

People, goods, Canada moves by rail.

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/ The voice of Canada's railway industry



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Representing close to 60 freight and passenger railways



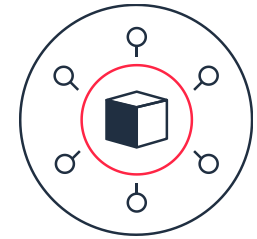
Millions

Millions of passengers annually



50+

With close to 60 industrial railways and rail supply company members



\$400 billion

Worth of goods moved annually

/ Canada's railways make a significant impact



Infrastructure

42,513

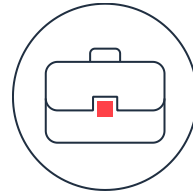
kilometers of freight track operated



Taxes

\$2.7B

paid in taxes in 2024



Employees

~200,000

Jobs supported by rail¹



Freight

5.7M

carloads originated



Investment

\$4.5B

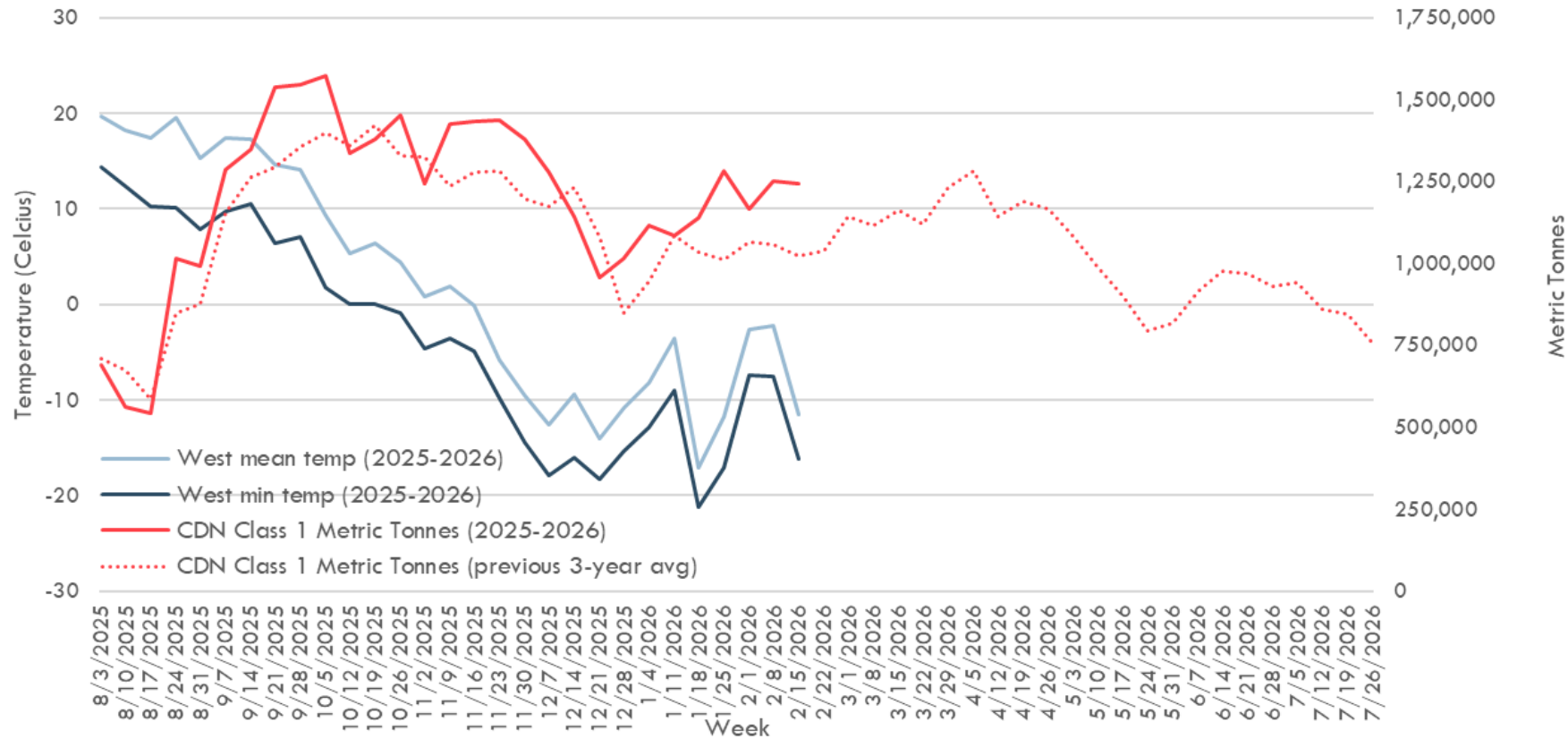
in private capital investment in 2024

/ Canada's 43,000 km Rail Network



/ Recent Trend

Western Canadian Grain Shipments and the Weather, 2025-2026 Crop YTD (29 weeks)



