FEDERAL ELECTION 2015 Liberal Party of Canada

Summary of Political Platforms & Statements: Aboriginal, Ring of Fire issues

SUMMARY

- The Liberals have committed to increased spending on various Aboriginal issues (especially infrastructure and education). They have also committed to a significant review of legislation and programming to bring it into line with Section 35 of the Constitution, and the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as some process of engaging provinces and Aboriginal organizations regarding priorities and spending mirroring, or at least based on, the Kelowna Process of 2004-2005.
- While funding increases to programming can be implemented fairly quickly through an initial Budget and Speech from the Throne, it remains unclear how a Liberal government would manage the scale of review and changes of Aboriginal laws, policies and practices, or how quickly.
- Regionally, according to unofficial results, the Liberal candidate Honourable Bob Nault, former Indian Affairs Minister under Prime Minister Jean Chrétien from 1999 to 2003, has been re-elected in the Kenora riding. Also, Thunder Bay lawyer and former Grand Council Treaty #3 executive director Don Rusnak is unofficially Liberal MP-elect for Thunder Bay-Rainy River.

Tier 1 Commitments¹

- **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Party literature says, "A Liberal government will provide dedicated funding to invest in a broad range of projects, including but not limited to: local water and wastewater facilities, climate resilient infrastructure, clean energy, and clean-up of contaminated sites to facilitate new construction (boosting) investment in green infrastructure by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years" Individual candidate statements confirm some of that funding would be used for onreserve infrastructure, especially water/wastewater. Specifically, the Liberal leader has committed to eliminating all Drinking Water Advisories within five years of taking office.
- SHOAL LAKE #40 FREEDOM ROAD: Liberal party literature and candidate quotes have stated, "A Liberal government is committed to delivering funding for the Freedom Road to Shoal Lake 40." A response to media from HQ on 19 Nov 2015² said, "We recognize the very difficult situation faced by the community of Shoal Lake #40. First Nations should expect, as do all Canadians, access to safe, clean and reliable drinking water. This Government intends to move forward with discussions on the Freedom Road project and will examine all options available in collaboration

Commitments confirmed by inclusion in platform documentation or announcements from the party, or in previous budgets in the case of incumbents ² TB CIDMS 706083

with the Shoal Lake #40 First Nation, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg."

- EDUCATION/POST-SECONDARY: Platform documents say a Liberal government will carry out, "an initial, immediate new investment of \$515 million per year in core annual funding for First Nations K-12 education, rising to over \$750 million per year by the end of (their) first mandate, (with) an immediate new investment of \$500 million over the next three years for First Nations education infrastructure (and) \$50 million in additional annual support to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)."
- ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS: Liberal platform documents say, "We will immediately review Canada's environmental assessment processes and introduce new, fair processes While governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission." Aboriginal groups have complained in the past about "the lack of a consent requirement for some or all projects that impact Aboriginal communities (and) inadequate funding."
- CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES: Platform documents say a Liberal government would "ensure that all First Nations receive equitable funding for child and family services on reserve." It's not clear whether "equitable" (meaning "fair or reasonable"), in this context, is the same as "equivalent" (meaning "equal in value or measure").
- NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT (NCB) => CANADA CHILD BENEFIT: Platform literature says a Liberal government would replace NCB with a Canada Child Benefit, "send(ing) families a tax-free, monthly Canada Child Benefit worth up to \$533 a month per child." Platform literature and the Liberals' fiscal plan do not mention how this new system will mesh with the current AANDC NCB Reinvestment system.
- **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** Party literature and media say a Liberal government will work with, among others, Aboriginal governments to "develop a comprehensive action plan that allows Canada to better predict, prepare for, and respond to weather related emergencies," including a wildfire/forest fire strategy.
- CONSULTATION & ACCOMMODATION: Liberal party platform documents commit to "undertake, in full partnership and consultation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation, a full review of laws, policies, and operational practices. This will ensure that on project reviews and assessments, the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation, and consent obligations, in accordance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations."

³ "A Liberal majority in the House of Commons - implications for environmental policy," Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, 23 Oct 2015, http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=168841bf-8c68-49e1-bcd7-18abe3063401

- LANGUAGE/CULTURE: Platform documents say a Liberal government would "deliver substantial new funding to promote, preserve, and enhance Indigenous languages and culture; and work collaboratively to include Aboriginal and Treaty rights, residential schools, and the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Canada in classroom learning." No details are provided regarding who would be eligible for such funding, and how Canada would work with provinces on sharing curriculum or other products with provincially-funded schools.
- FUNDING FOR MÉTIS PROGRAMMING: Liberal Party literature says a Liberal government would "review, in partnership with Métis communities, of existing federal programs and services available to the Métis Nation, to identify gaps and areas where strategic investments are needed in order to improve Métis quality of life," potentially opening the door to new funding to be flowed to Métis organizations (mechanisms not mentioned yet in public documents)
- KELOWNA ACCORD: Earlier versions of Liberal platform documents mention, "establishing a Kelowna Accord-type process", while later statements speaking to talk about the "the spirit of reconciliation that drove (Kelowna being) embraced, and that its objectives are met, in line with today's challenges." It's not clear how much process would be involved, how involved provinces or First Nations would be, whether a single, national set of priorities could be agreed to by all First Nation leaders at all levels, or what effect actors not in play during the original Kelowna process (like Idle No More) might have. Details of the previous process, and comparative current costings based on inflation, are available in Annex A.
- **FEDERAL RECONCILIATION FRAMEWORK**: Platform documents say a Liberal government will review all legislation "unilaterally imposed on Indigenous Peoples" to ensure it meets the requirements of Section 35, as well as the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Such a framework will include "mechanisms to resolve grievances associated with existing historical treaties and modern land-claims agreements." While not affecting day-to-day operations immediately, such a review and mechanism could fundamentally change how Canada does business with First Nations.
- ANNUAL CHIEFS' MEETINGS: Platform documents say a Liberal Prime Minister "will go to meet with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit leaders each and every year of his government's mandate."
- **LIFT 2% FUNDING CAP**: Platform documents and public statements indicate a Liberal government would remove the 2% funding cap, although no public statements have been made regarding exactly where the extra funding for increases would come from, or what mechanism would be used to determine future increases.
- MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN (MMIW) INQUIRY: Platform documents say a Liberal government would conduct a public inquiry into MMIW within 100 days of being elected (no later than January 27, 2016, based on an

election date of October 19, 2015). While Public Safety Canada may be expected to be a lead agency, it's not clear what kind of support AANDC or Ontario Region could be expected to provide.

