



Summary of the Social Credit Party Policy

Effective 19th April, 2005.

Taxation and Fiscal Responsibility

- Implement Provincial financial controls which will eliminate Provincial Government deficits and eventually retire the Provincial debt.
- Introduce a program to remove consumptive taxation such as the Provincial Sales Tax.
- Eliminate the B. C. Property Transfer Tax.

The Provincial Economy

- Encourage manufacturing and processing operations to establish and grow in BC.
- Ensure the small and medium size companies in the forest sector have adequate and secured access to timber.
- Maintain and improve the opportunity for people to re-enter the work force through training.
- Authorize a comprehensive, independent review of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Housing Policy

- Consolidate all aspects of housing into one single ministry.
- Introduce a provincial housing policy which deals with affordability.
- Streamline the Development Processes.
- Eliminate the ceilings on Home Owner Grants.
- Entrench the concept of protecting the rights of private property owners.

Healthcare Delivery

- Promote a family-centered approach to healthcare emphasizing: healthier lifestyle development.
- Establish a Capital Funding Authority for Public Healthcare delivery which could provide for longer fixed term capital planning and financing for construction, renovation and repair facilities.

Education

- Establish Provincial Public & Private Education Standards.
- The BC Economy's need for a skilled workforce to compete in global markets requires an education curriculum to reflect those needs - ultimately ensuring graduating students quality careers and guaranteed employment.

Environmental and Resource Management

- Demonstrate leadership and promote a practical working relationship with all community and business stakeholders, with respect to the Aquaculture Industry implement: the Precautionary Approach/Principal & use of closed containment
- Encourage further development in BC of the manufacturing industries necessary to transform extracted natural resources into finished products.