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Teaching your children to vote: why is it important?

by Chelsea Driscoll

Unfortunately many young adults do not vote (fewer than half of 18-24-year-olds that were eligible to vote in last provincial election did not cast a ballot). If parents can teach their kids at a young age that voting is important they are more likely to vote when they turn 18. The younger generation is the voice of the future and someday will be responsible for electing our leaders.

Tips for teaching your kids:

- Do a family vote – to teach the concept of voting, hold family votes for things such as what to make for dinner, what story to read before bed, or what game to play!
- Point out election signs – this is a great opportunity to teach your kids about the various parties and candidates.
- Give them a reason to become engaged – talk to your kids about issues that matter most to them (perhaps education) and in an age-appropriate manner; discuss their concerns and what they expect the government to do.
- Share your beliefs – there is absolutely nothing wrong with discussing for whom you plan to vote, and why, with your kids. It is important for your kids to understand issues that matter to you and how voting can make a difference.
- Ask your kids what they are learning in school about politics – many high schools have mock elections and discuss current political events in class. Even some elementary and middle school classes will discuss politics around election time!
- Take your kids with you when you vote on election day - walk your kids through the voting process so they can see how the polls work!



A future voter learning about the tabulation machine
(photo from Elections NB)

Guest Editor's comments

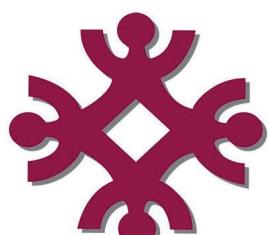
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This special edition of *Around the Block* is about the “who,” “what,” “when,” and “where” of the upcoming provincial election. You can read about the candidates, what the provincial government does, how to get on the voters list, and when and where to vote.

The “why” is up to you. It’s your job to get informed on the issues. Find out where the candidates and their parties stand on issues like poverty (the child poverty rate in Ward 3 is a shameful and stubborn 48.7%), safe and affordable housing, health care, education, and jobs.

It’s our right to vote. It’s also our responsibility.

Let’s get informed and get to the polls.



How to vote in five easy steps

Step 1: Register to Vote. You can check to see if you are registered by calling Elections NB (1-888-858-8683). If you find that you aren’t registered, don’t worry! You can register in person when you show up to vote.



Step 2: Decide When to Vote. You can vote on Election Day, Monday Sept 24th, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. There are also two advance voting days: Saturday September 15th and Monday September 17th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. If neither of these options work for you, you can vote by special ballot anytime between now and the election at your local returning office (see page 3).

Step 3: Find Out Where to Vote. If you are registered to vote, you should be receiving a voter card in the mail that will tell you where to vote. If you don’t get a card, you can contact Elections NB or punch your address into “search your provincial election information” at electionsnb.ca.

Step 4: Be Ready to Prove that You’re You!

If you are registered to vote, you shouldn’t need to bring ID with you. You just need to be able to state your name and address (which needs to match up with the voter list).

If your information doesn’t match up, or if you aren’t registered, you will need to bring either:

- one piece of government issued photo ID (such as a driver’s licence), or
- two pieces of ID - one with your name on it (health card, Canadian Passport, debit card, etc) and one with your name and home address on it (bank statement, power bill etc.), or
- a friend who is on the voter list and who is willing to vouch for you.

Step 5: Go vote!

Message from the Chief Electoral Officer Kimberly Poffenroth

Have your say, vote!

On September 24th, citizens of Saint John will join the rest of the province in electing our next provincial government. You will decide whom you want as the elected representative in the riding where you live, and possibly electing a member of the political party that will form the new government.



The questions that you need to ask yourself are: “Will I vote? Do I want to have a say in deciding who will be my voice in the New Brunswick Legislature for the next four years?” Or, “Do I prefer that my opinions are not heard and I will let other people choose the future direction on issues such as health care, education, the environment, and seniors’ care?” With the simple mark of a ballot, you will be taking part in one of the most fundamental actions of a democratic society, voting.

Have your say, vote! **Kim Poffenroth, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections New Brunswick**

Election day
Monday September 24th
Polling stations are open
from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Advance polls are
Saturday September 15th
and Monday September 17th
open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Returning offices and advance poll information on page 3



1-888-858-8683 (VOTE)

In this election, have your say. Vote!

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Did you know ?

The first provincial election in New Brunswick was held 233 years ago, in 1785.

