

Our Government's Work on CLIMATE CHANGE & THE ENVIRONMENT in Burnaby North-Seymour

Summary Report 2025 - 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Protecting Nature, Building Canada Strong

Since 2015, our government has committed more than \$160 billion to build a cleaner economy and protect Canada's environment, work that began with the Vancouver Declaration on Clean Growth and Climate Change and the Pan-Canadian Framework that followed. That foundation still matters. But the approach has changed.

On April 1, 2025, our government eliminated the consumer carbon tax, ending the fuel charge that Canadians paid at the pump and on their home heating bills. The price on pollution for Canada's largest industrial emitters stayed in place, because big polluters should still pay their share, but the era of taxing everyday families for driving to work or heating their homes is over.

In its place, Budget 2025, Canada Strong introduced a new Climate Competitiveness Strategy that treats climate action as an economic opportunity: clean electricity, critical minerals, and nuclear energy investments designed to attract capital and create jobs. And on March 31, 2026, Prime Minister Carney launched A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature, a \$3.8 billion plan to protect 30% of Canada's lands and waters by 2030. This report summarizes what our government is doing on climate change and the environment in 2025 and 2026, and what it means for families, workers, and the natural places we depend on right here in Burnaby North-Seymour.

This summary report highlights our government's work for 2025-2026. For a full record of investments from 2015 through 2024, please visit TerryBeechMP.ca/reports.



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THE OLD APPROACH

Consumer carbon tax on fuel and home heating

Nature funding spread across many small programs

14% of lands, about 15.5% of oceans protected

A federal mandate forcing EV sales targets

Slow, duplicative project reviews

OUR APPROACH

Consumer carbon tax eliminated April 1, 2025

\$3.8B Force of Nature Strategy: one delivery plan to 2030

On track for 30% of lands and waters protected by 2030

EV mandate paused; new \$5,000 rebate program (EVAP)

Regional assessments & AI mapping speeding up approvals

AT A GLANCE

Climate & the Environment by the Numbers

Key results and investments, 2025–2026

A FORCE OF NATURE, MARCH 2026

\$3.8B

invested to protect nature through 2030

30%

of lands & waters protected by 2030, up from 14%

10+ & 15

new national parks
national urban parks

14

new marine protected areas planned nationwide

CLIMATE COMPETITIVENESS STRATEGY, BUDGET 2025

\$0

consumer carbon tax, eliminated April 1, 2025

\$110/t

industrial carbon price for large emitters, 2026

15%

Clean Electricity investment tax credit

\$2B

Critical Mineral Sovereign Fund over 5 years

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY

\$5,000

new EV rebate (EVAP), launched Feb. 2026

\$3B

Darlington SMR investment (Canada Growth Fund & Ontario)

300MW

first-grid-connected SMR power in the G7, by 2030

NEW: MARCH 31, 2026

A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature

Prime Minister Carney launched A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature in Wakefield, Quebec, committing \$3.8 billion to protect and restore critical habitats, ensure industrial strategies complement conservation, and mobilize new capital for nature through 2030. It is built on three pillars.

Pillar 1: Protecting nature in Canada

The plan moves terrestrial conservation from 14% to 30% and marine conservation from 15.5% to 28%, on the way to 30% by 2030. That means protecting at least 1.6 million km² of lands and up to 700,000 km² of oceans over the next four years, funding up to 10 new national parks, 15 new national urban parks, 4 new National Wildlife Areas, and up to 14 new marine protected and conserved areas across Canada's three oceans.

Pillar 2: Building Canada well

Conservation and development do not have to compete. The strategy funds \$326.6 million over five years for the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program to keep reviews timely for energy, transportation, critical minerals, and forestry projects, and uses AI mapping and regional assessments under the Impact Assessment Act to identify sensitive areas earlier, so proponents get clearer answers faster instead of duplicative, drawn-out reviews.

Pillar 3: Valuing nature and mobilizing capital

Public money alone cannot close the global nature-financing gap. The government will launch an Expert Taskforce on Natural Capital Accounting and Nature Financing in spring 2026 to recommend how to attract private capital toward conservation, building on the new Canada Nature Protection Fund.

