



Thank you for taking the time to engage in this critical election. The Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation (SPAR) sector in Alberta supports physical and mental health as well as building vibrant communities. We know that strong, active and healthy communities are the key to a strong economy across Alberta.

Kids Activity Tax Credit

One of our key commitments is the Kids Activity Tax Credit. We will create a refundable tax credit of up to \$500 per child each year that can be applied to the cost of any recreational or extracurricular programming, including sports, music lessons or camp fees.

This will make swimming lessons, ringette fees, or climbing wall memberships more accessible - just to name a few. Plus, there's no extra work for parents, who get their money back every year when they file taxes.

We will also work to make life more affordable for families overall, by freezing auto insurance, freezing personal income tax, and introducing a three month cap on utility bills this summer along with an investigation of utility rates to lower them over the longer term. This will give Albertans more money in their pockets that they can choose to invest in sports and wellbeing.

Parks

We will invest \$250 million in parks to improve amenities and make it more accessible for families to enjoy Alberta's lakes and natural landscapes and wildlife. The investment includes building more trails, campsites, playgrounds, warm-up shelters and amenities like fish-cleaning stations.

When the UCP tried to sell off 175 of Alberta's parks, the Alberta NDP stood with regular Albertans to fight back with a grassroots campaign to protect parks.



We will also update the *Alberta Parks Act* to stop any future government from selling off parks and mining the Eastern Slopes. Finally, we will cancel the UCP's controversial K-Pass and restore Kananaskis Country to former Premier Peter Loughheed's vision: a place where all Albertans regardless of income can enjoy time with their families in nature.

Restoring Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

An Alberta NDP government would create jobs for young Albertans and support small businesses with a supercharged work experience program.

STEP is a 16-week wage subsidy program that provides employers with \$7 per hour to offset the costs of hiring and training students. STEP was introduced in the 1970s but was cancelled by the UCP in 2019. An NDP government would restore and expand STEP to help more small businesses find and train the workers they need while providing valuable experience to Alberta's young professionals.

Hometown Alberta

We've announced plans for Hometown Alberta, which will create 1,500 jobs over three years and build stronger communities by supporting municipalities and non-profits to build, repair, renovate, upgrade or expand local community facilities, including sports, recreational, and other public-use spaces.

Hometown Alberta would both replace and improve upon the current Community Facility Enhancement Program, by increasing grant funding by 50 per cent to \$75 million annually and adding a new \$100-million annual capital investment funding stream designed to advance local construction through partnerships.

We are also increasing funding to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program by 50%.



We know how important it is to have a government partner you can trust. Municipalities have struggled with rising costs and suffered from UCP cuts to their funding over the past four years.

Better Funding for Municipalities

In addition to Hometown Alberta, we will pass legislation that ties funding for municipalities to provincial revenues. Municipal funding that grows with a growing economy would liberate cities, towns, and villages from relying on static property taxes. This will give local governments predictable revenue that they can invest in recreation and infrastructure and plan for the future. Alberta succeeds when we all succeed together.

Better Preventative Health Care

We also know how important it is to invest in preventative healthcare so Albertans can continue to participate in sports and activities. Currently, 800,000 Albertans are without a family doctor - this has to change. Family doctors are essential to the foundation of our healthcare system; when people have access to regular check-ups, they have better health outcomes. With the Alberta NDP, if you need a doctor, you will get to see a doctor, in a matter of days, for free and within your communities.

We will invest \$350 million to establish 40 new Family Health Clinics and \$400 million to hire an additional 4,000 allied health professionals across the province. We will also incent doctors to offer care on evenings and weekends by providing fair compensation for any clinic that chooses extended hours. Government must invest in frontline healthcare to ensure Albertans can stay healthy and keep doing the activities they love.

Thank you again for your advocacy on behalf of all Albertans and the opportunity to respond to your priorities.

The Alberta NDP