Secret ballots were first used in NB in 1855. Before then, voters would publicly announce their vote.

The New Brunswick election is one of three provincial elections being held in Canada in 2018. Ontario's election occurred on June 7th, and Quebec's will be held on October 1st.



First time student voters - we want you



left to right, Hayley McCarty, Khyla McCarty, Jaidyn McCarty

by Jaidyn McCarty

Are you a first time voter voting in the next Provincial Election? If so, you are not alone. You probably have many questions on how you can vote, especially as a student.

If you are a student from another province studying in New Brunswick, you may only vote if you have made New Brunswick your ordinary residence and have been here for more than 40 days before an election. As a student from New Brunswick studying outside the province, you are eligible to vote for your home district by special ballot. Special ballots are voting ballots for people who are outside of their own electoral district or electoral region or who otherwise cannot or do not want to go to the polls. Any returning office can issue a special ballot for a voter from any electoral district or electoral region in the province. As a first time voter you need to be on the Voters List before you can vote. To get on the Voters List in advance of the election, or on the day of, you will need to show identification and proof of address.

To get more information on these accommodations or to get contact information for the Returning Offices in your district contact: 1-888-858-8683, TTY:1-888-718-0544

Rogers TV broadcasts the live debate in the province. Also, they post it on their Youtube Channel in case you miss it on TV.

Follow the election through social media:

Youtube: Rogers tv

Twitter: @ElectionsNB

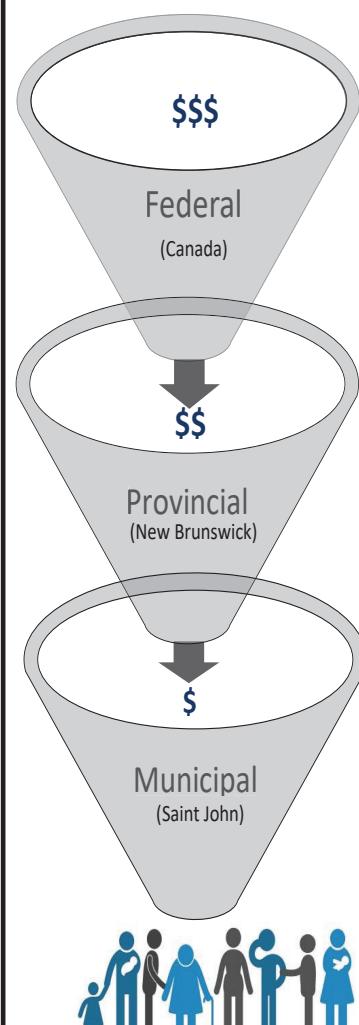
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Who will be Premier ?



Who's Responsible For What?

- Provincial**
- **Education** (Cost of tuition, French immersion, school closures and new schools)
 - **Health Care** (Access to mental health services, waitlist for family doctors, response to opioid crisis)
 - **Highways** (example: construction on Harbour Bridge)
 - **Social Development** (Subsidized housing, social assistance, adult and child protection)
 - **Nursing Homes** (waitlists)
 - **Day Care** (subsidies)
 - **Identification**
 - **Marriage**
 - **Tourism**



- Federal**
- Criminal Law
 - Employment Insurance
 - National Defence
 - International Trade
 - Citizenship & Immigration
 - Old Age Security
 - Canada Child Benefit

- Municipal**
- City Roads
 - Police and Fire Services
 - Drinking Water
 - Public Transit
 - Recreation
 - Garbage, Compost, Recycling

The funnel above illustrates the three levels of government in Canada and some of the issues for which each level has responsibility. There are examples provided in brackets based on newsworthy "hot topics." During this election it is important to keep provincial issues in mind when speaking with candidates, attending debates, and voting. Note that this is not a complete list and that there are some issues that are a collaborative effort between the federal and provincial governments, or the provincial and municipal governments.

How do you WIN an election in New Brunswick

by Natalia Hicks

The province of New Brunswick is divided into 49 electoral districts or ridings. The ridings are all different shapes and sizes. They have been designed to capture roughly the same number of people and to keep neighbourhoods together as much as possible. On election day, voters in each riding will elect a member of the legislative assembly (MLA) to represent them.

So how does a candidate WIN their seat and become an MLA? By getting the most votes in the riding - it's that simple!

