

# Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg

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Conservatives Commit to Taking Action on Lake Winnipeg Algae Blooms September 9, 2021 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Selkirk, MB – James Bezan, Conservative candidate in Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman issued the following statement on the importance of Lake Winnipeg’s health and the current algae blooms:

“The annual recurrence of algae blooms on Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba are devastating to the local environment, tourism, commercial fishing industry and economy. It is impacting our health and well being. And this year’s blooms seem to be worse than ever.

“The Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) identified years ago that excess phosphorous causes potentially toxic algae blooms in Lake Winnipeg. In order to ensure the Lake’s health can be maintained, phosphorous levels must be reduced, and the biggest impact would come from ending the practice of dumping raw municipal sewage into our waterways.

“I am disappointed that no action was taken in the six years of Trudeau’s Liberal government despite repeated advocacy by the LWF, Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective (LWIC), South Basin Mayors and Reeves, commercial fishers, and more. “Canada’s Conservatives are committed to working with provinces and municipalities to end the dumping of raw sewage into our waterways. We will also continue funding to preserve the health of the entire Lake Winnipeg basin. “Our lakes support commercial fishing families, boost tourism and drive the economic opportunity in lakeside communities. I have been proud to work with so many advocates and proponents over my years as an MP who are passionate about protecting Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba. “We must secure the future of Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba by investing in protecting our watershed and putting an end to the dumping of raw sewage into our waterways by municipalities.”

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Response from Dan Vandal, Liberal candidate in Saint-Boniface - Saint-Vital 1. On August 6th, 2021 a memorandum of understanding respecting Lake Winnipeg and the Lake Winnipeg Basin was signed by The Honorable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and the Honorable Ralph Eichler, Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development Memorandum of Understanding Aug 6 2021.

This document outlines the challenges that intergovernmental (Federal and Provincial) collaboration is required to move forward for the health of Lake Winnipeg.

**What is your commitment and your party's plan to address the regulation required for the local and vast watershed that contributes to Lake Winnipeg's challenges? How will you and your party include Indigenous Nations as an equal partner in this effort for the health of Lake Winnipeg?** My commitment to Lake Winnipeg is unwavering. As a long time cottage owner on Lake Winnipeg, I have seen the many changes in our lake. Building on our prior investments, a re-elected Liberal government will establish and fully fund a Canada Water Agency in 2022 to safeguard our freshwater resources for generations to come, for which work had already begun. In December 2020, our government launched consultations in view of creating the Agency and ensuring that local and Indigenous partners are integral partners going forward. Indigenous peoples have a wealth of knowledge going back hundreds of years, and that knowledge is critical to ensuring the health and sustainability of our lakes. In 2017, we launched the Indigenous Guardians pilot program, which led to the creation of the first-ever Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area. We will continue to work with First Nations, Metis and Inuit partners to support the development of this program and new conservation areas. Our plan includes supporting provinces, territories, and Indigenous partners in developing and updating river basin and large watershed agreements to avoid duplication and ensure a coordinated effort. We will also modernize the Canada Water Act to ensure that it reflects today's realities, including addressing climate change, and ensure that we are respecting Indigenous water rights.

2. The Federal Government currently supports municipal infrastructure development through the Municipal Asset Management Program which is set to expire in 2024-2025. The North End Water Pollution Control Center (NEWPCC) is the largest point source of phosphorus emissions to Lake Winnipeg. The NEWPCC has been identified as violating the environmental limits for phosphorus emissions since 2004 and according to the current schedule for infrastructure development it will not meet environmental regulations by 2024-25.

