Food went up 3.3% and gasoline went up 20.8% (Statistics Canada, CPI, August 2026). Budget 2026 raised the lowest income tax rate to 5.6% and froze tax brackets through 2030. That raises taxes as wages rise with inflation.

OUR COMMITMENT

20,000

new \$10-a-day childcare spaces by 2030

- **Income tax relief for working families.** On January 1, 2027, we will lower the rate on the first income bracket from 5.6% back to 5.06%. This fully reverses the Budget 2026 increase.

What it means for you: A two-income family saves about \$540 a year.

- **No extension of the bracket freeze.** Budget 2026 froze the inflation indexing of tax brackets and credits through 2030. We will not extend that freeze. Indexing will return on schedule.

What it means for you: Your tax brackets rise with inflation again from 2031, with no hidden tax increase from a longer freeze.

- **More help for renters.** We will raise the BC renter's tax credit from \$400 to \$600 a year. Households earning up to \$80,000 will get the full credit, up from about \$66,000. Households earning up to \$100,000 will get a partial credit. The credit will be indexed to inflation.

- **Predictable power and insurance bills.** From 2027 to 2030, we will cap BC Hydro residential rate increases at inflation, and never more than 3% a year. ICBC basic insurance rates are frozen until spring 2027. After that, we will hold increases at or below inflation through 2030. People with catastrophic injuries, such as brain and spinal cord injuries, will be able to receive an award for pain and suffering for injuries from 2031, built into ICBC rates once the rate cap ends. We will act on the legislative committee's review of Enhanced Care.
- **Affordable childcare.** We will create 20,000 new \$10-a-day childcare spaces by 2030. We will start in communities with the longest waitlists, using federal funding already secured to 2031.
- **A cost-of-living check on every new policy.** Starting April 1, 2027, every major new policy, fee or tax will come with a published estimate of what it costs a typical household, released 30 days before it is adopted.



■ MORE HOMES PEOPLE CAN AFFORD



WHY IT MATTERS

Owning a home takes 83.9% of median household income in the Vancouver area, and 63.3% in Victoria (RBC, Q2 2026). Development approvals have taken 13 to 14 months on average (CHBA BC, 2022). Where new supply has arrived, it works. Asking rents in Vancouver are down about 10% since early 2024 (CMHC).

OUR COMMITMENT

5,000

pre-fabricated and BC-made mass-timber homes a year by 2030

- **Faster, more consistent approvals.** By January 1, 2028, we will set a provincial standard of 6 months for rezonings and 8 weeks for building permits, with one set of rules across municipalities. If a deadline is missed, the builder gets their fees back.

- **Funding tied to results.** We will create a \$125 million a year housing performance fund for cities that meet approval timelines and housing targets.

What it means for you: Homes reach the market sooner. Every month of delay adds borrowing and holding costs that end up in rents and prices.

- **Fairer ways to pay for growth.** We will cut development cost charges in half on new rental and below-market homes everywhere in BC, building on the 2026 Canada-BC agreement. Those charges help pay for roads, water, sewers and amenities. To help cover those costs, the

province will add \$240 million a year to a growth fund that cities apply to. Affordable housing shouldn't mean higher taxes or new fees.

What it means for you: Savings of up to \$40,000 a home in high-cost communities, based on the Canada-BC agreement's estimates.

- **Build smarter.** Our goal is 5,000 pre-fabricated and BC-made mass-timber homes a year by 2030. The province will support this by buying materials in bulk.
- **Below-market homes on public land.** We will double BC Builds to 20,000 homes that rent or sell below market by 2031.
- **More rental homes.** We will rebate the PST on building materials for new purpose-built rental buildings with four or more homes, started between 2027 and 2032.



■ BUILDING BC'S ECONOMY

WHY IT MATTERS

Between August 2025 and August 2026, BC lost 35,800 jobs in goods-producing industries, such as natural resources, manufacturing and construction (Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey). In 2025, the timber harvest was 29 million cubic metres, short of a target of 45 million cubic metres.

OUR COMMITMENT

3,500

more training seats and
apprenticeship spots a
year by 2028

- **One project, one review.** BC already has a fast-track law for major projects, and the first priority projects are approved. We will make the system faster and simpler: one coordinated review and a 12-month deadline for provincial decisions. We will publish the next list of priority projects. Within 90 days of taking office, we will begin talks to renew the Canada–BC “one project, one review” agreement, with an agreement within the first year.
- **Liquefied natural gas (LNG) and critical minerals.** We will back LNG projects that have First Nations partners and a credible plan to be net-zero ready, as BC requires. We will make permitting decisions on 10 new mines by 2030, with a target of 3 processing facilities by 2032. We will expand BC Hydro by at least 2,000 megawatts by 2033 to power new industry. We will keep carbon pricing on large industrial emitters, with no consumer carbon tax.
- **Keep our mills running.** We will work toward a harvest of 45 million cubic metres of economically viable timber, reaching 40

million by 2030, while keeping environmental standards and respecting Indigenous rights. A Forestry Fibre Task Force will get stalled timber, salvage and unused permitted areas moving. BC Timber Sales will grow to 9 million cubic metres a year by 2029, with regional plans so mills, contractors and value-added makers can count on a steady supply. We will set long-term Working Forest zones in law, alongside multiple-use and conservation areas, planned with First Nations, communities, workers and industry. We will invest \$100 million over three years to keep skilled forestry workers in the industry and to grow markets for BC-made mass timber.

- **Make it in BC.** We will double the Manufacturing Jobs Fund to \$60 million a year, with new streams for BC companies that build pre-fabricated homes, mass timber and other finished wood products, process and store more of our food here, or upgrade their plants. Harvest here, make it here, build here: every tree and every harvest should create as many BC jobs as possible.

- **Partnership with First Nations.** Within six months, we will expand BC's First Nations Equity Financing Program to \$3 billion in loan guarantees, with revenue sharing. It will cover forest tenures and forestry manufacturing as well as major projects, so willing First Nations can become owners, not just partners. A modern relationship with First Nations means certainty for everyone. Modern treaties set clear rights and responsibilities for Nations, communities, businesses and investors, and they respect private property.
- **Grow more, process more, sell more.** Agriculture is an industry that can grow. We will set 10-year targets for farm production, income, investment, processing and exports, and report on them every year. We will update outdated farm-classification rules so farmland is farmed, and help young and new farmers get onto the land. We will offer loan guarantees so viable farms can finance equipment, greenhouses, irrigation, automation, processing and succession. The Manufacturing Jobs Fund's new food stream will help process more BC food

here. A farm water stream will help farmers store and save water (see Environment and Climate). Farms will get a permanent recovery program after wildfires, floods, drought and disease (see Public Safety), and grants to adopt new farm technology (see AI and the Future of Work).

- **Ports and rail.** We will ask Ottawa for \$1.5 billion from its new Trade Diversification Corridors Fund for capacity at Prince Rupert and Roberts Bank. The province will match it with \$750 million in road and rail connections over five years.
- **Skilled trades training.** We will boost investment in skilled trades training by \$60 million a year, an increase of more than a third. By 2028, this will create about 3,500 more training seats and apprenticeship spots a year, including a stream for agriculture and farm management, so British Columbians are ready for the jobs that major projects will bring.

What it means for you: More chances to get the training for meaningful, well-paid work close to home.

■ **STANDING STRONG ON TRADE**

WHY IT MATTERS

In 2024, 52.8% of BC's exports went to the United States. In the first half of 2026, that share was 47.2%, as LNG shipments to Asia grew. Since August, a new 50% US tariff has hit a wide range of BC goods, including plywood and other wood products, machinery and food. Steel and aluminum face tariffs of up to 50%, and softwood lumber about 35% in combined duties and tariffs (Province of BC; US Department of Commerce).

OUR COMMITMENT

\$62B

in exports outside the US
by 2033, double 2025

- **Sell beyond the United States.** We will double BC's exports outside the United States by 2033, from about \$31 billion in 2025 to \$62 billion. That is two years sooner than the government's 10-year goal. Non-energy exports outside the US will rise at least 50%, so LNG doesn't do all the work. We will add staff in BC's trade offices where new trade agreements open doors. We will open five offices where BC has none: the Gulf, the Nordic countries, Poland, Australia and Brazil. We will lead a trade mission every year.

Our goal is to bring the US share of BC exports below 40% by 2032, and to about a third by 2035.

- **Help BC businesses export.** Ottawa's CanExport program already covers half the cost of breaking into a new market, up to \$50,000. We will add a \$10 million a year Export BC top-up, so first-time and Indigenous-owned exporters get three-quarters of their costs covered. Companies will also get hands-on help claiming the tariff savings in Canada's trade agreements.

