

**Green Party’s [Candidate name] Praises Elizabeth May and the Green Party’s Vow to Support Arts and Culture**

**([CITY])—October 4, 2015**—[Candidate name], Green Party candidate ([Riding]) and former CBC host, praised Green Leader [Elizabeth May](http://www.greenparty.ca/en/riding/2013-59027) (Saanich-Gulf Islands) as she unveiled the party’s [plan](http://www.greenparty.ca/en/policy-background-2015/part-l) to support Canadian arts and culture, including the CBC.

[CANDIDATE QUOTE]

Greens will:

· Provide approximately $1.5 billion in stable funding to the CBC, Radio-Canada, the National Film Board, Canada Council for the Arts, and Telefilm Canada over 5 years;

· Extend income tax relief and incentives for Canadian artists, following Ireland and Berlin’s very successful approaches;

· Oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership that will require Crown Corporations like the CBC to operate solely for profit;

· Revisit Stephen Harper’s amendments to the CRTC’s content regulations so Canadians can continue to enjoy quality Canadian programming;

· Create an expert arms-length board to appoint board members of cultural institutions to end partisan political interference; and

· Implement a Guaranteed Livable Income to help lower-income artists succeed.

“Canadian cultural organizations, like the *CBC*, *Radio-Canada*, and the *National Film Board*, contribute over $80 billion to Canada’s economy and employ over a million Canadians,” said May. “However, our cultural institutions are more than just a statistic: they are the fabric that connects Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

“Since taking office, Stephen Harper has cut over $200 million from the CBC’s total grant and operating budgets. Greens will reverse Stephen Harper’s cuts to our national broadcaster and restore our ability to showcase Canada’s cultural identity through local news and quality Canadian content.”

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