



200+ Canadian Mayors and Councillors Grade National Parties on Climate Platforms, Saying “Show Your Work”

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NELSON, BC — Ahead of the federal general election next Monday, over two hundred elected local leaders issued a report card grading the main national parties on climate change.

“We came together in a non-partisan, evidence-based way to see how the Conservatives, Greens, Liberals, and NDP stack up on this important file. Sadly, they’re not doing so well. All come at least somewhat short on the facts, figures, and fallout of climate change,” said Rik Logtenberg, Nelson, BC Councillor and co-founder and spokesperson for the Climate Caucus.

Cities account for approximately half of international emissions and municipalities are on the front lines of both climate change mitigation and adaptation, despite receiving only 10 cents on the dollar of all taxes collected in Canada.

Climate Caucus is a network of hundreds of mayors and councillors working to keep global warming to 1.5°C based on countrywide best practices and in line with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s scientific reports. Founded in January 2019, the group has grown rapidly over the year, with a presence at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

“Every party has said something about climate change. But no party has provided what we need to ensure our economies, our communities, and our ecosystems are protected. They all need to show their work - to provide meaningful, measurable greenhouse gas reductions across areas such as transportation, buildings, waste, and land use as soon as possible,” said Logtenberg.

The Climate Caucus graded the parties as follows:

Conservatives: **D-**

Greens: **A-**

Liberals: **B**

New Democrats: **B**

PPC: **F**

A complete package including the methodological framework will be available at climatecaucus.ca on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019.**

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