

Mission Possible Defending Canada



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For over 200 years we have had a relatively stable relationship with the United States. Now that has changed for good. Given our geographic proximity, their military might and relative economic strength, it is impossible, irresponsible, and immoral to dismiss the threat as anything less than existential.

We have many things the U.S. now seeks to take control over: our fresh water, our agricultural land, our energy resources, our critical minerals, and our Arctic passageways. The growing impacts of climate change will soon further exacerbate these pressures. We will not let the spectre of far-right ideology take control and destroy what is most precious to us: our land, our futures, our democratic values or our freedoms. We will stand on guard, strong and free, to protect the true North – the country we love. As Greens, we pledge to advocate for these actions that are key to our national security and independence:

Create a common diplomatic and economic front

Together with other like-minded democracies, we can form a counterweight to aggression from domineering nations. Encroachments on the sovereignty of any member of the democratic bloc will be resisted by all.

Boost engagement in Global system for Humanitarian Aid

Increase engagement and funding in programs that serve global humanitarian needs.

Strengthen Canada's commitment to international law

Endorse and support the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. Continue to stand firm on international treaties such as the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Add Value to Canadian Resources

Develop supply chain connectivity within Canada where we 'Add Value' to our resources, rather than just shipping unprocessed raw material abroad, and reduce our dependence on foreign imports.

Protect our Borders

Ramp up patrols and surveillance at the border to protect Canadians, prevent the entry of illegal firearms, drugs, and other outside threats and dissuade human traffickers from exposing vulnerable people to dangerous crossings.

Welcome targeted Americans fleeing the U.S.

Numerous American scientists, activists, civil servants, journalists, judges, lawyers, doctors, and other targeted individuals living in the U.S. want to leave. Let's welcome them to Canada.

Strengthen Emergency Preparedness

Engage in public awareness campaigns about emergency preparedness, reliable sources of information and what is expected of civilians in times of national emergency due to natural disasters, climate destabilization or foreign incursions.

Establish a National Strategic Reserve

Establish a national strategic reserve of critical resources, to safeguard jobs, retain our critical industrial capacity, and supply key infrastructure investments with the necessary raw materials needed to protect Canada.

Revise Canadian Military Doctrine

Urgently revise the Canadian Military Doctrine to account for the new positioning of the U.S. towards Canada and Europe.

Review all Military Procurement

Where feasible, suspend all military procurement with U.S. suppliers and uncouple from U.S. owned or U.S. reliant weapon and IT systems.

Shift focus on Defence Asset Development

Shift the focus of our Defence strategy from acquiring expensive weapons systems like manned fighter jets to development of home-grown drone, AI and cybersecurity technologies.

Create a Comprehensive Strategy to Defend Canada

Create a plan together with the Canadian Armed Forces and affiliated paramilitary and civilian bodies to defend our nation from foreign intrusions and secure key domestic infrastructure.

Keep Intelligence-gathering among Trusted Allies

Coordinate with democratic nations among the Five Eyes and elsewhere to review all joint intelligence-gathering and sharing with the U.S.

Counter foreign media propaganda

Monitor foreign media propaganda that undermines Canadian sovereignty and render social media companies liable for knowingly broadcasting false and malicious information.

Support Canadian Media

Increase public funding for quality Canadian-owned media and provide adequate stable funding to our national broadcaster: The CBC and Radio-Canada.

Free Canadians from US-dictated IP laws

Give Canadians the right to circumvent digital locks so we can repair US-manufactured products and facilitate modifications domestically. We need to free ourselves from U.S. tech monopoly control.

Support Canadian Businesses and Canadian Workers

Guarantee strong financial support for Canadian-owned businesses and their workers that may be impacted by tariffs or other measures of economic warfare by the U.S. administration.



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About Amanda Cain

A Scarborough resident, born and raised in Scarborough Southwest. With an education in Corporate Communications, Amanda has been managing Youth Economic Development Programs for the past 20 years. She worked in the arts and entertainment industry prior to her work in the non-profit sector. An active community advocate, Amanda has been addressing issues of education and training, economic development and civic engagement in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) of Toronto for the past 25 years. As a mother, she believes in building strong communities that support our most vulnerable citizens, and has focused much of her attention to building policy on poverty reduction.