\$3.8B

Total investment to protect nature through 2030

30%

Of lands and waters protected by 2030 (30x30 target)

1.6M km²

Of lands to be newly protected or conserved over 4 years

14

New marine protected and conserved areas planned

BUDGET 2025, NOVEMBER 2025

Climate Competitiveness Strategy

Tabled November 4, 2025, Budget 2025, Canada Strong introduced a new Climate Competitiveness Strategy that treats emissions reduction and economic growth as the same project, not competing priorities.

Ending the consumer carbon tax

Effective April 1, 2025, our government eliminated the federal consumer carbon tax on fuel and home heating. Industrial carbon pricing for Canada's largest emitters, the Output-Based Pricing System, stayed in place: big polluters continue to pay, at an excess emissions charge of \$110 per tonne for the 2026 compliance period, while households and small businesses no longer carry that cost at the pump.

Clean Electricity investment tax credit

The 15% refundable Clean Electricity investment tax credit supports new and refurbished clean generation, storage, and transmission, retroactive to projects that began after April 2024. Budget 2025 also proposes amending the Canadian Environmental Protection Act to allow long-term equivalency agreements with provinces and territories, cutting duplication as provinces expand their grids.

Methane rules, not a blanket emissions cap

The government is finalizing enhanced methane regulations for the oil and gas sector and landfills with provinces and territories. With effective industrial carbon pricing, stronger methane rules, and carbon capture technology being deployed at scale, Budget 2025 concluded a separate oil and gas emissions cap would add marginal value and is no longer being pursued.

Securing Canada's critical minerals

The Critical Mineral Exploration Tax Credit now covers 12 additional minerals needed for defence, semiconductors, and clean technology, including chromium, germanium, manganese, and tungsten. A new \$2 billion Critical Mineral Sovereign Fund over five years will make strategic equity investments and loan guarantees in critical minerals projects and companies.

\$0

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April 1, 2025

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Clean Electricity
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\$2B

Critical Mineral
Sovereign Fund
over 5 years

Powering Canada with Clean, Reliable Energy

Meeting Canada's growing electricity demand while cutting emissions means building more of everything: hydro, wind, solar, and non-emitting nuclear power.

Darlington New Nuclear Project

In October 2025, the Canada Growth Fund and Ontario's Building Ontario Fund announced a joint \$3 billion commitment (\$2 billion federal, \$1 billion from Ontario) to help build four small modular reactors at the Darlington New Nuclear Project. It is expected to be the first grid-connected small modular reactor in the G7, delivering 300 mega watts of emissions-free power by 2030, and is one of the nation-building projects coordinated through the Major Projects Office.

Real ownership for First Nations

On June 23, 2026, the federal and Ontario governments announced a loan guarantee allowing seven First Nations to hold a meaningful minority ownership interest in the Darlington project, real economic participation in one of Canada's largest clean energy builds, not consultation alone.

Clean Electricity Regulations

Our government continues to work with provinces and territories to advance the Clean Electricity Regulations toward a cleaner Canadian grid, supported by the Clean Electricity investment tax credit as provinces like BC, already among the cleanest grids in the country through hydro power, expand capacity to meet rising demand from EVs and the clean economy.

\$3B

Joint federal-Ontario investment in Darlington SMRs

300MW

Emissions-free power targeted by 2030

1st

Grid-connected SMR in the G7

7

First Nations gaining ownership stake via loan guarantee

NEW APPROACH

A New Approach to Zero-Emission Vehicles

The previous zero-emission vehicle sales mandate, requiring 20% of new light-duty sales by 2026 rising to 100% by 2035, was paused on September 5, 2025, as part of a broader relief package for Canada's auto sector facing US tariffs, and was formally repealed in early 2026 alongside a new Auto Strategy that rewards made-in-Canada vehicle production instead of mandating sales targets.

Electric Vehicle Affordability Program

Launched February 16, 2026, the new Electric Vehicle Affordability Program offers rebates of up to \$5,000 for battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and up to \$2,500 for plug-in hybrids. The program runs from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031, funding permitting. Vehicles are capped at \$50,000 to qualify, but Canadian-built EVs are exempt from that cap, rewarding domestic manufacturing.

