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BC Liberals
Group A - The Economy

The logo for the BC Liberals features a stylized blue and white map of British Columbia on the left, followed by the letters 'BC' in blue and 'Liberals' in red, all in a bold, italicized sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'Group A - The Economy' is written in a bold, black, italicized sans-serif font.

Asia Pacific – Necessary Infrastructure – Passed

BCYL

The Problem: China is the world's fastest growing economy and the Asia-Pacific is the fastest growing region in the world. At a 10% economic growth rate, China's output will double every seven years. Asia-Pacific container traffic to North America is forecast to expand by 300 percent in the next 15 years. However, BC's Ports are currently operating at or near capacity.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed making BC Canada's Gateway to the Asia Pacific.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the Gateway strategy and the province's efforts to work with the federal government, other provinces and municipalities to recognize that the expansion of our transportation infrastructure, including BC's Ports, should be at the centre of a national economic strategy.

Opening the Gateway to the Asia Pacific – Passed *North Coast*

The Problem: BC's biggest trading partner continues to be the United States, but trade disputes such as the softwood lumber dispute, have highlighted the need to diversify our economy and foster better and bigger trading relationships with other nations to lessen our reliance on the U.S.

BC Liberal Values: Recognize that we are North America's gateway to the Asia Pacific, and maximize our strategic location to provide more opportunities for all British Columbians.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the development of the Gateway program to improve the movement of goods across the Province and encourages the provincial government to work with and support the Asia Pacific Trade Council's work to develop an Asia Pacific strategy for the province, and furthermore, a specific commitment of financial support for the expansion of the Northern Corridor beyond Phase 1 of the container port expansion at the Port of Prince Rupert, through to the Alberta border including all communities along the route. This expansion will be of benefit to all British Columbians and Canada as a whole.

Olympic Programs and Legacies – Passed *Comox Valley*

The Problem: The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games is an opportunity to make sure that our young people understand the value of good physical fitness and can share in the excitement of the games, that all communities see benefits from the games and that businesses are able to leverage all opportunities regardless of where they are located in the Province and that these opportunities are not limited to the lower mainland and the sea to sky corridor.

BC Liberal Values: To see the benefits of hosting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games reach every corner of the Province.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the continued investment in youth programs and community projects that will leave legacies for future generations and encourages the Province to enhance the 2010 Commerce Centre in order that businesses across the Province are able to capitalize on the opportunities available over the next four years

Technology Award Competitions – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: One mode of encouraging innovation in business can be implemented through establishing prizes for technological discoveries which is not currently being done anywhere in Canada.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes that innovation can be fostered through open competition between groups for the benefit of all.

The Solution: The party should encourage the government to establish an award council, which would be responsible for the establishment of explicit and measurable criteria of innovations for prizes in areas of science concerning British Columbia. Similar examples of prize-induced innovation include the Discovery of Longitude at Sea Act (UK Parliament 1713), the Ansari X Prize, and the H-Prize Act of 2006 (US House of Representatives).

Energy Policy – Passed
East Kootenay

The Problem: British Columbia has become a net importer of electricity. Last year BC Hydro imported over 13% of its supply in order to meet the needs of domestic consumers. Relying on imports increases British Columbia ratepayers' exposure to volatile prices.

BC Liberal Values: Access to a secure reliable supply and avoiding volatile prices are important for maintaining and developing a strong economy.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports efforts to make British Columbia electricity self sufficient within the decade ahead.

Alternative Energy – Passed
East Kootenay

The Problem: British Columbia's demand for electricity is estimated to increase by 50% over the next 20 years. While some of this demand can be met by increasing energy efficiency new sources of supply will need to be developed while protecting the environment.

BC Liberal Values: Independent Power Producers are in the best position to develop innovative, environmentally friendly, cost effective, energy solutions.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports efforts to expand the role of Independent Power Producers in meeting BC's future demand for electricity.

Electric Power Generation Self-Sufficiency – Passed
Richmond Center

The Problem: BC Hydro has become a net importer of electricity in the past decade, as it has not increased electrical generation significantly since the 1970's.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes that many opportunities exist to develop electricity generation facilities in the province and they should be utilized.

The Solution: Encourage BC Hydro to investigate and plan capital construction projects that will increase power generation through traditional and alternative means in a cost effective manner with a goal of domestic electricity generation capacity equaling or exceeding consumption.

Pacific Coast Exploration – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: BC's Pacific Coast is suspected to contain oil and gas reserves, which cannot be quantified due to a federal government moratorium on offshore exploration.

BC Liberal Values: To provide jobs for British Columbians by facilitating the expansion of our natural resource industry.

The Solution: The BC government should lobby the Federal government to allow offshore exploration to quantify the potential energy reserves available off the Pacific Coast.

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A Proposal to Support Energy-Efficient Automobiles & Contribute to Provincial Energy Conservation - Passed

West Vancouver-Capilano

The Problem: (B.C. Hydro) does not provide adequate tariffs for private parties to connect to and deliver electricity to the provincial electrical grid.

BC Liberal Values: plug-in hybrids (grid to vehicle) are retrofitted Prius type automobiles that can have their batteries plugged in to the grid. It allows them to be charged at off-peak power, and provides the equivalent of gas at a fraction of the cost of gas at the pump. The first 60 km or so of driving could be handled entirely electrically. Estimates are that 80% of daily traffic in cities could be powered by electricity alone. Dual plug-in (grid to vehicle and vehicle to grid) vehicles can also generate power for the network. Further, they offer benefits in regulating power quality and spinning reserves.

The battery and electronics expertise required to do this can be developed locally, and fosters fuel cell applications since less fuel cells are needed to power the car.

The downstream benefit is that these vehicles can also be used to power the grid at peak times. So B.C. Hydro would have a sophisticated means to load-shift, while reducing air pollution. And we would develop world class expertise.

At present there is no facility to enable such vehicles to be developed and operated in B.C.