Most candidates are running to represent a political party. If a party's candidate is elected as an MLA, the party wins the seat. The party with the most elected individuals of the 49 ridings that are up for grabs will WIN the election and form the government. The leader of this party will become Premier. The party with the second-most seats will be the official opposition and will keep the governing party on their toes.

When you go to vote it is important to consider which candidate will best represent your local riding, and to consider the policies of the party they represent.

Did you know ?

No New Brunswick MLA has ever publicly identified as being a visible minority.

TJ Burke, elected in 2003, was the first First Nations MLA in New Brunswick.

Kirk McDonald was the youngest MLA in the history of New Brunswick at the age of 23.



Election day logistics

by Jaidyn McCarty and Natalia Hicks

It's election day. You wake up early, send your kids off to school, make some coffee and sit down to ponder how you are going to vote. There are pros and cons to each candidate. You top up your cup; this is going to take thought. Suddenly you realize that you are running late for work and jet off for a busy day. The engine light comes on in your car: great. You're stressed. You're tired. Voting no longer seems fun and hopeful, it is another item on your list of things to do.

If this is how your day comes together on September 24th, there are some tools you can use to power through:

Take time off work:

Polls are open between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on election day. By law, if you are working, you must have three consecutive hours off work to vote while the polls are open. If you need to miss some of your shift to get a full 3-hour window (say if you are working from 10am to 6pm), you cannot be docked pay.

Request transportation:

If you need transportation to the polls, contact the candidate/party of your choice. Nobody wants to see you show up more than the person you are voting for.

Forget about childcare:

Your kids? Bring them along. Teach them about the importance of being involved in their community.

The Saint John Women's Empowerment Network is working on a nationally funded project through Status of Women Canada that aims to tackle the childcare barriers that prevent women from inclusion in work, education, and community. Here are some of the largest identified barriers:

- Even when families qualify for before and after school subsidy, they can still pay up to **\$145 /MONTH PER CHILD** with additional fees during school closures.
- 13% OF WOMEN** Surveyed by the Women's Empowerment Network required specialized care for a child with a disability. Finding adequate care is challenging.
- 63% OF WOMEN** Surveyed by the Women's Empowerment Network identified before and after school care as their biggest childcare need.
- Children under 2 are the most likely to be poor in Canada. Parents with babies at home are often forced to live off of inadequate maternity leave or social assistance benefits because there are so few childcare spaces for children under the age of 2- and these spaces can be costly!

Grandparents Care Too!

In NB, parents with kids in licensed daycare centers are eligible for the greatest subsidies. Those who use alternative routes like in home childcare are offered less subsidy. Those who rely on a child's grandparents, don't qualify for subsidy at all! Families with low incomes are more likely to remain attached to the labour force if they have family that can meet emergency childcare needs. Yet there is financial strain on families when grandparents are expected to perform unpaid care-work. Should we be assuming that the flexible care grandparents provide can always be done for free?

3 ways to be an advocate:

- STAY ENGAGED www.sjwen.ca @SaintJohnWEN
- GET POLITICAL Let your politicians know that there are still gaps in childcare services: before and after school care, inclusion, and family care. Vote. Call your reps. Share your story.
- SPREAD THE WORD Don't keep this information to yourself. Share with friends and family in order to build momentum and make Tackling Childcare Barriers a political priority!

Who can vote vs who does vote

by Michael MacKenzie

In any election, whether municipal, provincial, or federal, there are always more people who CAN vote than DO. In New Brunswick, the last provincial election saw the lowest voter turnout in history, at 65%. In contrast, in the five elections that occurred between 1967 and 1991, the province's voter turnout was higher than 80%!

Who can vote?

In New Brunswick, a person is qualified to vote if they:

- are a Canadian citizen;
- will be 18 years of age on or before polling day;
- have been or will have been a resident of New Brunswick for a period of at least 40 days immediately before the election; and
- will be living in the electoral district on Election Day.

Who does vote?

Voter turnout is often lowest among young people, people with a low income, and those with low levels of education. In contrast, adults with a higher income and higher levels of education tend to vote more. In the last provincial election, the highest turnout was people between the ages of 65-84, at 78%. The lowest turnout was among people between 18-24 – only 44% of whom actually voted.

It's important to remember that there are many reasons for not voting. The fact that low-income communities have a low voter turnout might be because those communities aren't being engaged by candidates or political parties. Or they may not feel the policies being proposed will improve their standard of living. However, a study conducted in 2015 found the single largest reason for not voting was "not being interested in politics." This is something we can change by getting more engaged! While there may be a number of reasons for people deciding not to cast their vote, it's important to remember that as citizens of a democracy, voting is our right and responsibility!