2025-2026 Crop YTD

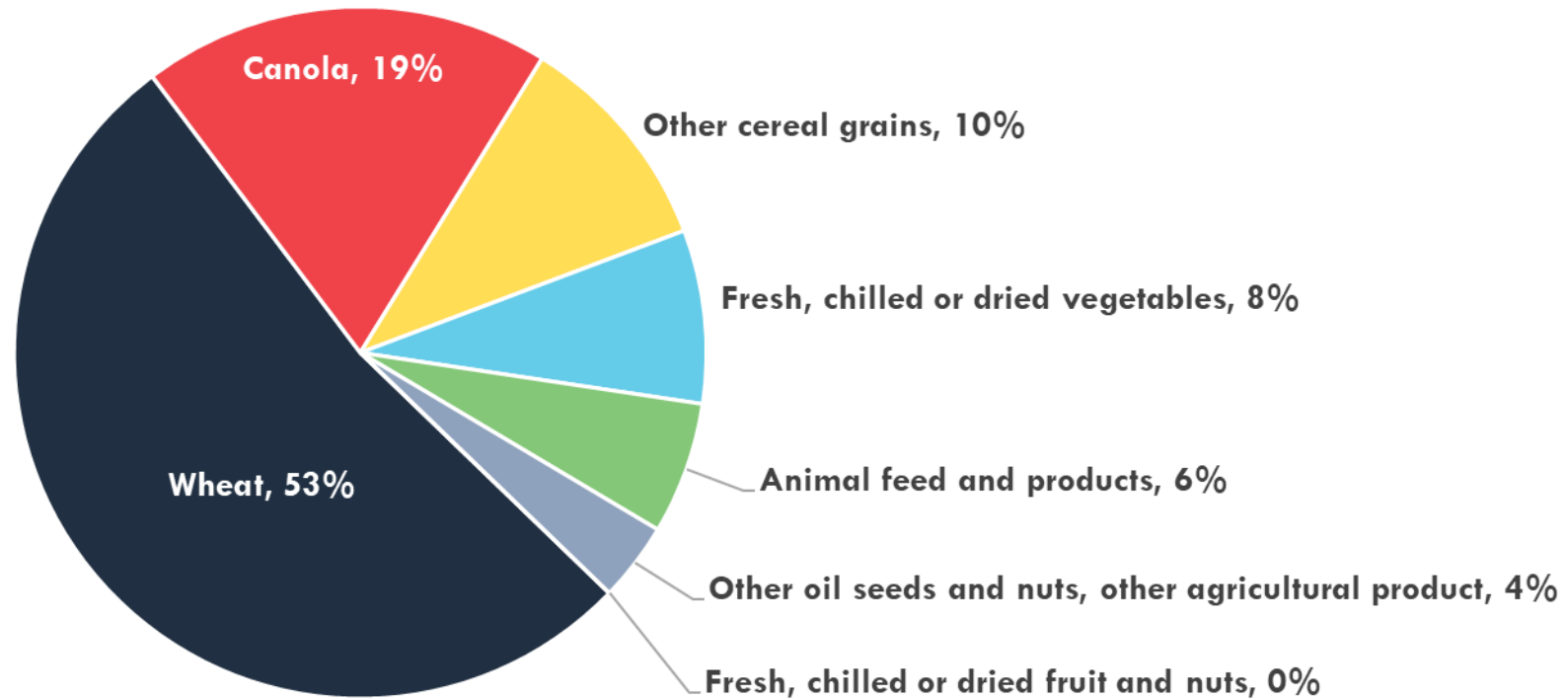
- 34.9 MMT moved by rail
- +8% vs previous 3-year average