The BC Liberal Party supports energy conservation and efforts to reduce consumption and to restore BC's energy self-sufficiency.

The Solution: We support an initiative to encourage electrical utilities to establish special tariffs and facilities for private parties to contribute electricity to the provincial power grid by plug-in hybrid vehicles, as well as other micro-generating facilities.

Renewable Energy – Passed
Burnaby-Edmonds

The Problem: Currently there are no large scale existing sites in British Columbia utilizing Bio-Mass Energy Production to meet the growing need for additional energy supplies with an inexpensive and renewable resource.

BC Liberal Values: Promoting alternative energy sources to help meet BC's growing energy needs while allowing for sustainable environmental management.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Government should enable/encourage Independent Power Producers the opportunity to apply for licenses to install, wherever viable, Bio-Mass Co-Generation Units to sustain our growing need for energy.

Formalized Debt Management Plan – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: Currently, the government pays \$2.3B in annual debt servicing expenses. This represents over \$500 for each British Columbian, each year.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes through balanced fiscal management, debt can be reduced which strengthens the province's financial position.

The Solution: Enact a formalized debt management strategy to commit to a reduction of taxpayer-supported debt each fiscal year when the real GDP is positive.

Debt Reduction – Passed

Burnaby-Willington

The Problem: Despite the positive progress made in recent years, BC's provincial debt has increased over the last few decades. BC's youth and future generations will be burdened by past generations' fiscal mismanagement if nothing is done now.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberal values fiscal responsibility and balanced budgets under generally accepted accounting principles

The Solution: BC Liberals support committing a portion of each year's budget surplus to paying down the provincial debt.

Consultative Budget Process – Passed

Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: Government, in its first term, brought fiscal balance to British Columbia through financial prudence that encouraged economic renewal and expansion. It is important that Government proceed with new goals that remain adequately balanced to continuously meet the needs of the people of the province.

BC Liberal Values: We value open government that regularly seeks the views and opinions of British Columbians in the budget planning and development process.

The Solution: We support continued, proactive, effective consultative process that provides the opportunity for British Columbians to provide their input to the budget development process.

Property Transfer Tax – Passed

Victoria-Beacon Hill

The Problem: The Property Transfer Tax places a burden on British Columbians who have to move for employment purposes, and who have to move due to changes in their family circumstances. The Property Transfer Tax also discourages people from moving to British Columbia to contribute to our provincial economy;

BC Liberal Values: Taxation levels that keep our provincial economy competitive with other jurisdictions. Taxation that treats all taxpayers fairly, and does not discourage mobility in the province

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party recommends that the Government of BC implement a plan for the gradual abolition of the Property Transfer Tax as funds allow. This could begin with an exemption for amounts in residential purchases for the portion of the purchase price which is below the value of a principal residence being sold by the purchasers.

Debt Reduction and Tax Relief – Passed

Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: Despite progress under this government, BC's tax rates remain higher than those of Alberta and Ontario and the Provincial debt remains more than \$6000 per British Columbian.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals hold to a common-sense conservative economic philosophy, which maintains that people should be allowed to keep as much of their own earnings as practical and that we should not pass debt on to our children.

The Solution: We support the application of unanticipated budget surpluses to debt reduction and tax relief

Softwood Lumber Agreement – Passed

Victoria-Beacon Hill

The Problem: The BC Forest Industry has found itself embroiled in the longstanding trade dispute over softwood lumber exports to the United States. The many years of litigation before NAFTA and the WTO has failed to resolve this dispute. This dispute has significantly harmed the forest industry with punishing tariffs and continued uncertainty over the export of softwood lumber to the United States.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Government values the health and economic viability of the BC Forest Industry since Forestry is and has been throughout our history the most important industry in British Columbia. BC Liberal Government believes that reliable access to the United States market for our forest products is of fundamental importance to the economy of this Province.

The Solution: Given that the BC Liberal Government has supported the Softwood Lumber Agreement reached this year between the Federal Government and the United States, the BC Liberal Party supports the government of Canada's obtaining of a Softwood Lumber Agreement on favourable terms from the United States thus ensuring the viability of the BC Forest Industry.

Small Business – Passed

BCYL

The Problem: Small businesses are the major employer and job creator in the BC economy. Small businesses often do not have the same time and resources as large companies to navigate government regulation. In order to continue stimulating small business job creation and improve small investor confidence, government should continue addressing red tape.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to cutting red tape and easing the regulatory burden on business without reducing health, safety or environmental standards.

The Solution: British Columbia has the most confident small business sector in Canada. To ensure this confidence level continues into the future, the BC Liberal Party supports the small business roundtables and the ongoing citizen centered regulatory reform initiative that the government is currently undertaking. In addition, The BCYL asks that the BC Government to pursue an approach with both the Provincial and Federal Government to work together to cut red tape.

Tourism and the Chinese Market – Passed

Vancouver-Fraserview

The Problem: BC's economy is heavily dependent on tourism. China is becoming a major source of tourists, in fact total outbound travel from China has increased by 85% over the last ten years. Last year 32 million Chinese traveled abroad. However, over 70% of these tourists are visiting countries with Approved Destination Status (ADS) - a status that Canada currently does not have.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to doubling tourism by 2010.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party encourages the province to continue to support the federal government in working to achieve approved destination status for Canada.

Support for the Gateway Program – Passed

Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain

The Problem: The population in the Lower Mainland has grown by 750,000 people over the past 20 years and is anticipated to grow to over three million by 2031. The number of automobiles is increasing at a rate of 20,000 per year. This population, automobile growth, and goods movement is creating gridlock on Greater Vancouver's road network, which has had no significant improvements since the 1980s. Greater Vancouver residents consistently rate transportation as the number one issue in the region. (<http://www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca/>)

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals recognize the need to improve on our transportation routes across the province – to make them safer for our residents and improve the flow of our goods to market.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the Gateway program and encourages the provincial government to continue to develop sustainable transportation improvements for the greater Vancouver area that will improve the safety of our roads, incorporate a variety of transportation options, including bike lanes and public transportation while ensuring the free flow of goods to market.