Candidates forums, returning offices and advance polls

Forums

Saint John Harbour candidates:

Location 100 Waterloo Street, Outflow Training Centre (former Fitzpatrick's building) Date: September 11th Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Saint John Lancaster candidates:

Location: Seaside Park Elementary School 627 Havelock Street Date: September 12th Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Portland/Simonds candidates:

this forum was held on Sept 5th

Saint John East:

no date or time had been set, as of date of publication

Returning offices:

#30 Saint John East: 105 Mountain View Drive Threshold Ministry, 506-643-7765

#31 Portland / Simonds: Portland United Church 50 Newport Crescent, 506-658-5544

#32 Saint John Harbour: Prince Edward Mall 100 Prince Edward Street, 506-658-5541

#33 Saint John Lancaster: Unit 6B - 30 Plaza Ave (off Fairville Blvd.) 506-658, 5529

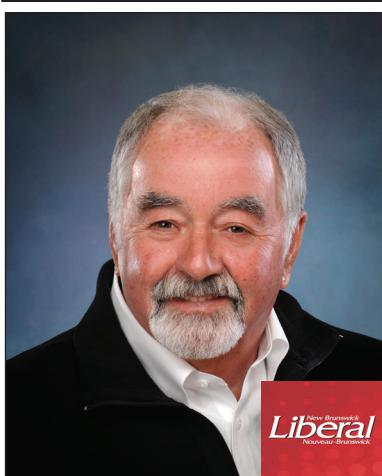
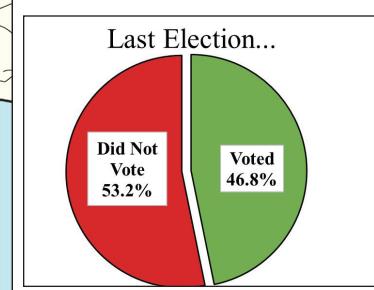
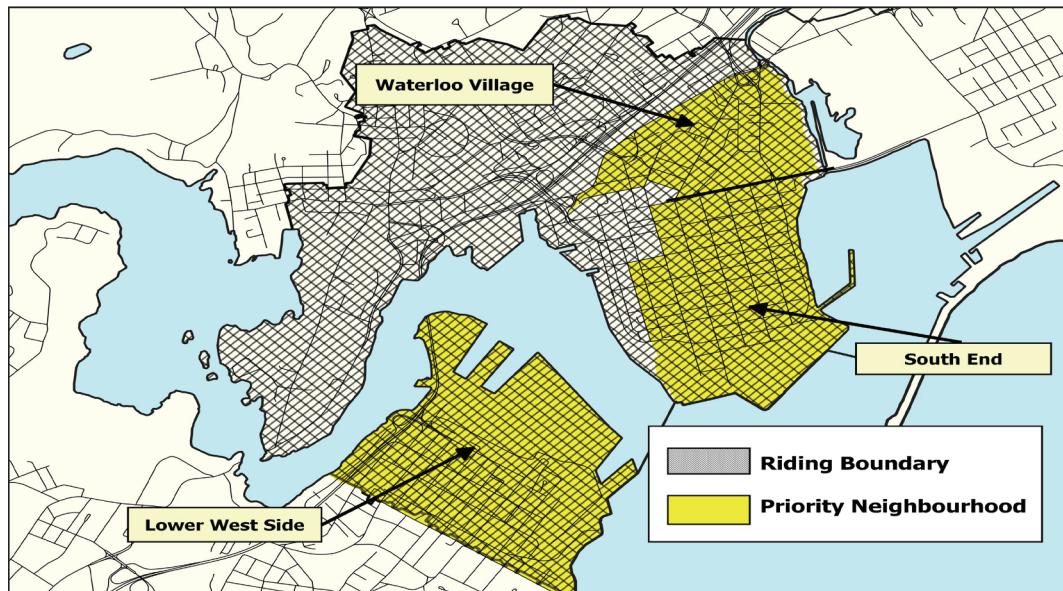
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Saint John Harbour



Gerry Lowe: Liberal Party - office at Lansdowne Place gerrylowe@NBLiberal.ca 506-640-2724

