

# New Democratic Party 2013 Election Promises

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Date	Spending Promise	Party Calculation of Cost	Alternative Calculation of Cost	Notes
08-Apr	<a href="#">Use carbon tax for TransLink</a>	\$200,000,000		a
15-Apr	<a href="#">Forest Industry Plan, including training, market expansion, reducing raw log exports and establishing a Jobs Protection Commissioner</a>	\$100,000,000		b
17-Apr	<a href="#">Student Grant Program</a>	\$100,000,000		c
17-Apr	<a href="#">Improve skills training and apprenticeships</a>	\$40,000,000		d
17-Apr	<a href="#">New scholarship program</a>	\$20,000,000		
17-Apr	<a href="#">Serve BC food in hospitals and expand Buy BC program</a>	\$4,000,000		e
17-Apr	<a href="#">High Tech Strategy</a>	\$2,000,000		f
17-Apr	<a href="#">Increase support to BC Arts Council</a>		\$5,000,000	g
17-Apr	<a href="#">Support for immigrants</a>	\$2,000,000		
17-Apr	<a href="#">Two-year BC Ferries fare freeze</a>	\$40,000,000		
18-Apr	<a href="#">Hire new teachers, teaching assistants, librarians and counsellors</a>	\$100,000,000		h
18-Apr	<a href="#">Increase licensed childcare subsidy</a>	\$60,000,000		i
18-Apr	<a href="#">Renew support for First Nations heritage, language and culture</a>	\$2,000,000		j
18-Apr	<a href="#">Restore Science World field trip grant</a>	\$1,000,000		
19-Apr	<a href="#">Create BC Family Bonus program for low-income British Columbians</a>	\$210,000,000		
19-Apr	<a href="#">Increase welfare rates by</a>	\$49,000,000		k

	<a href="#">\$20/month and tie future increases to CPI</a>			
19-Apr	<a href="#">Strengthen Community Living BC and add staff at Ministry of Children and Family Development</a>	\$23,000,000		l
21-Apr	<a href="#">Local agriculture study</a>		\$4,000,000	m
22-Apr	<a href="#">Fight climate change, protect endangered species and habitat, ban cosmetic pesticides, investment in BC parks</a>	\$60,000,000		n
23-Apr	<a href="#">Health care promises, including home support, mental health, strengthening community services and a Rural Acute Care Initiative</a>	\$149,000,000		o
24-Apr	<a href="#">Improve legal aid through new community partnerships</a>	\$10,000,000		p
24-Apr	<a href="#">Support crime prevention and restorative justice programs</a>	\$3,000,000		q
24-Apr	<a href="#">Establish an Independent Seniors' Representative</a>	\$8,000,000		r
24-Apr	<a href="#">Support for Aboriginal Friendship Centres</a>	\$3,000,000		s
24-Apr	<a href="#">Enhance women's equality</a>	\$3,000,000		t
24-Apr	<a href="#">Invest in healthy forests and a strong land base</a>	\$60,000,000		u
24-Apr	<a href="#">Promote and support sustainable mining and exploration: enhance permit processing</a>	\$3,000,000		v
24-Apr	<a href="#">Improve employment standards</a>	\$5,000,000		w
24-Apr	<a href="#">Invest new resources to make the BC Labour Relations Board more efficient and effective in helping solve disputes</a>	\$3,000,000		x
24-Apr	<a href="#">BC Rail inquiry</a>	\$10,000,000		

**Total new spending costed to date: \$1,279,000,000**

**Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 30/30**

**Number of uncosted promises: 0**

**(Pink denotes capital expenditure)**

**Notes:**

- a. NDP transportation critic Harry Bains says \$200m corporate income tax hike (originally part of carbon tax revenue neutrality plan) will be used for TransLink
- b. Forest plan funding of \$310m is promised over five years, culminating in \$100m in year 5
- c. Student grant program estimated at \$250m over three years - \$50m in year 1, \$100m in each of year 2 and 3
- d. Skills training and apprenticeship program estimated at \$80m over three years, including \$40m in year 3
- e. Buy BC program expansion estimated at \$8m over three years, including \$4m in year 3
- f. High tech strategy estimated at \$5m over three years, including \$2m in each of year 2 and 3
- g. Document lumped BC Arts Council support in with film subsidy; difference of \$5m, thus this number
- h. New school staffing estimated at \$265m over three years, including \$100m in year 3
- i. Childcare subsidy totals \$100m over three years, including \$60m in year 3
- j. First Nations culture, heritage, language fund totals \$4m over three years, including \$2m in year 3
- k. Welfare changes total \$79m over three years, including \$49m in year 3
- l. CLBC and MCFD increases total \$59m over three years, including \$23m in year 3
- m. April 21 announcement included previously announced hospital food program and a total of \$8m. This number subtracts \$4m originally announced April 17
- n. Full plan is for \$143 million over three years, including \$60m in year 3
- o. Full plan is for \$240 million over three years, including \$149m in year 3
- p. Full plan is for \$17 million over three years, including \$10m in year 3
- q. Full plan is for \$8m over three years, including \$2m in each of years 2 and 3
- r. Full plan is for \$11m over three years, including \$8m in year 3
- s. \$9m over three years
- t. \$7m over three years, including \$3m in each of year 2 and 3
- u. \$130m over three years, including \$60m in year 3
- v. \$8m over three years, including \$3m in each of year 2 and 3
- w. \$10m over three years, including \$5m in year 3
- x. \$5m over two years, including \$3m in year 2

Date	Spending Reduction Promise	Party Calculation of Cost	Alternative Calculation of Cost	Notes
11-Apr	<a href="#">Reallocation of BC Liberal Budget 2013 spending</a>	\$328,000,000		a

**Total new spending reductions costed to date: \$328,000,000**

**Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 1/1**

**Number of uncosted promises: 0**

**Pink denotes capital expenditure**

**Notes:**

a. Total reallocation over three years of \$562m, including \$328m in year 3; [this includes April 22 announcement that the NDP will kill the Pacific Carbon Trust.](#)

Date	Taxation/Revenue Promise	Party Calculation of Cost	Alternative Calculation of Cost	Notes
09-Apr	<a href="#">Expanded BC Film Industry subsidy</a>	\$45,000,000		
11-Apr	<a href="#">Raise corporate income tax rate from 11% to 12%</a>	-\$200,000,000		a
11-Apr	<a href="#">Bring in corporation capital tax on banks and credit unions</a>	-\$150,000,000		
11-Apr	<a href="#">Raise income tax on incomes over \$150,000 from 16.8% to 19%</a>	-\$200,000,000		b
11-Apr	<a href="#">Expand the carbon tax to include "venting" emissions from oil and gas sector</a>	-\$100,000,000		c
17-Apr	<a href="#">Expand BC Training Tax Credit and establish co-op student wage subsidy</a>	\$8,000,000		d

**Total tax cuts costed to date (Tax hikes if negative): -\$597,000,000**

**Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 6/6**

**Number of uncosted promises: 0**

**Notes:**

- a. Adds to Liberal Budget 2013 tax increase from 10% to 11%
- b. Adds to two-year Liberal Budget 2013 tax increase from 14.7% to 16.8%; makes increase permanent
- c. Phased in over three years, but will total \$100m annually by 2016/17
- d. Training tax credit and co-op subsidy estimated at \$13m over two years, including \$8m in year 2