



## **2016 Election Platform**

### **Transforming Our Economy**

The Yukon Green Party will transform our economy into one that is well balanced and accounts for the long term goals and needs of all Yukoners. A balanced economy holds everyone responsible for the true cost of what they choose to do or not do.

#### **Examples:**

- Institute a Carbon Tax of \$30/tonne that would apply to all consumers and rise by \$10/tonne per year. This could either be implemented as a revenue neutral tax shift or as a Fee and Dividend system which would amount to about \$300 per year, per person, rising each year.
- “Untax Yukon Manufacturing” by introducing a ‘Buy Green Yukon’ campaign, and a ‘Clean Air Tax Credit’ for green business initiatives.
- Support and encourage infrastructure and facilities that recycle and re-purpose waste items locally.

### **Caring For One Another**

The Yukon Green Party is committed to a major overhaul of current policies and mindsets defining our current health and social services, education and transportation system.

#### **Examples:**

- Unify all current income support programs into one comprehensive Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) of \$25,000 per household whose annual income is \$25,000 or less. The GLI provides a basic income and removes systemic barriers that keep people poor, untrained, unemployed or underemployed. At the same time, it encourages employment and job creation.
- Collaborate with neighbouring jurisdictions to bulk purchase prescription drugs.
- Implement a territory-wide public transit system to more easily travel between all Yukon communities.

## **Respecting the Value of Our Resources**

The Yukon's vast resources provide Yukoners with immediate and accessible food, water and shelter. At least it could if it weren't constantly under threat of damaging, toxic and polluting development.

### **Examples:**

- Enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the Human Rights Commission mandate.
- Include the monetary value of natural resources and natural ecosystem services in all accounting.
- Remove barriers and provide incentives for the growth, processing and providing of local food.
- Prioritize the protection, filtration and infrastructure maintenance required for ensuring a drinkable fresh water supply.
- Adopt a 'Best Practices' certification process to ensure Mining and Exploration individuals and companies are able to reduce negative environmental impacts. Which would include 'No permits to be issued for plans involving tailings ponds' and would instead favour dry stacking.

## **Reforming Government**

The Yukon Green Party has witnessed growing frustration with a political system that is much too inaccessible. Current and future voters alike need to see an upgrade in government practices significant enough to restore confidence in not only the ability to govern, but also the ability to ensure that the rights and values of citizens of Yukon are being respected and represented accurately.

### **Examples:**

- Replace our current First Past the Post voting system with the most democratic and regionally appropriate Proportional Representation voting system.
- Implement campaign finance reform to eliminate corporate and union donations, to cap the amount of individual donations, and to restrict donations to residents of Yukon.
- Recognize and affirm aboriginal and treaty rights in a fair, efficient, and respectful manner and ensure the territorial government lives up to the spirit and intent of the Land Claims Agreements.

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