

HEALTHY CANADA NOW: 2011 APCCP FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY - COMMENTS*

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CALGARY CENTRE					
	GREEN PARTY	WILLIAM HAMILTON	NO - The Green Party of Canada will protect children from inappropriate exposure to marketing especially of junk foods and soft drinks, and institute a National Junk Food Tax for non-essential, empty calorie foods and beverages including high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt snack foods as part of a National Food Policy.	YES	YES -The Green Party of Canada will offer tax rebates to companies that provide on-site daycare, healthy food and facilities for exercise and commuting by bicycle. Much needless suffering, premature loss of life, and considerable healthcare costs can be avoided through improved health research, screening programs, more timely diagnosis, earlier treatment, improved lifestyles (diet, exercise and smoking cessation), and healthier public policies and environments.
	LIBERAL PARTY	JENNIFER POLLOCK	NO - I support health campaigns to create awareness and action to eat more healthy foods. Within freedom of expression business can market their food within reasonable limits but it cannot be banned.	NO - Probably not. I am aware that many full and natural fruit drinks are also high in sugar. Knowledge and education are better means than taxation.	NO - I support publically funded facilities, teams and lessons that are low or no cost rather than providing reduced cost to those that can afford such memberships.
CALGARY CENTRE – NORTH					
	NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY	PAUL VARGIS	YES - I believe that Children should only be exposed to tasty, but nutritional foods, in schools. I wish more was being done to bring in healthy foods into most sports arenas as well. It's very important that children learn to value the importance of eating a healthy diet. This hopefully becomes a habit that they stick with for the rest of their lives. As you are probably aware, a healthy lifestyle that includes	YES - I think they are already taxed, but obviously not enough to sufficiently curb this unhealthy habit.	YES - I have heard that half of Canadian families are too poor to actually benefit that the current Child Fitness Tax Credit. Obviously, I would want change so that all Canadians would benefit

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Calgary Centre-North Cont.			moderate exercise and a healthy diet will lower our healthcare costs. Something that I am sure that we all wish to see. Thank-you for your time and attention to this matter, Paul Vargis		
CALGARY EAST					
	LIBERAL PARTY	JOSIPA PETRUNIC	YES - Anytime the word "ban" is used, we must be careful. We would first need to develop a justifiable and socially acceptable norm for "unhealthy". Once that is done, we could look at minimizing the exposure of children to "unhealthy" food options and increasing their exposure to healthy options.	NO -Unfortunately, while I disagree with sugary and artificial drink options being made available to children, I don't believe taxing would do much good on this front. People, including young children, will buy what they are trained to believe is tasty, enjoyable or otherwise normal. We must work to change eating habits overall, and then we could work to minimize the consumption of unhealthy, sugary food options.	YES -Anything that promotes physical activity is a good idea to pursue.
CALGARY SOUTH EAST					
	GREEN PARTY	BRETT SPENCER	Yes. The Green Party of Canada believes that prevention is central to any effective public health strategy. We know that we must protect children from inappropriate exposure to marketing, especially of junk foods and soft drinks. As part of our overall child wellness strategy, we will make advertising directed at children ineligible for corporate tax write-offs. Additionally, we will introduce a national standard of daily, quality participation in physical activity in schools, colleges and universities to combat the epidemic of youth obesity.	Yes. The Green Party believe that we must place greater emphasis on preventing diseases and increasing overall health promotion instead of just treating acute illnesses. As part of our five year strategy to reduce obesity in Canada we are committed to instituting a National Junk Food Tax for non-essential, empty calorie foods and beverages including high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt snack foods.	Yes. We will institute a GST Health Benefit Exemption for those products/services deemed to have significant health benefit such as sports equipment, fitness centre fees, and some health promoting health services. We will also ensure that free public recreation facilities are available for people who cannot afford such services. Moreover in our platform we are committed to investing 900 million dollars in municipal sports, cultural and recreational facilities to ensure that all Canadians have access to a wide range of

