

Question 1: Is your party in favour of simple, easy-to-read nutrition labels on the front of food and beverage packaging to identify products high in sugar, salt, and saturated fats?

Yes, it's been party policy for several years now.

Question 2: Is your party in favour of restricting the marketing of foods and beverages high in salt, sugar and saturated fats to children?

Absolutely.

Question 3: What will your party do to ensure that Canada improves access to affordably priced, nutritious food in northern and remote communities?

Northern communities have several issues working against them - distance, weather and economics. But there are a few developments in agriculture which can help and as federal MPs Greens would make funding available to help get remote communities more self sufficient. Vertical agriculture is a term that broadly describes using hydroponics and ultra high efficiency LED lighting to grow perishable plants year round in shipping containers and larger buildings. Everything from lettuce to peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes and even strawberries have been grown year-round in such facilities in northern Scandinavia.

But a community cannot live on lettuce alone! Reducing transport costs for less perishable high nutrition foods must be done. For too long have politicians relied on the northern/remote living tax subsidies to claim "something's being done"

Economic development of renewable wind power as part of our climate platform will also help longer term by bringing more jobs and work to the north. Until these measures are in place, more immediate measures will be needed.

Question 4: Does your party support the creation of a national school food program to provide children and youth with access to nutritious meals at school?

Well fed minds lead to better results at school. As a federal party will be work with provinces to make sure no kid goes to school hungry.

Question 5: What other measures will your party pursue to reduce the consumption by children and youth of food and beverages which are linked with diet-related chronic disease?

Clear labelling, "sugary drinks" tax, and public information campaigns to give parents and kids better options.