Interchange Construction – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: Many high-volume highways contain at-grade intersections, restricting the free flow of traffic.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes that the free flow of transportation on BC's road network reduces the amount of time, money and fuel wasted on road congestion.

The Solution: Encourage the transportation ministry to construct grade-separated interchanges at high-volume intersections on the provincial highway network, with the ideal of building them to freeway standards. In conjunction with related highway initiatives such as the Gateway Program.

Inter-Regional District Transit – Passed
Burnaby-Willington

The Problem: Regional districts operate transit systems within their own boundaries, but little exists in terms of transit options between regions.

The Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional Districts are only linked by morning westbound and evening eastbound public transit surface rail.

BC Liberal Values: The party values the economic and social links between communities throughout British Columbia.

The Solution: We support the expansion of public transit bus routes linking the eastern municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District with the western municipalities of the Fraser Valley Regional District.



Group B - Education & Community Services

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Skills Development – Passed

BCYL, New Westminster, North Coast

The Problem: The latest figures from the Major Projects Inventory list estimates that 711 major construction projects, worth and estimate \$90.6 billion, are either under development or planned across the province. Our booming economy, fuelled in part by the incredible growth in the construction industry, has put pressure on the availability of skilled trades people and are increasing the cost of building- [build new job opportunity in trades/skills].

BC Liberal Values: Comprehensive strategy to address the need of skilled workers now and in the future in order that we meet the needs of all communities as they grow.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports continued investment in skills training through the Industry Training Authority to meet the needs of industry and communities in every corner of the Province. The implementation of the training tax credit introduced in Budget 2006 should be implemented as soon as possible in order to maximize the number of trades people completing their training and entering the workforce.

Post-Secondary for Low-Income Students – Passed

Richmond East, New Westminster

The Problem: 73% of forecast employment opportunities in 2011 will require some form of post-secondary education and/or training. Students from low-income backgrounds typically perceive the cost of education to be higher than it is, and they perceive the graduating incomes to be lower than they are. Consequently, many of these individuals do not even start post-secondary education and training. Many of those individuals who plan on working after graduation to save money for school don't return to school, and far fewer of those who do return stay on to completion of their training or education[-student's to take more spaces].

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberals value accessibility to post-secondary education and training. The BC Liberals value a knowledgeable and skilled workforce

The Solution: We support the development of innovative student funding and investment strategies that will allow students from low-income backgrounds to build savings and credits to be used for the purposes of post-secondary training and education. These strategies can include things like tying bursaries to Advancement Via Individual Determination BC programs, or to the Community Service Programs in high schools. These bursaries could be delivered in the form of credits within the institution being attended. Another option is to modify the RESP program to extend the age to which you can contribute to an RESP and allow for individuals to contribute to their own RESP, and benefit from tax savings if used for education and training. These initiatives should be actively communicated to high school students to ensure awareness and utilization.

Mandatory Booster Seat Use for Children under the age of 8, and under 36 kg – Passed

Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: Motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of serious injury and death for children 4-8 years old in British Columbia, injuring over 850 small children each year. Studies consistently demonstrate that the use of Booster Seats by 4-8 year old children provides 60% more protection than seatbelts alone since seat belts are engineered for use by a person with the height and weight of the typical adult male. However, BC's laws and regulations do not adequately address the safety needs of 4- to 8-year olds. Further, Booster Seats are inexpensive and easy to use, transfer and store, and increasing the use of Booster Seats by children between 4 and 8 years of age will result in a measurable decrease in the risk of serious injury and death for them.

BC Liberal Values: There is a role for government in ensuring there is a strong framework in place to protect children and enhance safety on our roadways, while at the same time ensuring that regulations reflect common sense and do not place undue hardships on families.

The Solution: We support changes to legislation and regulation to clarify booster seat definitions, to expand their mandatory use to include children 4 to 8 years of age and under 36 kilograms (80 lbs), and to eliminate various exemptions that currently exist.

Child and Family Development Authorities – Passed

Vancouver-Point Grey

The Problem: We know and the research tells us that what we are doing now for children in care is not in their best interests. Taking young children out of their families, away from their extended families, their schools, their neighborhoods, their culture, has a devastating effect. They do not do well in school, employment, and as adults. We are all responsible for these little children. They are dependent on us to provide the support and resources that may save their lives. There is need for an intense community engagement[too many children into care] .

BC Liberal Values: The 3rd great goal for a golden decade states: To build the best system of support in Canada for persons with disabilities, special needs, children at risk and seniors. This government is restructuring the Ministry of Children and Families towards a community governance model including Aboriginal peoples. This model would place the child at the center and engage all communities in supporting abused and neglected children to be the best they can be physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally and needs to have legislative power under the Family Development Authority.

The Solution: The B.C. Liberal Party supports the B.C. Government in the re-engagement of communities in the care and protection of vulnerable children and youth, and supports the enactment of legislation to establish Child and Family Development Authorities.

B.C.'s 150th Anniversary – Passed

BCYL

The Problem: In 2008 British Columbia will mark its 150th anniversary, the sesquicentennial. This anniversary marks a unique opportunity to celebrate British Columbia and its history in the lead up to 2010.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party values the history of this province and believes it is important to both recognize and celebrate.

The Solution: The BC Liberal party encourages the provincial government to develop a plan to mark, and celebrate our share 150 years of history.

Seniors Housing and Investing in Alternatives to Residential and Hospital Care – Passed

Vancouver Kingsway

The Problem: B.C. is currently home to about 600,000 seniors. By the year 2031, the seniors' population will be more than double to 1.3 millions, and will make up 23 percent of the total population. It is a fact that B.C. seniors are living longer, healthier lives, and want to remain independent as long as possible. As seniors age, their health needs can change and many need help with activities of daily living. Until recently, most people had just two options when they needed support: home care or residential care. Seniors deserve more options to allow them to maintain their independence as long as possible.

