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Liberals win Federal Elections in Canada

The recent Canadian federal election, while not resulting in a change of government, marked a significant political shift in the country. The Liberal Party lapsed somewhat, in nearly 45 years, high number of parliamentary seats changed hands, prominent party leaders lost their seats, and the Conservative Party failed to form a majority government. Despite the defeat, the Liberal Party achieved a striking reversal of fortunes under a leader who, before the election, was not even a sitting member of Parliament (MP) for the House.

According to preliminary data from Elections Canada, the Liberal Party secured 169 seats, surpassing the 343-strength House, more than double the 70 Tories won in the 2021 election. The total number of seats increased from 338 to 343 due to recent changes in the political map, reflecting Canada's evolving population dynamics.

A central feature of this election was the defeat of prominent figures. Former Conservative leadership contender Marie-Pierre Poilievre, once favoured to become the next prime minister due to his party's strong polling numbers, lost his seat in Carleton to Liberal Yasmine Ghamrawi. Poilievre's loss marks a significant blow to the Conservative Party, disrupting what had seemed to be a straight to government.

Left leader Jagmeet Singh also suffered a personal and political setback, finishing third in his Burnaby Central riding behind Conservative and Liberal candidates. Singh announced his resignation, saying he's leaving his post, combined with the NDP's overall weaker performance, raises questions about the party's future influence on the federal stage.

The Green Party experienced a mixed outcome. Co-leader Jonathan Pedneault performed poorly, finishing third in his Montreal riding, potentially indicating limited support for the party in that region. In contrast, Elizabeth May, the Green Party's other co-leader, managed to retain her seat, offering some continuity and stability within the party's leadership.

Only Blue Quebecois leader Yves-François Blanchet maintained his seat among the prominent leaders successfully held onto their positions in Parliament. Notably, Mark Carney-Trudeau's predecessor as Liberal Party leader and Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, lost his Far Rock seat, winning a seat and possibly signaling a new direction in leadership potentially within the Liberal ranks.

The Liberal Party's resurgence was another defining storyline of the election. Despite being trailing significantly in polls at the outset of the campaign, the party managed to outperform expectations and win critical ratings, including those of traditionally Conservative strongholds. The corresponding collapse underscores the strategic importance and a possibly shifting voter base.

In sum, this federal election has altered the political landscape in ways that will influence national governance and policy discussions moving forward, with the Liberals' revival have disrupted the status quo between the major parties and raised questions about leadership and potentially a realigned political base.

Most Canadian Provinces at Risk of Power Shortages in Extreme Weather

As reported by The Globe and Mail, a new study from the North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) warns that most Canadian provinces are vulnerable to electricity shortages during extreme weather events. Quebec and Nova Scotia are the most exposed, while Ontario and Alberta face lesser risks.

Looking ahead to 2035, Quebec could face energy shortfalls of up to 20 percent during extreme cold snaps, mainly due to growing industrial and data center demand. That deficit is over five times the capacity of one of Quebec's largest power plants.

Although new transmission lines are already being built toward New York and New England, NERC notes they will be enough. Expanding grid capacity takes years, and there are no guarantees that it will arrive in time.

Nova Scotia has similar issues and could benefit from increased transmission with New Brunswick. Alberta also exposed due to its limited transport capacity. By contrast, New Brunswick can export up to 30% of its summer peak demand.

The study didn't account for U.S.-Canada political tensions, but remaining relations could strain cross-border energy cooperation. Some provinces are already discussing restricting electricity exports to the U.S.

During the federal election, the Liberals pledged to build a national east-west electricity grid to better connect provinces and reduce reliance on fossil fuels, utilities like Hydro Quebec and Manitoba Hydro.

12 Indigenous Candidates Elected in Canada's 2025 Federal Election

CBC News reported that, Yvette Independence Bonnie Clearwater became the first Indigenous candidate elected in Canada's 2025 federal election, with several wins in northern ridings helping the Liberal Party cinch a minority government. The Liberals secured under Mark Carney.

