

## **Andrew Scheer announces National Energy Corridor project**

Canada's potential is as vast as the distance between our shores. We've brought people together – from all walks of life, from all around the world – in pursuit of something bigger than ourselves: building a peaceful, prosperous country that offers opportunity to all who seek it.

Justin Trudeau lacks that leadership and vision. He pursues short-sighted policies for short-term political gains. He has pitted region against region and province against province.

It's time for a government that understands we're in this together. It's time for a government that embraces the optimism and vision of great Canadians like Sir John A. Macdonald, Louis St. Laurent, and John Diefenbaker and nation-defining projects like the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Saint Lawrence Seaway, and the Dempster Highway. It's time for a government that creates jobs and opportunities while uniting Canadians.

A National Energy Corridor will unite Canadians and create jobs and prosperity all across the country.

### **THE ISSUE**

- Canada's energy sector is a critical part of our national economy, particularly in rural areas.
- In 2017, natural resources contributed:
  - 17 per cent of GDP
  - 1.82 million jobs (direct and indirect)
  - \$89 billion in capital expenditure
  - \$22 billion in revenues to governments
  - \$236 billion in exports.<sup>1</sup>
- When Justin Trudeau became Prime Minister, there were three private companies (i.e. Kinder Morgan, Enbridge, and Trans Canada) willing to invest more than \$30 billion to build three nation-building projects that would have created tens of thousands of jobs and generated billions in economic activity. Not a single metre of new pipeline has been built since Justin Trudeau took office.
- Canada has become a less attractive place to invest because of such short-sighted legislation as Bill C-69, the no-more pipelines bill, and C-48, the oil shipping ban.
- Reduced investment capital means lost jobs and opportunity. Natural resource projects require significant capital to develop and provide high paying, family-supporting jobs, so this will have a negative impact well into the future.
- Canada has been a world leader in innovation and environmental performance in these industries. Starving Canadian projects of investment capital can undermine global progress in these areas

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<sup>1</sup> [http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2018/rncan-nrcan/M2-17-2018-eng.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2018/rncan-nrcan/M2-17-2018-eng.pdf)

- The International Energy Agency's 2018 World Energy Outlook forecasted that global energy demand will grow 25 per cent by around 2040.<sup>2</sup>
- Lack of pipeline capacity, particularly to Canadian ports, contributes to price gaps for Canadian crude.
- In Canada, about two-thirds of electricity production comes from renewables and about 80 per cent comes from emissions-free sources. At present, only about 11 per cent is exported to the United States.<sup>3</sup>
- Access to clean electricity varies by region, and there is interest in strengthening inter-provincial grids.

## THE PLAN

- An Andrew Scheer-led Conservative government will create a National Energy Corridor to carry Canadian energy and resources from coast to coast.
- It will generate economic and social benefits for the entire country by moving oil, gas, hydroelectricity, telecommunications, and potentially accommodating other linear infrastructure.
- A National Energy Corridor would have a range of economic and social benefits, including:
  - lowering the cost of environmental assessments without sacrificing quality
  - increasing certainty for project proponents
  - creating opportunities for Indigenous communities along the route
  - and providing opportunities for remote communities to improve their connectivity to the grid and/or to telecommunications infrastructure.
- Energy corridors would have a number of environmental benefits, including:
  - allowing clean energy to be more widely distributed
  - reducing the overall footprint of linear projects
  - increasing the frequency of inspections in the right-of-way and therefore decreasing the risk of spills or accidents
  - minimizing risks to sensitive habitats through strategic planning
  - and allowing smaller renewable power projects to become more economically viable by reducing the amount of transmission line that must be built in order to connect to the grid.
- A new Conservative government will appoint a blue-ribbon task force to provide recommendations within six months of its establishment on how to proceed.
- The panel would consider such issues as:
  - Indigenous consultation
  - the role of provinces and relevant provincial laws
  - potential uses for the corridor and whether there is potential conflict between these uses
  - process options and their related costs
  - regions and industries that would benefit most from a corridor
  - and a potential route that could connect these regions.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aboutpipelines.com/en/blog/why-canada-needs-more-pipelines/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/january-2019/a-national-energy-grid-would-be-a-clean-win-for-canada/>

- In addition to creating a National Energy Corridor, a new Conservative government will realize the potential of Canada's energy sector by:
  - repealing the carbon tax
  - repealing Bill C-69
  - ending the ban on shipping traffic in British Columbia
  - ensuring that the Trans Mountain Expansion is built
  - establishing clear timelines for regulatory approvals and ensuring Indigenous consultations take place up front and right away
  - banning foreign funded advocacy groups from using the approvals process to block important projects in the energy sector
  - and asserting federal jurisdiction when necessary.

## **THE CHOICE**

- On October 21, Canadians will have a choice between a new Conservative government that will make life easier for families by lowering the cost of living, or a Justin Trudeau-led government that will make life even more expensive.
- They will have a choice between a new Conservative government that will create jobs and unite Canadians, or a Justin Trudeau-led government that sows divisions for short-term political gains.
- Justin Trudeau can't be trusted to help Canadian workers and their families get ahead.
- Only an Andrew Scheer-led Conservative government will lower your taxes and put more money in your pockets so that you can get ahead.