Building on real demand

The previous iZEV rebate program funded over 563,000 zero-emission vehicles worth more than \$2.6 billion between 2019 and January 2025, before its funding ran out. EVAP is our government's answer to that sustained demand, without forcing manufacturers or dealers to hit arbitrary sales targets.

Charging Infrastructure Investment

On July 30, 2026, our government announced more than \$10.9 million for 22 electric vehicle infrastructure and education projects across Canada. In BC, this investment builds on growth already underway in the province, where there are now more than 8,900 public charging ports, an increase of 87 percent since 2023.

\$5,000

Rebate for new EVs and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles

\$2,500

Rebate for plug-in hybrid vehicles

563K+

Zero-emission vehicles funded since 2019

2026–31

EVAP program window, funding permitting

Restoring Salmon Runs and Protecting Marine Life

Healthy oceans and rivers support fisheries, tourism, and the wild life British Columbians care about, from salmon to orcas.

Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative

A Force of Nature commits \$412.9 million over five years to restore vulnerable wild Pacific salmon populations and habitat, building on more than 15.7 million square metres of habitat already restored. This work directly supports Fraser River and Burrard Inlet stocks and improves prey availability for Southern Resident Killer Whales.

Atlantic Salmon Strategy

A companion \$81.7 million over five years will stabilize and rebuild wild Atlantic salmon populations, restoring up to 10,000 km² of habitat across roughly 50 rivers in partnership with Indigenous communities.

Cleaning up our oceans

\$15 million over three years will modernize the retrieval and disposal of ghost gear, abandoned fishing gear that entangles marine life, building on more than 2,546 tonnes already removed from Canadian waters since 2020. A further \$24.4 million over five years supports ratifying the High Seas Treaty, advancing the international commitment to protect 30% of the high seas, roughly 70 million km² of ocean.



Protecting Species at Risk and Their Habitat

The number of federally listed species at risk has grown from 233 in 2003 to 671 in 2025, a 188% increase that reflects the scale of the challenge. A Force of Nature commits \$283 million over five years, plus \$46.1 million ongoing, to strengthen protection and recovery efforts for species at risk across Canada.

A further \$326.6 million over five years, plus \$65.3 million ongoing, funds the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program, ensuring development in or near water is done responsibly while keeping reviews timely for energy, transportation, electrical, critical minerals, and forestry projects, done in consultation with Indigenous peoples.

671

Federally listed species at risk in 2025, up from 233 in 2003

\$283M

For species at risk protection and recovery over 5 years

\$326.6M

For fish and fish habitat protection over 5 years

canada.ca (2025–2026)

INDIGENOUS-LED CONSERVATION

Indigenous Leadership at the Centre of Conservation

There is no path to protecting 30% of Canada's lands and waters without Indigenous leadership. Indigenous-led conservation is already delivering some of the largest conservation gains in the country.

Indigenous Guardians Program

\$231 million over five years will expand the Indigenous Guardians Program and establish a new Arctic Indigenous Guardians Program, supporting land stewardship, monitoring, and good, culturally meaningful careers in Indigenous communities.

Northwest Territories (NWT): Our Land for the Future

Signed in July 2025, this is one of the largest Indigenous-led land conservation initiatives in the world. It brings together 21 Indigenous governments and organizations, the Government of Canada, the Government of the NWT, and philanthropic partners, with total investment of \$375 million (\$300 million federal, \$75 million philanthropic), working toward conserving up to 380,000 km² of intact boreal and tundra ecosystems.

New protected areas

The Qikiqtait and Sarvarjuaq Marine Protected Areas in Nunavut, advanced with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association under the SINAA Agreement, contribute 2% to Canada's marine conservation target, bringing total protected marine area past 17%. And \$266.7 million over 11 years is establishing two new national protected areas:

- the Seal River Watershed Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area and National Park Reserve in Manitoba
- the Wiinipaakw Indigenous Protected Area and National Marine Conservation Area in Eastern James Bay, Quebec.

\$231M

To expand
Indigenous Guardians
Programs over 5 years

\$375M

NWT: Our Land for the
Future, 21 Indigenous
partners

17%+

Of Canada's marine
area now protected,
with Nunavut MPAs

\$266.7M

For two new national
protected areas over 11
years

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IMPACT TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

WHAT THIS MEANS AT HOME

Climate & Environment Investments Across BC

BC's economy and environment grow together. These investments support jobs, clean energy, and conservation across the province.