In Quebec, former Cree Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty defeated the Bloc Québécois in a riding that had once been held by Bloc leader Yves-François Blanchet. Gabriela Wabie-Landry Mackenzie Charrand unseated longtime NDP MP Mike Sullivan in a northern Indigenous district.

In Saskatchewan, Métis candidate Buckley Belanger flipped a Conservative seat, becoming the province's only Liberal MP.

The Conservatives also made gains, with Indigenous candidates Jamie Schmale and Billy Morin winning seats, doubling their previous total.

The NDP suffered steep losses overall but retained two Indigenous MPs. Leah Gazan, a Métis activist, kept her seat in Winnipeg Centre. In Nunavut, Inuit MP Lori Idlout narrowly held off a Liberal challenger to remain in office.

Indigenous leaders stressed the importance of self-determination and collaboration. Inuit and Métis representatives called for MMIWG action, reconciliation and wider meaningful steps in the Arctic and beyond.

Transplant Recipients and Immunocompromised Canadians Concerned Amid Measles Outbreak

Laurie Wilber, a heart transplant recipient in Ontario, is now in quarantine after her husband tested positive in hospital. Her case highlights the risk to thousands of immunocompromised Canadians, who can't receive the measles vaccine due to their weakened immune systems, according to Global News.

Ontario's measles outbreak has now surpassed 3,000 cases, with 1,000 hospitalizations and 14 deaths. Immigration and drug trafficking. While he partially lifted visas for goods under CUSMA, the trade dollars remain largely in place.

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Wilber received the treatment promptly, but she says that daily life is now marked by anxiety and isolation. She avoids crowded spaces and always wears a mask. "I'll always live in fear doing things," she said of the family. The outbreak has placed on her.

As medical advisories have increased the number of immunocompromised people, researchers are now examining how measles affects the immune system, particularly the lasting impact on a life-threatening disease treated with biologics.

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Canada Caught in U.S.-China Trade War as Trump Links Fentanyl to Canadian Border

CTV News reported that, former President Donald Trump pulled Canada into the escalating trade war with China, accusing Ottawa of being "worse than China" and citing fentanyl to justify tariffs. The U.S. is imposing tariffs on Canadian goods, the move that sparked retaliation from Beijing, which has imposed tariffs on Canadian products, including canola seed oil, peas, and seafood, in a clear effort to leverage Canada's dependence on Chinese markets as a lever against Washington.

Trump had already imposed sweeping tariffs on Canada, citing the fentanyl crisis and illegal migration. The latest escalation adds a new layer of pressure, with Beijing using its market access as a tool to influence Ottawa's trade policy.

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The White House provided recent enforcement efforts at the northern border had been underwhelming, with Canada seizing measures on tariffs will change Trump's mind. Economists suggest he intends to stay the course.

Canada has also become collateral damage in the U.S.-China trade battle, in trying to support the former Biden administration, Ottawa turned tariffs on Chinese EVs, steel, and aluminum, which now hit China that Canadian agricultural exports feel.

While China has offered to partner with Canada to counter U.S. pressure, Ottawa has been cautious, wary of upsetting deepening ties with Beijing. The impact from China is trying to support Canada's position and that, despite issues with Trump's policies, China's government has trade to not based on fear or politics.

Alberta Issues More Invitations for Provincial Immigration Candidates

As reported by CIC News, Alberta has issued 245 new invitations to candidates in the province's Alberta Opportunity Stream (AOS) Immigration Program, targeting those who can help fill its labour shortages across the province's economy. The invitations were distributed through four of the program's specialized streams.

Between April 15 and 22, AOP held several draws targeting candidates in the Alberta Express Entry Stream, including draws of 100, 60, and 45 invitations for the Accelerated Tech and Law Enforcement streams, respectively. The Accelerated Tech stream also took place—the first of its kind in 2025, as earlier draws focused on aviation and construction professionals.

The AOP website provides transparency on each stream, offering data on invitation issues with updates, the number of Expressions of Interest received, and the occupations in demand—all of which being processed.

It's key to understand the difference between invitations and nominations. PNP candidates start by submitting an EOI to show interest in immigrating through Alberta's program. If selected, they receive an invitation to apply for a nomination.

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