

Say **YES!**

to our Plan for
New Brunswick



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Say **YES!**

to more than

\$10 billion
in new, private
investment



Shale Gas
Development

\$2.2 b
(billion)



Energy East
Terminal

\$400 m
(million)



Liquefied Natural
Gas Export Terminal

\$3.0 b
(billion)



Sisson Brook Mine

\$579 m
(million)



Trevali Mine

\$125 m
(million)



Minco Manganese Mine

\$863 m
(million)



Energy East Pipeline

\$2.41 b
(billion)



New Brunswick Forestry Plan

\$600 m
(million)



Wild Blueberry Industry

\$184 m
(million)

More than **\$10 BILLION**
in new, private investment



Say **YES!** to our Plan for **New Brunswick now.**

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“ The Progressive Conservative Party is the only team with a real plan to create jobs and grow New Brunswick’s economy – today. I’m asking New Brunswickers to **say YES** to our plan for the future. ”

- Premier David Alward



A Message from David Alward

For the past four years you've heard me talk about stabilizing our finances, protecting pensions, developing our natural resources and growing our research, development and innovation sectors. These are all very significant topics that are important to shaping the future of our province.

As you are all too well aware, things have been tough in New Brunswick. Anyone who knows me realizes I take no satisfaction in making some of the difficult decisions we had to make. But while they may have been difficult choices, they were necessary. Now that we have taken these important steps we are in a much better position to strengthen our future by taking advantage of the opportunities in front of us.

New Brunswick's success has never been closer. The ***Progressive Conservative Party*** has the only plan to ***create jobs and grow New Brunswick's economy now***. Great progress has been made in the last four years, but we must continue to build on the foundation we've laid;

- We have cleaned up the mess left by the previous Liberal Government that tried to sell NB Power and created a crippling deficit.
- We have reformed how government works to make sure taxpayers get a better bang for their buck.
- We have led the country in managing health spending while making important investments in front-line services.
- We have introduced the most fair and universal drug plan in Canada.
- We have acted to protect the pensions of more than 50,000 New Brunswickers.
- We have made New Brunswick's education system more inclusive.
- We have a plan that's working to keep seniors healthier, safer and longer in their homes.
- ***We have a plan to generate more than \$10 billion in new, private investment in the province and to get New Brunswick's natural resources working for us!***

“ It is time to bring our greatest resource, our people, home to work. We have a clear plan to create jobs by growing a domestic oil and natural gas industry in New Brunswick, re-establishing our forestry sector as a leader in North America and planting the seeds for growth in our knowledge sectors that will drive our economy for generations. ”

Over the next four years, a David Alward government will **create jobs**, and **improve the economy** here at home by **saying yes** to:

- A **Strong Economy** with jobs as our focus built upon responsible natural resource and energy development.
- **Healthy Families** and **Vibrant Communities** that are working here at home with responsive healthcare, education and social programs.
- And **Responsible Government** that is accountable and financially responsible so that we can spend our money where it matters most to you.

Our plan for New Brunswick is real. My commitment to you is real. We have built a strong foundation over the last four years. Now we must **say yes** to the opportunities that are before us today. That is why I'm asking you to **say yes** to our plan for the safe and responsible development of our natural resource and energy sectors.



David Alward



The Progressive Conservative Plan

New Brunswick has never been so close to so many new opportunities that could change the future of our province. Financial stability and economic growth are at our doorstep, but as a province we must **say yes** to our clear plan.

Our vision for New Brunswick sees its geography and vast natural resources put to work to create a strong, stable economy that will last generations. That is the plan of David Alward and the Progressive Conservative Party.

However, there is a clear choice in this election. The other political parties want to wait, press pause, implement moratoriums and conduct countless unnecessary studies and government reviews all to avoid making the necessary decisions. The other parties want to ignore the value of our natural resources and that will limit the opportunities for our people who want to work here, at home.

The Progressive Conservative Party is asking New Brunswickers to **say yes** to a better future:

- More than \$10 billion of new, private investment are within our reach, but New Brunswick needs a government that will **say yes** to these opportunities while ensuring the toughest regulations are followed.
- New Brunswick needs a government that **says yes** to increased research, innovation and technology funding because government doesn't create entrepreneurs, but it can create an environment where entrepreneurs prosper.
- New Brunswick needs a government that will **say yes** to connecting people to skills and real jobs today.
- New Brunswick needs a government that **says yes** to valuing our seniors and understands that healthcare must be sustainable.
- New Brunswick needs a government that wants families to grow and communities to flourish and **says yes** to new opportunities that will keep families here, at home.

The Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick
has a clear plan for New Brunswick.

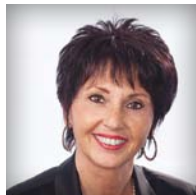
We are asking for your vote and to **say yes to New Brunswick.**

"All states and cities — and not just those facing imminent crisis — would do well to examine a promising approach to pension management recently adopted by the Canadian province of New Brunswick with the support of the province's labor unions."
- **New York Times, The Editorial Board**

North-Northwest



Yvon Bonenfant
Madawaska Les Lacs-
Edmundston



Martine Coulombe
Restigouche West



Madeleine "Mado" Dubé
Edmundston-
Madawaska Centre



Joe Elias
Campbellton-Dalhousie

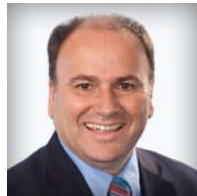


Danny "Daniel" Soucy
Victoria-La Vallée

Miramichi-Kent



Nancy Blanchard
Kent North



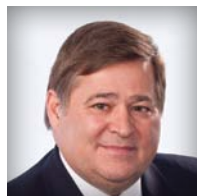
Serge Robichaud
Miramichi Bay-Neguac



Jake Stewart
Southwest Miramichi-
Bay du Vin



Robert Trevors
Miramichi



Claude Williams
Kent South

Peninsule-Chaleur



Gilberte Boudreau
Restigouche-Chaleur



Claude Landry
Tracadie-Sheila



Anne Bard-Lavigne
Bathurst West-Beresford



Ryan Riordon
Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-
Saint-Isidore



Paul Robichaud
Shippagan-Lamèque-
Miscou



**Suzanne Morais
Vienneau**
Caraquet

Westmorland



Carmel Brun
Shediac-Beaubassin-
Cap-Pelé



Normand Léger
Dieppe



Jane Mitton-MacLean
Moncton East



Mike Olscamp
Memramcook-Tantramar



Dolores Poirier
Shediac Bay-Dieppe

David Alward's Team for Tomorrow

Westmorland-Albert Capital Region



Marie-Claude Blais
Moncton Centre



Bruce Fitch
Riverview



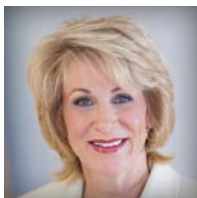
Brian Keirstead
Albert



Ernie Steeves
Moncton Northwest



Sue Stultz
Moncton South



Sherry Wilson
Moncton Southwest



Jeff Carr
New Maryland-Sunbury



Jody Carr
Oromocto-Lincoln



Troy Lifford
Fredericton North



Craig Leonard
Fredericton South



Pam Lynch
Fredericton-Grand Lake



Ross Wetmore
Gagetown-Petitcodiac

Capital-Upper River Valley



David Alward
Carleton



Dr. Colin Lockhart
Carleton-Victoria



Brian Macdonald
Fredericton West-Hanwell



Kirk MacDonald
Fredericton-York



Carl Urquhart
Carleton-York

Saint John-Kings



Gary Crossman
Hampton



Hugh J. (Ted) Fleming
Rothesay



Blaine Higgs
Quispamsis



Bruce Northrup
Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins



Bill Oliver
Kings Centre

Saint John-Charlotte



Trevor Holder
Portland-Simonds



Carl Killen
Saint John Harbour



Curtis Malloch
Charlotte-Campobello



Jim Parrott
Fundy-The Isles-Saint John West



Glen Savoie
Saint John East



Dorothy Shephard
Saint John Lancaster

David Alward is the only leader with a real **Plan** for **Jobs here at home** today

Over the last four years, David Alward and the Progressive Conservative Government have laid the foundation for a **Stronger New Brunswick** and a prosperous future.

