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**This is a brief summary of the four main federal parties' platforms and positions for the upcoming federal election. It includes links to each party's official website. These talking points are taken directly from each party's official website, and do not in any way reflect the opinions of the OlderWomen's Network. Our goal at OWN is simply to provide easy access to information for the election on October 21, 2019.**

## MAKE TIME TO VOTE

**Below the party summaries are some questions you might want to ask your candidates.**

## Liberal Party

Website:

<https://2019.liberal.ca/>

Platform:

- Building a strong middle class
- Investing in good, middle class jobs
- Protecting our environment and moving our economy forward
- Building a stronger Canada
- Building a better future with Indigenous Peoples
- Securing Canada's Place in the World

## **Conservative Party**

Website:

<https://www.conservative.ca/>

### **NOTE: NO OFFICIAL PLATFORM ON THE WEBSITE**

Main Points:

- Justin Trudeau: High-Carbon Hypocrite
- Andrew Scheer's Foreign Policy Plan
- National Energy Corridor
- Trudeau Government Approves Appointment of Assad Supporter
- Andrew Scheer's Green Public Transit Tax Credit
- Andrew Scheer's Universal Tax Cut

## **NDP**

Website:

<https://www.ndp.ca/>

Platform:

- We can expand medicare so people are covered from head-to-toe – including pharmacare that covers everyone.
- We can ask the ultra-rich to pay a little bit more – and reinvest that money in you and the services you need.
- We can fight the climate crisis, defend our land, air, and water, and create 300,000 clean energy jobs.
- We can ease the housing crisis by building 500,000 new homes and tackling skyrocketing housing prices.
- We can implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and commit to meaningful reconciliation.
- We can lower your internet and cell phone bills and make child care more affordable for every family.

## Green Party

Website:

<https://www.greenparty.ca/en>

Platform:

- Honest. Ethical. Caring Leadership
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples
- Addressing the Climate Emergency
- Transitioning to a Green Economy
- Invoking Ecological Wisdom
- Renewing the Social Contract
- Advancing the Just Society
- Good Governance
- International Relations and Defence

## Suggested Questions for Candidates

**From the OWN Housing Committee:**

22% of Canadians have a disability. However, there is no law in Canada requiring that ANY housing be accessible.

The federal government is responsible for all Indigenous & military housing, and funds housing across the country. They just adopted the National Housing Strategy and passed an Accessibility law.

Yet the national Building Code does **not** deal with housing at all, despite the fact that it is the model for provincial Building Codes.

**Ask: What will you do to ensure that not one nickle of tax dollars funds any housing which is not fully accessible (universal design)?**

**From Care Watch Ontario, from their e-letter:**

**Whenever possible, ask candidates:**

- What do you see as the role of your government in meeting the needs of seniors?
- How will you work with other levels of government to meet the needs of seniors?

- Do you support the idea of a national seniors' strategy? If so, exactly what will you do to make it happen?
- What can seniors expect from you?

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