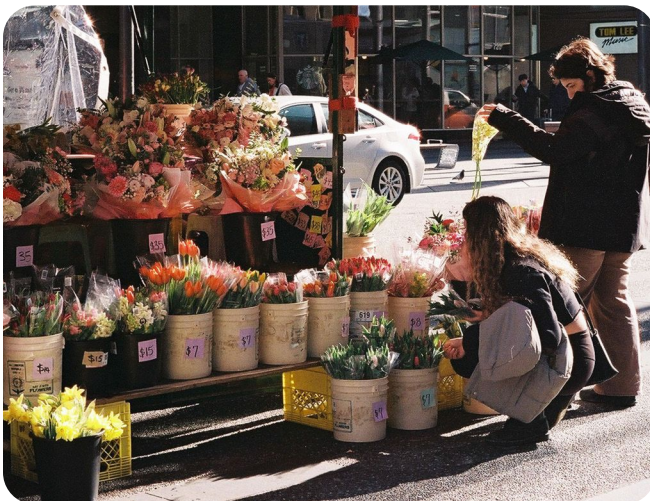
- **Free trade within Canada.** By July 1, 2027, we will remove BC's remaining exceptions under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and recognize other provinces' standards and credentials. Decisions will be made within 10 business days for most occupations, and within 30 days for doctors and nurses.
- **Faster credential recognition.** We will align BC qualifications with a global standard so skilled workers trained abroad can get to work faster. We will start with electricians, engineers, nurses, early childhood educators and heavy-duty mechanics by 2028.
- **Buy Canadian.** We will direct 60% of eligible government purchasing to Canadian suppliers. Provincially funded projects will use Canadian steel, and we will press for Canadian steel in LNG Canada Phase 2 and help BC suppliers use federal steel programs. Future BC Ferries vessels and other provincial ships will be built in Canada, and a \$25 million a year fund will grow BC shipyards and train shipbuilders. For

digital services, Canadian and other non-US suppliers will be preferred. Government data will be stored in Canada for all new contracts from 2027, and for all systems by 2030. This restores a rule BC had until 2021.

- **Relief for sectors hit by tariffs.** For two years, we will cut the Employer Health Tax in half for sectors hit by US tariffs, including forestry, steel, aluminum and manufacturing, and widen the PST exemption for production machinery, equipment and repair parts. We will also create a \$100 million fund to help bring supply chains home.

What it means for you: A manufacturer with a \$5 million payroll saves about \$49,000 a year in Employer Health Tax.

- **Reward innovation.** We will raise BC's research and development tax credit to 15%, up from today's 10%, on qualifying staff costs and contract research.



■ LOCAL BUSINESS AND GETTING AROUND

WHY IT MATTERS

Small businesses make up 98.2% of employer businesses in Canada and employ 46.6% of private-sector workers (ISED, 2024).

OUR COMMITMENT

\$50M

main streets fund for
downtowns and local
business

- **Less red tape.** We will cut provincial regulatory requirements by 25% by 2030, with a one-in, one-out rule after that. By the end of 2028, there will be one online portal for business permits and licences. Routine provincial permits will be decided within 90 days, or they will be deemed approved. A Forestry One-Stop will bring every ministry together to give priority forestry projects one coordinated decision within 90 days. This does not apply to permits that need First Nations consultation or an environmental review.
- **Downtowns and main streets.** We will create a \$50 million main streets fund. Provincial liquor approvals for patios and events will be made within 14 days, and we will fund cities that approve patio, event and storefront permits as fast. We will add \$20 million more for regional tourism marketing over two years. Through our Safe Downtowns Fund, we will support safety partnerships between police, outreach workers and business associations (see Public Safety).
- **Transportation that works.** We will deliver a \$15 billion three-year transportation plan. Priority projects include the Surrey–Langley SkyTrain, the Fraser River Tunnel, widening Highway 1 to Chilliwack, and North Coast road connections. We will add about six new rapid bus lines and study rapid transit South of the Fraser beyond the Surrey–Langley SkyTrain. With TransLink and BC Transit, we will fund a 15% increase in transit service by 2030, including more HandyDART trips for people with disabilities. We will create a BC Commuter Credit: 15% back on monthly and annual transit passes and BC Ferries multi-trip fares. It will be refundable, so people with low incomes get the full benefit too. From 2029, we will rebuild intercity bus service across rural BC, where Greyhound left in 2018, building on BC Bus North. This builds on provincial rules that allow more homes near transit.

■ RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC MONEY

WHY IT MATTERS

BC's 2026 budget projects a \$13.3 billion deficit for 2026/27. From 2015/16 to 2025/26, government-sector employment grew 54%, compared with 16.8% in the private sector (Fraser Institute). Health authorities have 3.8 front-line workers for every manager, compared with 16.6 in public schools.

OUR COMMITMENT

2034/35

the year the budget
balances, with the deficit
falling every year

- **A credible path to balance.** We will separate day-to-day spending from infrastructure. We will hold growth in existing day-to-day spending below the current plan while protecting front-line services. We will cut the deficit every year after our first budget, to about \$9.0 billion by 2030/31, and balance the budget by 2034/35 without counting on general growth revenue. New capital borrowing will go only to infrastructure that grows the economy. Services come first. We will put this path in law, with a spending rule that an independent budget officer checks every year (see Good Government). If savings fall short, these commitments slow first, in this order: the housing performance and growth funds phase in at half speed; the Manufacturing Jobs Fund holds at today's \$30 million a year; and highway chargers are spread over two more years. Together, that is about \$230 million a year by 2030/31. Health care, schools and policing are not on the list. We will report progress every quarter.
- **Every dollar earns its place.** In our first budget, every ministry will rebuild its administration and operating budget from zero, covering travel, contracts, IT, office space and communications, and justify every dollar it keeps. The first review will be published within 180 days of taking office. Then, as Ottawa did in its 1994–95 Program Review and its 2025 spending review,

every program will face six public tests once a term. Does it serve the public interest? Is it government's job? Is the province the right level of government to do it? Could a partner do it better? Could it be done more efficiently? Can we afford it? About a quarter of ministries will be reviewed each year, and the results will be published. Tax breaks will face the same tests. Ministry budgets will no longer rise automatically: increases will be limited to signed wage agreements and growth in the number of people served.

- **Fewer layers, not fewer services.** Over four years, we will reduce public-sector positions by a further 10,000 through attrition, not layoffs. The focus will be on health authority management, government agencies and ministry administration. This will save about \$1.1 billion a year by 2030/31. Front-line roles such as nurses, teachers, care aides and social workers are protected. So are the people needed to deliver this plan: project managers, procurement staff, recruiters, and inspectors in growing areas.
- **Fair, sustainable public sector pay.** We will set a negotiated compensation mandate of 2% a year for new agreements while the deficit comes down.
- **Spend smarter.** We will set savings targets in every ministry, with front-line services exempt. We will create one buying system for health authorities, school districts, colleges and universities. We will phase out private nursing agencies outside remote areas, and move patients waiting in hospital to the right care setting. We will switch to lower-cost biosimilar drugs as patents expire, and cut government office space as leases expire. Health authorities, colleges and school districts will pool their idle cash with the province, so we borrow less.
- **Reward savings, not year-end spending.** Today, a ministry that comes in under budget risks a smaller budget next year, so money gets spent in a rush before March 31. We will change that. A ministry that finds lasting savings will keep half for one-time improvements to its services, and the other half will pay down the

deficit. Coming in under budget will no longer cut next year's budget. Spending committed in the last three months of the year will be capped, payment for goods and services not received by March 31 will not be allowed, and every contract or grant over \$25,000 signed in the last six weeks of the year will be published. The Independent Budget Officer will report on year-end spending every year.

- **Smarter health spending.** We will create one back office for all health authorities, for payroll, HR, IT, finance and purchasing, with half as many senior executives. We will bring in competitive tendering for generic drugs, and medication reviews for seniors. We will cut unnecessary tests, following Choosing Wisely standards. We will reduce overtime through nurse float pools in every health authority. We will cut sick time and injuries among health workers through violence prevention and early return-to-work support. Paramedics will treat more low-urgency calls without a trip to the ER, and lower-cost crews will handle scheduled transfers. We will modernize PharmaCare pharmacy fees, including a flat per-bed fee in care homes, and update the community lab price list.
- **Cut waste, not services.** We will cut spending on outside consultants and advisory contracts by 20%, and publish every one over \$10,000 (see Good Government). We will cut government travel, and advertising other than health and safety campaigns, by 25%. We will triple audits of doctor, pharmacy and program billing. We will have fewer ministries and a smaller cabinet, and 20% fewer government communications staff. BC Housing's corporate functions will merge into the ministry, and the InBC investment fund will make no new commitments. Government offices will move to open-source software where it works, which also cuts our reliance on US tech companies.
- **Build on budget.** Every public project over \$100 million will get independent cost reviews before money is committed, and a published budget. If costs rise more than 10%, there will be a public report. Energy-saving retrofits of hospitals and schools will be paid for out of the savings.