Tier 2 Commitments⁴

- RING OF FIRE: A Liberal candidate is quoted saying ".... A Liberal government would match the provincial funding for the infrastructure needed to make the Ring of Fire development a reality" It's not clear if this is a commitment to match whatever Ontario funds, or if this just covers the \$1B Ontario is seeking from Canada.
- **SIX NATIONS/LAND CLAIM**: A Brantford-area Liberal candidate in the Brantford area was quoted saying *"reopening (Six Nations) land claim negotiations"* is a priority.
- MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL: A response to questions from Mushkegowuk Council says, "(Timmins-James Bay candidate Todd Lever) would ask to be invited to meet with the Mushkegowuk Chiefs and Wabun Chiefs within 60 days of being elected⁵ for likely 1-2 full day meetings to assess and prioritize all issues and then come up with a plan for immediate next steps." It's not clear whether this would be followed up if the Liberal candidate isn't elected.

More details are available in Annex B.

⁴ Commitments made via candidate news releases/statements or through the media without confirmation via central party documentation

⁵ No later than 18 December 2015

Annex A ORIGINAL KELOWNA ACCORD: Breakdown of 10-year Commitments (1)

Priority	Commitment	2005 \$	2015 \$ (2)
EDUCATION	K-12 on reserve	1.05B	1.25B
	K-12 off reserve	150M	178M
	Post-secondary	500M	594M
	Children	100M	119M
	Subtotal	1.8 B	2.141B
HOUSING &	On-reserve (market/assisted housing)	600M	713M
INFRASTRUCTURE	Non-reserve housing	400M	475M
	Northern Housing Partnerships	300M	357M
	Water/other infrastructure	400M	475M
	Subtotal	1.6B	2.02B
RELATIONSHIPS &	Policy capacity of Aboriginal organizations	90M	107M
ACCOUNTABILITY	Indicators & accountability	60M	71M
	Self-government & land claim engagement	20M	24M
	Subtotal	170M	202M
ECONOMIC	First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act	12M	14M
OPPORTUNITIES	Ec Dev Framework Initiatives	188M	223M
	Subtotal	200M	237M
HEALTH	Stabilizing FNIH System	870M	1.034B
	Promoting transformation/building capacity	445M	529M
	Subtotal	1.315B	1.563B
	Total	5.085B	6.163B

⁽¹⁾ Source: PRB 06-04E, "Aboriginal Roundtable to Kelowna Accord: Aboriginal Policy Negotiations, 2004-2005", Lisa L. Patterson, Library of Parliament, 4 May 2006, accessed 2

September 2015 at http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/LOP/researchpublications/prb0604-e.htm (TB CIDMS 694242)

(2) Based on online Bank of Canada Inflation calculator at http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/

ANNEX B

Detailed Commitments (via open sources)

Liberal Party of Canada

Issue/Lead	Commitment	Source
General	" One of the Liberals first campaign promises in August was a pledge to invest 2.6 billion over four years for on-reserve First Nations education, and \$500 million over three years into education infrastructure like school buildings This month they added to those promises, pledging "substantial new funding" to help communities keep their indigenous language alive, another \$50 million in post-secondary funding for indigenous students, lifting the government's two per cent cap on First Nations spending increases, funding for on-reserve child and family services that's equitable to off-reserve service funding, and establishing a Federal Reconciliation Framework with indigenous people to fulfill reconciliation aims all recommendations outlined by the TRC. But the Liberal promises are short on details and don't always come with price tags" " The "Renewed Partnerships for a Stronger Canada" category explores the party's Aboriginal pledges: Rekindle a nation-to-nation relationship; Implement all 94 Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations, beginning with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Launch a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women; Funding to preserve and protect Indigenous languages; \$2.6-billion toward First Nations schooling during the next four years; \$500-million over three years for immediate First Nations education infrastructure; \$50-million toward First Nations education; Provide equitable funding for child and family services on reserves; Removal of two per cent funding cap for First Nations control over First Nations education; Provide equitable funding for child and family services on reserves; Removal of two per cent funding cap for First Nations programs; Repeal changes to the Elections Act; Create a Federal Reconciliation Framework, which will help settle land claims and treaties; Review legislation applied by the Conservative government on Indigenous peoples; Revival of the Kelowna Accord; Fund the federal share	thetyee.ca, 23 Sept 2015, http://thetyee.ca/News/2015/0 9/23/Major-Parties- Reconciliation/ APTN, 18 August 2015, http://aptn.ca/news/2015/08/18/w hat-the-four-federal-parties-have- promised-indigenous-voters-so- far/
	" Liberal leader Justin Trudeau has already promised \$2.6 billion in spending on First Nations issues, including \$515 million per year in core funding for	24 Sept 2015, http://www.kelownacapnews.com/news/329334211.html

