

Immigration for Willowdale

Martha Hall Findlay and Stéphane Dion are doing the RIGHT things for immigration and new Canadians, to restore fairness and streamline and improve the immigration system.

A new Liberal government will reverse the irresponsible immigration measures introduced by the Conservatives last spring and invest a total of \$800 million in new federal funding to deal with the immigration backlog, welcome more new Canadians, and ensure that they succeed. We want to ensure that new Canadians receive the support they need to fully participate in Canadian society.

Martha Hall Findlay, is very excited about these initiatives. *“Most of my work in Willowdale as the Member of Parliament is related to helping new immigrants, visitors and people looking to build on their skills to participate fully in our economy. Our plan will provide “win-win” solutions for both our economy and new Canadians. These initiatives are exactly what we need for Willowdale, and for Canada.”*

In full partnership with provinces, fully respecting existing agreements, over four years, a new Liberal government will invest:

- \$400 million over four years to modernize the immigration system:
 - **to process applications more efficiently**
 - **to revise the points system** to better reflect the skills we need;
 - to create **In-Canada Fast Track**, to allow temporary workers, international students to apply for Canadian residence within Canada;
 - by creating the **Welcome Canada Pass**, a 5-year renewable, multiple-entry visitors visa;
 - a **Canada Express Pass** for frequent business visitors;

- \$200 million over four years for **New Beginnings Canada** – an enhanced **language training** initiative to help newcomers master the language necessary to get jobs that match their qualifications; and

- \$200 million over four years for **Bridge to Work**:
 - a new initiative to better prepare newcomers for the workplace through **internships, mentorship and work placement** opportunities;
 - Help to get **foreign credentials recognized**, with direct financial support to assist foreign-trained doctors and other professionals in obtaining their Canadian qualifications.