- **Crown corporations that pull their weight.** We will set yearly efficiency targets for BC Hydro, ICBC and the BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC) on their own administrative costs. BC's regulator already requires this of private utilities.
- **Collect what's owed.** We will create specialized audit teams for PST, property transfer tax and the speculation tax. They will focus on

construction and cash-heavy sectors, and their results will be published every year.

- **Make public assets work harder.** We will buy land near new transit stations before they are announced, and share in the value the stations create. We will sell or lease surplus public land and buildings, much of it for housing. BC Hydro and ICBC stay public.

■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments add \$4.5 billion in day-to-day spending and \$4.5 billion in tax relief. They are offset by \$5.6 billion in savings and \$0.8 billion in new revenue directly attributable to these measures. Including interest, the net cost is \$3.6 billion. We will also invest \$3.5 billion more in transportation, rapid bus and port connections. We will borrow for these only because they grow the economy.

Across all seven sections, the platform costs about \$13.7 billion over four years including interest, plus \$7.8 billion in borrowed capital. Through spending restraint, smarter spending and collecting what's owed, the deficit falls every year after our first budget. It reaches about \$9.0 billion in 2030/31, and the budget balances by 2034/35. These figures count no extra revenue from economic growth. If our plan grows the economy as we expect, we'll have a bigger cushion.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Within 100 days of taking office, CentreBC will launch a public scorecard, updated quarterly, so you can see the results for yourself. It will show homes approved and built, approval times, the household cost of new policies, export diversification, and progress on the budget. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

HEALTH CARE



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**The best place for people,
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Health care is the second-highest issue on British Columbians' minds, after the cost of living. About 1.26 million people, more than one in five, have no family doctor or nurse practitioner. Emergency rooms closed temporarily about 2,400 times from 2023 to 2025. And more than 7,000 seniors are waiting for long-term care.

CentreBC's plan is practical. We will provide a family doctor or care team for everyone who wants one, and keep emergency rooms open. You will be able to see wait times, with public targets behind them. Seniors will get care at home and in long-term care. People will get mental health and addiction care when they ask for it. This is public health care, not private pay. And we will publish the results.



■ A FAMILY DOCTOR OR CARE TEAM FOR EVERYONE

WHY IT MATTERS

In April 2026, about 1.26 million British Columbians, more than one in five, had no family doctor or nurse practitioner (BC health minister). Most aren't even on the waitlist: in June 2025, only about 384,000 of the 1.4 million people without one were registered with the Health Connect Registry (Ministry of Health, released under freedom of information).

OUR COMMITMENT

600

more nurse practitioner positions in the public system by 2030

■ A family doctor or care team for everyone.

By the end of 2031, everyone who wants one will have a family doctor or nurse practitioner team. From 2029, no one will wait more than 12 months. Everyone without one will be registered automatically. Team-based clinics will get stable, predictable funding instead of one-off approvals. In the long term, access to primary care should be as dependable as a seat in a public school.

■ Nurse practitioners fully in the public system.

We will add 600 more nurse practitioner positions in the public system by 2030. Patients will no longer pay privately for essential primary care, and the private-pay route to faster public services will be closed.

■ More internationally trained doctors.

We will more than double BC's assessment program for internationally trained family doctors, from 96 to 200 a year by 2028.

■ Improve the family doctor payment model.

We will keep the Longitudinal Family Physician payment model, which most family doctors

support, and fix its gaps. We will pay more for patients with complex needs, so doctors aren't penalized for taking them on or spending more time with them. We will also publish attachment results by community.

■ Less paperwork, connected records.

From 2027, every family doctor and nurse practitioner who wants one will get a Canadian-hosted AI scribe. It will require patient consent, keep data in Canada and never use patient data to train AI models. By 2028, we will set one provincial e-referral standard. We will also connect health records across regions.

■ Shrink the bureaucracy, focus on the front line.

In 2022/23, BC spent about 60% more per person on health administration than Alberta, and its health authorities had more than 70 vice-presidents. We will merge the back offices of all health authorities into one, covering payroll, purchasing, IT and human resources, and cut senior executive positions in half. We will phase out private agency nurses outside remote areas and build internal float pools, so

nurses work for the public system, not agencies charging premium rates. We will tender generic drugs, update the community lab price list and cut tests that don't help patients. Front-line positions are protected. By 2030/31, these steps will save about \$400 million a year, helping pay for this plan as we balance the budget.

- **Keep and grow the health workforce.** We will put retention first, with better working conditions and full scope of practice. Doctors and nurses from other provinces, the US, the UK and Australia will be licensed within 30 days. We will add 100 more residency positions by 2030, 60 of them in family medicine. Physician assistants will be fully licensed in 2027.
- **Safe workplaces for health care workers.** No one should be assaulted for showing up to care for others. We will put trained protection officers in every emergency department and extend them to rural hospitals and community

sites. At the highest risk sites, officers will have peace officer status and work alongside relational security officers, who are trained to calm situations before they turn violent. Every violent incident will be reported and followed up, and we will publish the numbers by facility every quarter. When a nurse or doctor is hurt, help will come faster: family doctors and nurse practitioners will be able to diagnose psychological injuries for WorkSafeBC claims, and counselling will start within 90 days.

- **Fix the Health Professions and Occupations Act.** We will keep the useful parts but fix the overreach in 2027. At least half of college board members will be elected by the profession, and there will be fewer government appointees on discipline committees. Minor or dismissed complaints will not be published. There will be a right of appeal to a neutral body, and tight limits on access to confidential patient files.

■ HOSPITALS AND WAIT TIMES YOU CAN SEE

WHY IT MATTERS

BC emergency rooms closed temporarily about 2,400 times from 2023 to 2025. About 1,600 hospital beds are taken by patients who no longer need hospital care but are waiting for care elsewhere, such as long-term care. In BC, the median wait from referral to treatment is 32.2 weeks, compared with 28.6 weeks across Canada (Fraser Institute, 2025).

OUR COMMITMENT

5

more MRI machines in public hospitals, running extended hours

- **Public health care, not private pay.** We will not allow private-pay options that pull doctors and resources out of the public system, or Alberta-style dual practice. We will add five MRI machines in public hospitals and fund them to run extended hours for medically necessary scans. While they are installed and staffed, we will contract 20,000 publicly funded scans a year at existing clinics for two years, with wait-time conditions and audits. Patients will not pay for any of these scans.
- **Shorter waits you can see.** By spring 2028, we will create one public health dashboard. It will show surgeries, scans, specialists and emergency rooms by hospital and region, real-time ER open or closed status, and family

doctor attachment by region. We will add 15,000 more scheduled surgeries a year by 2030/31, increasing the number of surgical spaces as more operating-room nurses and anesthesia staff are hired. These metrics will keep health authorities accountable and show patients where care is fastest. Every health authority will have public targets for surgery, scan and ER waits in its yearly mandate letter, and health authority CEOs' contracts and pay will be tied to meeting them. Results will be updated monthly on the dashboard and reported to the Legislature every quarter, and the Auditor General will check the data every year. When a region falls behind, it will have 90 days to publish a recovery plan.

- **Keep emergency rooms open.** We will pass an ER Accountability Act with public reporting of every closure. Our goal is to cut unplanned ER closure hours in half by 2029/30. We will make the rural retention bonus permanent and extend it to every community with repeated closures. A \$25 million a year rural ER stabilization fund will pay for locum doctors and nurses, travel and virtual ER backup. We will reduce the number of patients stuck in hospitals waiting for long-term care, from about 1,600 to 1,000 by 2030.
- **A new tower at Surrey Memorial.** Surrey Memorial has one of the busiest emergency departments in Canada, serving one of the fastest-growing regions. We will build the new acute-care tower the province announced in 2024, with a published budget and timeline. It will include new operating rooms, adding

surgical spaces South of the Fraser, and a cardiac intensive care unit, so patients can get surgery and heart care closer to home. Construction will start by 2030, and the tower will open by about 2035.

What it means for you: Hospital and heart care closer to home South of the Fraser.