- The economy is turning around, optimism in our shared future is bright – now is the time for New Brunswickers to seize this opportunity for their **families** and for **the future of our province**.
- The David Alward Government has a plan for jobs and the economy driven by **Natural Resource & Energy Development**. A plan that will inject more than \$10 billion of **new, private investment** to New Brunswick's economy.
- The Progressive Conservative Party Plan will create the revenue needed to **balance budgets, invest in improved healthcare, improved education, improved social funding, improved infrastructure** and **better care for our seniors**.

David Alward and the Progressive Conservatives are **saying Yes** to:



Shale Gas



LNG Export Terminal



Forestry Growth Plan



Trevali Mine



Minco Manganese Mine



More than 5,200 new well-paying jobs per year



Energy East Terminal



Energy East Pipeline



Sisson Brook Mine



Wild Blueberry Development



Balanced Budgets

"It has to be regulated, but in my view, if a resource is there, it should be used in the proper fashion."

- Former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien

“ I want to be crystal clear – that we are supportive of shale gas, and its potential as an industry to help us achieve our goals.

To not take advantage of this opportunity would be one of the most irresponsible things a government could do. ”

- Premier David Alward



The Progressive Conservative Party is the **only** Party with a clear plan today for the future of our province

David Alward and the Progressive Conservative Government have built a strong foundation for the future. New Brunswick cannot afford to lose a day while other parties study and press pause.

We have listened to New Brunswickers and now we are moving forward. Our comprehensive action plans are real and underway.

Over the next four years, a David Alward Government will create jobs, and improve the economy here at home by **saying Yes** to:


- A **Strong Economy** with jobs as our focus built upon safe and responsible natural resource and energy development.
- **Healthy Families** and **Vibrant Communities** that are working here at home with responsive healthcare, education and social programs.
- A **Responsible Government** that is accountable and financially responsible so that we can spend our money where it matters most to you.

Did you know?

Today's New Brunswick has a true prescription drug plan that will cover all New Brunswickers, regardless of their ability to pay.

"We have a supply of natural gas that can last America nearly 100 years. And my administration will take every possible action to safely develop this energy. Experts believe this will support more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade. The development of natural gas will create jobs and power trucks and factories that are cleaner and cheaper, proving that we don't have to choose between our environment and our economy."

- Barack Obama, President of the United States



Say **YES!**

to a **Strong Economy** and **Job Opportunities for** **New Brunswickers**

David Alward is working hard to grow jobs and create opportunities here in New Brunswick. We have listened to New Brunswickers and built solid long-term plans to strengthen our economy.



Growing Together: An Economic Development Action Plan



Growing Global Markets: Export Development Strategy



Labour Force and Skills Development Strategy



New Brunswick's Energy Blueprint



The New Brunswick Oil and Natural Gas Blueprint Action Plan



A Strategy for Crown Lands and Forest Management



Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund



Employment Strategy for Persons with Disabilities



Strategies for Innovation: A Framework for Accelerating the Province of New Brunswick



New Brunswick Wild Blueberry Sector Strategy



Working Together for Adult Literacy:
An Adult Literacy Strategy for New Brunswick

David Alward is the only leader with a real plan to create jobs and grow the economy – today. As a province we cannot wait to develop our natural resources. Our plan will safely and responsibly develop New Brunswick's resources and create new opportunities for our people and businesses.

David Alward and the Progressive Conservative Party have an immediate plan to create jobs and grow the economy by **saying Yes** to **regulated** and **safe natural resource and energy development**.

David Alward and the Progressive Conservative Party are the only party that supports:

- Shale Gas
- The Energy East Pipeline
- The Energy East Marine Terminal
- Forestry Growth Plan
- A Liquefied Natural Gas Export Terminal
- Sisson Brook Mining Project
- Trevali Mining Project
- Wild Blueberry Development
- Minco Manganese Mine

Did you know?

Today's
New Brunswick
has had its deficit
cut in half and has
a plan to return
to balanced
budgets.

No other political party has a plan for more than **\$10 billion** in new, private investment. David Alward is asking you to **say Yes** to New Brunswick's future.

People, Skills, Jobs: Connect People to Real Jobs Today

- **Adopt an Employment First Approach:** Introduce a new rewarding work essential skills training and job program for social assistance recipients, First Nations and persons with disabilities. Streamline and integrate all employment and income support, training services and workforce development planning with Post-secondary Education Training and Labour.
- **Career and Skills Development Plans:** Provide independent community-led life-work planning for individuals, including social assistance recipients, high school and post-secondary education students, and those seeking work that is integrated with new sector specific workforce development plans.