Amanda's community involvement includes:

City of Toronto, Youth Employment Managers Network;
City of Toronto, Children's Services Advisory Committee;
Economic Development Committee, Scarborough
Community Renewal Org;
Board of Directors for Jessies, The June Callwood Centre;
Connect Sheppard East Campaign;
Rexdale Youth Employment Committee;
Rush The Vote National Youth Voter Awareness Campaign
TDSB Parent Involvement Advisory Committee
Lake Ontario Waterkeeper;
Scarborough Civic Action Network;
The David Suzuki Foundation Guildwood Butterfly Rangers;
The Malvern Food Security Committee

She has been honoured with the following awards:

2019 LeadNOW Climate Champion;
2018 Urban Hero Award Nominee for Social Issues by
Metroland Media;
The Ontario Volunteer Service Award;
The MicroSkills Youth Service Award;
The Scarborough Pilot Award;
The Catharine Janes Women's Opportunity Award;
The Young Mother's Toronto Dollar Award;
X2 Judge for the CARAS Junos R&B Category; and
Juror for Urban Music with the Toronto Arts Council

Amanda was also selected to contribute to policy recommendations for the Ontario Campaign 2000 for Poverty Reduction and is an alumni of Equal Voice Votes to Victory and Women Win TO.

Mission Possible Protecting The Planet



The world is not solely shaped by forces beyond our control. Each of us can play a role in shaping it for our children and our children's children. We should cherish it and do it no harm, not because we are obligated to do so, but for the love we have for our natural world and for those who shall inherit it.

We must, as a community of nations, ensure that global average temperature does not rise significantly above 1.5°C over pre-industrial levels. Every fraction of a degree more than that brings us closer to tipping points that risks plunging us into runaway global heating, the loss of our hospitable biosphere and the potential extinction of most living species on earth. It is a do-or-die situation. Even though Canada currently has one of the worst records on earth for reducing greenhouse gases, we can still become the global leaders we must be. We can be an example to the world – a fossil fuel dependent country that plans and successfully executes the end of our dependence on fossil fuels. As Greens, we pledge to advocate for these actions that are key to mitigating the spectre of climate destabilization:

Set stringent targets with accountability

60% GHG reductions against 2005 levels by 2030 and zero emissions well before 2050 with continuous review and accountability.

Unleash science and innovation

Increase funding for climate research and establish an Advanced Research Projects Agency to support disruptive clean technology innovation and commercialization in Canada.

Revive and extend the Carbon Rebate program

The Carbon fee and rebate program together with Border Carbon Adjustments will keep us competitive in clean low-carbon technology enterprises.

End subsidies for fossil fuel projects

Global demand for fossil fuels is projected to fall. No public money should be invested in more oil and gas pipelines, tar sands expansions, LNG facilities and fracking operations.

Green and modernize the Energy Grid

Phase out fossil fuel based electricity generation and invest in the latest transmission technology such as superconducting HVDC cables to move renewable energy to consumers across Canada.

Electrify Transportation

Provide the necessary incentives to meet ambitious zero-emissions new vehicle sales targets with EV charging stations across Canada. And ensure there are no barriers to electric vehicle affordability.

Get Canada back on track

Invest in regional passenger rail networks that connect to local public transit. And move forward on high speed rail projects modeled on successful implementation strategies from around the world.

Support local efforts

Engage every municipality, community organization, school and university to step up and plant trees, install solar panels, multiply Distributed Energy Resources and District Energy systems, and help retrofit buildings towards net zero goals.

Ensure Net-Zero Buildings

Establish a Net-Zero National Building code and create millions of new, well-paying jobs in the trades by retrofitting all buildings in Canada to be carbon neutral.

Shift away from fossil fuel dependency

Phase-out all imports of foreign oil. As fossil fuel use declines, invest in shifting production towards low carbon goods and non-combustible products using Alberta bitumen.

Create new partnerships for Renewables

Form partnerships with Indigenous peoples, providing economic opportunities by ramping up renewables on their lands. Use skills developed in the oil and gas sector to harness clean energy sources such as geothermal and energy storage.

Align Canada's financial investments with its Climate Goals

Codify the scope of 'fiduciary duty' in the context of our climate commitments. The financial sector requires clarity to facilitate a pathway that reaches out net-zero commitments.

Prioritize adaptation

Invest in adaptation measures to protect Canadians from the ravages of climate destabilization. Invest in mitigating risks associated with wildfires, severe storms, flooding, droughts and thawing permafrost.

Protect our Forests and Biodiversity

End logging of old growth forests, allow natural forest systems to recover, protect endangered species and foster biodiversity. Ensure Canada's Conservation goals are met.

Restore carbon sinks

Launch a global effort to restore carbon sinks, focusing on protecting peatlands, wetlands, grassland ecosystems and tree canopies. Promote agricultural techniques that sequester carbon and the restoration of coastal and marine ecosystems.

Ensure a Just and Prosperous Transition

Workers in fossil fuel based industries deserve a fair and just transition into the new low-carbon economy. We need to ensure everyone will be better off in the competitive environment of the future.