- **A children's hospital South of the Fraser.** Surrey Memorial Hospital's pediatric unit is the busiest in BC and the busiest in any general hospital in Canada, and families South of the Fraser travel to Vancouver for most specialized children's care. In our first term, we will complete the business case, choose a site and design a children's hospital for Surrey and Langley. Construction will start in 2031.

What it means for you: Specialized care for children closer to home.



OUR COMMITMENT

1.5 million

more home support hours a year by 2029/30

■ SENIORS: CARE AT HOME AND IN LONG-TERM CARE

WHY IT MATTERS

More than 7,000 seniors were waiting for a long-term care bed in 2025. The BC Seniors Advocate projects a shortfall of about 14,000 beds by the mid-2030s. Seven long-term care projects were paused in February 2026. BC is the most expensive province for home support.

OUR COMMITMENT

\$400

a month BC Caregiver Benefit for about 9,000 family caregivers

- **Support family caregivers.** We will create a BC Caregiver Benefit of \$400 a month for about 9,000 family caregivers of high-need people with low or modest incomes, based on the income of the person receiving care. It will not

reduce other benefits they receive, such as income or disability assistance.

What it means for you: \$4,800 a year for eligible family caregivers.

- **More care at home.** By 2029/30, we will add 1.5 million more home support hours a year. We will also cut home support fees in half for low-income seniors.
- **Long-term care, built faster and for less.** We will build pre-fabricated, home-like long-term care with shared core services. We will start with about 500 beds in Abbotsford, open by 2029/30,

and restart the other six paused projects with the same design. By March 2031, 2,500 new beds will be under construction and 1,000 will be open. Operating money for each new bed will be released as its staff are hired. Quality and staffing results will be published for every home every year.

■ **MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CARE WHEN PEOPLE ASK FOR IT**

WHY IT MATTERS

BC has about 3,780 publicly funded substance-use beds, but it publishes no wait times for detox or treatment. Across Canada, more than a third of people with a mental health or substance-use disorder said their care needs were not met (Statistics Canada, 2022).

OUR COMMITMENT

650

more detox, treatment and recovery beds by 2030

- **Treatment on demand.** By 2030, we will add 150 more detox beds and 500 more treatment and recovery beds, opened as staff are hired. Every publicly funded detox, treatment and recovery bed will be free to the person using it. Urgent cases will get same-day detox by 2028. By 2030, people will get treatment within 14 days, linked to recovery housing. Culturally centred Indigenous programs will be open to everyone. Wait times will be published every quarter.
- **Voluntary care, closer to home.** By 2029, up to 5,000 people a year will be able to go through detox at home or at a local clinic, with nurses and doctors supporting them, instead of waiting for a bed. Also by 2029, we will offer voluntary addiction treatment and counselling in every provincial correctional centre, building on the recovery units in our Public Safety plan.
- **Involuntary care for people too ill to keep themselves safe.** Voluntary care always comes first. But some people are too ill to make safe decisions, and the Mental Health Act allows them to be treated involuntarily in a secure setting. In July 2026, the BC Supreme Court found that the Act's blanket "deemed consent" rule breaches the Charter. We will make sure the Act assesses each patient's ability to make

treatment decisions individually, as every other province does, while keeping secure care for those who need it. We will expand the Red Fish Healing Centre, BC's specialized centre for people with the most complex mental health and addiction needs, by about 50 beds, with clear safeguards and the first new beds open in 2029. For people sent by the courts, BC's supply of forensic beds is grossly inadequate: the BC Review Board's 2024–25 annual report found court-ordered admissions delayed because demand exceeds the beds available. BC has one forensic hospital for 5.6 million people; Ontario has 11. We will expand the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital at Colony Farm by about 80 beds. Expanding existing sites is faster and cheaper than building new ones. When people are ready to leave, they will have a place to go: the 400 complex-care homes in our Public Safety plan.

- **Crisis centres instead of the ER.** By 2030, we will open 12 adult crisis centres, open around the clock, next to the busiest emergency rooms. People in a mental health or addiction crisis can go there instead of the ER, with direct links to follow-up care.

- **Mental health in primary care.** We will pay family doctors to screen for depression, anxiety and substance use, so people get help early.
- **Counselling people can get.** We will make counselling free for people who need it, starting with those referred by their family doctor or nurse practitioner. You will be able to see a publicly funded counsellor or, if your income is below a set level, use a voucher to see a private counsellor. People in rural areas will be able to

get counselling online through a new provincial virtual care network. By 2030/31, we will reach 100,000 people a year. Our goal is that people are seen within six weeks. As results come in, we will open the program to more people, working toward up to 12 free sessions a year for anyone who needs them.

What it means for you: Counselling without the \$140–175 a session cost.

■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments cost about \$4.0 billion in day-to-day spending, plus about \$3.2 billion to build long-term care, treatment and secure-care beds, crisis centres and hospitals South of the Fraser, and to install new MRI machines. They are part of our platform-wide costing and fiscal plan. Some of them save money elsewhere: home support costs about \$14,000 a year per senior, against about \$107,000 for a long-term care bed and far more for a hospital bed.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Every quarter, our health dashboard will show attachment to a family doctor or nurse practitioner by region, ER open hours, surgery and scan wait times against our targets, long-term care waits, and detox and treatment waits. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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BETTER OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION



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investment and quality of life.**

Education is BC's most important long-term investment. Schools are too crowded. Too many fall behind in reading and math. Too many families get help only when they're in crisis. Colleges and universities are cutting programs as international enrolment falls.

CentreBC's plan is practical. It means schools that keep up and every child reading and doing math with confidence. It means help for families before problems become crises. And it means stable colleges and universities that train the people BC needs. Outcomes, not ideology. And we will publish the results.

■ SCHOOLS THAT WORK FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

WHY IT MATTERS

In 2022/23, BC's overcrowded school districts were using 2,116 portables (CBC survey of districts; the province doesn't track it). There is about 1 counsellor for every 693 students. In July 2026, 411 people were teaching in BC public schools on letters of permission, without full certification. Teachers are stretched too thin and students' performance is suffering.

OUR COMMITMENT

25,000

new school seats by 2031

- **Schools where families live.** We will open 25,000 new school seats by 2031, starting in the fastest-growing districts and those with the most portables, so more students learn in permanent classrooms. Design and permits will happen in 2027/28, and building will start after the 2027 construction peak. We will use standard designs and pre-fabricated additions.
- **Manageable classes.** We will keep the class-size and class-composition limits in the teachers' contract and fund them fully. Every year, we will publish average and largest class sizes by school district.
- **More school counsellors.** We will reach one counsellor for every 400 students by 2030. That is about 330 more counsellors than the new teachers' contract provides.
- **More education assistants.** We will add 1,500 more education assistants by 2030, with a path to full-time hours so we can keep them.
- **Safe classrooms for everyone.** Every student

and teacher deserves to go to school without violence or disruption, and every student with behavioural or mental health challenges deserves the right support. We will fund behaviour support teams in every district, about 350 child and youth care workers and behaviour specialists, so classroom teachers aren't left on their own. Every violent incident will be reported and tracked. Every district will have a trained threat assessment team, working with police and mental health services.

What it means for you: Calmer classrooms, and help for the students who need it most.

- **Education and family navigators.** We will put 120 navigators in place, about two per school district, to help Indigenous, newcomer and complex-needs families find the right supports.
- **Let teachers teach.** We will audit every ministry and district reporting requirement. We will cut the paperwork teachers are required to do by 25% by 2028.

■ OUTCOMES, NOT IDEOLOGY

WHY IT MATTERS

About four in ten Grade 7 students fall short of expectations in numeracy on BC's provincial assessments (The Tyee, 2025). BC's math results on international tests are also trending down. BC began screening kindergarten students for reading in 2025, but there is no math screening, and no results are published.

OUR COMMITMENT

250

literacy and numeracy coaches, with results published every year

- **Every child reading and doing math.** By 2028, we will extend reading screening to math, from kindergarten to Grade 3. We will add about 250 literacy and numeracy coaches and publish results every year by district. Our goal is to have

80% of Grade 4 students on track in reading and 72% in math by 2030.

What it means for you: If your child is falling behind, you'll know early, and they'll get help.

- **Report cards parents can understand.** Starting in September 2028, we will bring back letter grades, with written comments, from Grade 4 to Grade 9, so parents get a clear picture of how their child is doing. Every school will take part in the Foundation Skills Assessment in Grades 4 and 7, and we will publish the results by school and district every year.

What it means for you: A clear report card, and results you can compare.