Gerry Lowe has been a strong supporter of growth for the City of Saint John. He has completed five years as a Saint John city councillor, representing the South End, Waterloo Village, Lower West and a part of the North End. He is a current member of the committee dedicated to obtaining a community splash pad for the West Side of Saint John and has recently been appointed to Develop Saint John. He has also been a member of the City of Saint John Planning and Advisory Committee and the Growth Committee that has worked hard on derelict buildings and unsightly lots. He also spent four years as a member of the Saint John Industrial Park Board with one of the main accomplishments being the construction of the Lorneville Barge Terminal. He is serving as a member of the Central Peninsula Neighbourhood Action Team, promoting improvements in the Waterloo Village and Southern Peninsula areas such as most recently planning for the construction of a new South End school. Lowe is also a successful entrepreneur, being the former owner of Saint John Vet's Taxi, which he owned for 43 years. He has renovated several older buildings in Uptown Saint John and constructed a housing development in the Old Rockland Road area. He was an employee of Canada Post for 35 years, of which 21 were spent as a full-time business agent representing letter carriers and truck drivers in Atlantic Canada.



Barry Ogden: PC Party - Bogden@nb.sympatico.ca 506-333-4612

"I will listen and fight for you" About Barry Ogden:

- Proud father of two sons
- Started his life at Rockwood Court, now lives in the South End with Tim the Sheltie
- Worked at his father's uptown business growing up
- Teacher and mentor at Saint John High School for 32 years
- Bachelor of Education, Saint Thomas University; Masters of Education, UNB Saint John
- Learned about poverty as a boy delivering food with his parents to those in need
- Coached hockey, soccer and football for 45 years
- Helped refurbish Tin Can Beach, Loyalist House, Chown Field, Barrack Green Field, and the Canada Games Stadium
- Started Murals and Marigolds on Main Street • Marco Polo project
- Volunteer with Community Food Basket for 32 years. • Volunteer with Romero House for 25 years



Wayne Dryer: Green Party - office at 165 Union Street Wayne.Dryer@greenpartynb.ca 506-608-5089

Wayne began his investment in Saint John in 1983 when he and his wife, Kathy, moved into the South End. That decision tied their future with that of the community. He was a recreational supervisor, a parent of three students in the public school system and a Scout leader. As a partner in Thera-Ped and a founding partner in a software start-up, he learned the economic realities Saint John-Harbour faces.

As pastor of Germain Street United Baptist Church he realized that the problems facing individuals in his community could only be resolved by addressing the social and political structural issues that created them.

He became involved in poverty reduction strategies, social housing, the opposition to the LNG terminal (and its associated pipeline) and in advocating for an alternative to the P3 funding model for Saint John's water treatment system. He believes that to be truly human is to exercise some control of one's own future. Democratic involvement should become a mechanism to empower those who feel their interests have not been heard in the discussions that shape their futures.



Jennifer McKenzie: NDP - office at 72 Charlotte Street info@nbnpd.ca 506-214-6422

Jennifer McKenzie, candidate in Saint John Harbour and leader of the New Brunswick NDP, has a strong proven record of implementing positive change in both public and private sectors. Jennifer was motivated to enter political life after fighting to stop closures of small, rural and inner city schools. As chair of Ottawa's public school board, serving over 70,000 students, she successfully governed an annual budget of over \$800 million while delivering improved literacy enrolment, world-recognized innovation, creativity and leadership initiatives, and leading programs for immigrant and refugee children.

