

CVYC Questions for All-Candidates Event

1. Education

- a. Youth in this generation have had to cope with cuts to education that has seen class sizes increase, the loss of arts and language programs and in some communities, schools have closed all together. What will your party do to improve public education in BC?
- b. What are you going to do to ensure that post secondary education is affordable for everyone?

2. Environment

- a. Fossil fuel projects like the Kinder Morgan pipeline threaten clean water, a stable climate, Indigenous rights and public health. What will your party do to transition away from fossil fuel projects and create renewable energy
- b. Governments are obligated to obtain free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) from Indigenous communities on decisions affecting water under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. How will your party ensure that FPIC is obtained?

3. Transportation

- a. How is your party helping Canadians make better transportation choices? Will you invest in public transit, better fuel standards for cars made in Canada or cycling infrastructure?
- b. Both the BC transit youth pass and the annual bus pass for people with disabilities are no longer available. How will your party make public transit more affordable for groups who often have no other option for transportation including youth and people with disabilities?

4. Social services

- a. The last time basic welfare benefit rates were increased in BC was 10 years ago. For a single person on basic assistance the benefit rate remains \$610 per month, and for a single parent with one child it is \$946 a month. While politicians see their pay cheques increase annually, welfare benefits have been frozen at rates that are insufficient to meet basic needs. Will your party propose a budget that will increase the welfare benefit rate to match the current rates of inflation in basic needs such as housing, food, and transportation?

5. Health Care

- a. What strategies and program will your party put forward if elected to address the drug overdose crisis in BC?
- b. Many youth in BC don't have access to a family doctor and depend on walk-in clinics for their health care needs. What will your party do to address this?

6. Housing

- a. What are you going to do to ensure that rental housing within BC is affordable- especially for youth?