(Continued Dan Vandal)

**How will you and your party plan to work in partnership with provinces, cities and municipalities to support infrastructure upgrades to sewage treatment plants that effectively reduce phosphorus emissions and provide environmentally sound practices for waste management?**

As a former city councillor, I understand the importance of infrastructure and the role that all governments must play to ensure that our municipal infrastructure continues to meet the needs of its citizens and the protection of our environment. When our government introduced Canada's largest infrastructure program in history, the Investing in Canada Plan (ICIP), we wanted to ensure that local governments played an important role in determining priority projects. For instance, in 2018, we contributed funding to build a new wastewater treatment plant in Selkirk and in 2019, we announced \$60 million in funding through ICIP for the Portage-la-Prairie wastewater treatment plant. Both these projects will reduce nitrogen and phosphorous discharged to the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. In 2021, after years of discussion, we were finally able to announce \$116 million for the first phase of Winnipeg's North End Water Pollution Control Center (NEWPCC). This was a long-awaited announcement for much needed improvements that are required as a first step toward removing harmful phosphorous from the discharge into the Red River, and we are certainly willing to partner with our municipal and provincial counterparts to support the future phases. 3. Aquatic invasive species, zebra mussels and the spiny water flea, have invaded Lake Winnipeg. The ecological impact of these invasive species will be long reaching into the future of the health of all lakes in Manitoba. Prevention of spread has been unsuccessful in Manitoba. [SEP]

**What will you and your party do to support research into effective ways to control invasive species in our lakes? In what ways will this happen?** Research is an integral part of our path forward. We need to ensure that we have the scientific knowledge and evidence to make the best decisions for the protection of our freshwater. One of the first decisions we made when we were elected in 2015 was to reinstate funding for the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) of the International Institute for Sustainable Development. Going forward, a re-elected Liberal government will further invest \$37.5 million in the ELA. As the world's only large-scale centre for freshwater science, the ELA plays a critical role in understanding impacts of climate change and invasive species in our lakes and also across the world. In addition to funding for ELA, local conservation organisations and Indigenous groups have received funding through federal investments through the Lake Winnipeg Basin Program to support their research efforts in protecting our lakes from invasive species.

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### **Survey Submission to the Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg**

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*1. What is your commitment and your party's plan to address the regulation required for the local and vast watershed that contributes to Lake Winnipeg's challenges?*

*How will you and your party include Indigenous Nations as an equal partner in this effort for the health of Lake Winnipeg?*



(Continued Terry Duguid)

A: The 2021 Liberal Party Platform highlights several commitments that will help restore the health of Lake Winnipeg. A re-elected Liberal government will:

- Establish and fully fund a new Canada Water Agency in 2022. This agency will collaborate with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous governments, and stakeholders to take a transboundary watershed approach to managing our major watersheds like the Lake Winnipeg Basin.
- Modernize the 50-year-old Canada Water Act that will provide the legislative toolbox to protect all our major watersheds in Canada.
- Renew the Freshwater Action Plan in 2022, investing \$100 million per year over ten years. This will include the renewal of the Lake Winnipeg Basin Program in 2022, resulting in a multifold funding boost over the current program (now at \$25.7 million over five years).

The Lake Winnipeg Basin Program currently has a specific funding stream directed to Indigenous engagement and incorporating traditional knowledge. With a re-elected Liberal government, this stream will be enhanced with significant new funding. Indigenous leaders and communities from across Canada are currently involved in developing the mandate and structure of the new Canada Water Agency and are critical partners in Canada's efforts to better protect and manage large watersheds like the Lake Winnipeg Basin.

*2. How will you and your party plan to work in partnership with provinces, cities and municipalities to support infrastructure upgrades to sewage treatment plants that effectively reduce phosphorus emissions and provide environmentally sound practices for waste management?*

A: I have been fighting for improved sewage treatment since my days as a Winnipeg City Councillor in the 1990s. Later, as Chair of the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, I made the recommendation to implement advanced sewage treatment at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC). I made this recommendation in 2003!

As a Member of Parliament, I have continued to advance this issue. Infrastructure funds from the federal Liberal government have been on the table over the last five years for sewage treatment upgrades to the NEWPCC. Phase I of those upgrades was announced in early August 2021, and Phase II is now awaiting the Province of Manitoba's approval. Discussions regarding Phase II have been positive over the last few months, and I have played an active part in those discussions with the city and province.