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Calgary South East Cont.					physical activities. We would also invest 600 million dollars to promote pedestrian and cycling across the country. Not only will this reduce carbon emissions associated with transportation but it will ensure that physical activity plays an important role in the day to day lives of all Canadians.
CALGARY SOUTH WEST					
	INDEPENDENT	LARRY HEATHER	NO - The ban is too wide ranging and ill defined in what constitutes an unhealthy level. The role of the parents in limiting the frequency of intake of junk food and what is served in a healthy home cooked meal is critical, This discipline on behalf of parents, and their ability to say no is reality the number one factor. The only way to avoid high rate restaurant meals outside of the fast food environment is meals served at home.	NO - Taxation proceeds will inevitably used to support government waste as are the taxes on tobacco. Will must stop teaching children evolutionary propaganda and increase their respect for their bodies as made in the image and likeness of God. Then you would see a higher respect for what we are putting into our bodies.	NO - There are already programs doing this - what is lacking is the motivation of Canadians to get away from their TV's , computers and tweeting to get involved in team sports. Stop feminizing boys in education, and punishing their natural male aggressiveness, channel them into productive physical challenges that have a real benefit, a revival of movements like scouting , etc
EDMONTON CENTRE					
	GREEN PARTY	DAVID JAMES PARKER	YES - Although a ban would probably not pass a parliamentary vote I would suggest a less radical option. Along the lines of taxation on processed, denatured food along with removal of subsidies.	YES - I am a vegan and near raw foodist and also a healthy example of eating with the body in mind. The corporate sugar purveyors must be made to pay for the damage they do to children.	YES - Yes and many more incentives to promote an active lifestyle. The Greens have a strong policy on prevention in health care.
	MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY	PEGGY MORTON	YES	NO -- It is the monopolies who should be restricted instead of taxing the people.	NO - This is not a solution. One in three families in Canada cannot afford to put their children into sports programs at all and these tax credits will be of no help to them, refundable or not. All children should be able to participate in sports no matter

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Edmonton Centre Cont.					what their family income. Governments should provide such facilities for all children. Sports for children in particular should be consider a social program provided to all. The monopolies who market unhealthy food can be taxed to pay the costs
	PIRATE PARTY	MIKKEL PAULSON	YES - Such bans would be complicated by the definition of "unhealthy", but regardless, I believe that the use of advertising targeted at young children is a questionable practice at best	NO -Ultimately, it is up to parents and caregivers to ensure that their children make responsible dietary choices. Depending on age, children have a limited or developing conception of the value of money, so variations in price are unlikely to affect their purchasing habits. Education, both of children and parents/caregivers, is preferable to taxation.	YES
EDMONTON EAST					
	GREEN PARTY	TREY CAPNERHURST	YES	YES - The Green Party specifically calls for action on this issue in Vision Green, "Institute a National Junk Food Tax for non-essential, empty calorie foods and beverages including high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt snack foods."	YES -Vision Green goes much further to suggest what our gov't can do promote physical activity: "• Promote a broad-based national program of active living as a prescription for better health and lower health care costs, to be delivered in partnership with provincial, municipal and non-governmental bodies to achieve the goal agreed to by all ministers responsible for physical activity across Canada of increasing physical activity by 10% over the next five years. • Introduce a national

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Edmonton East Cont.					standard of daily, quality participation in physical activity in schools, colleges and universities to combat the epidemic of youth obesity. • Make a strategic investment through Health Canada of \$500 million over five years to aggressively address inactivity and obesity. • Re-introduce a national school-based fitness-testing program. • Endorse and promote the Olympic Movement’s Agenda 21 for Sport, which advocates sport and recreation management practices that are sustainable, and encourages sustainable practices at all sports events and facilities."
EDMONTON LEDUC					
	GREEN PARTY	VALERIE KENNEDY	YES - This is part of the platform of the Green Party, and one I personally endorse whole-heartedly.	YES -This might fit into the revenue-neutral approach part of the Green Party - tax what you don't want, lower taxes on what you do want.	YES-Health of people in a low-income families is compromised by many factors, not the least of which is access to safe and healthy physical activity
	LIBERAL PARTY	RICHARD FRAHLMAN	YES - I would support legislation that limits and addresses the marketing of such foods	NO -I disagree with additional taxation as this would mostly affect the lowest income class in Canada. We need alternative solutions which do not tax low income Canadians.	YES -
	NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY	ARTEM MEDVEDEV	YES - It's unsettling that this hasn't been done before.	YES	YES

