

Organizers launch Calgary's Green New Deal

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Concerned Calgarians will gather on Treaty 7 land to discuss and expand an ambitious plan for our city's future. Persistent economic uncertainty hangs over the city today, and the climate crisis threatens devastation in Calgary and everywhere. **Permeate Calgary** will call for bold action to solve both problems with large scale public programs. Our plan will transform our energy systems and develop climate-resistant infrastructure, while employing tens of thousands and reviving our economy.

Green New Deal Presentation & Townhall

Monday, November 11, 2019

2 PM - 4 PM

Kerby Centre

1133 7 Ave SW, Calgary, AB

2nd floor lecture hall

Media Availability

Permeate Calgary spokespeople Joy Shokeir and Val Kim will be available at 1:45 PM, immediately prior to the event.

In development for five months, this launch of our Green New Deal is the beginning of our public engagement. Inspired by Roosevelt's New Deal, our plan calls for radical changes to agriculture, land management, housing, transit, social services, and the energy sector. Elements of our plan include: making all public transit free, providing retraining for all workers in the oil and gas sector, and permitting lawns and other city green space to be made into urban food gardens. Following a brief presentation of our research and policy proposals in each of these areas, attendees will be invited to join break out groups to further develop the plan.

A majority of Canadians across all political orientations support a Green New Deal, and the concept has entered the mainstream around the world. To build momentum for a just transition, Monday's event will be the first in a series of townhalls to refine and detail the plan. This Green New Deal will serve as the basis for concerned citizens to make demands of politicians at every level of government.

About **Permeate Calgary**

Permeate Calgary is a group of university students, volunteers, organizers, and citizens who are deeply concerned about the climate crisis and what it means for our world. Inspired by the progress of Green New Deal movements worldwide, we work to promote an optimistic future for Calgary and Canada which is sustainable, democratic, ecologically conscious, and just.