Issue/Lead	Commitment	Source
	kindergarten to Grade 12 education on reserves. That figure would rise to \$750 million per year by the end of the Liberals' first term in office. Another \$500 million over three years has been promised for school infrastructure on reserves and \$50 million more per year in financial assistance for aboriginal students attending post-secondary education. Trudeau has also pledged to implement all the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and call a national public inquiry into the issue of murdered and missing aboriginal women"	
Mushkegowuk Council	" In addition to working closely with Charlie Angus to get an immediate status update on his First Nation and aboriginal files, I would ask to be invited to meet with the Mushkegowuk Chiefs and Wabun Chiefs within 60 days of being elected (no later than 18 December 2015) for likely 1-2 full day meetings to assess and prioritize all issues and then come up with a plan for immediate next steps"	Liberal party response to Mushkegowuk questions, http://www.mushkegowuk.com/d ocuments/oct2015_seriesofquest ionslp.pdf (TB CIDMS 701314)
Environmental Assessments LED	"We will make environmental assessments credible again Resource-based projects can create jobs and spur investment, but success depends on regaining public trust. Canadians must be able to trust that government will engage in appropriate regulatory oversight, including credible environmental assessments, and that it will respect the rights of those most affected, such as Indigenous communities. While governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission We will immediately review Canada's environmental assessment processes and introduce new, fair processes"	Liberal platform document (TB CIDMS 700538)
	" Mr. Trudeau has promised to immediately review the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, ("CEAA") which came into force only three years ago, and the environmental assessment process. The Liberals have pledged that the review of CEAA will be undertaken in partnership with Aboriginal peoples. Mr. Trudeau appears to take seriously the constitutional duty that the Crown has to consult and accommodate Aboriginal peoples, and even obtain consent in some instances. This is a significant shift from an approach which, at times, appeared to allow Aboriginal consultation obligations to be minimized to the point of simply checking off boxes during an environmental assessment ("EA"). The Liberals are promising to carve out ample space in the EA process for Indigenous legal traditions and perspectives on environmental stewardship. Aboriginal groups have been very vocal on the deficiencies in the current EA process. For instance, the lack of a consent requirement for some or all project that impact Aboriginal communities (especially given the Liberal promise to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, discussed further below). Inadequate funding to meaningfully participate is another issue, as is the perceived inappropriate delegation of consultation to EA project proponents.	"A Liberal majority in the House of Commons - implications for environmental policy," Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, 23 Oct 2015, http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=168841bf-8c68-49e1-bcd7-18abe3063401 (TB CIDMS 701219)

Issue/Lead	Commitment	Source
	Some Aboriginal communities have advocated for a parallel, Crown-led consultation process. Further, some groups would like to use the EA process to prove claims of Aboriginal rights and title. All of these issues are currently the subject of litigation, and it remains to be seen how the Liberal government will deal with them"	
Consultation & Accommodation GIAGR	"We will undertake, in full partnership and consultation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation, a full review of laws, policies, and operational practices. This will ensure that on project reviews and assessments, the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation, and consent obligations, in accordance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations, including Aboriginal and Treaty rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We recognize the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the land, and will respect legal traditions and perspectives on environmental stewardship."	Liberal platform document, released 5 Oct 2015, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/10/New-plan-for-a-strong-middle-class.pdf (also at 694994)
Métis Issues GIAGR? LED? UAS?	" A Liberal government will: Immediately establish a negotiations process between Canada and the Manitoba Métis Federation, in order to settle the outstanding land claim of the Manitoba Métis community, as recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada in Manitoba Métis Federation v. Canada (AG); Work with Métis groups, as well as the provinces and territories, to establish a federal claims process that recognizes Métis self-government and resolves outstanding claims; and Convert current year-to-year funding, made available to provincial Métis communities for Métis identification and registration, to a permanent initiative Undertake a review, in partnership with Métis communities, of existing federal programs and services available to the Métis Nation, to identify gaps and areas where strategic investments are needed in order to improve Métis quality of life; Renew the Aboriginal Strategic Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS) and also expand its funding by \$50 million per year; Work with Métis communities, and existing Métis financial institutions, to develop a Métis Economic Development Strategy. We will also provide \$25 million over five years to implement this new strategy; and Fulfill the commitment in the Kelowna Accord to enhance existing scholarships and bursaries available to Métis students, in partnership with the Métis Nation"	Liberal news release, 30 Sept 2015, http://www.liberal.ca/liberals- announce-reconciliation-plan- for-the-metis-nation/ Backgrounder, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/09/Advancing-and- achieving-reconciliation-for- the-Metis-people.pdf (Both documents @ TB CIDMS 694026)
	"Regarding Métis people, the Liberals have promised to work through negotiation to establish a federal claims process to recognize Métis self-government and resolve all outstanding claims, as well as developing a Métis Economic Development Strategy."	"A Liberal majority in the House of Commons - implications for environmental policy," Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, 23 Oct 2015, http://www.lexology.com/library/d