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EDMONTON MILLWOODS-BEAUMONT					
	COMMUNIST	NAOMI RANKIN	YES - It is working for tobacco and alcohol. It will require more persistence for junk food, because many children are already habituated to it, but that makes it all the more important to start now.	YES - We also have to work on the level of international trade to push the U.S. to stop the agricultural subsidies for not just sugar, but especially corn, since high-fructose corn syrup is even more unhealthy than regular sucrose	YES - We should also apply government funding to make sports facilities and activities available free or at subsidized prices.
	GREEN PARTY	CHRISTA BAXTER	YES	YES - The Green Party and I believe in putting a National Junk Food Tax in place for non-essential, empty calorie foods and beverages.	YES -We will institute a GST Health Benefit Reduction for those products/services deemed to have significant health benefit such as sports equipment, fitness centre fees, and some health promoting health services. Furthermore, we will institute a Corporate Health Tax Reduction for workplaces that institute a qualified workplace health model or comprehensive healthy workplace settings approach such as that offered by the National Quality Institute.
EDMONTON SHERWOOD PARK					
	WESTERN BLOCK	PAUL ST.LAURENT	YES	NO -I do not support the imposition of any additional taxes	NO -I believe all taxes should be reduced or eliminated. I believe individuals have a much better idea of how to spend their money than politicians do.
EDMONTON ST.ALBERT					
	GREEN PARTY	PETER JOHNSTON	YES - The GPC intends to better the health of Canadians by just such actions.	YES	YES - - Most Canadians exercise at a rate far below that which is required to maintain optimum health.

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FORT-MCMURRAY ATHABASCA					
	GREEN PARTY	JULIE ASTERISK	YES - . The Green Party of Canada believes that prevention is central to any effective public health strategy. We know that we must protect children from inappropriate exposure to marketing, especially of junk foods and soft drinks. As part of our overall child wellness strategy, we will make advertising directed at children ineligible for corporate tax write-offs. Additionally, we will introduce a national standard of daily, quality participation in physical activity in schools, colleges and universities to combat the epidemic of youth obesity.	YES- The Green Party believe that we must place greater emphasis on preventing diseases and increasing overall health promotion instead of just treating acute illnesses. As part of our five year strategy to reduce obesity in Canada we are committed to instituting a National Junk Food Tax for non-essential, empty calorie foods and beverages including high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt snack foods. Tax provides a great disincentive for those things that harm us.	YES - We will institute a GST Health Benefit Exemption for those products/services deemed to have significant health benefit such as sports equipment, fitness centre fees, and some health promoting health services. We will also ensure that free public recreation facilities are available for people who cannot afford such services. Moreover in our platform we are committed to investing 900 million dollars in municipal sports, cultural and recreational facilities to ensure that all Canadians have access to a wide range of physical activities. We would also invest 600 million dollars to promote pedestrian and cycling across the country. Not only will this reduce carbon emissions associated with transportation but it will ensure that physical activity plays an important role in the day to day lives of all Canadians.
LETHBRIDGE					
	CHRISTIAN HERITAGE	GEOFFREY CAPP	NO -I do not believe the state should have such power over individual freedom. Requiring labelling of the contents is wise	NO -We support an across-the-board 20 percent sales tax to replace income taxes. Again, it is not the domain of government to regulate what people choose to consume.	YES - Bearing in mind that the cost of enrolling may be an immediate barrier, and families may have to choose housing and food over fitness, there needs to be an immediate reimbursement of enrolment fees for the first year, 50 percent on renewals in the second year with the rest at tax filing time, and reimbursement at tax filing time in subsequent years, easing the transition to having to wait for reimbursement.

