2019 Federal Election Party Platforms Analysis

The following chart provides a listing of each priority from *Honouring Promises* and a comparison with each of the party platforms to date.

The Conservative Party announced their platform following the release of *Honouring Promises* on October 11th, 2019.

The Green Party made a commitment to fully implement the Honouring Promises document.

The Liberal Party released their platform following the release of the Honouring Promises document. Some of these platform commitments appear to reflect direct language drawn from Honouring Promises. On September 9, 2019, Liberal Party leader, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau committed to continuing to "working hard in close partnership with the Assembly of First Nations on First Nations priorities..."

The New Democratic Party released their platform document prior to the release of the Honouring Promises document and later committed to honouring AFN promises. Following the release of Honouring Promises, the NDP committed to honouring the Assembly of First Nations priorities for the next federal election.

For the Liberal and Conservative commitments that do not draw precisely from Honouring Promises and for all NDPcommitments, interpretation was necessary.

Priority	Conservatives	Greens	Liberals	NDP	
Promise to the Next Seven Generations: Preserving Our Natural World					
Act on climate change as a national priority	×	V		\square	
Work with First Nations as full partners in the implementation of Canada's climate plan, including decisions on revenues generated from greenhouse gas pollution pricing and the implementation of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act	×	Ø	×	×	
Support the establishment and maintenance of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas to support Canada's international biodiversity commitments to 2020 and beyond	×	Ø	×	☑	
Affirm and support First Nations Inherent and Treaty rights to develop and implement environmental assessment regimes as well as climate adaption and mitigation strategies.	×	Ø	×	Ø	
Provide support for First Nations-led environmental and regulatory reviews.	×	V		\square	
Ensure direct First Nations participation in federal environmental policy making.	×	lacktriangleright	×	Ø	
Promise for Progress: Economic Priorities					
Ensure access for all First Nations to high speed internet comparable to the rest of Canada.	×	Ø		v	

Commit to a national First Nations infrastructure modernization strategy, beginning	×			$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	
developed with First Nations that ensures all First Nations have access to safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.	×	☑	×	×	
Repeal the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act and replace it with legislation	_		_	_	
Promise to First Nations: Water					
energy sources.					
mitigation, including major investments in low carbon technology and renewable					
connectivity (telecommunications), transport (roads), and disaster prevention and	×			\square	
providing deep supports in education, healthcare, water and sanitation, electricity,					
Ensure that First Nations have equal access to 'Quality of Life Infrastructure'					
a substantial initial financial investment.					
structural mitigation for climate change impacts, connectivity and fire protection with	×	\square			
sanitation, bridges, firehalls and equipment, community buildings, energy systems,					
Fund vital First Nations community infrastructure including roads and drainage,					
to remote First Nations with a substantial initial financial investment.	×	\square		\square	
Maintenance policy reform coupled with a substantial initial financial investment. Create a Remote Indigenous Community Access Plan to construct all-season roads					
Support First Nations Asset Management Planning Approach and Operations and	×	\square		×	
	Our Peoples: Infrastruct	ure			
and territories.			<u> </u>	<u>N</u>	
Negotiate trilateral revenue sharing agreements with First Nations and provinces	×	Ø	×	×	
as industry.		_	_	_	
and roads are concerned such that First Nations peoples benefit in the same way	×				
Address physical infrastructure needs where electricity, water, telecommunications					
advancing environmental sustainability.]]		
development plans which serve to create jobs and economic opportunity while	×	\square		\square	
Support First Nations to conduct assessments of sustainable economic business]		
Launch a discussion on green sustainable development.	×	\square	lacksquare		
throughout our territories		<u>r</u>	<u>141</u>	 	
Support and subsidize First Nations engaged in renewable resource development, including sustainable wildlife harvesting, fishing, forestry and ecosystem services	×	☑	\square	\square	
sustainable technologies.					
Support First Nations to fully participate in the development of clean energy and	×	\square		\square	
within areas of federal jurisdiction.		_ _	-	_ _	
Require conditions for development approvals to ensure benefits to First Nations	×	\square		×	
Launch discussions about revenue sharing.	×			×	
Include First Nations leadership in ministerial level meetings.	×	Ø	V	×	
Create a First Nations infrastructure bank	×	I	×	×	
development.					
Remove barriers for First Nations enterprises to access capital for business	✓	\square	oxdet	\square	
Support increased federal procurement from First Nations businesses.	×		V	×	
entrepreneurs to address the gap in access to capital.	<u> X </u>	▼	×	<u>V</u>	
Enhance business equity funds to support First Nations women and youth as	×	abla	×	\square	