- **Make Online Training Accessible to all New Brunswickers:** Working with Education and Early Childhood Development, Postsecondary Education Training and Labour and Atlantic Education International to provide continuing education and skills development to all New Brunswickers.
- **Harmonization of Apprenticeship Training Across Canada:** Ensure requirements are universal to reduce barriers.
- **Fisheries Sector Seasonal Workforce Pilot:** Implement targeted initiatives to keep New Brunswickers working longer at better wages.
- **Employment Strategy for Persons with Disabilities:** Continue to implement this necessary action plan.
- **Oil, Gas and Mining Skills Training Centre:** Align programs from within Government, Post-secondary Education Institutions, Unions and Industry to prepare workforce for an expanded industry.

Did you know?

Today's
New Brunswick
has the strictest oil
and gas extraction
and exploration
regulations in
North America.

Resource Future Fund

Develop a long term investment plan for New Brunswick's natural resource royalties.

- Ensure today's royalties last for generations.
- Legislated investments into the fund, legislated fund withdrawals.
- By investing in our future we will improve New Brunswick's financial health today and for generations to come.
- One half of new royalties collected will be set aside and invested with a long term vision.
- The remaining 50% of new royalties collected will be used in two equal parts:
 1. To lower the provincial debt.
 2. To lower postsecondary education costs, invest in research, development and innovation.

Helping Businesses Grow

Port Strategy:

- Develop a specific strategy for our airports, seaports and trucking hubs to capitalize on New Brunswick's unique geographic advantage.

Value-Added Action Plan:

- Strengthen a Value-Added Action Plan within our Export Strategy – Help New Brunswick businesses find ways to add value to new and existing products and search for new markets.

With new energy and natural resource industries emerging, New Brunswick can capitalize on those opportunities by ensuring that we have a plan in place.

Agricultural Strategy:

- Partner with industry to develop a new Agricultural Strategy that will focus on land use policy, research, innovation and human resources.
- Expand "Buy Local" policies

Innovation Strategy

- Build on the success of New Brunswick's Innovation Agenda through increased investments.
- Develop and implement a digital society agenda for government.
 - As our society becomes more and more digitized, New Brunswick needs to remain competitive. A digital government allows for increased transparency, increased efficiencies and less red tape. With focus in this area we will increase our expertise in IT which can fuel our technology start-ups.

Did you know?

Today's
New Brunswick
has an Office of
Strategy Management
with a team of Lean
Six Sigma experts
constantly looking
for efficiencies and
improvements.
The performance
excellence process
earned the
Government
of New Brunswick
The Canadian
Government Executive
Leadership Award.

Competitive Small and Medium Business Environment

Work with small and medium business to grow and create jobs today:

- Strengthen procurement policies to support New Brunswick companies ensuring fair access and competition to New Brunswick contracts.
- Expand the “One-Job Pledge” to keep new graduates working here at home.
- Partner with small business to successfully participate in NB Drug Plan.
- Reduction in property tax rates by 33% over four years on New Brunswick’s highest taxed properties including rental and business property. We are currently in year two of four. Once fully implemented, these reductions will provide \$49 million per year in savings.
 - Reductions that will be implemented over four years will benefit 16,000 New Brunswick small businesses.
- Improve productivity and competitiveness for private woodlot owners by providing incentives that will get more wood to market.

Northern, Miramichi and Rural Economic Development Fund

- Continue funding the Northern and Miramichi Economic Development and Innovation Funds.
- The program will be expanded to include additional rural communities across New Brunswick.

Pay Equity

- Continue to implement pay equity measures across government.
- Continue to support private business to achieve pay equity.

Promoting Social Enterprise

- Promote social enterprise and partner with private, academic, not-for-profit and co-op sectors to develop a made in New Brunswick social enterprise strategy.





Say **YES!** to **Healthy Families** and **Vibrant Communities**

David Alward is working hard to support healthy families and create vibrant communities. We have listened to New Brunswickers and built solid long term plans that will keep our families healthy and communities stronger.

