

Green Plan for Getting More Money in the Pockets of Islanders

A Green Government will:

- Introduce tax breaks for lower and middle income earners in PEI and create a more equitable tax system for all Islanders:
 - Index tax brackets to ensure our tax system reflects increases to the cost of living.
 - Create a refundable tax credit for lower- and middle-income workers to complement the Canada Workers Benefit. This will help 32,000 Islanders.
 - Raise the Low-Income Tax Reduction threshold to \$25,000, helping 11,000 additional Islanders.
- Reduce childcare costs to \$10/day, increase the number of childcare spaces, and negotiate with the federal government to further reduce the cost of childcare on Prince Edward Island.
- Modernize the laws governing our electricity system to make sure they give Islanders fair and affordable rates.
- Review the provincial pharmacare program to make sure Islanders are not overburdened by drug costs and dispensing fees.
- Add more public transit routes in both urban and rural communities to ensure all Islanders have access to affordable transportation.
- Reduce or eliminate fees for transportation services like Pat and the Elephant and Transportation West.
- Expand energy efficiency and retrofit programs to reduce energy costs (and emissions) for Islanders.
- Raise income thresholds for accessing government programs.
- In recognition of their positive impact on wellbeing, provide free or low-cost access to artistic, cultural, social, and fitness activities.
- Advocate for the elimination of fees on both the Confederation Bridge and Wood Islands ferry.

Green Plan for Eliminating Poverty

A Green Government will:

- Create a basic income pilot, as recommended by the Special Committee on Poverty in PEI. Strongly advocate for financial support from the federal government to create a full universal basic income.
- Prepare a comprehensive poverty elimination strategy in consultation with the community and Islanders affected by poverty, pursuant to the *Poverty Elimination Strategy Act*.
- Immediately increase the minimum wage to \$15.20 to ensure our minimum wage keeps pace with inflation, and increase the minimum wage by at least \$1 per year thereafter until it reaches a living wage.
- Increase social assistance rates and index them to inflation.
- Increase the Assured Income Allowance for Islanders living with a disability.
- Give more money to Island food banks who are facing record numbers of clients.