

Canada Post – Home Delivery

- Canada Post has arbitrarily decided to terminate home mail delivery to those residents who currently have not been forced to use Community Mail Boxes (CMBs).
- Canada Post has been profitable 16 out of the last 17 years. Canada Post has generated \$1.6 billion in revenues to Canadian taxpayers.
- Canada is the only industrialized nation claiming they can't afford home mail delivery.
- What will Canada Post do for seniors and those with mobility issues who cannot safely get to a CMB, especially in the winter months?
- Will Canada Post compensate home owners living next to CMBs for depreciated property values?
- What is the insurance liability for a home owner if a member of the public slips on snow, ice, or wet leaves on a sidewalk adjacent to their home while retrieving mail from a CMB?
- How will Canada Post ensure that snow and ice will be removed from areas around CMBs?
- Will Canada Post compensate people who suffer identity theft as a result of CMB break-ins?
- Canada Post should implement its own study to create postal banking across Canada. Postal banking would be a "win-win" strategy and a proven money maker for Canada Post.
- Home mail delivery should be retained and expanded to all residents who have been forced to use CMBs.



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The following are high priority election issues for our community.

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Proportional Representation

- In Canadian elections we use the 'first past the post system' which is irrational and archaic. Citizens' votes are wasted because votes don't match seats.
- Proportional Representation (PR) matches seats to votes cast and so seats are distributed according to vote shares. Everyone is represented; with PR, voters have more choices; with PR, there is no need for tactical voting; an educated electorate votes; with PR, you Vote with Hope.
- When Canadian political parties elect leaders, they don't use the 'first past the post system'. They use a PR system. But, when it comes to other elections, we use the irrational system called 'first past the post'? Why?

Income Inequality

- Canada has the fastest growth in income inequality in the OECD.
- Today, the bottom half of the population owns just 6% of the wealth; the richest 20% own nearly 70% of the wealth.
- Wages: A Widening Gap. Canada has been dragged into a competitive race for global talent; this creates massive inequality between top executives and all others.
- Income determines how healthy you are and how long you will live; a Statistics Canada study shows that income inequality is associated with the premature death of 40,000 Canadians per year.

Affordable Housing

- Medicine Hat, Alberta, has eliminated homelessness by providing shelters and affordable housing for people. This positive policy needs to be repeated in all urban cities across Canada.
- There is a need to increase the supply of affordable housing across Canada; and, improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing.
- Improving housing affordability for vulnerable Canadians is a priority. Also, fostering safe, independent living.
- In 2010, the current waiting list for social housing in Hamilton was approximately 5,000 persons. This was an increase of 29% since the start of the economic recession in 2008, compared to a 14% increase across Ontario.

CBC and Public Broadcasting is Critical to the Preservation of our Canadian Culture and Democracy

- The Federal Government needs to restore secure, stable and sufficient funding to the CBC and Radio Canada.
- A strong independent public broadcaster has a role in ensuring government accountability
- The CBC Board of Directors needs to be non-partisan and not dominated by government appointees as it currently is.
- Citizen's should determine what they want the CBC to be – not the Federal Government.

What Canadians Need and Want is a Stronger, Better Funded Public Health Care System

Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls Must be Better Understood and Prevented

- This issue is not new, it began in 1749.
- There are disproportionately high levels of violence against indigenous women in Canada; Indigenous women make up 4.3 % of the Canadian population, yet they account for 16 % of female homicides and 11.3 % of missing women in Canada.
- Sisters in Spirit was launched in 2005; their research database led to a call for a national inquiry into the systemic violence suffered by Indigenous women; in October 2010 the Harper Government cut federal funding to the project, transferring these funds back to several government departments.
- Hamilton's population of Aboriginal descent was approximately 15,840 in 2011 as counted by the National Household Survey, which is about 3.1% of Hamilton's population. The actual number of Aboriginals in Hamilton is probably larger.

Youth Unemployment and Jobs

- In Hamilton, unemployment rates among youth are above the national average.
- Among those earning minimum wage: 3.3% are age 25-54; 8.7% are over age 55; 57.6% are below age 25; 67% have "unpredictable" work hours.
- Three-quarters of all jobs in the last 6 years have been part-time, temporary or self employed.; in 2015, 30% of Ontarian's had low-wage jobs.
- The Harper government cut corporate tax rates, saying it would lead to new jobs, but it didn't.