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		etail.aspx?g=168841bf-8c68- 49e1-bcd7-18abe3063401 (TB CIDMS 701219)
Six Nations – land claim GIAGR LED ?	" (Brantford-Brant) Candidates also were asked about aboriginal issues, including land claims negotiations with Six Nations and what their parties would do to address the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report. In his question to the candidates, (a reporter) made reference to a "tri-council" delegation that included Brantford Mayor Chris Friel, Brant Mayor Ron Eddy and Six Nations elected Chief Ava Hill and that has twice gone to Ottawa in an attempt to persuade MPs to reopen land claims. All the candidates said they were committed to reopening land claim negotiations. (New Democrat Marc) Laferriere said it is one of his main focuses. (Liberal Danielle) Takacs also called it a priority, noting that Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's plan is to restore the Kelowna Accord, which seeks to improve the education, employment and living conditions of aboriginal people. (Conservative candidate Phil) McColeman said the Conservatives have settled 390 land claims and will work toward reopening negotiations"	24 Sept 2015, http://www.brantfordexpositor. ca/2015/09/24/oct-19-federal- election-brantford-brant- candidates-oneplan
National Child Benefit ESPD/FS	" The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) is projected to have a net new cost of \$1.8 billion in 2016/17, rising to \$2.0 billion in 2019/20. This reflects a CCB that invests \$21.7 billion in 2016/17, the savings from cancelling income splitting (\$2.0 billion), and replacing the CCTB, NCBS, and UCCB (\$17.9 billion)" (NOTE: no details publicly available re: how eliminating NCB will affect AANDC's NCB Reinvestment scheme)	Liberal Fiscal Plan & Costing, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/09/The-Liberal-fiscal-plan- and-costing.pdf, TB CIDMS 693626
Ring of Fire LED	" (Timmins-James Bay Liberal candidate Todd) Lever said A Liberal government would also match the provincial funding for the infrastructure needed to make the Ring of Fire development a reality"	Timmins Daily Press, 15 Sept 2015, http://www.timminspress.com/20 15/09/15/candidates-discuss-bridging-gap-btw-industry-fns
Drinking Water On Reserve CID	" The Liberal Party believes that access to safe, clean running water is a fundamental right Our party is committed to immediately re-engage with First Nations on a renewed, respectful and inclusive Nation-to-Nation process. We will strive to make progress on critical priorities, as defined by First Nations themselves, including access to clean water and putting an end to boil water advisories in FN communities We will support FN-led approaches that solve the challenge of clean drinking water. This will include a immediately lifting the two percent cap on FN funding Provides FN communities with sufficient, predictable and sustained funding that reflects the actual costs of program delivery" " (Kenora) Liberals' Bob Nault said spending more on infrastructure will help communities like Neskantaga. "Their deficiency in infrastructure is caused by a lack of funds and a lack of resources and a lack of working relationships with	27 August 2015 letter, Liberal Carolyn Bennett to Chiefs of Ontario, https://pbs.twimg.com/media/ CNwOpevW8AEs8Ps.jpg:larg e TB CIDMS 685202 CBC.ca, 6 Oct 2017, http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/t hunder-bay/federal-election-
	lack of funds and a lack of resources and a lack of working relationships with	hunder-bay/federal-election- 2015-kenora-ont-candidates-talk

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	the federal government," he said. "My job, of course, as an elected MP, is to change all that," s(a)id Nault. Nault said he'd be looking at just under a year to get started on the work, owing to the fact it would be a major infrastructure spend, which would need to be part of a budget, which typically gets passed in late winterearly spring, meaning funding could roll out in the next fiscal year"	first-nations-water-quality- 1.3258708
Boil Water Advisories CID	"Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau promised Monday to end boil-water advisories on First Nations reserves within five years." We have 93 different communities under 133 different boil-water advisories," Trudeau told a town hall hosted by Vice magazine. "A Canadian government led by me will address this as a top priority because it's not right in a country like Canada. This has gone on for far too long.""	CBC.ca, 5 Oct 2015, http://www.cbc.ca/news/politic s/canada-election-2015- justin-trudeau-first-nations- boil-water-advisories- 1.3258058
National Wildfire Strategy GIAGR-EIM	" (Trudeau) also supports a national wildfire strategy "	Global TV, 12 Aug 2015, http://globalnews.ca/news/21 62955/trudeau-focuses-on- aboriginal-issues-during- sask-tour/
	" Trudeau walked along the ash-covered heaps with veteran Saskatchewan MP Ralph Goodale and local leaders, promising them a national forest fire strategy to avoid future tragedies"	Postmedia News, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.thestarphoenix.com/life/Trudeau+mend+ties+with+aboriginals/11286587/story.html
Weather Emergency Preparation GIAGR-EIM	"We will work with provinces, territories, Aboriginal governments, and municipalities to develop a comprehensive action plan that allows Canada to better predict, prepare for, and respond to weather related emergencies"	Platform document at TB CIDMS 680069, page 5 https://www.liberal.ca/files/2015/ 08/A-new-plan-for-Canadas- environment-and-economy.pdf
Skills Training	" Give \$500 million to the provinces for skilled trades training, and devote \$200 million for federal training programs. Set aside another \$50 million to help aboriginal people improve their skills and job prospects"	The Canadian Press, 23 September 2015, http://globalnews.ca/news/21 90805/heres-what-harper- mulcair-and-trudeau-have- promised- voters/?hootPostID=e2799a0 d95f0cb229e6184b6e63a6d2 2
Post-secondary Education	" "A Liberal government will immediately engage in a renewed, respectful, and inclusive nation-to-nation process to make important new investments in First Nations education and close the existing funding gap." The renewed partnership will include	Liberal news release, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.liberal.ca/trudeau-