*(Continued Terry Duguid)*

***3. What will you and your party do to support research into effective ways to control invasive species in our lakes? In what ways will this happen?***

A: Invasive species such as zebra mussels and the spiny water flea are a major threat to the health of the Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba water bodies. I will support increased research funding in a renewed Freshwater Action Plan and Lake Winnipeg Basin Program. Significant support must be directed to the excellent science and monitoring work performed by the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium and their floating research platform the Namao.

***4. What is your commitment and your party's plan to support and commit to a watershed plan which will reduce the burden on the lakes, provide funding for continued research, for example Lake Winnipeg Basin Program due for renewal 2022 and support for and enforcement of environmental regulations?***

A: We clearly need a watershed management plan for the Lake Winnipeg Basin that coordinates the actions of four provinces, numerous municipalities, Indigenous governments and communities, conservation districts, the agricultural sector, and other stakeholders. Canada-US cooperation will also be an essential element of this plan, as a large share of nutrients flowing into Lake Winnipeg originate from South of the border.

In 2019, as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I was given the mandate to lay the groundwork for a Canada Water Agency. Under a re-elected Liberal government, this agency will provide federal leadership for the much-needed coordination and collaboration effort in Lake Winnipeg's large and complex watershed. The Canada Water Agency will be able to utilize the latest research and monitoring data as well as share best management practices that will better protect Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> Great Lake – Lake Winnipeg.

The Lake Winnipeg Basin Program, an important component of the Freshwater Action Plan, will be renewed in 2022 at significantly increased levels of funding under a re-elected federal Liberal government.

The federal government enforces regulations within its jurisdiction. It is doing this in part through a renewed and strengthened Fisheries Act which the previous Conservative government significantly weakened. A modernized Canada Water Act will also provide stronger regulatory and legislative support for freshwater protection for Lake Winnipeg and other waterways.

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*What is your commitment and your party's plan to address the regulation required for the local and vast watershed that contributes to Lake Winnipeg's challenges?*

The management of Lake Winnipeg and its extensive watershed stretches across four provinces and four American states. You are correct that the sheer size of this area contributes to the challenges associated with regulation. Addressing this complexity requires active participation and strong collaboration between Indigenous governments and federal, provincial and municipal governments.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the launch of public consultations began to inform the creation a new Canada Water Agency whose partners would work together to determine the best ways to keep our freshwater lakes and rivers clean, safe and well-managed into the future.

Last week, Justin Trudeau reaffirmed the Liberal Party's commitment to our freshwater lakes and rivers by pledging \$1 billion over the next decade to make the Canada Water Agency a reality. Additionally, the existing Canada Water Act is now in its fiftieth year and must be modernized as a strong body of legislation that reflects what we know about climate change and the very real impact this is having on freshwater sources.

We all understand the challenges faced by big freshwater lakes are complex and only a robust and collaborative course of action will ensure their protection.

*(Continued Jim Carr)*

***How will you and your party include Indigenous Nations as an equal partner in this effort for the health of Lake Winnipeg?***

Since 2015, the Liberal Party has demonstrated its commitment to collaborating with Indigenous communities in all efforts to protect Lake Winnipeg. The lake has a great deal of cultural, social and economic significance to First Nations and Metis communities who call the nearly one million square kilometers of the lake and its drainage basin, home.

A priority of the ongoing Lake Winnipeg Basin Program, funded by the federal government, has been engaging Indigenous peoples on freshwater issues. A crucial eligibility requirement for program funding is the commitment to increased engagement opportunities for Indigenous governments, organizations and communities impacted by the quality of Lake Winnipeg's water.

This means there needs to be a demonstrable increase in Indigenous representation on boards and other organizations as a way of building relationships and collaborating on issues critical to Lake Winnipeg's health. Indigenous participation is crucial to decision-making and setting the course of action in the restoration and long-term protection of all freshwater lakes and river systems.

Next year, through the creation of a Canada Water Agency a re-elected Liberal government will continue our commitment to working with Indigenous partners to better protect and manage the country's fresh water. Indigenous water rights will also be reflected in the modernization of the Canada Water Act. Working in partnership with Indigenous communities on all matters is a priority for the Liberal Party and the management of our freshwater lakes and rivers, right here in Manitoba, is an essential part of this relationship.