- **Well-being education that works.** We will create a provincial kindergarten-to-Grade 12

framework for well-being, critical thinking and resilience, built into existing courses. We will fund only programs with evidence behind them, and the framework will be independently evaluated.

- **School food.** We will expand school food programs from the students in greatest need, about 20% of students, to 40% of students by 2030. We will evaluate the results.

What it means for you: Kids who aren't hungry can learn.



OUR COMMITMENT

\$100M

a year for family support and early help by 2030/31

■ HELP FOR FAMILIES BEFORE A CRISIS

WHY IT MATTERS

About 4,600 children are in government care. About two-thirds of them are Indigenous, even though Indigenous children are only about one in ten BC children. Critical-injury reports to the Representative for Children and Youth rose 14% in two years, reaching 7,371 in 2025/26. One in six BC children lives in poverty (First Call, 2025).

OUR COMMITMENT

200

more family support and child protection workers by 2030

- **Put prevention first, and show it.** Starting with Budget 2027, we will publish what share of child welfare spending goes to family support and early intervention. We will raise that share by 10 percentage points by 2030/31.
- **Family Support and Early Intervention Fund.** By 2030/31, we will invest \$100 million a year in parenting support, respite and help before problems escalate, delivered by communities

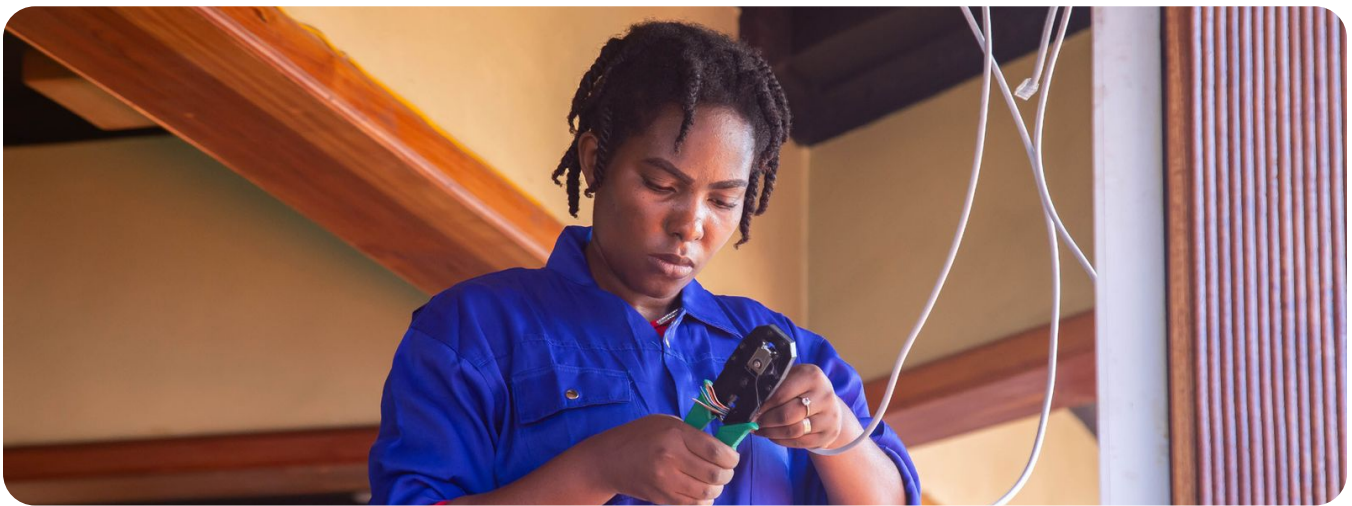
and Indigenous organizations. Our goal is 20% fewer children in care by 2030. We will count this as a success only if injuries and re-entries to care don't rise.

- **Rebuild the front line.** We will add 200 more family support and child protection workers by 2030.
- **One child, one plan.** We will create one shared plan for each child across schools, health,

mental health, housing and children's services. We will pilot it in six communities, at least two of them Indigenous-led, and have it independently evaluated.

- **Support Indigenous jurisdiction.** We will create a \$20 million a year fund to help First Nations that are preparing for, or already running, their own child and family services under federal law.
- **Support for youth leaving care.** We will extend the rent supplement for young adults leaving care from two years to age 27.

- **A Children's Well-Being Act.** We will put BC's child and youth well-being outcomes into law, with targets, including for support-needs wait times and child poverty. An annual report will be tabled with the budget and checked independently.
- **No child loses support during the change.** We will provide a two-year top-up so children whose support-needs funding drops under the 2026 changes don't lose services. We will also set a six-month standard for assessment wait times in every region.



■ SKILLS BC NEEDS

WHY IT MATTERS

The federal cap on international students costs BC's colleges and universities about \$300 million a year. Of BC's 25 public institutions, 19 forecast at least one deficit. BC's Provincial Nominee Program fell from 8,000 nominations in 2024 to about 6,250 in 2026.

OUR COMMITMENT

500

more nursing and teacher education seats a year

- **A head start in the trades and health care.** By 2029, every school district will offer dual-credit programs in the trades and health care, so high school students can earn college credits, apprenticeship hours or a health care assistant certificate before they graduate.

What it means for you: A paid career path started before graduation.

- **Stable colleges and universities.** We will create a \$125 million a year Post-Secondary Stabilization and Skills Fund, with conditions.

Institutions must use their reserves first, cut administration by at least 5%, and put the money into health, trades, technology and teaching programs. We will keep tuition increases at 2% or less.

- **More newcomers in the jobs we need.** We will press Ottawa for 11,000 Provincial Nominee Program spots a year from 2027. At least half would go to care and building jobs: nurses, early childhood educators, teachers and trades.

- **More nurses and teachers.** We will add 300 more nursing seats and 200 more teacher education seats a year. The teacher seats will focus on rural schools, French, special education, math and science.
- **Help students afford school.** We will raise the

BC Access Grant for programs under two years from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year, and index it to inflation.

What it means for you: Up to \$1,000 more a year for full-time students who qualify.

■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments cost about \$2.0 billion in day-to-day spending, plus about \$750 million to build school seats where they are needed most. They are part of our platform-wide costing and fiscal plan. Some save money later: early reading help costs far less than remediation, and family support costs far less than foster care.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Every year, we will publish reading and math results by district, the number of portables in use, counsellor and support staff ratios, the number of children in care, the share of child welfare spending on prevention, and college and university finances. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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SAFER COMMUNITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY



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Everyone should feel safe at home, on transit and downtown. Crime in BC fell in 2025, but more slowly than across Canada. BC's crime severity is still well above the national level. Every day, people see street disorder, repeat offenders, extortion and homelessness.

CentreBC's plan is practical. We will put more police where they're needed, and prosecutors in place to see cases through. Repeat offenders will face real consequences. We will provide housing and treatment that get people off the street. We will also prepare every community for fire, floods and heat. And we will publish the results, so you can judge whether it's working.

■ SAFE STREETS AND STRONG POLICING

WHY IT MATTERS

BC's Crime Severity Index was 92.4 in 2025, compared with 75.0 for Canada. BC's index fell 2%, while Canada's fell 5% (Statistics Canada, July 2026). BC's provincial RCMP vacancy rate is low (2.4% in September 2025, federal Auditor General). So what limits police numbers is the number of funded positions.

OUR COMMITMENT

500

more RCMP officers over five years

- **500 more police officers.** We will hire 100 more provincial RCMP officers a year for five years. At the same time, we will keep vacancies low and expand BC-based police training.
- **Consequences for public drug use.** Within 100 days, we will formally ask Ottawa to change the federal prosecution directive so that drug possession in public, and by repeat offenders, is charged. Where it fits, we will use alternative measures and restorative justice to steer people into care. In September 2026, a BC court ruled that the federal trafficking law violated the Charter rights of the founders of the Drug User Liberation Front, who sold illegal drugs through a buyers' club, and overturned their convictions. We support an appeal and will seek to intervene in it, and we will oppose drug-buying clubs.
- **Bail that protects the public.** We will hold an independent review of how bail is working in BC. We will publish data every quarter on detention requests, releases and reoffending on bail. The review will report before Parliament's 2028 review of federal bail reforms.
- **Prosecutors to see cases through.** We will add 60 more Crown prosecutors, with support staff, by 2030/31, so cases aren't lost to delay.
- **Secure ports.** By 2028, we will set up a 40-officer joint port enforcement team working with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the RCMP and BC's organized crime unit. We will also press Ottawa to create a federal port police, paid for by a container levy.
- **Target the worst offenders.** We will double BC's two targeted enforcement programs for repeat and violent offenders (known as SITE and CSTEP) to about \$26 million a year, with dedicated prosecutors.
- **Keep fighting extortion.** We will make the extortion task force permanent, with its own budget, so the capacity built in 2025–26 isn't lost.