BC Liberal Values: Providing seniors with flexible housing and supportive living options that offer seniors to remain independent for as long as possible.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports:

1. That the Government continues it's program to build 5,000 new beds and more by the year 2008,
2. Continues to design and implement home and community care by providing more options for seniors,
3. Continues to enhance progressive programs such as assisted living, continuing care and senior housing that maximize the independence of seniors in the community.

Senior Care Funds – Passed
Burnaby-Edmonds

The Problem: Over burdened Seniors Care Funds.

BC Liberal Values: It is important that seniors receive care and support in their later years, and at the same time the costly burden of their maintenance is removed from the Public Health System.

The Solution: Provide financial incentives, such as tax breaks or monthly incomes, to extended family members who would take care of the seniors in their own homes. They can make sure that they receive the care and attention necessary in a familiar environment.

Veterans Policy – Passed

Richmond East

The Problem: Canadian veterans represent an aging demographic within society, with the average age of WW II vets being 82 years. As is the case in the larger senior population, veterans are faced with challenges in accessing support services and in maintaining a fully functional lifestyle. Furthermore, the spouses of veterans are experiencing additional difficulties in accessing services and supports after the passing of their spouses. Encourage federal government response

BC Liberals Values: BC Liberals greatly value and appreciate the contributions made to Canada by veterans and support improved services for all seniors.

The Solution: We call upon the provincial government to encourage the Federal government to develop accountability frameworks to ensure the effective provision of services and resources to veterans and their spouses. These accountability frameworks should be evaluated over a 3 year period.

FSA Testing – Passed

Langley

The Problem: The BCTF has urged all teachers to boycott the Foundation Skills Assessment, an annual test in reading, writing and numeracy for students in grades 4 and 7. They have created a brochure for parents titled: “FSA testing can be harmful for students.”

BC Liberal Values: Make BC the best educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent by 2010. Support measures that increase accountability by allowing the public to measure the success of public services.

The Solution: BC Liberal Party supports FSA testing, one important tool in measuring progress and ensuring the best programs are in place to reach our goal of making BC the best educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent by 2010.

Teacher Registry – Passed
Maple Ridge-Mission

The Problem: In British Columbia school districts do not have access to teacher's employment history making it difficult for districts to verify applicant's credentials.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals realize that a safe and quality learning environment is vital to the wellbeing of our children. Districts need access to teacher's employment to ensure they are hiring the best possible candidates for teaching jobs.

The Solution: BC Liberal Party strongly supports the establishment of a teacher registry.

Use of Community Schools – Passed
BCYL

The Problem: Taxpayers invest literally billion of dollars in schools throughout the province. However these building often sit empty in the evenings, weekends, and through the summer.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to transforming schools into vibrant community centres.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the development of community schools and infrastructure, and encourages the government to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure this infrastructure can be utilized by communities on a year round basis.

Class Size – Passed

Victoria-Hillside

The Problem: Class size is one of several important considerations in constructing an optimal learning environment for children. There is ongoing public debate about who should establish class size parameters.

BC Liberal Values: Children are the leaders of the future – an excellent education is critical to their success. BC Liberals value the input of all education partners. Our education system should reflect the values and needs of everyone involved in the wellbeing and growth of children.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party fully endorses the active and on-going participation of parents in School Planning Councils and in every aspect of their children's education. This involvement must also extend to the fundamental issue of class size.

Independent School Grants – Passed

Saanich North and the Islands

The Problem: Independent schools receive 50% of the per student public school grant, and must have expenditures commensurate with the local public school districts. At the same time, most independent schools charge annual fees of \$2000 to \$4000, and some of the non-religious schools have waiting lists of up to 3 years.

BC Liberal Values: The contribution independent schools make to children's education and our education system.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports increased financial support of Group 1 independent schools; The BC Liberal Party additional schools being provided with grants.

Magnet Schools in BC – Passed

Richmond East

The Problem: Currently most public secondary schools offer a comprehensive program within the mandated BC curriculum to their geographic community. While this provides choice across a range of studies, it does not allow for a specific focus for in-depth study of a discipline such as science, environmental design, writing or cultural arts and humanities or a particular focus on a learning need or predisposition such as trades, high level sports, or gifted learners

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals value diverse opportunities in education for all students groups.

The Solution: We support the development of magnet schools as one more educational choice for BC's students to address the unique needs or desires of learners. Magnet schools would identify and offer a particular focus in addition to the regular comprehensive program. Such schools would be encouraged to establish partnerships with colleges, universities, professional associations, trades and business to access expertise or specialized resources to support their programs.

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Lifelong Learning – Passed

North Vancouver-Lonsdale

The Problem:

Many high school graduates complete their basic education with no real plan for the future:

- Without a clear agenda, students ‘go through the motions’ towards completion
- Many discover their career path after being out in the world for a period of time
- When these students apply to college or university, they find their grade-point average (GPA) for entry to be deficient because of their previous inattention
- Returning to school to upgrade marks is prohibitive because school districts charge high tuition fees to graduated students; for example, the Continuing & International Education division of the Vancouver School Board charges adults \$425 per course to upgrade their marks. These fees prevent students from successfully upgrading their marks, which then prevents them from attending post-secondary education, which then denies them the opportunity to pursue their newfound career path
- ‘Late blooming’ should not be a deterrent to post-secondary education

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals support students and the concept of “lifelong learning”, and value the role of education in creating opportunities for British Columbians

The Solution:

We support amendments to the BC School Act that would allow students who have graduated high school to return to adult secondary, or equivalent, schools to upgrade their completed courses tuition-free, so as to enhance their post-secondary opportunities provided that:

- Only courses and programs with grades below 60% will be eligible for upgrade
- No new courses may be added to the transcript; only previous courses may be retaken.