-  Premier's Challenge: Physical Activity
-  Disability Action Plan: The Time for Action is Now
-  Rebuilding Healthcare: The Provincial Health Plan
-  Primary Healthcare Framework
-  Comprehensive Diabetes Strategy for New Brunswick
-  New Brunswick Wellness Strategy Action Plan
-  Living Healthy, Aging Well: A Report from the Premier's Panel on Seniors
-  Home First Strategy for Seniors
-  Putting Children First: Positioning Early Childhood for the Future
-  Government Response to Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools
-  The Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy: A Societal Project for the French Education System
-  Provincial Education Plan
-  Creative Futures: A Renewed Cultural Policy for New Brunswick
-  The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan
-  Action Plan for Mental Health
-  New Brunswick Francophone Immigration Action Plan
-  Learning : Everybody's Project
-  New Brunswick Population Growth Strategy
-  Action plan for an equitable distribution of health services

David Alward knows the best way to make the significant investments in people, communities and healthy living is to grow our economy. Our plan ensures New Brunswick will be in a position to protect and enhance the quality of life that we have come to value.

Education for our Future

- **Strengthening Education for all:**
 - Collaborative development of long-term education plans with teachers, parents and experts.
 - Advance work on The Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy for the Francophone Education System.
 - Continue to work towards the full implementation of inclusion in the classroom
 - Work towards career plans for every high school graduate with options for training.
 - Continue to work with partners like Brilliant Labs and Science East. This will ensure our schools are places where our students become self-starters, creative problem solvers, innovators, life-long learners and where the seeds of entrepreneurship can grow.
- **Multi-year Capital and Operational Plans:** Provide School Districts with Multi-year Operational and Capital plans so they can better budget for the future.
- **Physical Activity:** Fully implement Premier's commitment of one hour of physical activity before, during and after school.

Build a Healthier New Brunswick

Partner with New Brunswickers and communities to build a healthier province supported by a world-class healthcare system.

- Implement the Primary Healthcare Framework
- Continue with phase two of the NB Drug Plan
- Increase funding to Wellness and Sport
- Ensure the work on New Brunswick's Comprehensive Diabetes Strategy continues along with the tremendous work on the Chronic Illness Management Framework
- Implement the next steps on the Action Plan for Mental Health
- Continue to identify savings that can be invested in frontline services

Did you know?

Today's
New Brunswick
has an inclusion
plan for our schools.
A plan that earned
New Brunswick a
UNESCO prize.

Did you know?

Today's New
Brunswick has
a comprehensive
Diabetes Strategy.

Value and Support Seniors

- Continue to implement the Home First Strategy to help seniors remain in their homes and communities – healthier, safer and longer.
- Develop a comprehensive Seniors Policy for New Brunswick that will engage our senior population to better meet their needs for community involvement, healthy living and wellness.

“ While having an aging population can present challenges it also gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of seniors and the value they add to our province and communities. ”

- Premier David Alward



Support for our Most Vulnerable

- Continue the implementation of the Disability Action Plan and strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Continue the fight against poverty by working with the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation to help implement their recommendations and reach their goals.
- Using existing strategies, we will develop and implement a public transportation strategy with partners that will provide affordable and accessible transportation.

Tourism and Culture

New Brunswick is Canada's picture province and we want to share that beauty and our culture with the world.

- Work with artists and culture professionals, community members and volunteers to ensure the implementation of New Brunswick's new cultural policy.
- Assist the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick to implement a 3% hotel accommodation levy that will place decision making, marketing and control at the local level.





Say **YES!** to a **Responsible Government**

David Alward is working hard to make Government more responsible and accountable to you. We have listened to New Brunswickers and built solid long-term plans and structural changes to deliver a more Responsible Government for generations to come.



Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act



Performance Excellence, Lean Six Sigma across government



Multi-year Capital and Ordinary Budgets in addition to quarterly financial reporting



Action Plan for New Local Governance System in New Brunswick



Partnership to Strengthen First Nations and Provincial Government Relations



Public & Private Pension Reform



An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act



Improving New Brunswick's Property Tax System: A White Paper

The Alward government has made great strides in tackling major issues that have challenged New Brunswick. The foundation has been laid for a stronger future. New Brunswick cannot afford to lose a day while other parties study and press pause. David Alward has a plan for responsible government working with people toward a better future.

Continue Local Government Reform

- Modernize the Municipalities and Community Planning Acts
 - These Acts have not been reviewed in decades and will be to ensure they respect our communities.
- Continue to implement the Action Plan for New Local Governance System in New Brunswick while respecting community decisions.

