



NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL CANDIDATE ELECTION

The Construction Association of Nova Scotia (CANS) represents more than 780 large and small companies that build, renovate and restore non-residential buildings, roads, bridges and other engineering projects.

We are an industry trade association representing the interests of contractors, suppliers and service providers throughout Atlantic Canada and across the country. Our members include firms in the non-residential construction industry.

In this provincial election CANS will play an active role, ensuring that the issues important to our members and the industry are top of mind for all candidates. We ask that you take a few moments to answer the CANS Nova Scotia Provincial Election Candidate Questionnaire. We will share your responses with our members and release to the public and media in the weeks leading up to Election Day.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Name: _____

Party: _____

Riding: _____

Infrastructure

- We know that an important piece of maintaining Nova Scotia's rural communities is through continued development and investment by businesses. ***If elected, what will your party do to ensure business development and growth continues in Nova Scotia?***
- The New Building Canada Plan (the Government of Canada's 10-year infrastructure plan) was put in place in 2014. ***If elected, what will your party do further align itself with The New Building Canada Plan in best interest of Nova Scotia?***
- Modern infrastructure is critical to the social and economic vitality of Nova Scotia. A long term, predictable capital infrastructure plan that considers maintenance, replacement and new construction is required to achieve these ends. ***What will your party do to ensure that a comprehensive capital infrastructure plan is developed with meaningful participation and contributions from industry, business and the community?***

Delayed Payment Legislation

- Late payment practices are an important issue for Nova Scotia's construction industry. Delayed Payment Legislation in Nova Scotia would establish minimum norms for payment schedules in the construction industry, intended to apply to every construction contract entered into for construction work undertaken in any jurisdiction whether or not the governing law of the contract is expressed as being the law of the jurisdiction. The majority of the US states, the European Union, and the United Kingdom have enacted prompt payment legislation to counter late payment practices and Ontario is currently working to be the first province in Canada to enact this legislation. ***If elected, how will your party work with industry to bring forward progressive Delayed Payment Legislation in Nova Scotia during your first mandate?***

Licensing Framework

- The Industrial Commercial and Institutional construction sector (ICI) strives for continuous improvement, innovation and increased productivity in a highly competitive market. To this end, we believe that a licensing regime for contractors would ensure that firms participating in the ICI marketplace hold at least the minimum competencies, expertise and qualifications necessary to assure clients of their ability to complete projects successfully. ***Should your party form the next government of Nova Scotia, will your government commit to working with industry to introduce a licensing framework that will contribute to these aspirational goals and objectives in your first term of office?***

Procurement Practices

- Industry is committed to working with government to achieve a fair, transparent and sustainable approach to public procurement for the benefit of Nova Scotia tax payers. ***If elected, will your government commit to striking a Procurement Council tasked with working collaboratively with industry to achieve these aspirational goals in 2017?***

Exclusionary Clauses

- Industry believes that without appropriately structured clauses, the opportunity for abuse, downward pressure on competitiveness and value to the taxpayer is severely impaired. ***If your party is elected, will it work with industry to develop a mutually acceptable framework that is premised on the notions of fairness, transparency, balance, process and accountability for owners bound by the Procurement Act of Nova Scotia in 2017?***