

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTRE

HEAR OUR VOICES: YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION

The Tri-County Women's Centre wants you to have the opportunity to be prepared for the federal election, by gaining knowledge on the candidates and calling action in your community. We want to provide all individuals with the necessary tools to get involved, by providing key points and questions that discuss social based issues impacting individuals within our community. We invite you to discuss these questions with your federal election candidates.

We are calling on each federal political party to take action on key elements we believe will promote a healthier future for Canadians. We provide this information to bring awareness to social inequalities and encourage engagement on these issues.

Here are the key elements we believe the federal government must act upon:

➤ TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

According to NASA, our planet's surface temperature continues to rise, which is driven mostly by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions. Furthermore, it is documented that a large majority of global warming has occurred in the past 35 years. There are several effects of climate change, including increasingly intense heat waves, stronger hurricanes, etc. Climate change is happening, and it's happening now. We want to see the federal candidates take action on this issue.

We ask the federal candidates:

- Is the topic of climate change a top priority for your party?
- How will your party continue to bring awareness to climate change and its effects?

DID YOU KNOW?



1 in 6 Canadian children under the age of 18 are affected by household food insecurity.

➤ ADDRESS INCOME RELATED FOOD-INSECURITY

We believe that every Canadian should have access to food, and that income and location should not determine whether or not food is accessible. Income-related food insecurity can negatively impact the health of Canadians, whether physical, mental and/or social. Nova Scotia is one of the several provinces with a high rate of household foodinsecurities, with severe food insecurity rates reaching 14.3%, and with Nunavut reaching a rate of 50.8%. Canadians should no longer need to risk their overall health.

We ask the federal candidates:

- If elected, what would your government do to address the issue of income-related food insecurity to ensure that all Nova Scotian's have sufficient resources to meet their basic food needs?

➤ INVEST IN POVERTY REDUCTION

In 2017, 4.9 million people in Canada lived in poverty. This means that 4.9 million Canadians were struggling to meet their basic needs (shelter, clothing, personal care items, etc.). Without addressing poverty, Canadians will continue to sacrifice their health, as clean water, sanitization and nutritious eating habits become a struggle to maintain. We believe that no Canadian citizen should struggle to meet their basic needs. We believe that poverty reduction must be addressed.

We ask the federal candidates:

- If elected, what social policy initiatives directed towards addressing poverty reduction would your government implement?

For more information on these key issues and how you can help, visit :

- Community Food Centres Canada: <https://cfccanada.ca/en/>
- Homeless Hub: <https://www.homelesshub.ca>
- Basic Income Canada Network: <https://www.basicincomecanada.org>
- PROOF: <https://proof.utoronto.ca>
- Nova Scotia Poverty Progress Profile: <https://www.cwp-csp.ca/resources/sites/default/files/resources/ProvincePovertyProfiles-NS.pdf>
- NASA Global Climate Change: <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>