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with a national First Nations infrastructure assessment developed with First Nations.						
Fully fund and resource the implementation of new legislation that includes the creation of a First Nations Water Commission and expands the funding allocations for First Nations in need of upgraded water and wastewater systems.	×	Ø	×	×		
Promis	e to Families: Housing					
Ensure federal financing is available to meet First Nations housing needs	×	Ø	V	✓		
Work with First Nations organizations to transfer control of housing to First Nations.	×		×	×		
Fully implement and fund the National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy.	×	Ø	Ø	×		
Ensure financing, based on need, to build high quality sustainable housing for First Nations on reserve as well as in urban and rural locales.	×	Ø	Ø	Ø		
	to Wellbeing: Health Car	e				
Work with First Nations, early and throughout the budget cycle, to identify ten-year projections for new federal investments in First Nations health.	×	Ø	×	☑		
Substantially increase investments for ongoing prevention, critical and chronic care, health systems transformation and mental wellness.	×	Ø	Ø	Ø		
Develop and implement a National Substance Misuse Strategy addressing the opioid and methamphetamine crises.	×	Ø	Ø	Ø		
Commit to substantive, long-term and flexible funding that supports a holistic approach to health and wellbeing; and encourages a 'Health In All Policies' approach which addresses the social determinants of First Nations health.	X	Ø	×	×		
Support First Nations control of the development and delivery of First Nations health and well-being services.	×	Ø	Ø	☑		
	Young People: Education	on				
Commit to substantial investments for First Nations Post-Secondary students, and fully fund them based on need.						
Fund First Nations elementary and Post Secondary Education, Treaty and/or regionally-based education agreements which reflect the diverse needs and circumstances of First Nations learners and schools, including bilingual and immersion First Nations language education.	×	Ø	×	×		
Work with academic institutions, provinces and territories, industry and foundations to double the availability of business and commerce education, scholarships and paid internships for First Nation students and the availability of skills and trades training and paid apprenticeships.	×	Ø	×	X		
Support the development of a First Nations Centre for Expertise in Trade and Economy with programs and support services, and data development targets.	×	Ø	×	×		
Commit substantial investments to sustain and enhance existing First Nations Institutes of Higher Learning and community-based programming including bilingual and immersion First Nations language education.	×	Ø	×	×		
Invest in First Nations education infrastructure that reflect First Nations needs and create safe and supportive learning spaces, including for bilingual and immersion First Nations language education.	X	Ø	Ø	×		

Support the devolution of labour market program authority to First Nations.	×		×	×		
	nen: Respecting Gender	Rights				
Work with the AFN Women's Council to develop and apply an appropriate gender-based analysis tool for assessing gender-based needs and impacts in federal decision-making impacting First Nations including critical areas like safe housing, clean drinking water, sanitation, poverty reduction, food security, health and wellness.	X	☑	X	X		
Prioritize the needs and rights of First Nations women in economic development and in the design and implementation of entrepreneurship programs and access to capital.	X	Ø	×	X		
Ensure implementation of Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls while ensuring a families-first approach in developing a national action plan.	☑	Ø	☑	Ø		
Take effective measures to ensure continuing improvement of women's economic and social conditions, consistent with the UN Declaration and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.	X	Ø	×	☑		
	: First Nations Restorat	ive Justice				
Establish First Nations restorative justice systems and joint initiatives to end overrepresentation of First Nations people in the criminal justice and correctional systems.	X	Ø	X	☑		
Acknowledge and affirm First Nations laws as part of the legal system on a footing equal to common and civil law.	X	Ø	X	×		
Support Indigenous Law programs at Canadian universities and First Nations post- secondary institutions.	×	Ø	×	×		
Ensure First Nations appointees to all levels of courts, particularly the appointment of the first First Nations Supreme Court Justice.	×	Ø	×	×		
Develop and implement a statutory framework recognizing First Nations Police Services as essential services with equitable funding and capacity supports.	×	Ø	Ø	Ø		
Support First Nations-led development and implementation of community safety and security action plans to ensure that all First Nations people – women, men, girls, boys, lesbian, gay, two-spirit and transgender and all those at risk– are free from violence.	X	Ø	×	Ø		
Promise to Legal, Moral and Political Imperatives: First Nations Rights						
Introduce a government Bill supported by First Nations to implement the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples that is at least as strong as Bill C-262.	×	Ø	Ø	Ø		
Create a federal Treaty Commissioner's Office to support the full implementation of Treaties.	×	Ø	\square	×		
Ensure all policies, legislation and operational practices are consistent with First Nations Inherent and Treaty rights, the UN Declaration, and with the advice of UN expert bodies.	X	☑		Ø		
Review policy and legislation to ensure consistency with s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and international human rights instruments including the UN Declaration.	X	Ø	✓	Ø		
Fully support a First Nations-led process on nation-building to support First Nations	×	\square		\square		

