

Scheer to introduce public transit tax credit, putting more money in the pocket of Canadians

Justin Trudeau thinks he can spend your money better than you can. When he eliminated the Public Transit Tax Credit and took important financial support away from 1.8 million Canadians, he said the credit was just too “complex”.

Life is expensive enough already without the government costing you more.

In Canada, people commuting to work by public transit has increased by [59.5 per cent over a 20-year period](#). Nearly [85 per cent](#) of all local transit trips in the GTA are made on the TTC. In 2018, the annual ridership on GO Transit was 71.7 million with [91 per cent](#) of train commuters riding to and from Union Station. Latest data from TransLink in Metro Vancouver shows that transit ridership reached an all-time high in 2018 with TransLink ridership increasing by [7.1 per cent](#).

A new Conservative government will introduce a Green Public Transit Tax Credit to reduce the cost of public transit.

Andrew Scheer and Canada’s Conservatives have a plan for you and your family to get ahead: lowering your taxes, living within our means, and putting more money in your pockets.

THE ISSUE

- Justin Trudeau and the Liberals have made life harder and more unaffordable for your family. He has raised taxes and made the costs of everyday essentials more expensive.
- In 2017, the Liberals cancelled the Public Transit Tax Credit, eliminating important financial support to 1.8 million Canadians.
- Trudeau said the Public Transit Tax Credit wasn’t doing enough to encourage people to take public transit.
- He claimed the credit was “complex” and that there was “low take-up” – a direct contradiction to the transit authorities, like the TTC, who said that eliminating the credit would “erode” some of the positive gains made to ridership numbers.

THE PLAN

- The Green Public Transit Tax Credit is a 15 per cent tax credit for the purchase of public transit passes.
- Eligible expenses will include monthly transit passes, as well as weekly passes and electronic fare cards when used for an extended period.
- Eligible transit passes must allow for unlimited travel within Canada on:
 - o Local busses
 - o Streetcars
 - o Subways
 - o Commuter trains
 - o Commuter busses
 - o Local ferries
- **A family of four (two parents and two high school students) who regularly use the TTC would save almost \$1,000 per year.**
- **A young professional regularly commuting on GO Transit from Oshawa to downtown Toronto would save around \$650 per year.**

- **A family of four (two parents and two high school students) who regularly uses Translink (3 zones) would save around \$800 per year.**
- **A young professional regularly commuting on the West Coast Express from Mission City to downtown Vancouver would save around \$600 per year.**
- Canadians will be able to claim the credit for transit costs borne by themselves, their spouses, and children under the age of 19.
- The Green Public Transit Tax Credit is part of our [Real Plan to Protect the Environment](#) - a plan that strikes a balance between conserving our environment for future generations, protecting our children from the effects of climate change, and making a real impact on global emissions reduction, and our core promise of leaving more money in the pockets of Canadians.
- The Green Public Transit Tax Credit will also reduce congestion on our roads and cut commute times for Canadians so that everyone can get home faster at the end of the work day.

THE CHOICE

- This election will be about choosing a Prime Minister and a government who will help you get ahead.
- A choice between a Conservative government that will make life easier for families by lowering the cost of living or a Justin Trudeau Liberal government which has raised taxes, racked up debt and deficits, and made life more expensive for people like you.
- You can't trust Justin Trudeau to help you get ahead. When it comes to affordability, Justin Trudeau is not as advertised.
- Andrew Scheer has a plan for you and your family to get ahead: lowering your taxes, living within our means, and putting more money in your pockets.