Assessment Testing – Passed

New Westminster

The Problem: The only way parents can have access to an external evaluation of how well their children are doing in reading, writing and numeracy are the Foundation Skills Assessment test run each May.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals believe in the parent's right to be fully informed in matters relating to their children's education.

The Solution: We endorse the continuation of this assessment testing and propose that the Ministry continue this support.

Income Assistance – Passed
Oak Bay-Gordon Head

The Problem: People receiving income assistance often require job training and improved life skills to enter, or re-enter the workforce.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals believe that income assistance clients should be supported in moving towards a culture of employment and self-reliance. We want people on income assistance to be optimistic about their future and their place in society.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports that those on income assistance continue to be provided job training and life skills courses so that they, and their families, can take full advantage of the many jobs available in our booming economy.

Homeless Outreach Program – Passed

Vancouver-Burrard

The Problem: There are particular challenges in reaching some of the people who are homeless in our communities. The Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance has piloted an initiative to send members of that ministry to work with homeless individuals to gain their trust, sign them up and do an emergency intake on them so that they can get access to welfare, and on that very same day help them find a place to live. In Downtown Vancouver, it took 150 homeless people off the street.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals value looking after youth, the homeless, and those most vulnerable in our society.

The Solution: We support provincial implementation of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance initiative piloted as the Homeless Outreach Program.

Immigrant Settlement Funding Multiculturalism – Passed
Richmond Center

The Problem: While British Columbia is the second most popular destination for immigrants in Canada after Ontario, in 2005 our per capita funding for immigration settlement was only \$1,006 compared to \$3,400 in Ontario and \$3,800 in Quebec.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party believes that new Canadians should receive the support they need to fully take advantage of the liberties and freedoms all British Columbians enjoy.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the BC Government to lobby the federal government to increase immigration settlement funding comparable to the levels of Ontario and Quebec.

Strongest Start Possible – Passed

Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: B.C. leads the international academic community as experts on the benefits of quality child care for children, families and society as a whole. Despite this, B.C. lags behind most other Canadian provinces and Canada lags behind most other countries in the OECD in the provision of accessible and affordable quality child care for B.C. families.

BC Liberal Values: B.C. Liberals want all children, those 0 to 6 years of age as well as school aged children to have the opportunities necessary to achieve the strongest start possible in life, while their parents are engaged in the workforce or pursuing higher education.

The Solution: Building on the work that has already been done by government in collaboration with the Provincial Child Care Council and the broader community, B.C. Liberals support our B.C. government demonstrating strong leadership on behalf of the children and families of B.C. in the areas of policy development, program implementation and sufficient funding to ensure the vision and goals of a child care plan for B.C. are achieved.



Group C - Health Care & the Environment

Training of Health Care Providers – Passed

BCYL

The Problem: After the previous government failed to add one new doctor training space and reduced nurse training spaces, the BC Liberal Government committed to double the number of doctor training spaces and increase the number of nurse training spaces by 3000 since 2001. These expanded training opportunities are being offered in post-secondary institutions across British Columbia including UNBC, UVIC and UBC Okanagan. Even with these tremendous gains in the numbers of front line health care professionals being trained, we will continue to face challenges in recruitment and retention as the additional health care professionals take up to 10 years to train.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to maintaining an accessible public health care system with well trained health care professionals.

The Solutions: The BC Liberal Party supports the Provincial Government actions that have substantially increased the number of health care professionals trained in the province. The BC Liberal Party recognizes that increased training spaces for health care professionals are a key part of ensuring a sustainable health care system.

Support for Health Conversation – Passed
BCYL

The Problem: The BC Liberal Government has increased the health care budget by \$3.6 billion to \$12.1 billion since 2001. This increased funding has resulted in new and upgraded facilities, more surgeries and diagnostics, and more front line health care professionals. However, even with increased funding and services, population, technological innovation and demographic growth put tremendous pressure on the sustainability of the health care system.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to protecting our public health system by encouraging transformative change that renews the health care system, updates and strengthens the Canada Health Act and fundamentally addresses new challenges.

The Solutions: The BC Liberal Party supports the need to ensure British Columbians are fully engaged in a conversation aimed at preserving public health care over the long term.

The BC Liberal Party encourages a broad dialogue in all regions of the province in support of this conversation.

Investing in New Health Technology – Passed

Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain

The Problem: The people of BC deserve to have access to the best medical technology possible. It is imperative for the health and welfare of our citizens that the health system continues to adopt new IT and medical technology strategies to enhance the quality of care in BC. More investments should be made to ensure we enjoy a modernized and efficient technology system to improve patient care.

BC Liberal Values: A state of the art health care system that embraces technology to improve the efficiency and quality of our health care system.

The Solution:

That the BC Liberal Party supports:

1. Continuing to develop programs such as Telehealth that improve access to health care by overcoming geographic barriers.
2. Developing, in partnership with provincial and national stakeholders – to create a network of electronic health records that will eventually link to doctors' offices, laboratories, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies.
3. Working with health authorities, physicians, and other health professionals to deliver faster, safer and more effective patient care via information technology.

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End of Life Care (Palliative Care) – Passed
Richmond Center

The Problem: As the population ages, standards for end-of-life care need to be established that are appropriate for individual situations.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes that British Columbians are entitled to die with dignity and in relative comfort.

The Solution: Have the government, in consultation with the public, develop standards for end-of-life care with respect to public healthcare delivery.

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New Health Initiatives – Passed

West Vancouver-Capilano

The Problem: British Columbia's health care system is over-stretched, with costs climbing to an ever-higher proportion of the provincial budget, which is an unsustainable trend; and

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The Premier has proposed that the goal of sustainability should be included as an underlying principle of the Canada Health Act.