■ SAFE PUBLIC SPACES

WHY IT MATTERS

Crime and public safety (19%), homelessness (18%) and drugs (15%) are among the top issues for British Columbians (Ipsos, September 2026). BC's decriminalization pilot ended on January 31, 2026. Drug use in public places has been illegal again since May 2024.

OUR COMMITMENT

20

BC downtowns with safety and outreach teams by 2028

- **Safe Downtowns Fund.** By 2028, we will fund safety and outreach teams, overseen and with costs shared by municipalities and business associations, in 20 BC downtowns. The province will clearly support municipal rules on public drug use and street disorder, with a police option to steer people into treatment.
- **What it means for you:** Main streets where people want to shop, work and walk.
- **Recovery behind bars.** By 2028/29, we will open two voluntary recovery units in BC Corrections, one for men and one for women. Each will be independently evaluated for reoffending and overdoses.

■ HOUSING THAT GETS PEOPLE OFF THE STREET

WHY IT MATTERS

In 2024/25, 11,637 people were counted as homeless in BC, up from 11,352 in 2023. Of these, 45% were sleeping outside. In communities counted both times, unsheltered homelessness rose 10% (Homelessness Services Association of BC).

OUR COMMITMENT

1,000

new supportive homes
with on-site health care
by 2030/31

- **Supportive housing with standards.** By 2030/31, using standard pre-fabricated designs, we will build 1,000 new supportive homes with on-site health care and clear conduct rules. We will also fund 1,500 rent supplements for scattered-site homes and 400 complex-care spaces. Funding will depend on publishing, by operator, how many people stay housed at 12 and 24 months. There will be a contact line for neighbours.
- **Intensive Housing for people who need the most care.** Some people living on the street have severe, lasting brain injuries or cognitive impairment, from overdoses, head injuries or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. They cycle through emergency rooms, hospitals and jail. We will ask Ottawa to pay to build Intensive Housing homes, with nursing care around the clock, help with medication and daily support. The province will provide land and pay for the care, so we can open about 300 by 2030/31. Each site will have a willing host community.

■ RESULTS YOU CAN CHECK

WHY IT MATTERS

Toxic drug deaths fell from 2,315 in 2024 to 1,826 in 2025 (BC Coroners Service). But BC publishes no data on treatment wait times or public disorder. Supportive housing outcomes are self-reported, and only up to six months.

OUR COMMITMENT

Quarterly

public safety results,
starting April 1, 2027

- **Publish the results.** From April 1, 2027, we will publish a public safety dashboard every quarter. It will show treatment wait times, homelessness counted every year, overdose deaths, disorder complaints and housing outcomes by operator. We will ask the Auditor General to audit BC Housing's non-profit funding results by 2028.



■ **READY FOR FIRE, FLOODS AND HEAT**

WHY IT MATTERS

The 2021 heat dome killed 619 people, and 98% of them died indoors. Wildfires burned a record 2.9 million hectares in 2023. BC's FireSmart grants closed to new applications in January 2026. Budget 2026 added \$15 million, but local governments had asked for \$40 million.

OUR COMMITMENT

\$40M

**a year for FireSmart,
guaranteed in law for five
years**

- **Stop wildfires before they start.** We will bring FireSmart grants back to \$40 million a year, guaranteed in law for five years. The money will be shared by formula with every local government and First Nation. Fuel management will be eligible again, and decisions will be made within 30 days. Beyond communities, we will manage forests before they burn: Forests Against Fire will reach \$25 million a year for thinning, fuel reduction, prescribed fire, salvage of burned timber and replanting with trees suited to a hotter climate, starting near the communities at highest risk. A set share will go to First Nations crews and cultural burning. Forest management will be year-round: about 300 seasonal wildfire crew members will stay on through the winter to do prevention work. A \$10 million a year wildfire technology fund will invest in detection cameras, drones that spot and map fires day and night, and a pilot of drones that drop water, with BC, Canadian and other non-US companies preferred.

What it means for you: Your community can plan prevention work years ahead instead of competing for one-year grants.

- **Flood and Heat Resilience Fund.** We will provide \$75 million a year, through the existing Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, to pay the local share of dikes, pump stations and cooling centres. This lets communities draw down federal money instead of losing it.
- **Cooling for those most at risk.** By 2030, we will provide 40,000 free cooling units to low-income seniors and people at medical risk who live alone.
- **Faster help after disasters.** We will decide on disaster financial assistance within 60 days of a complete application, with advances of up to \$50,000 within 14 days. Farms will get a permanent recovery program, so they can quickly replace livestock, irrigation, orchards and greenhouses after wildfire, flood, drought, extreme heat, frost or disease.



■ STRONG, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

WHY IT MATTERS

In much of BC, volunteers are the first responders. There are 78 search and rescue groups, with more than 3,000 volunteers, and they answer over 1,500 calls a year.

OUR COMMITMENT

\$15M

a year for disaster relief hubs and evacuation volunteers

- **Community Resilience Fund.** We will provide \$15 million a year for disaster relief hubs and the Emergency Support Services volunteers who run evacuation centres.
- **Support for front-line workers.** We will provide \$6 million a year for care from registered

psychologists and clinical counsellors for police, firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers and wildfire crews dealing with operational stress injuries. Care can start early, before a WorkSafeBC claim, and for people whose claims haven't been accepted.

■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments cost about \$1.8 billion in day-to-day spending, plus about \$255 million to build supportive homes and prepare Intensive Housing sites. They are part of our platform-wide costing and fiscal plan, and some of them save money: for the people with the highest needs, every \$10 spent on first-stage housing and supports saves more than \$21 in other costs.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Every quarter, our public safety dashboard will show crime and repeat offending, treatment wait times, homelessness, overdose deaths, disorder complaints and housing outcomes by operator. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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A CLEANER BC



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British Columbians have lived through heat domes, atmospheric rivers and record wildfire seasons. They want a cleaner BC, but they also want straight answers and a plan they can afford. Today, BC is far from meeting its own climate targets, and help to cut energy bills has been scaled back.

CentreBC's plan is practical. We will set an honest target with independent reporting. We will build clean power in partnership with First Nations, help families cut their energy bills, and protect the parks, trails and clean water that make BC home. British Columbians deserve evidence, not slogans.

■ HONEST TARGETS, REAL RESULTS

WHY IT MATTERS

In 2023, BC's emissions were 61.1 million tonnes. That is only 6% below 2007, far short of the target of a 40% reduction by 2030 (BC government). In 2025, an independent review of CleanBC found that BC is likely to reach only about half of its 2030 target. Since 2007, transportation emissions have gone up 7%, while oil and gas emissions have gone down 22%.

OUR COMMITMENT

75%

cut in oil and gas methane
below 2014 by 2030, in law

■ An honest target, checked independently.

We will tell British Columbians the truth: BC will miss its 2030 target. We will set an honest milestone in law of 20% below 2007 by 2030, while maintaining the targets for 2040 and 2050. We will also create an independent Climate Accountability Office that reports to the legislature every year.

What it means for you: You'll know whether BC is really on track.

■ Clean power, built with First Nations. Every year, we will hold a competitive call for clean power of at least 3,000 gigawatt-hours. Every winning project must have First Nations partners, and projects with majority First

Nations ownership will get priority. Prices will be published.

What it means for you: Affordable, clean power for homes and new industry, with ownership in BC communities.

■ Cut methane, by law. We will put BC's methane target into law: cutting oil and gas methane 75% below 2014 by 2030. An independent aerial survey will be published every year.

■ Industrial carbon pricing that cleans up industry. We will set in law that at least \$100 million a year from industrial carbon pricing goes to the CleanBC Industry Fund. This helps BC companies cut emissions and stay competitive.

■ LOWER BILLS, CLEANER HOMES AND TRAVEL

WHY IT MATTERS

Ottawa's interest-free Greener Homes Loan closed in October 2025, and in July 2026 BC cut heat pump rebates. BC is one of the only provinces without a law that lets people pay for home upgrades through their property tax or power bill. Provincial electric vehicle rebates have been paused since 2025. BC has more than 8,900 public charging ports, up 87% since 2023, but there are still long gaps on rural highways.

OUR COMMITMENT

1,500

new highway fast-
charging ports by 2030

■ Upgrades now, paid with energy savings.