Review Crown Lands and Forests Act

- Modernize the Act to respect and reflect conservation values, recreation, the environment and wildlife within a growing forest industry.

Eliminate Deficit and Debt

- Every dollar spent paying interest on the province's debt is a dollar that isn't spent on services that help New Brunswickers.
- Premier Alward will continue working to eliminate the deficit by growing our economy, reducing our debt and investing in our future.

Partner with First Nations

- Premier Alward will remain as Minister to ensure that First Nations are partners in strengthening their communities as we grow New Brunswick's economy together.

Continuous Improvement and Performance Excellence

- Further deploy continuous improvement and performance excellence measures to find greater savings and modernize all sectors of government.
- Continue government renewal process to ensure the savings and efficiencies identified are realized.

Develop a Public Service Plan

- New Brunswick has an excellent public service that needs a proactive plan and strategic investments for the future.
- Develop a long-term human resource strategy for the Government of New Brunswick that will put the right people in the right jobs at the right time. This plan would focus on rewarding success and building capacity within the Government of New Brunswick.

Manage our Energy Supply

Ensure the work established by the Energy Blueprint is continued to deliver:

- Low and Stable Energy Prices
- Energy Security
- Reliability of the Electrical System
- Environmental Responsibility
- Effective Regulation
- Keep NB Power as a provincially owned, profitable Crown Corporation

New Brunswick's energy industry should:

- Be an innovation and economic driver
- Develop a domestic supply of natural gas and work with partners to provide access to all regions of New Brunswick.

Respecting Urban & Rural New Brunswick

- Develop long-term Capital Infrastructure Renewal Plans so that municipalities and rural communities can better plan for the future.

Protect Small Business

- Introduce legislation that will ensure timely payment to sub-contractors working on government funded projects.
- Introduce Red Tape Reduction legislation

Continue to Improve Returns from Crown Corporations

- Review mandates from Crown Corporations to ensure maximum profits are returned to the province.
- Market our success: The New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation has become a world leader in managing shared-risk pension funds.
- Market our lessons learned and expertise to the world

Enhance New Brunswick's Disaster Preparedness

- New Brunswick has an excellent emergency preparedness team in place, but as severe weather events become more frequent we need to always plan for the future. Premier Alward and the Progressive Conservative Party will continue building on the excellent work that is in place today to ensure our province has the most robust plan that can adapt to any situation and where all stakeholders know their roles.
- David Alward wants to work with Emergency Measures, first responders, utilities, telecommunication service providers, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and communities to ensure that New Brunswick has the most comprehensive action plan to manage and mitigate damage from major weather events and emergencies.

Did you know?

**Today's
New Brunswick
has secure and
affordable public
and private sector
pension plans.**

Property Tax Reform

The Alward Government knew that a fair property tax system was essential to help families, businesses and communities grow. Premier Alward has introduced property tax reform that will help New Brunswick homeowners and business owners.

- Monthly payment option for owner occupied residences
- The changes introduced will protect homeowners from spikes and provide assessment relief to 146,000 homeowners through an assessment gap exemption.

Official Languages Act Amendments

- The amendments that Premier Alward made to the Official Languages Act will provide New Brunswick with a continuous progression of the linguistic rights and will provide New Brunswick's two linguistic communities with an opportunity to better understand and recognize the benefits and opportunities of official bilingualism.

Plan Costing

Guiding Principles

The PC Party Plan has been costed in a manner which assigns capped maximum costs where applicable. These incremental expenditures amount to an overall spending increase of \$117.09 million over the next four fiscal years. It's important to highlight that over 50% of this new investment is associated with the Phase 2 roll out of the NB Drug Plan. The NB Drug Plan will be recognized as the leading program in Canada and we are proud to see it through.

As part of the Alward Government's commitment to returning to a balanced budget, the Finance Minister released projections on June 24, 2014 outlining the financial plan to accomplish this objective. The balanced budget plan includes the revenue and expenditure projections for the next four fiscal years; ultimately reaching a surplus of \$119 million in 2017/2018.

The incremental investments proposed in the PC Party's action plan are not factored into the June 24 projections. Any additional revenues through a growth in revenues are also not reflected in the June 24 financials.