Canada-British Columbia Cooperative Prosperity Agreement

On July 2, 2026, Canada and BC signed the Canada-BC Cooperative Prosperity Agreement, which includes a series of climate and conservation commitments alongside broader economic measures. The agreement establishes a Northwest Critical Minerals and Conservation Corridor to support clean technology development while protecting the region's natural value, consistent with Canada's 30x30 conservation goals.

It also advances clean electricity and watershed protection, including wind turbine transport and manufacturing capacity, and funds a North Coast Transmission Line to deliver clean electricity to communities across the region.

The agreement upholds the oil tanker moratorium and supports oil spill recovery and whale protection measures along the BC coast, alongside new flood mitigation funding for integrated infrastructure and ecological planning. For 2026-27, the federal government will provide up to \$20 million for cost-shared flood mitigation planning, subject to project approval and a signed agreement.

Protecting BC's Great Bear Sea

In May 2026, Canada, BC, and six Central Coast First Nations announced the working boundary for the new Mia-yaltwa Ha'lidzogm hoon National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area, roughly 6,700 km² of glass sponge reefs, salmon runs, killer whales, and migrating humpbacks within the Great Bear Sea, larger than Prince Edward Island. It becomes the sixth marine conservation reserve in Canada and the second in BC, after Gwaii Haanas.

This builds on the Canada-BC Nature Agreement, a tripartite framework with the First Nations Leadership Council backed by up to \$500 million in federal funding, matched by the province, working toward protecting 30% of BC's lands and freshwater by 2030.

Building Climate-Resilient Communities

On August 12, 2026, the federal government announced \$34.2 million through the Green Municipal Fund's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative, supporting 141 climate resilience projects in 128 communities across Canada. In BC, this includes funding for community climate adaptation plans, risk assessments, and resilience infrastructure. Examples include the City of Port Coquitlam, receiving \$789,600 to advance flood-resilient infrastructure, and the City of Victoria, receiving \$42,700 for extreme heat mitigation measures at community resilience hubs.



WHAT THIS MEANS LOCALLY

Climate & Environment Impact in Burnaby North-Seymour

Federal climate and environment policy is not abstract here. Here is what it means for families and the natural places our community depends on.

Cleaner commutes, real savings

The new Electric Vehicle Affordability Program puts up to \$5,000 back in the pockets of Burnaby and North Vancouver families switching to a zero-emission vehicle, up to \$2,500 for a plug-in hybrid, without a sales mandate pressuring local dealerships.

Protecting the salmon we depend on

The \$412.9 million Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative directly supports Fraser River and Burrard Inlet stocks, benefiting recreational and commercial fisheries and the Southern Resident Killer Whales that frequent the Salish Sea.

A cleaner grid as demand grows

BC's hydro-based grid is already among the cleanest in the country. The Clean Electricity investment tax credit and continued work on the Clean Electricity Regulations support the investment needed to keep it that way as demand grows from EVs and the clean economy.

Nature close to home

Protections for the Great Bear Sea and the Canada-BC Nature Agreement extend conservation along the coastline our community relies on for recreation, fisheries, and climate resilience.

Lower home energy costs

The Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program now includes BC, alongside Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, building on the program's existing partnership with Manitoba. Retrofits completed through the program can help Burnaby North-Seymour households save between \$300 and \$1,700 in annual energy costs, while reducing household greenhouse gas emissions by about 1.5 tonnes a year.

\$5,000

Max. EV rebate available to Burnaby & North Vancouver families

\$412.9M

Pacific salmon restoration, benefiting Fraser & Burrard Inlet stocks

6,700 km²

Newly protected along BC's coast at the Great Bear Sea

30%

Of BC lands & waters targeted for protection by 2030

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YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BURNABY NORTH-SEYMOUR

Protecting our environment and building a strong economy are not competing goals, they are the same project. We ended the consumer carbon tax because it was not working for families. We launched A Force of Nature to protect 30% of our lands and waters by 2030. We are investing in clean electricity, nuclear energy, and the salmon runs and coastline that make Burnaby North-Seymour home. I will keep fighting to make sure our community shares in these investments, and that we pass on a healthier environment to the next generation.

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