

Together, We Can Do Hard Things

Our Vision for a Green New Deal for NL

A Green New Deal for NL represents a broad, holistic, and systemic shift of societal values based on meaningful partnerships with communities to support a sustainable, happy and fulfilling life for every human being. Achieving a successful Green New Deal includes genuine consultations, community-focused solutions, and recognizing the personal as political.

Societal shifts include:

- **Localizing** and **diversifying** our economies while maintaining a relationship with the global marketplace.
- **Valuing** the voices of **Indigenous** peoples, from whom we can learn better land stewardship and better ways of knowing, and the voices of typically **marginalized populations**, from whom we can gain diverse perspectives.
- **Rejecting** consumerism, capitalism, exploitation, and colonialism in favour of **sustainability, democratic socialism, care, and sovereignty**.
- Championing the values of **equality/fairness, democracy/freedom, and community/solidarity**.

These shifts will be applied to, in no particular order:

- **Energy production:** an end to all oil exploration and production, transitioning to small-scale, renewable energy production.
- **Community development:** focusing on better land management, mitigating urban sprawl, and conserving ecosystems.
- **Resource management:** better management of our water resources; focusing on waste reduction, from production to consumption; supporting the concept of a circular society, through research and policy.
- **Financial and economic reform:** a fair tax system; implementing a universal basic income; developing a greener and democratic economy; measuring provincial success by social health indicators, rather than by GDP; a review of corporate law and promoting the nationalization of more industries.
- **Family care:** a community-centered childcare strategy; expanding healthcare; public funding for domestic labour and home care; eliminating gender-based violence.
- **Employment:** changing the structure of the labour force and valuing all types of work; having shorter workweeks; retraining workers for a greener economy; supporting entrepreneurship and family-centered business models.
- **Transportation:** a comprehensive public transit infrastructure, including electric vehicles; shifting away from car culture; promoting active and public transportation.
- **Education:** reinvesting and modifying education from pre-K to PhD; introducing curricula focused on empathy, creative problem solving, and active and responsible citizenship.
- **Democratic reform:** better representation of Indigenous and marginalized populations; eliminating the “first-past-the-post” system; ending partisanship; regulating fair media.

- **Environmental legislation:** the declaration of a climate emergency by the provincial government of Newfoundland and Labrador; implementing of measurable and actionable environmental policies.
- **Food security:** increasing support for and the promotion of local food production.