

OSSTF DISTRICT 10

MP Candidate Questionnaire

Q1: If elected as Member of Parliament, identify your top three (3) priorities and explain their importance.

A1: My top priorities are Affordability, the Environment and Healthcare. Currently half of Canadians are within \$200 of not being able to pay their bills each month. The Conservatives will put more money in your pockets by eliminating the carbon tax, providing a tax rebate for low income individuals, taking the GST off home heating and maternity benefits, increasing funding for seniors and veterans, making it easier for young people to buy their first home, and increasing the government match on Registered Education Savings Funds to 50 %. Locally, I will work to get funding for affordable housing.

On the Environment, we have a Real Plan for the Environment

<https://www.conservative.ca/cpc/andrew-scheers-climate-plan/>

which does not just have Canada taking a leadership role in addressing the global climate change issue, but brings focus to clean air, clean water and reduced pollution here at home.

Our healthcare system is in crisis, with a shortage of doctors, nurses and health care workers across the country. The Conservatives will increase health and social transfers to the provinces, add \$1.5 billion for MRI and CT scanners to help cut wait times, and come with a full strategy for addressing the addiction crisis through prevention to the addition of recovery beds so that people can get off drugs.

Q2: Mental health is a growing concern across Canada. What would you do differently to make sure there is adequate funding to address the crisis of children and youth mental health across this country?

A2: The Conservatives created the Mental Health Commission of Canada. With 1 in 5 Canadians experiencing mental health issues in their lifetime, we need available and affordable helps, especially in the areas of addiction, the increase in dementia and suicide prevention. The Conservatives will come with a full strategy for addressing the addiction crisis through prevention to the addition of recovery beds so that people can get off drugs. We will increase funding for dementia and suicide prevention.

Q3: Will your government continue to increase broadband development and implementation to ensure there is equity of access for all school boards across the country?

A3: Yes. The Conservatives believe that broadband internet is essential not just for schools, but for farmers, businesses, students and all Canadians. We will commit to infrastructure spend to get this done.

Q4: What kinds of support, staff, and programming do you feel are essential to meet the needs of children with special needs? What steps would you take to ensure these supports are provided?

A4: While the staffing and funding of schools is provincial jurisdiction, the Conservatives have pledged \$50 million to address autism, and additional funds for accessibility upgrades.

Q5: How would you and your party work collaboratively with Indigenous peoples in Canada toward the full and effective implementation of the Calls to Action of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? What place do you see this having in public education?

A5: The Truth and Reconciliation report was commissioned by the Conservatives. While the Liberals have been all talk and no action on this file, Conservatives will take action to address the 92 recommendations. It is important that all Canadians work towards the healing of our relationship with Indigenous peoples.

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