

MEMBER BULLETIN

Liberals Win Minority Government

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has retained power. His Liberal Party will form the next federal government.

Similarly, to the 43rd Parliament, Trudeau will need support from other parties, especially the NDP and the Bloc, if he is to move his legislative agenda forward during this, his third mandate.

Liberal platform highlights which are of interest to our industry are:

- Continuing to invest over \$4 billion in 535 water infrastructure projects, including 99 new water plants and 436 plant upgrades.
- Establish and fully fund a Canada Water Agency in 2022.
- Modernize the *Canada Water Act* to reflect our new freshwater reality, including addressing climate change, and Indigenous water rights.
- Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe, the Lake Winnipeg Basin, the Fraser River Basin, and the Mackenzie River Basin.
- Create open-access climate toolkits to help infrastructure owners and investors develop projects that ensure Canada is on the path to a net-zero emissions and climate resilient future.

To read more about the liberal party platform click here.

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