The Solution: We propose that the BC Liberal Party support initiatives to encourage the health professions to participate with the Health Authorities in generating greater efficiencies and capacity by:

- a. Becoming more flexible in accepting foreign trained personnel as doctors and nurses, developing programs permitting less expensive personnel such as nurse practitioners and midwives to perform routine or simpler tasks, and increasing available training programs for medical and nursing staff;
- b. Reducing waste by better management of resources such as home care workers, hospital beds and the like, including the organization of home care on a cluster organization basis in each community.

Pharmaceuticals – Passed

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The Solution: We propose that the BC Liberal Party support an initiative to revisit the present system for selection and approval of new pharmaceuticals, add "quality of life" medication for oncology patients to the approved list, and require pharmacists to monitor prescriptions to avoid over-medicating and adverse interactions.

Direct Funding for Health Authorities – Passed

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Community Education on Health Care – Passed
BCYL

The Problem: BC's health care system is burdened by a high demand for service that has increased costs and strained resources. Many of these demands are for services that do not require the attention of medical professionals or access to medical facilities.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberals value an accessible public health care system that provides high quality and timely service for all British Columbians.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports funding for education programs in communities that will enable citizens to treat common illnesses.

Second-hand Smoke – Passed

Vancouver-Hastings

The Problem: We know that every year in BC nearly 6000 people die as a result of tobacco related illness. We also know that health care costs for tobacco related illness in this province is nearly \$1.25 billion annually. Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is just as deadly outdoors as in and children can be particularly susceptible to the affects of second hand smoke.

BC Liberal Values: The 2nd great goal for a golden decade is to lead the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness.

The BC government has already taken some important steps to accomplish this goal in regards to tobacco use with its ambitious tobacco control strategy "Targeting Our Efforts". It has also introduced legislation through Worksafe BC that protects workers from the harmful affects of second-hand smoke and has launched an won a civil action against the tobacco industry for the recovery of treatment costs for tobacco related illness.

The Solution: We support any further measures to ensure non-smokers are protected from second-hand smoke.

Healthy Eating – Passed

BCYL

The Problem: Unhealthy eating has created increased pressures and demands on an already strained health care system, and produced a trend that threatens the lifestyle of British Columbians and the capacity of health care resources.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals value healthy living and an innovative approach to health care that ensures stability and sustainability for all generations.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports incentives that will make healthy foods more affordable and encourage British Columbians to purchase supplements, functional foods and other products that will ensure a healthy lifestyle.

The BC Liberal Party supports the Act Now Program and encourage the Government to expand Healthy Eating Educational Programs into the K-12 Programs.

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Act Now BC – Passed

North Vancouver-Seymour

The Problem:

British Columbians need a healthier lifestyle:

- Adult and child obesity levels are increasing with all of the attendant health care challenges.
- A number of communities have undertaken complementary initiatives targeted at encouraging British Columbians to be more active.
- Province wide leadership on this issue would be welcome

BC Liberal Values:

BC Liberals value healthy living and local initiative:

- True ‘health care’ is the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.
- The best initiatives are the ones closest to home.
- A province-wide initiative that would contribute positively to individual community programs would be a ‘double-win’

The Solution

An ‘Active BC’ Passport program would be:

- A program in which British Columbians would have access to the recreation and community events throughout the province just by signing up for a passport in their own community.
- An adventure game that would encourage individuals and families to travel to other communities in the province.
- Supported by a website that would coordinate the program across the province and provide information and guidance for the program.
- A program that should be up and running well before the 2010 Games.

Residency for Foreign Trained Doctors – Passed
Burnaby Willington

The Problem: Many foreign trained doctors, who have had their medical credentials recognized in British Columbia, still cannot practice medicine due to a shortage of residency spaces. There are only six residency spaces available for foreign trained doctors in BC every year.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals want to allow every British Columbian to contribute to their full potential. BC Liberals want more doctors to be working in our public health care system.

The Solution: We support dramatically increasing the number of residency spaces available for foreign-trained doctors in BC.

Mental Health and Addiction – Passed

Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: The number of people suffering from mental health illnesses, substance addiction and related dual diagnoses has reached a disgraceful level which contributes to the perception of a callous society that ignores the desperate needs of many of its seriously ill members. This is the situation at a time when the eyes of the world are increasingly turned our way.

BC Liberal Values: We value supportive, nurturing communities that encourage the development of productive citizens who lead meaningful lives and have positive relationships.

The Solution: We support the enhanced implementation of the Government's key strategies relating to mental health and addiction outlined in the Ministry of Health's current Service Plan, by developing and aggressively funding comprehensive and measurable programs that aid and enforce community driven and managed activities designed to help people suffering from mental health and/or addiction issues.

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Air Quality – Transportation – Passed

North Vancouver-Lonsdale

Problem: 40% of BC Greenhouse gas emissions are produced by transportation

BC Liberal Values: To lead the world in sustainable environmental management with the best air quality!

Solution: The North Vancouver Lonsdale Liberal Riding recognizes and applauds the research and development initiatives supported by our provincial government in order to reduce idling, improve rapid transit options and market biodiesel. We encourage our government to continue the \$2,000 PST exemption on hybrid vehicles past March 31st, 2008 in order to encourage more people to purchase fuel efficient vehicles and further encourages the provincial government to support efforts to develop biodiesel and other alternative fuel sources, which would result in improvements to air quality through the reduction of Carbon Dioxide emissions in British Columbia.

Salmon Aquaculture – Passed

North Island

The Problem: Despite being an environmentally sustainable industry, salmon aquaculture has been questioned by some, including vested interest groups.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party believes that our province should lead the way in sustainable environmental management, with the best air and water quality, and the best fisheries management – bar none and that we should create more jobs per capital than anywhere else in Canada.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party continue to support a risk managed, science based approach to salmon aquaculture.