2024-2025 Crop Year

- 58.6 MMT moved by rail
- +22% vs previous 3-year average

/ Long-Term Trend

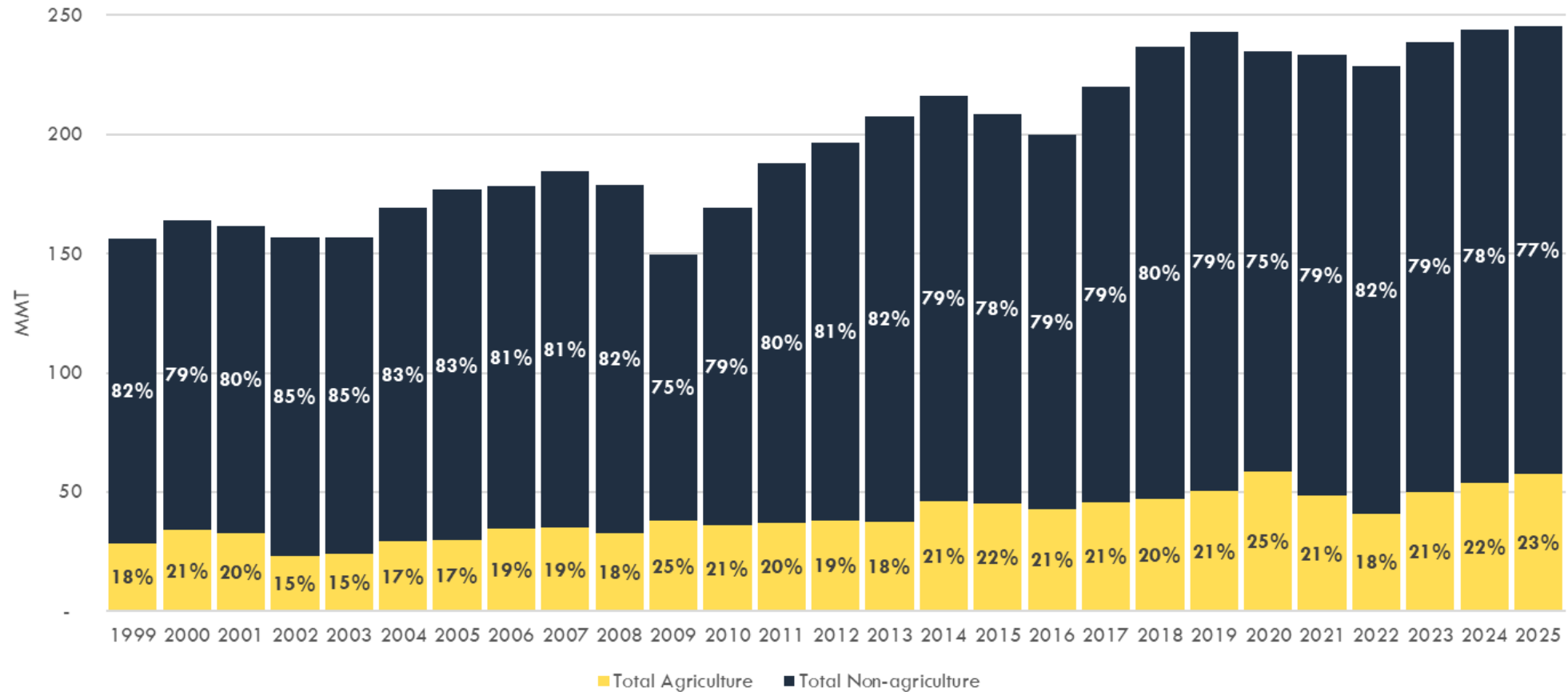
Rail's agricultural portfolio, Western Canada, 1999-2025



Source: RAC analysis based on data from Statistics Canada, Railway carloadings statistics.