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ESPD	\$50 million in additional annual support to the Post-Secondary Student	unveils-plan-for-first-nations-
	Support Program (PSSSP), which provides financial assistance to Indigenous students who attend post-secondary education."	education-and-opportunity/
	"We will invest \$50 million in additional annual support to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSP), providing additional financial assistance to Indigenous students attending post-secondary education. We will also work closely with Indigenous leaders and communities, provinces, and territories to engage Indigenous high school students so that they are aware of the available post-secondary financial support and tools."	Liberal party campaign backgrounder, 13 Aug 2015, TB CIDMS 681102 or https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/08/Education-and- economic-opportunity-for- First-Nations.pdf
	"additional \$50 million per year for post-secondary student support"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015, https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/ canada-politics/main-federal- parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html
Education ESPD	" Add \$515 million a year to funding for First Nations education, rising through the mandate to a total of \$2.6 billion. Add another \$500 million over three years for education infrastructure and \$50 million more a year for a program that helps aboriginals in post-secondary education"	The Canadian Press, 23 September 2015, http://globalnews.ca/news/21 90805/heres-what-harper- mulcair-and-trudeau-have- promised- voters/?hootPostID=e2799a0 d95f0cb229e6184b6e63a6d2 2
	" In an interview on CBC Sudbury's Morning North radio program, Trudeau pledged that his party would move toward equalized spending between public school boards and those run by Canada's Indigineous people. "We need to get First Nations education right, and that means making sure that First Nations have control over their education," he said. "But also that we move toward parity in funding—that kids in First Nations communities have the same dollars invested in their education as in the provincial system. Toward that, we're talking about half a billion dollars a year invested in First Nations education for a total of \$2.6 billion over four years of our mandate.""	CBC.ca, 18 Aug 2015, http://www.cbc.ca/news/cana da/sudbury/justin-trudeau- vows-to-equalize-funding-for- first-nations-education- 1.3194914
	" "A Liberal government will immediately engage in a renewed, respectful, and inclusive nation-to-nation process to make important new investments in First Nations education and close the existing funding gap." The renewed partnership will include:	Liberal news release, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.liberal.ca/trudeau-

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	An initial, immediate new investment of \$515 million per year in core annual	unveils-plan-for-first-nations-
	funding for First Nations K-12 education, rising to over \$750 million per year by	education-and-opportunity/
	the end of our first mandate; An immediate new investment of \$500 million over	
	the next three years for First Nations education infrastructure"	
	"We will also invest \$500 million over the next three years for immediate First	Liberal party campaign
	Nations education infrastructure. This funding is incremental to existing	backgrounder, 13 Aug 2015,
	education infrastructure commitments already made to First Nations."	TB CIDMS 681102
	" we will never act unilaterally on First Nations education. We believe in First	https://www.liberal.ca/files/20
	Nations control of First Nations education, with the federal government working	15/08/Education-and-
	nation-to-nation as a partner to ensure the goals set by First Nations are	economic-opportunity-for-
	achieved. We will also support First Nation-led initiatives with respect to jurisdiction	First-Nations.pdf
	over education."	-
	"We will work with residential school survivors, First Nations, the Métis Nation, Inuit	
	communities, provinces, territories, and educators to find ways for educational	
	curricula across the country to incorporate Aboriginal and Treaty rights,	
	residential schools, and the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Canada."	
	" "We need to move forward on a real plan on Aboriginal education that will	CBC.ca, 13 Aug 2015,
	respect and allow First Nations to lead that charge instead of imposing it from	http://www.cbc.ca/news/cana
	Ottawa," said Trudeau"	da/saskatchewan/justin-
		trudeau-says-sask-ignored-
		by-13-conservative-mps-
		1.3188402
	"First Nations Education We will make significant new investments in First	Real Change platform document
	Nations education – beyond those promised but not delivered by Mr. Harper last	(all screen scans fm web page -
	year. We will make those investments immediately, to help close the chronic	TB 681114),
	funding gap. The futures of First Nations children are the future of Canada. First	http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/f
	Nations communities, educators, and students should not have to wait one more day	irst-nations-education/
	for the critical resources they need. We will ensure that First Nations have control over	
	First Nations education. Unlike Mr. Harper, we believe that education reforms must be	
	First Nations-led. We will never impose solutions from the top down."	
	" Aug. 13: Add \$515 million a year to funding for First Nations education, rising	CBC.ca, 27 Sept 2015,
	through the mandate to a total of \$2.6 billion. Add another \$500 million over	http://www.cbc.ca/news/politic
	three years for education infrastructure and \$50 million more a year for a	s/canada-election-2015-
	program that helps aboriginals in post-secondary education"	liberal-promises-1.3246205
	"ensure that First Nations have control over First Nations education"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points:
	"an extra \$515 million a year for core education in First Nations schools	Main federal parties and their
	(kindergarten to Grade 12) for a total of \$2.6 billion in new funding over four year ;	aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug
	\$500 million for education infrastructure"	2015,
		https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/

Issue/Lead	Commitment	Source
		canada-politics/main-federal- parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html
	" On August 13, Justin Trudeau promised a "total new investment of \$2.6 billion for core First Nation's education" over the next four years. Shockingly, when revealing their fiscal framework on September 26th, Liberals slashed that commitment to just \$900 million – a cut of \$1.7 billion dollars or 65% less than he had first promised"	NDP news release, 29 Sept 2015, http://www.ndp.ca/news/trudeaus-17-billion-broken-promise-to-first-nations-children
	" The NDP based their claim on the Liberals' fiscal framework which promised \$900 million in new money, on top of the amount promised in the current budget but not delivered – it was booked into the government's fiscal framework in Budget 2014 and remains there to fund the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. The Liberals have been very transparent about where the money will come from. Justin Trudeau's plan to provide education and economic opportunity for First Nations commits \$2.6 billion for core First Nations education over the next four years. It includes not only the funding promised and never delivered by Stephen Harper, but an additional \$300 million annually. We will also invest \$500 million over the next three years for immediate First Nations education infrastructure. This funding is incremental to existing education infrastructure commitments already made to First Nations"	Liberal news release, 29 Sept 2015, http://www.liberal.ca/fact-check-desperate-ndp-makes-false-claims-about-liberal-first-nations-funding/
Shoal Lake 40 Freedom Road CID, LED, GIAGR	"It is inexcusable that Shoal Lake 40 First Nation has been cut off from the rest of Canada, with inadequate access to the most basic necessities. The situation requires an urgent response, yet for years the federal government has abandoned its responsibility to the First Nation. The current unreliable, expensive, and often dangerous access to Shoal Lake 40 cannot be allowed to continue. It is time to ensure permanent, year-round access by road to this community. A Liberal government is committed to delivering funding for the Freedom Road to Shoal Lake 40. "We will work in good faith with the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, Winnipeg, and Manitoba to resolve the access issue permanently for the well-being of all residents."	Various sources (Liberal campaign commitment clippings also viewable at TB CIDMS 675555) http://www.liberal.ca/justin-trudeau-commits-funding-for-shoal-lake-fn/ http://www.kenoradailyminerandnews.com/2015/07/07/liberals-would-help-build-freedom-road
		http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/federal-government-abandoned-its-responsibility-to-first-nation-community-trudeau-1.2457785

