

Scheer to introduce Green Home Renovation Tax Credit to lower emissions, put more money in Canadians' pockets

Justin Trudeau talks a big game about climate change. However, by every measure, he is just not as advertised.

Under Trudeau's carbon tax, Canada is moving further and further away from its emissions reduction targets. That's because he's given Canada's largest emitters a massive carbon tax exemption, while forcing hard-working Canadians to pay more for everyday essentials like gasoline, groceries, and home heating.

In 2016, Trudeau's Liberal government estimated that their plan would fall 44 megatonnes short of their targets.^[8] In 2017, their UN submission showed that they would fall 66 Mt short.^[9] In 2018, they projected that they would fall a whopping 103 Mt short of the Paris target.^[10]

Only Canada's Conservatives have **A Real Plan to Protect our Environment**, a plan that will actually help lower global emissions without costing Canadians more with a carbon tax.

Part of that plan is the Green Home Renovation Tax Credit, a 20% refundable credit on green home renovations that lower emissions from homes.

THE ISSUE

- The Parliamentary Budget Officer says the Trudeau carbon tax would have to increase five-fold for Canada to reach its Paris targets. By his own admission, if given four more years, Justin Trudeau will increase the carbon tax and increase the price of everyday essentials. Gasoline will increase 31 cents/ litre, natural gas will increase by \$469 per year, and the cost to an average household could increase by hundreds of dollars.
- Justin Trudeau's Carbon Tax gives big polluters a pass while punishing Canadians for driving to work and heating their homes. Canadian families and small businesses will pay 92% of Trudeau's Carbon Tax, while big polluters are only on the hook for 8%.

OUR PLAN

- Canada's Conservatives have **A Real Plan to Protect Our Environment**, built on our proud Conservative legacy and based on three guiding principles: green technology, not taxes; a cleaner, greener natural environment; and taking the climate change fight global.
- Our plan balances the need for Canada to fight climate change by lowering emissions with our core promise of leaving more money in Canadians' pockets and letting them get ahead.
- We will introduce a Green Home Renovation Tax Credit for green home renovations and improvements. Canadians will be eligible to receive a 20% refundable credit for green improvements to their homes of over \$1,000 and up to \$20,000. **This will allow Canadians to save up to \$3,800 on their renovations each year.**
- The Green Home Renovation Tax Credit will save Canadians money in the short term and in the long term. These home improvements do not just save energy; they can also save money through lower home energy costs. Green home improvements can contribute to the value of your home as well.
- We want to encourage all Canadians to play a part in the fight against climate change. In 2017, buildings represented about 12 per cent of Canada's emissions, or 85

megatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. The Green Home Renovation Tax Credit will help reduce emissions here at home.

- The Green Home Renovation Tax Credit is a two-year plan to encourage and incentivize Canadians to adopt green home improvements.
- Enviro Economics estimates that the Green Home Renovation Tax Credit will reduce emissions by 9.02 megatonnes, resulting in energy savings that remain permanently after any retrofitting is complete.

THE CHOICE

This October, Canadians will have a choice between the Trudeau Liberals, a government that said it would help the middle class, but instead raised taxes and made life more expensive for every Canadian – and a new Conservative government that will put more money in your pocket, so you can get ahead.

Climate change is a real, global problem that will require decisive action at the federal level.

For years, provinces across our country and governments around the world have tried to reduce emissions with a carbon tax. It's clear that this isn't working.

It is time for Canada to act as a real leader and bring forward new, innovative solutions.

The Trudeau Liberals put a carbon tax in place to make driving your car and heating your home more expensive, hoping that you, the consumer, will seek different, cleaner alternatives. Here's the catch: cleaner, more affordable alternatives don't always exist. Many commuters in the GTA often do not have another option but to drive their car to work and back home to their families. Seniors in rural British Columbia often have no other option but to heat their homes with affordable and reliable natural gas or propane. Middle-class families just trying to pay their bills do not always have the flexibility to make different choices, and sometimes, those choices simply aren't available to them. In the end, Trudeau's Carbon Tax takes money out of your pockets and puts it into the government's coffers.

There is a better way to fight climate change and reduce our emissions.

We can encourage and support the development and adoption of green technology to make environmentally friendly alternatives available.

We can do this without making the lives of Canadians harder and more expensive.

Canada is well positioned to be a top contributor in clean technology development. Our country boasts a skilled workforce, strong financial system, access to global markets, and proximity to key trading markets like those in the United States.

We have world-renowned expertise in artificial intelligence and high-tech and a proven track record of innovation in key industrial sectors.

A new Conservative government will make sure that our policies encourage those who want to act to reduce emissions, while remaining competitive and able to grow.

Our **Green Technology, Not Taxes** approach will take real action at home to reduce our emissions, fight climate change, and conserve and protect our environment, all while maintaining our core promise of putting more money in your pocket, so you can ahead.