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Shaping Our Future in a Changing Climate – Passed

Vancouver-Point Grey, New Westminster

The Problem: BC has the potential to lead discussions on climate change and look at all aspects of human impact on our province, country and planet.

BC Liberal Values: B.C. Liberal values are to lead the world in sustainable, environmental management with the best air and water quality. This includes supporting a global, national and provincial framework of managing climate change and adapting to its consequences.

The Solution: The B.C. Liberal Party supports the B.C. Government to lead Canada with key initiatives to prevent and adapt to climate change.

Emission Testing for Larger Vehicles – Passed

New Westminster

The Problem: Exhaust diesel fumes from trucks and buses contribute to air pollution with adverse health effects and the highly competitive trucking and bus industries cannot afford to upgrade their equipment without financial incentives,

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals believe in actions that improve public health.

The Solution: We recommend that trucks and buses be required to undergo mandatory emission testing.

Untapped Offshore Oil and Natural Gas – Passed
New Westminster

The Problem: B.C. has untapped onshore and offshore oil and natural gas reserves which are not contributing to the economy.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals believe in a strong economy that develops our resources and creates jobs.

The Solution: We suggest that science-based assessments be conducted to ensure that the exploration and development of these resources takes place in an environmentally responsible manner.

Suicide Prevention Strategy – Passed
Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: Suicide has become the #1 killer of B.C. youth.

BC Liberal Values: B.C. Liberals want all youth to be supported at home and within our communities so that they become well balanced adults from families that are supported in dealing with the stressors that can lead to suicide.

The Solution: B.C. Liberals support the B.C. government in developing a province wide youth suicide prevention strategy and then supporting the implementation of that strategy within all B.C. communities.



Group D - Public Safety & Labour Relations

Training for Emergency Response Providers – Passed

West Vancouver-Capilano

The Problem: The problem is that often the fire department is the first emergency response team to arrive at the scene of a life-threatening incident, whether an accident or an illness related emergency. Presently fire department crews are typically trained in first aid to First Responder level 3 only, which means they have only a very limited ability to respond to serious medical problems. Additional funding would permit firefighters to seek Occupational First Aid certification or other higher certification.

BC Liberal Values: The Liberal Party's great goals for the next five years include leading the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness, and building the best system of support in Canada for persons with disabilities, special needs, children at risk and seniors.

The Solution: We support funding for a program to provide training for firefighters to raise the level of their first aid and emergency medical training.

**Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Violent Crimes – Passed
*Vancouver-Hastings***

The Problem: Many Canadians are concerned that in cases of violent crime sentences do not always reflect the severity of the crime. Such sentences undermine the public's faith in our justice system. On May 4 this year, the federal government proposed legislation imposing mandatory sentences between three to ten years for gun related crime.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to building safe and secure communities, while ensuring that victims of violent crime, and their families are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports and encourages the federal government in the development of legislation that ensures strong minimum sentences for violent crimes.

Driving Suspensions – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: Operations of a motor vehicle by drivers without a license or suspended license can be further deterred with increased penalties.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes that British Columbians expect only people with a valid driver's license on the road.

The Solution: Encourage the government to expand the impoundment penalty provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act* for operating a vehicle without a valid license (or under suspension) (amendment passed).

BC Liberals Convention 2006

Organ Donation – Passed

Richmond East

The Problem: A 2001 Environics poll for Health Canada found that 96% of Canadians approved of organ donation, but only 45% said they had signed their donor card or registered as a donor. Over 4,000 Canadians were waiting for an organ transplant in 2005 of which 283 died while on the waiting list. Statistics from the Canadian Institute for Health show that, as a result of the shortage of donated organs, 5 people die each week waiting for transplants. Further compounding the problem is the fact that family members may override a deceased individual's wish to be an organ donor.

BC Liberals Values: BC Liberals recognize the importance of organ donation and the need to encourage more British Columbians to consider donating.

The Solution: We call upon the provincial government to actively promote the ICBC partnership to secure consent for organ donation. This would ensure that the majority of British Columbians are reminded to consider organ donation on a regular basis.

Elder Abuse – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: There are legal standards for reporting the abuse or suspected abuse of children, but not seniors.

BC Liberal Values: Seniors, as well as all British Columbians, are entitled to live free of abuse.

The Solution: Have the government enact legislation similar to child abuse programs (e.g. *Child, Family, Community Service Act*) for the protection of seniors.

Local Policing – Passed

Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain

The Problem: The RCMP is moving towards a more integrated police services with financial resources coming from local municipal government. The additional funding places cost pressures on local governments to cover regional police services.

BC Liberal Values: New integrated policing units to fight organized crime, solve murders and improve coordination between jurisdictions.

The Solution: The BC Liberals (support additional policing services) (amendment passed) to fund additional integrated police services, allowing local governments to target local policing requirements.

ID Theft Prevention – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: Institutions with access to private information (e.g. banks, hospitals, etc.) are frequently having this information stolen and used for nefarious purposes.

BC Liberal Values: The party believes in an individual's right to privacy and not to have one's private information needlessly open to third parties.

The Solution: Work with government to establish guidelines concerning the shredding of documents containing personal information and secure handling of electronic data for industries that handle personal information (e.g. banks, hospitals, etc.).

Child Exploitation – Passed

Vancouver-Hastings

The Problem: Images of child sexual exploitation are traded continuously throughout the world and in British Columbia every day. We also understand that the images are only the tip of the iceberg in relation to the life-long physical and emotional damage that the acts depicted cause to the child. Despite the best efforts of the Integrated Child Exploitation Unit, including their direct involvement in some 30 arrests in our province, enforcement agencies are significantly overwhelmed by the magnitude of the child pornography uncovered, in British Columbia alone.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is committed to the safety and security of all British Columbians, particularly those that are unable to adequately fend for themselves. BC Liberals recognize children as our most valuable resource and therefore, have identified the fight against child exploitation and pornography as a priority.