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	"Earlier today Liberal Leader, Justin Trudeau, committed that a Liberal government would build the long overdue Freedom Road to Shoal Lake 40. "This is a major announcement for our riding," said Bob Nault, Liberal Candidate for the Kenora riding. "For too long, the government has mislead and abandoned the people of Shoal Lake 40. Our commitment today is clear. A Liberal government would build the Freedom Road." "This announcement is a reflection that over the past decade, Shoal Lake 40 has been working proactivity with the province of Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg to realize their dream for guaranteed access to and from their community. "Living conditions on Shoal Lake are unacceptable. Building the Freedom Road is an important first step to improving these conditions and allowing future generations in Shoal Lake 40 to prosper," said Nault. Nault also pointed out that the announcement has significant implications for the residents of the Kenora riding as a whole. "Shoal Lake 40 has made it clear to the Government of Canada that without the Freedom Road, the twinning of Highway 17 from Kenora to the Manitoba border would not happen. Today's announcement from Mr. Trudeau makes it clear that under a Liberal government, Highway 17 is much closer to being twinned.""	http://www.netnewsledger.co m/2015/07/05/shoal-lake-40- freedom-road-promised-by- liberal-leader-justin-trudeau/ http://news.nationalpost.com/ news/canada/trudeau-vows- to-build-road-for-cut-off- reserve-that-conservative- government-abandoned Bob Nault (Kenora) statement, 4 July 2015, http://bobnault.liberal.ca/liber als-commit-to-freedom-road- for-shoal-lake-40/
	" Bob Nault, Liberal candidate for the Kenora riding and former minister of Indian Affairs, said this is a major announcement for the riding. "For too long, the government has mislead and abandoned the people of Shoal Lake 40. Our commitment today is clear. A Liberal government would build the Freedom Road," he said in a statement"	Kenora Daily Miner, 7 July 2015, http://www.kenoradailyminerandnews.com/2015/07/07/liberals-would-help-build-freedomroad
Resource Development LED	"Liberal Party Leader Justin Trudeau emphasized the importance of working in partnership with First Nations on resource development"	6 Aug 2015 leaders' debate, as cited at http://www.netnewsledger.com/2 015/08/07/first-leaders-debate-no-cuts-no-knockdowns-no-knockouts/

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Kelowna Accord (Infrastructure, Mental Health, Policing, Child Welfare) CID, ESPD	" For the Liberals, implementation means establishing a Kelowna Accord-type process(Liberal candidate Carolyn) Bennett, who is campaigning to keep her seat in the Toronto St. Paul's riding, said because the accord is just 10 years old, consultations probably won't take another 18 months. "The reason we liked that process is that it included everybody in what would be realistic goals, and a budget that would be required to achieve it," she said. "We still need a process to sort out the priorities, realistic timelines and budgets.""	thetyee.ca, 23 Sept 2015, http://thetyee.ca/News/2015/0 9/23/Major-Parties- Reconciliation/
	"That is why (we) have committed to immediately re-engage in a renewed, respectful, and inclusive nation-to-nation Kelowna process to advance progress on the issues First Nations have prioritized – issues like housing, infrastructure, health and mental health care, community safety and policing, and child welfare. We will make sure the Kelowna Accord – and the spirit of reconciliation that drove it – is embraced, and that its objectives are met, in line with today's challenges. We will make up for ten long, lost years."	Liberal party campaign backgrounder, 13 Aug 2015, TB CIDMS 681102 or candidate news release http://cindyderkaz.liberal.ca/fil es/2015/09/derkaz need-for- an-equal-partnership-with- First-Nations.pdf (TB CIDMS 686330)
	"A new nation-to-nation process to address critical issues - We will immediately reengage in a renewed, respectful and inclusive nation-to-nation process with Indigenous Peoples to advance progress on the issues prioritized by First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities – issues like housing, infrastructure, health and mental health care, community safety and policing, child welfare, and education. And we will ensure that the Kelowna Accord – and the spirit of reconciliation that drove it – is embraced, and its objectives implemented in a manner that meets today's challenges. We will make up for 10 long, lost years."	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/ a-new-nation-to-nation-process- to-address-critical-issues/
	"Justin Trudeau pledges \$2.6B for First Nations education Trudeau is also pledging to scrap the governing Conservatives' stalled First Nations education act and reengage on the 2005 Kelowna Accord"	Toronto Star, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.thestar.com/news/federal-election/2015/08/13/trudeau-pledges-26b-for-first-nations-education.html
Infrastructure CID	Proposed infrastructure investment: "Green Infrastructure – \$1.675B 2016-17, \$1.675B 2017-18, \$1.15B 2018-19, \$1.15B 2019-20"	Liberal fiscal plan, 26 Sept 2015, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/09/The-Liberal-fiscal-plan- and-costing.pdf (TB CIDMS 693626)
	" Social infrastructure: The best investments we can make are those that generate economic growth and provide immediate and long-term social gain. A Liberal	Liberal platform document, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20

