



What do Canadians want from their governments in 2012? – We asked, and you answered!

Canada's Public Policy Forum is pleased to release the results of our survey of the top policy wishes for 2012. As we have in past years, we compiled a list of 2011's top policy stories – #1 was the federal shipbuilding contracts awarded to B.C. and Nova Scotia – but this time we also asked you about your top policy wish for 2012.

As a special release to our members and friends, the Forum is pleased to reveal what policy leaders across all sectors of our country would like to see happen over the course of the year.

We received many responses to the survey, with many providing a great deal of thoughtful guidance for policy makers in Canada. A number of themes were touched upon, but the most common responses were:

- Healthcare reform and accountability for health spending
- The development of a natural resources and energy strategy
- Establishing effective climate change policy; and
- Reconsidering federal legislation on gun control and crime

Additional thoughts ran the gamut of policy ideas, from “a federal, provincial and territorial initiative to reduce internal trade barriers” to a “coordinated national food policy to ensure food supply and security for Canadians”. Others called for action on the innovation agenda, a full-court press on youth unemployment, and public dialogue on tax reform.

We received a diverse and interesting collection of ideas, too many to name them all, and I would like to thank all responders who provided their input.

Canada's Public Policy Forum looks forward to engaging with you throughout this year, our silver anniversary.

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