As highlighted in the PC Party Plan, the Alward Government has developed over 30 strategies and plans covering virtually every Department throughout Government. These strategic plans are targeted and results-focused. Above and beyond the defined items that have been costed in this plan, the PC Party is proposing to continue investing in these action plans through the annual budget process and as the fiscal capacity is available. This Plan reflects the significant work that has been initiated by the Alward Government. Many priorities have been set and are well underway.

Our goal is to continue finding efficiencies to control spending, grow our economy and ensure that the Province's finances are stabilized. The Alward Government has a proven track record over the past four years and is asking for the opportunity to see these plans through and strengthen our economy through developing our natural resources, driving exports and investing in our knowledge economy.

In summary, the proposed Action Plan by the PC Party contemplates \$117.09 million in committed new spending. This Platform also outlines a number of new priorities and initiatives which are listed below. Our commitment is to fulfill these new initiatives (listed below) through already existing budgets and programs to ensure the Province reaches a balanced budget by 2017/2018.

- Adopt an Employment First Approach
- Career and Skills Development Plans
- Harmonization of Apprenticeship Training
- Fisheries Sector Seasonal Workforce Pilot
- Employment Strategy for Persons with Disabilities
- Resource Future Fund
- Port Strategy
- Value-Added Action Plan
- Agricultural Strategy / Buy Local Policies
- Small Business: Strengthen Procurement Policies
- Small Business: Expand One-Job Pledge
- Small Business: Implement New Brunswick Drug Plan
- Small Business: Reduce Property Tax Rates
- Northern Miramichi and Rural Economic Development Fund
- Pay Equity
- Promoting Social Enterprise
- Education: Linguistic and Cultural Development Francophone Education System
- Education: Inclusion in the Classroom
- Education: Career Plans for High School Graduates
- Education: Partnerships in Innovation
- Education: Multi-Year Capital and Operational Plans
- Education: Physical Activity
- Health: Primary Health Care Framework
- Health: Comprehensive Diabetes Strategy
- Health: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
- Health: Mental Health Action Plan
- Health: Continuous Improvement and Efficiencies
- Comprehensive Seniors Policy
- Disability Action Plan
- Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation
- Public Transportation Strategy
- Implement Arts and Culture Policy
- Tourism Accommodation Levy
- Responsible Government: Local Government Reform
- Responsible Government: Crown Lands and Forests Act
- Responsible Government: Eliminate Deficit and Debt
- Responsible Government: Partner with First Nations
- Responsible Government: Continuous Improvement and Performance Excellence
- Responsible Government: Develop a Public Service Plan

- Responsible Government: Manage Our Energy Supply
- Responsible Government: Respecting Urban and Rural New Brunswick
- Responsible Government: Timely Payment Act
- Responsible Government: Red Tape Reduction Legislation
- Responsible Government: Improve Returns from Crown Corporations
- Responsible Government: Enhance New Brunswick's Disaster Preparedness
- Responsible Government: Property Tax Reform
- Responsible Government: Official Languages Act Amendments

2014 Election Costing Commitments

The initiatives listed below represent the financial impact for commitments that require additional investments.

Commitment	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	4 Year Total
Online eLearning	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$1.6
Oil, Gas and Mining Skills Training Centre	\$3.00	\$0.83	\$0.83	\$0.83	\$5.49
Innovation Investments / Digital Society Agenda	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$18
Private Woodlot Owners	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$12
Develop long-term education plans	\$0.50	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$0.5
Phase 2 - New Brunswick Drug Plan	\$13.00	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$62.5
Wellness and Sport Funding	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$1
Senior's Home First Strategy	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$16
Total	\$28.65	\$29.48	\$29.48	\$29.48	\$117.09

All numbers shown in millions.

More than \$10 billion in new, private investment

Shale Gas Development	\$2.2 billion ¹
Energy East Terminal	\$400 million ¹
LNG Export Terminal	\$3.0 billion ¹
Sisson Brook Mine	\$579 million ¹
Energy East Pipeline	\$2.41 billion ¹
Trevali Mining	\$125 million ²
New Brunswick Forestry Plan	\$600 million ³
Wild Blueberry Industry	\$184 million ⁴
Minco Manganese Mine	\$863 million ⁵
New, Private Investment:	\$10.361 billion

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