Many families would improve their home's energy efficiency with a heat pump, better insulation or solar panels, but can't afford the upfront cost. In our first year, we will pass legislation letting homeowners pay for upgrades over time on their property tax or BC Hydro bill. There is no upfront cost: the province lends the money at a low fixed rate, repaid over up to 20 years, and lower energy bills offset much of the payments. The charge stays with

the home, so if you sell, the next owner takes it over. Every project starts with an energy check and uses a qualified contractor. BC Hydro will offer it across its service area, and any local government can offer it through property taxes. The province will lend about \$500 million by 2030/31, enough for about 25,000 homes, and recover spending as homeowners repay.

What it means for you: Get a heat pump, insulation or solar now, with nothing to pay upfront, and pay for it over time from lower energy bills.



- **Charge up anywhere in BC.** By 2030, we will put fast chargers at least every 80 kilometres on BC's main highways. That means about 1,500 new fast-charging ports. We will also give renters the same right to charge that condo owners have: a landlord can't unreasonably refuse a tenant's request to install a charger,

and must decide within three months. And we will keep funding the rebates that help building owners pay for chargers.

What it means for you: Drive an electric vehicle anywhere in BC, and get a charger at home, whether you own or rent.

■ CLEAN WATER

WHY IT MATTERS

In March 2025, there were 38 drinking water advisories in 30 First Nations communities, and at least 13 of them were more than a year old (First Nations Health Authority). In the first round of BC's Watershed Security Fund, only \$5 million was given out of \$33.8 million in requests.

OUR COMMITMENT

\$200M

**Watershed Security Fund,
doubled**

- **Clean drinking water.** We will work with the First Nations Health Authority and Ottawa to help end every long-term drinking water advisory in BC First Nations communities by 2029. The province will add a top-up of \$25 million a year.

What it means for you: Faster progress to safe tap water in every First Nations community.

- **Protect our watersheds.** We will double the Watershed Security Fund to \$200 million. It will support local projects for drinking water, salmon and flood protection. Farms need water security too: a farm water stream will help build reservoirs, irrigation, dugouts and aquifer recharge, starting in regions with repeated drought, and reach \$15 million a year once the fund is doubled. Farmers will have a formal seat in watershed planning.

■ PARKS AND TRAILS

WHY IT MATTERS

BC Parks gets more than 27 million visits a year, up 30% in six years, and campsites are hard to book.

OUR COMMITMENT

1,000
new provincial campsites
by 2030

- **More campsites.** We will build 1,000 new provincial campsites by 2030, focused on the most-booked regions.

What it means for you: A better chance of getting a campsite for your family.

- **A trails fund.** By 2028, we will create a \$15 million a year trails fund to build and maintain trails. It will be shared with local governments, First Nations and trail groups.



■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments cost about \$745 million in day-to-day spending, plus about \$60 million for new provincial campsites and about \$500 million in home-upgrade loans that are repaid. They are part of our platform-wide costing and fiscal plan. Some save money later: home upgrades cut energy bills, and preparing for floods and fires (see Public Safety) costs far less than recovering from them.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Every year, an independent Climate Accountability Office will report to the legislature on whether BC is on track, sector by sector. We will also publish methane survey results, homes upgraded, charger coverage on our highways, and drinking water advisories. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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investment and quality of life.**

People shouldn't have to guess what their government is doing. Too often decisions arrive without explanation, information requests take months, and major agreements are announced after they are signed. That leaves room for rumour and distrust.

CentreBC's plan is practical. We will tell people what's coming, why, and what it costs. We will publish the results so anyone can check. We will build a lasting relationship with First Nations that gives certainty to everyone. And we will work with Ottawa to get results for BC, while standing up for BC when our interests differ. We will put our path to a balanced budget in law, checked by an independent budget officer.

■ OPEN GOVERNMENT YOU CAN CHECK

WHY IT MATTERS

In 2021, BC brought in a \$10 fee for freedom-of-information requests. General requests fell 44% in four years, from 8,347 in 2020/21 to 4,691 in 2024/25. That year, the fee brought in just \$22,590 (BC government). BC lists contracts over \$10,000 only every three months. The list gives basic details, not the contract itself.

OUR COMMITMENT

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fee for freedom-of-information requests, from day one

- **Plain-language decisions.** Within 30 working days of every major cabinet decision, we will publish a plain-language summary of what was decided, the options considered, the trade-offs and the cost. We will then release the cabinet documents behind it, removing only personal information, legal advice, and details that could harm security, negotiations or a company's trade secrets. We will change the law to make this possible.

What it means for you: You'll know what was decided, why, and what it costs.

- **One public scorecard.** We will create one website, updated every three months, that tracks metrics across this platform. Each measure will have a target and a date. They include homes built, permit times, people without a family doctor, surgical waits, treatment beds, reading and math results, the budget against plan and major agreements. We will invite the Auditor General to check the numbers every year.

What it means for you: One place to check whether we're keeping our promises.

Freedom of information that works. On day one, we will scrap the \$10 fee for information requests. Within two years, we will answer 90% of requests on time, rising to 95% within four, and we will clear the backlog of overdue requests by 2028. This includes families' requests for their own child welfare records.

What it means for you: Free requests, answered on time.

- **Open contracts and deals.** We will publish every contract or project agreement over \$10 million in full within 30 days. Each will come with a one-page plain-language summary of what we're buying, the cost, the risks and the performance targets. We will list contracts over \$10,000 every month instead of every three months.

What it means for you: Publishing contracts means better value, and more BC companies able to compete.

■ FIRST NATIONS: CERTAINTY FOR EVERYONE

WHY IT MATTERS

The August 2025 Cowichan ruling found Aboriginal title over about 300 hectares in Richmond, including privately owned land. The ruling is not final. Cowichan Tribes, neighbouring First Nations, the Province, Ottawa and the City of Richmond have all appealed it, for different reasons, and the case may go to the Supreme Court of Canada. About 145 private properties are affected. In September 2026, eleven former attorneys general from three political parties signed a letter backing modern treaties as the path to reconciliation.

OUR COMMITMENT

Guaranteed

compensation if a title ruling lowers the value of your home

- **No private land, no loss of public assets.** In BC treaty talks, private land has always been off the table unless a willing owner chooses to sell. We will apply that rule to every agreement a CentreBC government signs with a First Nation, including title agreements and court settlements. No family or business will lose privately owned land without the owner's agreement. Hospitals, schools, university campuses and provincial parks will not be transferred. Before any provincial land is declared surplus and offered to First Nations where agreements require it, it will first be offered for public needs such as housing, schools and health care. If surplus land with a public use, such as a campus or public gardens, is transferred in a treaty, the agreement must guarantee that public access continues.
- **A homeowner guarantee.** No family will lose their home, or its value, because of a court ruling on Aboriginal title. We will pass a law guaranteeing that the Province compensates homeowners for any loss in value, up to the assessed value of their home. The law will also guarantee that the Province keeps homeowners able to get a mortgage or sell. We will ask Ottawa to share the cost. The Province, not homeowners, will lead any negotiations.
What it means for you: If you own your home, a title ruling won't cost you your home or its value.
- **Beyond DRIPA, through modern treaties.** We respect the UN Declaration on the Rights

of Indigenous Peoples as a guide. In our first session, one bill will repeal DRIPA (BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act) and section 8.1 of the Interpretation Act, and replace them with a new law built on negotiated treaties. That law will put \$30 million a year into faster treaty talks and settling overlapping claims, restore treaty advisory committees, protect private land and homeowners, and require a yearly report to the legislature on treaty progress. The elected legislature, not the courts, will decide how BC laws reflect the Declaration. Constitutionally protected rights and the duty to consult are unchanged.

- **Confidential talks, public deals.** We will announce when talks begin, and brief local governments and residents through restored treaty advisory committees. We will publish draft agreements at least 60 days before signing. Treaties will still need an act of the legislature. Other major agreements, such as title and land agreements, are signed by cabinet without a vote, so we will table each one in the legislature for debate before it is signed.
What it means for you: No more surprises: you'll see an agreement before it's signed.
- **Finish the Cowichan appeals before deals on private land.** We won't finalize agreements that affect private land until the Cowichan appeals are settled. Talks will continue. Economic partnerships, revenue sharing and agreements that don't touch private land will go ahead.

■ WORKING WITH OTTAWA

WHY IT MATTERS

BC softwood lumber faces roughly 35% or more in combined US duties and tariffs. New 50% US tariffs on plywood and other panels began on August 19, 2026. Ontario and Alberta have representatives in Washington, but BC does not. BC has about 14% of Canada's population, but its first Build Canada Homes agreement brought \$170 million, about 1% of the \$13 billion fund.