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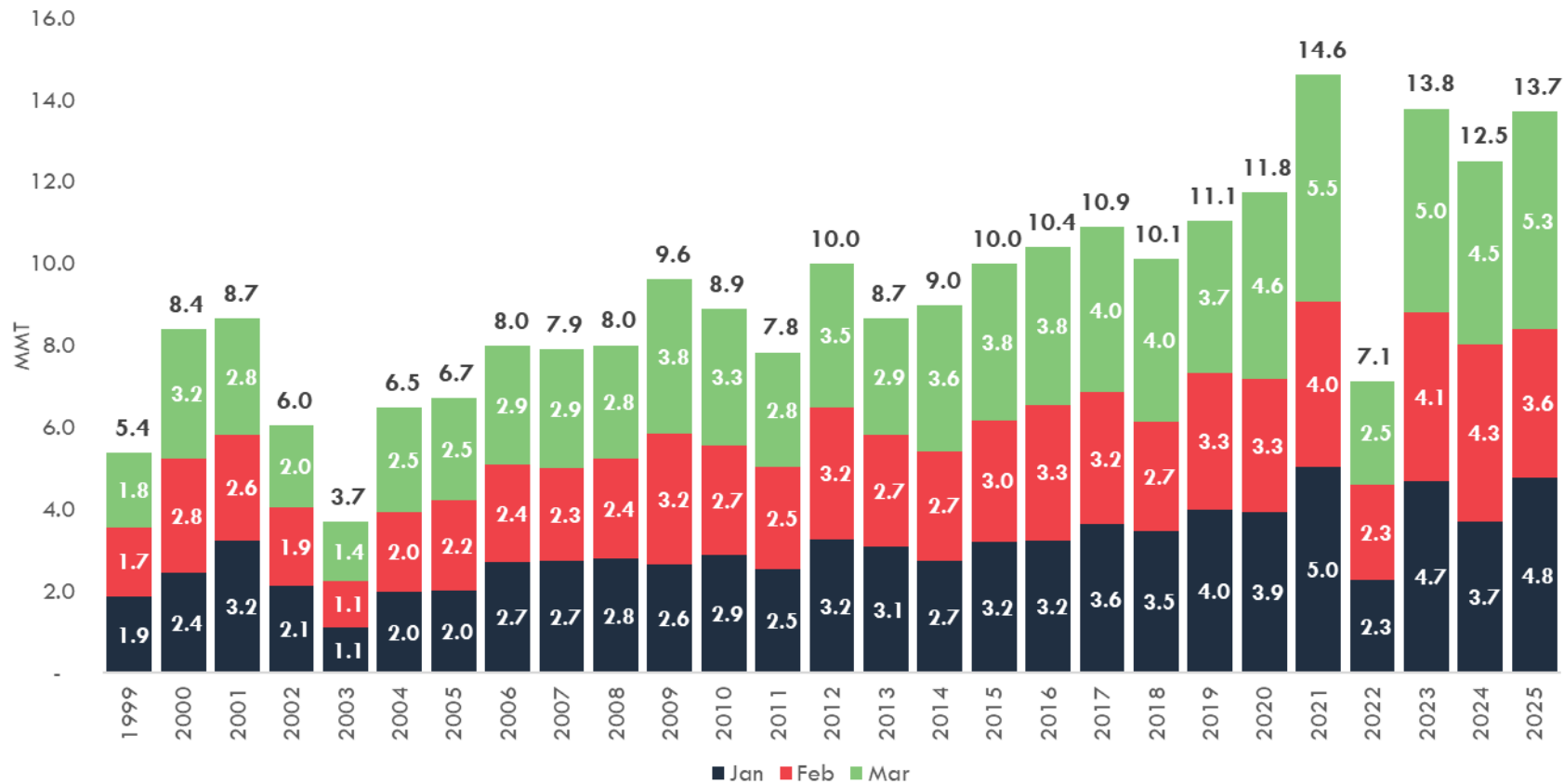
Western Canadian Rail Traffic, Growth of Agricultural Products



Source: RAC analysis based on data from Statistics Canada, Railway carloadings statistics.

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Western Canadian Agricultural Shipments by Rail, Jan-March Volumes, 1999-2025



- The rail industry continues to invest in the network, increasing the capacity to move greater agriculture volumes.
- Winter volumes (Jan-March) in recent years have exceeded 12 MMT.
- 1999-2014 Winter volumes averaged 7.7 MMT.

Source: RAC analysis based on data from Statistics Canada, Railway carloadings statistics.

/ Common Interests and Solutions

- Trade and Tariffs
- Labour Stability
- Regulatory Burden, Permitting
- Supply Chain Investments
 - Accelerated Depreciation
 - Port of Vancouver – loading grain in the rain
 - Trade Diversification Corridors Fund; Arctic Infrastructure Fund; other recent announcements

Canada saw just 1.4 percent growth in real GDP per capita from 2015 to 2024 - even contracting slightly in the last two years - which ranks it second-last among all OECD countries.