***How will you and your party plan to work in partnership with provinces, cities and municipalities to support infrastructure upgrades to sewage treatment plants that effectively reduce phosphorus emissions and provide environmentally sound practices for waste management?***

A re-elected Liberal government is committed to working with the province of Manitoba and municipalities to help reduce the total nutrient load from phosphorus and nitrogen that ends up in Lake Winnipeg. In July of this year my colleague, Dan Vandal, announced the federal government's \$116.1 million contribution to the much-needed upgrades to Winnipeg's North End Water Pollution Control Centre. The entirety of this funding will be spent on improving the headworks at the Main Street plant – a critical component to the pumping, screening and removal of raw sewage, a major stressor on Lake Winnipeg. There is much more scope to make an impact as this project moves through its next phases and nears completion.

(Continued Jim Carr)

Further still, through concrete action, including the modernization of the Canada Water Act and bolstering the Freshwater Action Plan with \$1 billion in funding, a re-elected Liberal government will restore our large lakes and river systems and secure them for the future.

***What will you and your party do to support research into effective ways to control invasive species in our lakes? In what ways will this happen?***

There is no question that the impact of global warming, pollution and loss of habitat is changing Lake Winnipeg. Invasive species are a further source of major stress on the lake. As part of our work to create a new Canada Water Agency and modernize the Canada Water Act, we are committing \$37.5 million for freshwater research at the International Institute for Sustainable Development's Experimental Lakes area. This renowned natural laboratory in northwestern Ontario is unique in the world for its collaboration with governments to tackle challenges faced by freshwater lakes including invasive species.

Canada is not the only nation with freshwater basins at risk of degradation, and we will position ourselves as a global leader in this area of research. Our leadership and expertise will benefit our international partners just as much – the Liberal Party understands that complex problems impacting communities around the globe must be addressed by working collaboratively as partners.

In the case of the invasive species like zebra mussels we understand that all individuals who love and use the lake, boaters in particular, have a responsibility to adhere to best practices for maintaining and inspecting watercraft. Public awareness campaigns are a very effective way of communicating this message and the Liberal Party will always be a collaborator with our provincial and municipal partners on this issue.

***What is your commitment and your party's plan to support and commit to a watershed plan which will reduce the burden on the lakes, provide funding for continued research, for example Lake Winnipeg Basin Program due for renewal 2022 and support for and enforcement of environmental regulations?***

Crucial to every aspect of this is bringing the Canada Water Act into the 21<sup>st</sup> century informed by what we know to be factual – climate change and pollution are degrading the health of freshwater lakes and river systems everywhere. A modernized Act will be a robust framework for federal, provincial and territorial governments to work together on all matters relating to water resources.

The historic \$1 billion investment in the Freshwater Action Plan will allow for the creation of a Canada Water Agency, set for 2022. Through the collaboration between the federal government and Indigenous partners and communities, the Agency will be the body through which federal efforts will be aligned with supports for the provinces and territories. This will also be the Agency through which river basin and large water agreements will be updated to reflect the needs of our freshwater systems.

(Continued Jim Carr)

Freshwater research will play a key role in the Freshwater Action Plan and a re-elected Liberal government will invest \$37.5 million in north-western Ontario's International Institute for Sustainable Development's Experimental Lakes Area. Again, freshwater research benefits us and our international partners whose nations are experiencing the same threats from climate change, pollution, loss of habitat and invasive species. Canada will be the global leader in freshwater research and be a strong and collaborative partner.

Locally, a new Memorandum of Understanding respecting Lake Winnipeg and the Lake Winnipeg Basin was signed by the Minister of the Environment on behalf of Canada, and by the Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development on behalf of Manitoba. The Lake Winnipeg Basin Program has been very successful, and a re-elected Liberal government will continue working closely with Indigenous governments, communities and the province, in good faith.