in exercising our right to self-determination.					
Redesign federal policies to expand First Nations land bases through affirmation of	×		 ✓	✓	
First Nations title and expansion of additions-to-reserves.	A	V	V	V	
Re-design the Specific Claims and Additions-to-Reserves processes to ensure impartial, timely and fair resolutions to outstanding specific claims.	×	\square	\square	×	
First Nations and Canada must act on an urgent basis to end racist and gendered violence, and all forms of discrimination, against Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual (2SLGBTQQIA) people.	X	Ø	Ø	Ø	
	d Prosperity: Equitable	Funding			
Make optional statutory transfers available based on agreed-to criteria and subject to performance audits by a newly created First Nations Auditor General.	×		×	×	
Work with Treaty First Nations on Treaty-based funding arrangements	×			×	
Ensure budget appropriations accommodate additional population growth due to the Descheneaux Supreme Court decision and recent amendments to the Indian Act.	X	Ø	×	N	
Introduce legislation, supported by First Nations, to improve the ways funding is provided.	×	\square	×	×	
Honouring Pron	nises: Fulfilling Promise	s Made			
Introduce a government bill supported by First Nations to implement the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples that is at least as strong as Bill C-262.	X	V	\square	v	
Initiate work to jointly align federal laws and policies with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and First Nations' Inherent and Treaty Rights.	X	V	Ø	v	
Support the development and implementation of restorative First Nations justice systems and implement actions to end over-representation of First Nations people in the criminal justice and correctional systems.	×	☑	X	☑	
Work with First Nations families and First Nations to implement Calls to Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.	V	\square		\square	
Fully implement all Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action that fall under the responsibility of the federal government	X	Ø	Ø	Ø	
Fully implement the Indigenous Languages Act with long-term, predictable and sustainable funding.	×	V	Ø	Ø	
Fully implement the Act respecting First Nations, Métis and Inuit Children, Youth and Families with long-term, predictable and sustainable funding.	×	☑		☑	
Honouring the Relationship					
Host a First Ministers Meeting on First Nations priorities and ensure meaningful inclusion of First Nations at all Ministerial and inter-governmental decision-making tables that affect and impact First Nations rights and interests.	X	Ø	Ø	×	
Support First Nations-led processes locally, regionally and nationally, to advance First Nation priorities.	X	V	Ø	Ø	
Continue dialogue and work under the AFN-Canada MOU on Joint Priorities to ensure progress on the priorities of First Nations and facilitate relationship-building	×			×	

and jointly undertake a review of federal laws, regulations, procedures, policies and				
practices impacting First Nations rights.				
Ensure meaningful inclusion of First Nations at all Ministerial and intergovernmental	.	[7]	ᅜ	×
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Build on the success of the CUSMA Advisory Panel and the International				
Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change participating in the United Nations				
Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and ensure meaningful	×		×	×
inclusion of First Nations in international trade negotiations and other multilateral				
processes, such as the G7 and G20.				