The Solution: BC Liberals support and encourage governments (at all levels) to increase resource allocation (staff and funding) to levels that are sufficient to appropriately address the problem of child sexual exploitation and pornography. We support an increase in staffing within the Integrated Child Exploitation Unit to 15 officers (minimum) from its current 5.

We further support an increase in funding for awareness and education campaigns that identify the problem of child sexual exploitation and pornography and for programs that encourage private corporations and citizens to assist in identifying persons that produce, exchange or view child pornography.

Auxiliary Constables – Passed
Burnaby-Edmonds

The Problem: Auxiliary constables are a strictly volunteer force, that have made the conscious decision to supplement the regular RCMP ranks, at the same time putting their personal safety at risk.

BC Liberal Values: There is a need to ensure both police and public safety, and it is important to initiate measures to maintain this situation.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Government should re-instate the policy for auxiliary RCMP (and municipal police forces) (amendment passed) members to be armed, (with training certification) (amendment passed) so that they can provide the same measure of safety to both themselves and the RCMP constables they accompany on patrol.

Child Endangerment – Passed

Burnaby-Edmonds

The Problem: Currently there is an inability in British Columbia for police and parents to apprehend teenagers between the ages of 14 and 16 that are at risk to themselves and others under existing laws.

BC Liberal Values: The protection of children against exploitation from criminal elements, and measures to ensure their safety should be a priority.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Government should institute a law similar to that of Alberta, that will provide the Police (and their parents) (amendment passed) with the necessary tools to take the most vulnerable of our society, our children, out of the clutches of those who would exploit them.

Bullying in the School System – Passed

Vancouver-Burrard

BCYL

The Problem: It is acknowledged that students benefit academically and socially from a safe learning environment. However, many students in the school system are subject to bullying, harassment, intimidation and discrimination.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberals support creating safe schools in British Columbia, free of bullying, harassment, intimidation and discrimination.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports amending the School Act to require school boards to establish district-wide code of conduct policy (concerning safe schools) that meets provincial guidelines (that include regulations) with enforcement (provisions) and educational programs to ensure compliance.

BC Liberals Convention 2006

Police Resource Review – Passed

Port Moody-Westwood

The Problem: For most of the last two decades, police staffing and resources have not kept pace with the growth of BC and the rise of many complex urban issues. The recent allocation of resources by the BC government to increase the number of police officers in BC is an important first step in addressing this longstanding problem. However, further attention to this matter is in order.

BC Liberal Values: The maintenance of both the reality and the perception of personal safety and the sanctity of personal property are fundamental BC Liberal values.

The Solution: We support a fundamental review to establish the level and character of police resources that are required to enforce existing laws in the context of our rapidly changing and complex society, and to provide for a consistent long-term policy framework.

Foreign Credential Recognition – Passed

Richmond Center

The Problem: Many new British Columbians are under-employed because the credentials they hold are not recognized in Canada.

BC Liberal Values: To continue to create a competitive, strong and open economy where business and individuals can find prosperity for themselves and their families.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the provincial government's efforts to recognize (or to upgrade to provincial standards for) (amendment passed) foreign or extra-provincial credentials by working with professional organizations to incorporate standards for qualified people.

Public Service Retention – Passed

BCYL

The Problem: Government workers provide services that literally tens of thousands of British Columbians depend on. However, by 2010 about 11,000 or 1/3 of the government workforce will be eligible for retirement.

BC Liberal Values: The BC Liberal Party is supportive of making public service an admirable career choice, and with that, the BC public service an employer of choice.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports the province in developing a comprehensive human resources strategy to ensure the government continues to attract and retain excellent public servants.

Private Ballots for Union Elections – Passed

Saanich North and the Islands

The Problem: There are instances where elections for office through unions are subject to pressure from various internal sources.

BC Liberal Values: Openness and transparency for democratic processes.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports union members having the right to vote by private ballot for elected officers.

**Detailed Access to Budgeting for Unionized Members –
Passed**

Saanich North and the Islands

The Problem: Transparency of expenditures for union dues is seen as lacking by some union members.

BC Liberal Values: An open and transparent budget process

The Solution: The BC Liberal Party supports unions providing their members with audited annual statements that demonstrate the allocation of resources, differentiating between those used for basic day-to-day union activities, and those used for other purposes.

Elimination of Mandatory Retirement – Passed

New Westminster

The Problem: Mandatory retirement is age discriminatory and forced retirement adds to the shortage of skilled professionals in the work force.

BC Liberal Values: BC Liberals strongly support non-discriminatory practices.

The Solution: We recommend the removal of (non bona fide) (amendment passed) mandatory retirement regulations (to include the amending of the BC Human Rights Act) (amendment passed).

BC Liberals Convention 2006

Legal Services – Passed

West Vancouver-Capilano

The Problem: The previous government established a sales tax on legal services, ostensibly to fund legal aid services, which was probably a worthy purpose. However the revenues generated far exceeded the amounts which the government provided for legal aid services. Subsequently government cut legal aid funding, despite the surplus, but neither reduced nor abolished the tax.

The British Columbia Court of Appeal has now determined that such taxes are unconstitutional to the extent that they purport to tax legal services related to the determination of rights and obligations by courts of law or independent administrative tribunals.

British Columbia is the only province in Canada which levies such taxes. An independent study by Roslyn Kunin has established that this tax contributes to a lack of business competitiveness.

BC Liberal Values: To create more jobs per capita than anywhere else in Canada.

The Solution: We support the abolition of social services tax on legal services of all types.

Election Process – Passed

Burnaby-Edmonds

The Problem: Currently the rules surrounding the means of identification for voters during a Provincial Election leave room for misuse.

BC Liberal Values: It is important that elections are conducted in a fair and even manner, and that all steps are taken to ensure voter identification is correct.

The Solution: The BC Liberal Government should conduct a full review to tighten up registration criteria for all provincial general elections to ensure the integrity of the process.