

1. Economic Development

- a. The Libertarian Party is opposed to corporate taxation. Corporations are entities composed of owners, employees, and consumers - via capital gains and dividend tax, income tax, and sales tax, we already can tax these groups, leaving corporate tax as an illegal double tax.

We believe Canadians are better aware of how to spend their money than government officials and we maintain a firm position that taxation ought to be kept at a minimum. Our party only believes in funding the needs of Canadians, and not the wants of Canadians, the remainder should be left to the individual to further stimulate the economy.

Proposals within the Libertarian Party have varied. My preference is for a 15% flat tax, with a \$15,000 basic exemption, allowing for deductions on charitable giving, medical expenses, environmental expenditures such as solar panels or electric vehicles, and a credit for disability.

- b. New Brunswick's expertise in nuclear power has tremendous potential for the expansion of this ecologically-friendly energy production. In addition, New Brunswick has the unparalleled potential for tidal energy with the Bay of Fundy.
- c. One of the most significant barriers to economic growth within New Brunswick is interprovincial trade barriers. I own the rights to a Rideshare App - Freddy Drive - that has 20 drivers enlisted, a market, and I was ready to hit launch on my app. Sadly the insurance company pulled out shortly before, opting instead to offer the insurance policy to Ontario, unwilling to overcome the regulatory barriers to entry within New Brunswick. Eliminating illegal trade barriers within insurance, the financial sector in general, and with alcohol would be a top priority for the Libertarian Party.

Another significant regulatory burden is financing constraints. As a mortgage specialist, I have filed over 1,000 mortgage applications for personal and commercial purposes. Overcoming the regulatory framework for lending institutions, written by people outside of the industry, is paramount to improving commercial lending, which allows for the expansion of local businesses.

2. Workforce

- a. New Brunswick suffers from a lack of employment opportunities. We propose to eliminate corporate tax, allow businesses to expand and flourish, eliminate regulatory burdens that prevent the expansion of businesses.
- b. The current paradigm for business growth involves taking large portions of our entrepreneurs' money and giving it to some other business venture. This is a failed paradigm. Entrepreneurs don't wish to take large risks to end up with no reward. Entrepreneurs ought to be incentivized with low taxes, and low barriers to entry.
- c. The Libertarian Party supports permanent residency for all immigrants who a private corporation or charitable organization will support through a one year pledge of means-testing. In terms of the existing system, I support the measures proposed.

3. Finances

. Our federal debt level is at \$700 billion annually. Provincially we owe \$14 billion. If interest rates rise to the levels where they were at during the year of my birth, 1985, our federal and provincial treasuries will no longer exist and we will go bankrupt as a nation. The arithmetic is clear. Canada is in serious jeopardy on the path we're currently heading down. Tackling our debt crisis is one of the Libertarian Party's top priorities.

a. The Libertarian Party is opposed to equalization but recognizes this requires constitutional changes. In the interim, I support equalization based on demographic needs rather than economic performance. Provinces that don't focus on economic growth ought not to be rewarded from the hard work of those that have prioritized their economy. However, the needs of a province with an aging population stand in stark contrast to those with an expanding workforce. Transfers ought to recognize demographic needs rather than economic performance.

b. Please refer to the previous answer.

4. Governance

. Canada's top foreign policy failure is our Saudi Arms Deal and our commitment to Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is using Canadian weapons to carry out a vicious genocide in North Yemen and according to Article 3 of the Genocide Convention, arms trading when we know the result is genocide is complicity in genocide. LAVs and other Canadian weapons are used to suppress protests demanding freedom. This is a government that murders members of the LGTBQ+ community and punishes women for themselves being sexually assaulted.

Beyond the ethical arguments, there are economic concerns. The Liberal Party has abandoned the Energy East pipeline leaving Irving Oil refining Saudi oil rather than Canadian oil. Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia's nationalized oil company, has multi-million dollar contracts with SNC Lavalin, which SNC Lavalin's website will confirm the details. Energy East is a project that would have brought in \$7 billion to a \$36 billion economy in New Brunswick.

a. The Libertarian Party will work with any party on an issue-by-issue basis. Our main concerns are tax reform to ensure Canada is competitive on an international level, debt reduction, the cancellation of the Saudi Arms deal, and free-market environmental solutions. We believe that we share platform overlaps with various parties and to achieve these ends, there is no party that we would refuse to work with on a particular issue out of principle.

b. I believe that contracts made with the indigenous people surrounding profit-sharing from our resource economy should be upheld, and distributed in the form of a universal basic income. Entitlements that incentivize poverty should be eliminated, while a universal basic income that incentivizes economic growth should be ushered in; funded exclusively by the contract our government has made with these communities.

5. Miscellaneous

. Climate change is at the top of our agenda. We believe that Canadians should be incentivized to go green through tax cuts rather than tax hikes. Carbon is an inelastic good, similar to milk. It's inconsequential if milk is \$2/carton or \$4/carton, people will use the same amount. An additional \$0.50/tonne tax on carbon will have a negligible impact on emissions. Conversely, if one brand of milk is \$0.30 cheaper than the other, consumers will make different choices. Our goal is to ensure going green is cheaper than burning carbon.

A tax cut for green renovations to a house - solar panels for example - should result in the interest being a tax write-off; an additional \$150 is spent on the mortgage while the power bill is eliminated. Auto loans for electric vehicles ought to have their interest as a tax write-off.

We can make money to go green. We don't need to ignore the inelasticity of carbon to make a green decision. We should keep more of our money for going green, not pay more money to use carbon.