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	government will provide a new, dedicated funding envelope for social infrastructure. We will prioritize investment in affordable housing and seniors facilities, early learning and child care, and cultural or recreational infrastructure. Our plan will renew federal leadership in affordable housing, help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities. We will also fund the creation of thousands of new child care spaces, enhance their quality, and ensure that affordable child care spaces are available to more families who need them. We will also boost investment in social infrastructure by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years"	15/08/An-historic-investment- plan.pdf (TB CIDMS 683497)
	" To help finance the construction of even more public infrastructure, we will also use more innovative methods of alternative financing. We will establish the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to provide low-cost financing to build new infrastructure projects"	Liberal platform document, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/08/An-historic-investment- plan.pdf (TB CIDMS 683497)
	" A Liberal government will automatically transfer any uncommitted federal infrastructure funds near the end of any fiscal year to municipalities, through a temporary top-up of the Gas Tax Fund. This will ensure that no committed Infrastructure money is allowed to lapse, but is instead always invested in communities across the country"	Liberal platform document, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/08/An-historic-investment- plan.pdf (TB CIDMS 683497)
	" Green infrastructure: A Liberal government will provide dedicated funding to invest in a broad range of projects, including but not limited to: local water and wastewater facilities, climate resilient infrastructure, clean energy, and clean-up of contaminated sites to facilitate new construction. We will also support efforts to prepare for changing weather patterns, such as: protections against wildfires,	Liberal platform document, https://www.liberal.ca/files/20 15/08/An-historic-investment- plan.pdf (TB CIDMS 683497)
	improved storm water systems to diminish the impact of urban floods, additional dams and dikes to prevent overland or coastal flooding, the reinforcement of energy systems in the face of possible ice storms, and the reinforcement of infrastructure to confront melting permafrost in our North. These and other efforts will be undertaken in partnership with other orders of government and based on the best available science. We will boost investment in green infrastructure by nearly\$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years"	
	" There are more than two dozen First Nations in the Kenora riding with boil water advisories. Ten of those communities haven't had safe drinking water for more than a decade. Bob Nault is the Liberal candidate in the riding, and a former minister of Indian Affairs. He said his party's promise to nearly double Canada's spending on infrastructure would help solve the problems. "We've just made a very large announcement yesterday of massive infrastructure dollars being put into our economy and one of those is water and waste water treatment plants," Nault said	CBC.ca, 28 Aug 2015, http://www.cbc.ca/news/cana da/thunder- bay/conservatives-response- to-first-nations-water- problems-a-crime-howard- hampton-says-1.3207811

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Languages & Culture ESPD?	"We will provide substantial new funding to support the ability of Indigenous communities to promote, preserve, and enhance their languages and cultures."	Liberal party campaign backgrounder, 13 Aug 2015, TB CIDMS 681102 or http://www.albertanativenews. com/liberal-party-of-canada- welcomes-afn-priorities-for- closing-the-gap/
	"In addition, we will deliver substantial new funding to promote, preserve, and enhance Indigenous languages and culture; and work collaboratively to include Aboriginal and Treaty rights, residential schools, and the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Canada in classroom learning."	Liberal news release, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.liberal.ca/trudeau-unveils-plan-for-first-nations-education-and-opportunity/
	"Support for Indigenous languages and cultures We will also provide substantial new funding to support First Nations ability of Indigenous communities to promote, preserve and enhance Indigenous languages and cultures. This is essential. A language is an expression of ways of thinking and cultural understanding. Knowledge of one's language is directly related to better physical, mental and spiritual health. We know from experience the vital role that language revitalization plays in building strong communities, healing, education, development, strong families and a reconnection to identity. Simply put, a healthy language means healthy individuals, and healthy communities."	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/ support-for-indigenous- languages-and-cultures/
	"Renew funding to support and enhance indigenous languages"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015, https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/canada-politics/main-federal-parties-and-their-aboriginal-192744810.html
Child & Family Services ESPD-Social	"We will work with provinces, territories, and First Nations to create a new National Early Learning and Child Care Framework, to ensure that affordable, high-quality, fully inclusive child care is available to all families who need it."	Liberal platform document, released 5 Oct 2015, https://www.liberal.ca/files/2015/10/New-plan-for-a-strong-middle-class.pdf (also at 694994)
	"Funding child and family services on reserves We will ensure that all First Nations receive equitable funding for child and family services on reserves. It is unconscionable that the Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Child and	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://realchange.ca/realchange/f

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	Family Caring Society had to turn to the Canadian Human Rights Commission to ensure equality of service and justice."	unding-child-and-family-services- on-reserves http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/f unding-child-and-family-services- on-reserves/
	"equitable funding for child and family services on reserves"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015, https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/ canada-politics/main-federal- parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html
Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)	" (Trudeau) pledged to set up an inquiry within 100 days of being elected to look into the missing and murdered aboriginal women" (no later than January 27, 2016)	CBC.ca, 18 Aug 2015, http://www.cbc.ca/news/cana da/sudbury/justin-trudeau- vows-to-equalize-funding-for- first-nations-education- 1.3194914
	"Missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls A Liberal government will immediately launch a national public inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada. The process by which it is established will be fully inclusive, designed to find justice for the victims and healing for their families. An inquiry would seek to recommend concrete actions that governments, law enforcement, and others can take to solve these crimes and prevent future ones. Not by ignoring uncomfortable truths, but by understanding and taking action to deal with the root causes of this national tragedy."	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://realchange.ca/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women/
	" Last month in Montreal, he promised to eliminate annual caps on First Nations funding and initiate a public inquiry into the country's missing and murdered aboriginal women crisis"	Star Phoenix, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.thestarphoenix.co m/life/Trudeau+mend+ties+wi th+aboriginals/11286587/stor y.html
	"a national inquiry into murdered and missing aboriginal women"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015, https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/ canada-politics/main-federal- parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html