OUR COMMITMENT

90 days

to put a full-time BC representative in Washington

- **A seat at the trade table.** Within 90 days, we will appoint a full-time BC representative in Washington. We will also seek a written agreement with Ottawa that gives BC a seat

in the room for softwood lumber and trade agreement talks.

What it means for you: BC's forestry workers and businesses get a voice where the decisions are made.

- **BC's fair share.** Every year, we will publish a BC Fair Share report comparing BC's share of federal funding with our share of the population. We will press for BC's population share of Build Canada Homes, about \$1.8 billion, to expand BC Builds. We will also press for federal ferry funding on the same basis as Atlantic Canada.

- **Nothing about BC without BC.** There will be no federal deal affecting BC's coast or land without BC at the table. Every federally fast-tracked project in BC will get one review, under a renewed Canada-BC agreement, with First Nations consent processes built in. And we will seek the federal commitment to keep the northern tanker ban in writing.

■ HONEST BUDGETS

WHY IT MATTERS

Budget 2026 projects a \$13.3 billion deficit and names no year to balance. All four credit rating agencies have BC on a negative outlook, and Moody's downgraded BC in March 2026. BC has no independent budget officer; Ottawa and Ontario do.

OUR COMMITMENT

In law

our path to balance, checked by an independent budget officer

- **Our path to balance, in law.** In our first year, we will pass a Balanced Budget and Spending Control Act. It will put our path in law: the deficit falls every year after our first budget, and the budget balances by 2034/35. Existing day-to-day spending will grow at least 1.5 points a year more slowly than Budget 2026 planned, and 1.6 points in 2033/34 and 2034/35, with front-line services protected. Every budget must publish the commitments that will slow first if savings fall short, and a missed target must be made up in the next budget. Cabinet ministers will lose part of their pay if the overall budget target is missed, not just their own ministry's. Only a

declared emergency or a recession can pause the rule, and then only with a public plan to get back on track.

What it means for you: A promise to balance that the government can't quietly drop.

- **An independent budget officer.** We will create an Independent Budget Officer who reports to the legislature, not the government. The officer will check every budget against our spending rule, cost government bills when asked by MLAs, and report publicly every year on whether the province is on track to balance.

■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments cost about \$188 million in day-to-day spending. They are part of our platform-wide costing and fiscal plan. Most of this section is about how the government works, not new programs, so it costs little.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Every quarter, our public scorecard will show the results for every priority in this platform. Every year, we will report freedom-of-information response times, publish BC's fair share of federal funding and report progress on treaties. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT



AI AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

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Artificial intelligence is changing how British Columbians work, learn and use public services, and it is happening faster than most people expected. About 60% of Canadian workers are in jobs highly exposed to AI. For some, AI will be a helpful tool. For others, it will change or replace key parts of their job. Young people looking for their first job are already feeling the squeeze.

CentreBC has a practical plan. We will help workers retrain before their jobs change. We will make sure data centres pay their own way, and use BC's clean power to build a made-in-Canada AI economy. We will set clear rules for how the government uses AI. And we will protect children online, from harmful social media and chatbots to deepfakes.

■ JOBS IN AN AI ECONOMY

WHY IT MATTERS

For 31% of Canadian workers, AI could take over key tasks; for another 29%, it is more likely to help them (Statistics Canada, 2024, using 2021 data).

The share of Canadian businesses using AI tripled in two years, reaching 19.2% in 2026. Youth unemployment in BC was 12.9% in June 2026, higher even than the 10–11% rates before COVID.

OUR COMMITMENT

\$2,000

retraining top-up for
workers 40 and over in
jobs exposed to AI

- **Mid-career AI skills top-up.** Starting in September 2027, workers aged 40 and over in jobs highly exposed to AI can get up to \$2,000 on top of the StrongerBC future skills grant to retrain, through the sector partnerships below. We will fund 2,500 people a year.

What it means for you: If AI changes your job, you get help to retrain before you're laid off, not after.

- **Sector AI skills partnerships.** By 2028, we will set up seven partnerships that bring employers, unions and colleges together to retrain workers

for jobs that AI is changing. They will cover health care, the trades, logistics, finance, the public service, tourism and agriculture. Farms will also get grants to adopt robotics, precision agriculture and water-saving technology.

- **An AI Jobs Watch.** Starting in 2027, BC Stats will publish a yearly report on which jobs AI is changing, how entry-level hiring is going and how young people are faring at work. The report will be tabled in the legislature.

■ POWER AND A MADE-IN-CANADA AI ECONOMY

WHY IT MATTERS

AI data centres use large amounts of electricity, and BC is short of power. Between February 2026 and February 2028, BC Hydro can connect only 300 megawatts for AI data centres and 100 megawatts for other data centres, awarded through a competition. BC's tech sector employs about 180,000 people, or 7% of all jobs in the province.

OUR COMMITMENT

100 MW

reserved for Canadian AI
operators that keep data
in Canada

- **Data centres pay their way.** We will keep BC's limits on how much power goes to data centres. From 2027, any data centre that gets new power must pay a rate that covers the full cost of that power. Sites over 10 megawatts will need a plan to reuse their waste heat. Projects with First Nations equity will get priority, and the results of every power competition will be made public.

What it means for you: Your power bill won't have to fund a data centre.

- **Canadian AI, powered by BC.** We will reserve up to 100 megawatts of the power available for AI data centres for Canadian-controlled operators that keep data in Canada. We will partner with Ottawa's sovereign computing program and seek guaranteed computing access for BC universities and small businesses.
- **Buy Canadian AI.** By 2028, every government AI contract will keep data in Canada and give a scoring advantage to Canadian and other non-US suppliers. Each year, we will also run one AI challenge open to BC companies.

■ AI YOU CAN TRUST

WHY IT MATTERS

In the Netherlands, a government algorithm wrongly flagged tens of thousands of families for benefit fraud, and the cost of putting it right has grown into the billions of euros. Here at home, BC's public-service AI policy says nothing about where data is stored. And BC's private-sector privacy law has gone years without the updates that legislative committees asked for. AI "nudify" apps can now make fake sexual images of anyone. BC's Intimate Images Protection Act already covers AI deepfakes and has resolved 389 of 486 cases since 2024.

OUR COMMITMENT

A person

will make or review every significant government decision about you

- **A Trustworthy Government AI Act.** We will introduce this law by spring 2027. A person will make or review every significant decision about you, such as benefits, permits or enforcement. Any AI system used for those decisions must pass an impact assessment first. You will have the right to an explanation and an appeal, and by 2028 there will be a public register of the algorithms the government uses.

What it means for you: A computer won't decide your benefits or permit without a person checking.

- **Modern privacy rules.** Within 18 months, we will update BC's private-sector privacy law. Companies will have to report privacy breaches and face fines. You will have the right to know when an automated decision affects you, and to have a person review it.

- **Stop deepfake abuse.** We will extend the Intimate Images Protection Act to cover the makers and hosts of "nudify" apps, which create fake sexual images of real people, and run a public awareness campaign.
- **AI pilots that prove themselves.** By 2028, we will offer 10 municipalities digital pre-checks of building plans, using AI where it has been shown to work, and publish permit times before and after. No AI pilot in public services will be expanded until its results are published.

What it means for you: Faster permits, if the results show it works.



■ KIDS AND SCHOOLS

WHY IT MATTERS

BC's 2024 guidance on AI in schools is voluntary, and it leaves privacy checks to individual teachers. Meanwhile, social media and AI "companion" chatbots are reaching children, and online platforms can be used to plan violence.

OUR COMMITMENT

2027

a BC standard for AI in schools, with privacy-checked tools

- **AI-ready schools.** By September 2027, we will turn BC's 2024 voluntary guidance into a provincial standard. Schools will get a list of AI tools that have passed a central privacy review, and by 2028 every teacher will get a paid professional development day on AI.

What it means for you: Clear rules for your child's classroom, and teachers who are ready.

- **Online safety for kids.** By 2027, we will have a BC law ready that sets age limits and safety duties for social media platforms and AI "companion" chatbots, including a duty to report credible threats of violence to police. It will take effect if federal protections aren't in force by then.

What it means for you: Stronger protection for your kids online.

■ WHAT IT COSTS

Over four years (2027/28 to 2030/31), these commitments cost about \$141 million in day-to-day spending. They are part of our platform-wide costing and fiscal plan, and the budget still balances by 2034/35.

HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Every year, BC Stats will publish an AI Jobs Watch report showing which jobs are changing, how entry-level hiring is going and how young people are faring at work. We will also publish the register of government algorithms, the results of every AI pilot and the results of each data centre power competition. If something isn't working, we will say so and fix it.

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