Real GDP per Capita Growth in the OECD, 2015-Q1 to 2024-Q3

Source: OECD Data Explorer

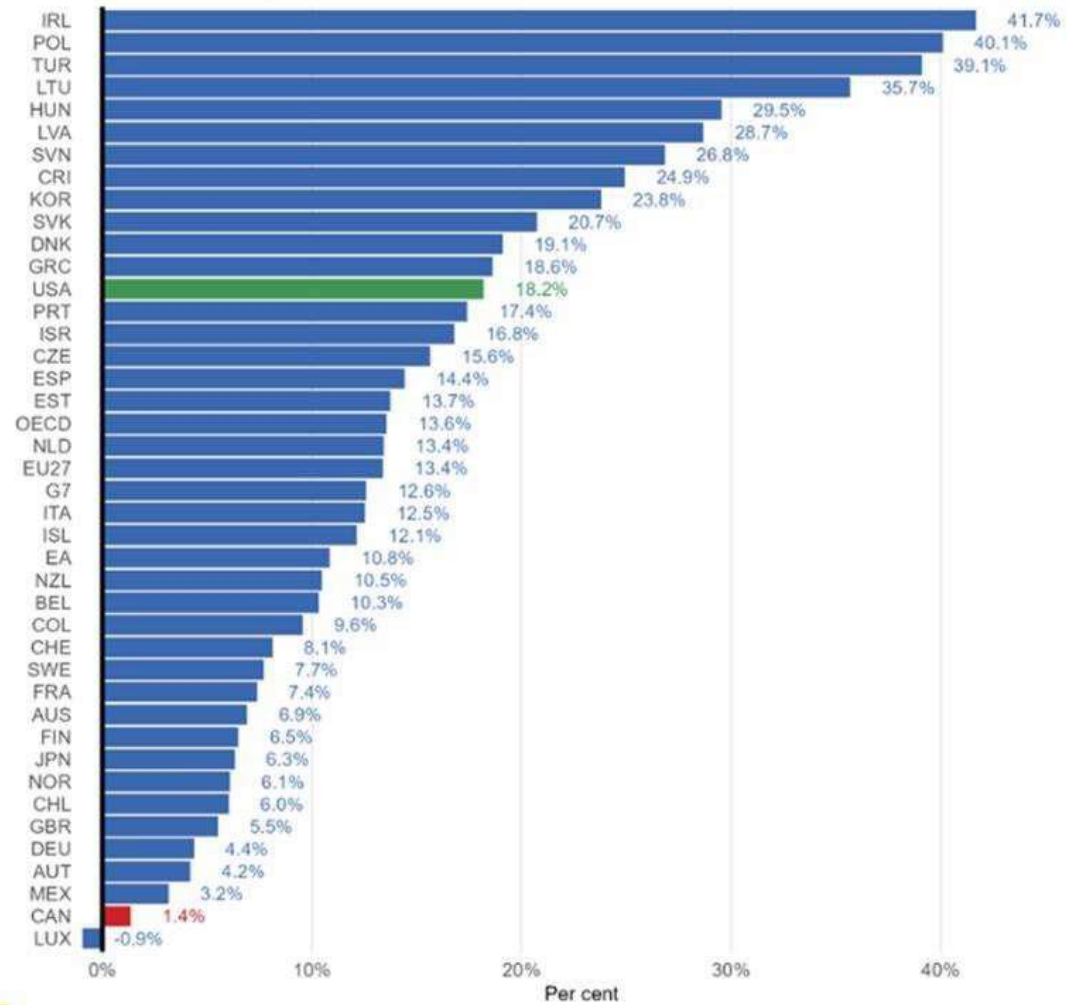


Figure 1: GDP per Capita Growth in OECD (2015-2024) Source: Canadian economist Trevor Tombe's calculation from OECD Data Explorer

Graph by @trevortombe

/ Let's level the playing field

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1.

Unlock private sector investments through competitive tax policies such as accelerated depreciation or investment tax credits on infrastructure.

2.

One window for approval so that decisions are made quickly while allows for adequate public consultation.

3.

Modernize Canada's labour laws to establish a clear and transparent process to resolve labour disputes rapidly.

Implementing these three recommendations will drive the investment needed throughout the supply chain to connect new customers to new markets and complement the major projects of national importance.

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