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TRC "report card" (AFN only mentions report card on AFN priorities within 2 years of election - http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/closing-the-gap.pdf , page 7)	" This time the (AFN) is asking whoever forms government next to produce a TRC implementation report card in collaboration with the AFN by the end of 2017. While neither (NDP candidate) Ashton nor (Liberal candidate) Bennett would commit to the AFN's report card, both did say setting benchmarks, as well as measuring progress and failure was key to ensuring this report doesn't collect dust while the status quo continues"	thetyee.ca, 23 Sept 2015, http://thetyee.ca/News/2015/09/2 3/Major-Parties-Reconciliation/
Truth & Reconciliation Commission, UNDRIP	"Mr. Trudeau has pledged to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("UNDRIP") an international agreement that Canada has long avoided signing. The UNDRIP is a powerfully worded document, and includes the right of Indigenous peoples to "free, prior and informed consent" where traditionally held lands could be impacted by projects, as well as redress for lands that have been used or damaged without that consent. It also provides that Indigenous peoples have the right to "the conservation and protection of the environment". Mr. Trudeau has also pledged to enact the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which includes actions such as the establishment of a National Council for Reconciliation that would, among other things, monitor the relationship between Parliament and Aboriginal people to ensure government accountability"	"A Liberal majority in the House of Commons - implications for environmental policy," Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, 23 Oct 2015, http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=168841bf-8c68-49e1-bcd7-18abe3063401 (TB CIDMS 701219)
	"Truth and Reconciliation We will support the work of reconciliation and continue the necessary process of truth telling and healing, we will work with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples to enact the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, starting with the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/92661/or http://www.liberal.ca/justin-trudeau-at-assembly-of-first-nations-36th-annual-general-assembly/
	"Implementation of all TRC recommendations"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015, https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/ canada-politics/main-federal- parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html
Transparency & Accountability	"Pass legislation in consultation with First Nations people on implementing the reforms for more transparency and accountability on reserves"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015,

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Annual Meetings	"Stronger Indigenous voices As part of a renewed relationship between the	https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/ canada-politics/main-federal- parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html Real Change platform document
with Aboriginal, Métis, and Inuit leaders	federal government and First Nations, we will do more to make sure that the voices of First Nations are heard in Ottawa. Harper's changes to the Elections Act make it harder for Indigenous peoples to exercise their right to vote. We will repeal those changes. And most importantly, we want to hear directly from Indigenous communities. If Justin Trudeau is elected Prime Minister after the next election, he will go to meet with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit leaders each and every year of his government's mandate. And Liberal Members of Parliament will always to be strong voices for their communities. Ottawa needs to hear from Indigenous Peoples far more than Indigenous Peoples need to hear from Ottawa."	(all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/ 92659/ or http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/ stronger-indigenous-voices/
Federal Reconciliation Framework GIAGR LED	"A renewed relationship As a matter of national priority, we will develop a Federal Reconciliation Framework, created in full partnership with Indigenous Peoples. Reconciliation starts with recognizing and respecting Aboriginal title and rights, including treaty rights. A Liberal government will do just that. Not only in accordance with Constitutional obligations, but also with those enshrined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples -something the current government has steadfastly refused to do. To this end, we will conduct a full review of the legislation unilaterally imposed on Indigenous Peoples by the Harper government, through the lens of section 35 of the Constitution. Where measures are found to be in conflict with Aboriginal rights, where they are inconsistent with the principles of good governance, or where they simply make no public policy sense, we will rescind them. This Reconciliation Framework will also include mechanisms to resolve grievances associated with existing historical treaties and modern land-claims agreements. The current process simply does not work. We will work with First Nations to re-design how Canada negotiates and fully implements modern treaties. In some cases, the work toward reconciliation is already underway, but efforts are hindered by narrow federal mandates and lack of action. We will work with First Nations to achieve fair and just resolutions. That includes addressing the issue of governance. The Reconciliation Framework will include mechanisms to advance and strengthen self-government."	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/r enewed-relationship/
	"A full review of legislation unilaterally imposed on indigenous peoples by the Harper government"	Yahoo Canada "Political Points: Main federal parties and their aboriginal platforms," 17 Aug 2015, https://ca.news.yahoo.com/blogs/ canada-politics/main-federal-

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		parties-and-their-aboriginal- 192744810.html
New Fiscal Relationship	"A new fiscal relationship with First Nations We will immediately lift the two per cent cap on funding for First Nations programs. That limit – in place for nearly 20 years – has not kept up with the demographic realities of First Nations communities or the actual costs of program delivery. Simply put, no shared goals can be achieved under the status quo. We need a new fiscal relationship that provides First Nations communities with sufficient, predictable, and sustained funding. Increasing First Nations' own source revenues, whether through revenue sharing or other mechanisms, is a priority."	Real Change platform document (all screen scans fm web page - TB 681114), http://www.liberal.ca/realchange/ a-new-fiscal-relationship-with- first-nations/
UNDRIP Review GIAGR, LED	"We will, in full partnership and consultation with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples, undertake a full review of regulatory law, policies, and operational practices. This will ensure that the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation, and consent obligations on project reviews and assessments, in accordance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations. These include Aboriginal and Treaty rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples"	Platform document at TB CIDMS 680069, page 9 or https://www.liberal.ca/files/2015/08/A-new-plan-for-Canadas-environment-and-economy.pdf
	"Liberal candidate Carolyn Bennett today issued the following statement on the United Nations International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples "On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada, I reaffirm our commitment to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples"	Liberal Party statement, 9 Aug 2015, http://www.liberal.ca/liberal-statement-on-international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples/
Remove Funding Cap	" (Trudeau) promised to eliminate annual caps on First Nations funding and initiate a public inquiry into the country's missing and murdered aboriginal women crisis"	Star Phoenix, 13 Aug 2015, http://www.thestarphoenix.com/life/Trudeau+mend+ties+with+aboriginals/11286587/story.html