

2021 Nova Scotia Liberal Party Leadership Election – Candidate Questionnaire

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In the 2021 Nova Scotia Liberal Party Leadership Election, the Construction Association of Nova Scotia (CANS) will work to ensure that the issues important to our members and the construction industry are top of mind for all candidates.

Over the coming weeks, CANS will proactively share information about the Nova Scotia Liberal Party Leadership Election with our members via email newsletter communication, on our website and on our social media feeds. We will be providing members with information on key topics and issues important to our industry, as well as information about each candidate.

Please take a few moments to answer the following questions:

1. Infrastructure investments are key to creating jobs, supporting a strong economy, and building resilient communities. Compared to other provinces in Canada, Nova Scotia's utilization rate of federal infrastructure funds is exceptionally low – \$264.06M committed out of \$828.5M available (31%). **If elected as the leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, what will you do to encourage the use of the federal infrastructure funds available to our province and address potential barriers that may exist?**
2. The construction industry in Nova Scotia represents 5.7% of the provincial GDP and employs over 36,000 people. CANS and the Nova Scotia government have enjoyed a collaborative relationship, working together to advance key issues and concerns for the betterment of the province and our surrounding communities however, there is still much work to be done. **If elected as the leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, what will you do to ensure that issues important to construction are addressed?**

We ask that you please provide us with an answer to the following questions by **Friday, January 22 at 4:00 pm**. We will share responses with CANS members prior to election day as a means of helping them understand the position of each candidate.

Regards,

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