

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & PEOPLE

- 1) WATER – “Clean water for all” is a Number One priority. Nationally, the government should fund infrastructure for indigenous communities – protect watersheds and waste water management. Locally, this priority is relevant for Curve Lake First Nation. In addition, research on clean water technologies must be part of the priority – locally Trent University and Fleming College have expertise in waste water treatment and clean technology. The value added is the creation of clean tech industries, and employment on various fronts.

- 2) TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY USE - Support strategies which reduce Canadians’ use of fossil fuels:
 - Promote public transit – reduce use of highways, use rail as alternative and provide positive incentives and disincentives.
 - Promote “telecommuting” technologies to reduce use of car, air travel – this is particularly relevant for rural communities (ensure broadband service).
 - Foster localized services to keep people in their homes and communities and reduce unnecessary travel while building stronger communities.

- 3) LOW CARBON ECONOMY – Prepare post-secondary students and those who are candidates for re-training for employment in a low carbon economy. Build on agriculture and food production initiatives for local economic development and healthy communities.