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MACLEOD					
	GREEN PARTY	ATTILA NAGY	YES - Schools and community halls should not be part of the free market place. They are Government property and Government mandate (of a healthier population) should take mandate over private enterprise concerns	YES - Taxes discourage consumption but any such tax should "pass go" and head directly to the health care part of our budget and spending.	YES - Money spent on healthy physical activity is inevitably reflected later on reduced health spending. This would actually save us money.
MEDICINE HAT					
	LIBERAL PARTY	NORM BOUCHER	YES - This is also covered in the Liberal platform into reducing Trans Fat, Salt and promoting better advertizing of food content. As well as this putting the emphasis on Farmers market for locally grown produce and fruits	YES-Also important is the elimination of aspartame sugaring, reducing the caffeine level and the preservative contents	YES - Football or soccer is a very low investment to a great result return for our kids. Poor families can participate due to the low needs for sporting equipment. Having more bike lanes and access to safe exercises is also of importance
WESTLOCK-ST.PAUL					
	GREEN PARTY	LISA GRANT	YES	YES - I would also support shifting the revenue from said tax to offsetting the cost of the healthier options.	YES - Either this and/or finding ways to just lower/subsidize/remove the cost of the activities to begin with.
	LIBERAL PARTY	ROB FOX	YES -In schools and other such facilities I would encourage them to be healthy snacks only	NO - Let's try education first, in the school where my wife teaches only healthy snacks are sold. Would juice be considered a sugary drink	YES - As long as it crosses income boundaries, low income earners and native population require the most help.
WILDROSE					
	CHRISTIAN HERITAGE	RANDY VANDEN BROEK	YES	YES -I think it would be even better if there were regulations put in places for the marketers of those overly sugary drinks so that they are not so unhealthy.	YES

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YELLOWHEAD					
	CANADIAN ACTION	MELISSA BRADE	YES -The CAP would oppose any marketing of unhealthy products, foods, artificial preservatives, artificial sweeteners, targeted at children and adolescents.	YES-CAP would also target drinks and foods containing artificial sweeteners (aspartame) which has been proven to be cancer causing, potent, neurological impairer.	YES -Along with providing refundable tax credits for physical activities and gym memberships, CAP promotes education as a basic right, We would also finance educational advancements (mandatory phys-ed) and after school programs so that all children regardless of income can participate in sports and extracurricular.
	GREEN PARTY	MONIKA SCHAEFER	YES - Absolutely! I personally have spoken out about the presence of pop and junk food machines in our schools, resulting in at least partial removal (job not finished). I have also spoken out against coca-cola signs in our public places like the swimming pool, resulting in their removal.	YES - I completely agree with taxing sugary drinks. These drinks are like poison to our bodies. We need to take measures to reduce their consumption.	YES - Yes, refundable tax credits are important, because if they are not refundable, tax credits alone do not benefit the people who need it most, i.e. those who are earning low incomes.
	LIBERAL PARTY	ZACH SIEZMAGRAFF	NO -The term "unhealthy" has not been clearly defined. I disagree that you only allowed Yes or No. I support reduction, I support increased awareness campaigns both to students and to parents. I do not believe an outright ban is necessary, and I think it is an overstepping of the government's boundaries. I fully agree this is an issue that needs addressing, for all the reasons mentioned above. Furthermore, we know there is a powerful food lobby, and if a ban were in place the food industry would find ways to get around it through ingredient modification, etc. It would evolve into a quagmire between government lawyers and the food industry, at the government's expense.	NO - We need to eliminate the corn syrup subsidies, and we need to bring down the cost of juice and milk. This proposed tax will impact low income Canadian families and people the most. Furthermore, there are many individuals who consume such beverages in moderation and it is not fair to impose the tax on them. Would Diet soft drinks have the tax?	YES - Yes - I am glad you specified Refundable as it will apply to low-income Canadians. I would also add the caveat that dance be included as a "physical activity".

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