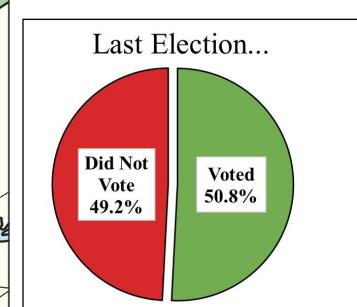
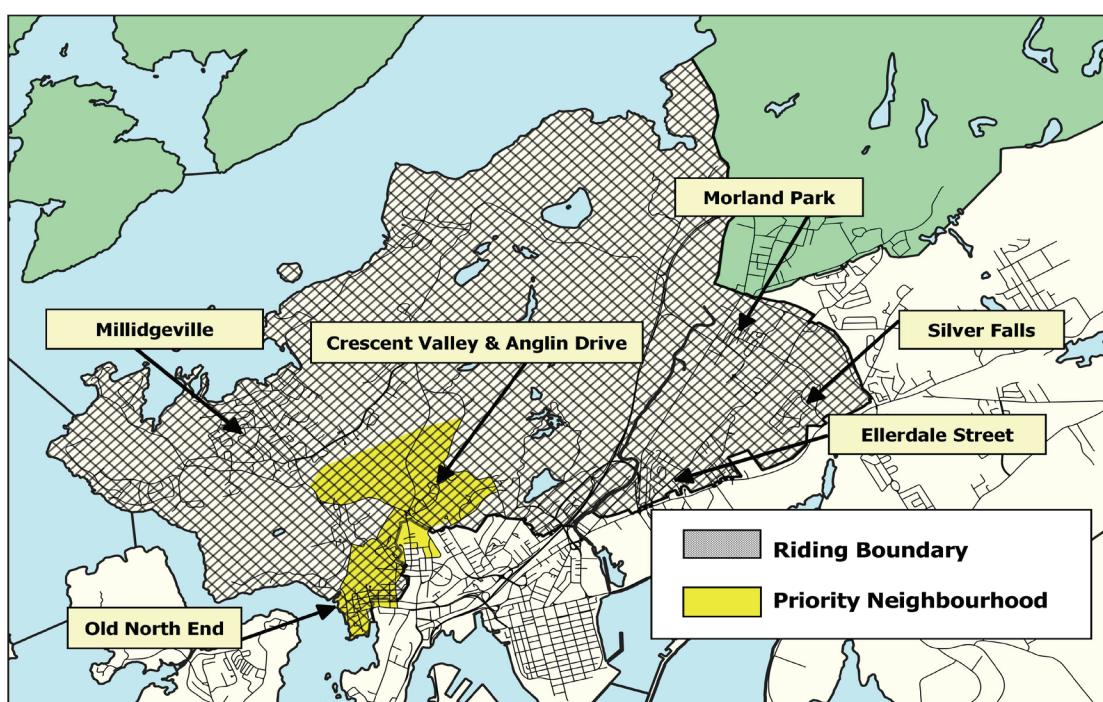
Jennifer is an electrical engineer by trade and was previously Vice-President of Research and Development for a rapidly growing high-tech firm. Throughout her 20-year engineering career, Jennifer led numerous projects and spearheaded the development of new products, including the Hugs Infant Protection System for babies in hospital maternity wards. Married with three grown children, Jennifer lives in Saint John. An avid canoer and long-time environmentalist who enjoys exploring our great outdoors, Jennifer is determined to build a greener, more prosperous New Brunswick for future generations.

Margot Brideau: People's Alliance Party

No information was provided at the date of publication



Portland Simonds



John MacKenzie: Liberal Party - office at 630 Millidge Avenue mackenziej76@gmail.com 506-657-3491

Elected to Saint John Common Council in 2012 and re-elected in 2016, John is a key member of the City's Growth Committee. He was instrumental in negotiating the three-year funding agreement of over \$150,000 to support the city's five priority neighbourhoods. He also led the charge to evaluate the location of City Hall, resulting in savings of more than \$700,000 annually. John strongly supported critical community infrastructure projects such as the Emera New Brunswick Field at Shamrock Park and the revitalization of the C.E. (Nick) Nicolle Community Centre. An active community member, John has served on the boards of Saint John Energy, the Saint John Police Commission, P.R.O Kids and Living SJ. Education has always been a particular interest of John's as he was Chair of the District Education Council from 2004 to 2010 and is a former member of Princess Elizabeth's Parent School Support Committee. He also chaired the District Parent Advisory Council from 1998 to 2004 and was the provincial Board of Education Representative for Saint John from 2002 to 2004.

John and his wife Catherine have lived in Saint John their entire lives, where they have raised their three children Patricia, Michael, and Christine. Before joining Council, John spent his career of over 35 years with Canada Post.



Trevor Holder PC Party - office at 560 Somerset Street votetrevorholder@icloud.com 506-657-0018

Trevor has lived his entire life in Portland-Simonds; educated at M. Gerald Teed School, Lorne School, Saint John High School and UNBSJ (University of New Brunswick - Saint John). He and Brenda have two daughters – Margaret and Katherine. He is the son of Dorothy and the late William Holder. Trevor has served as our MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) for 19 years, as well as Cabinet Minister in the governments of Bernard Lord and David Alward. Locally, Trevor consistently fought for our priority neighbourhoods, securing funding for the Crescent Valley Redevelopment Plan and the subsequent funds for the Crescent Valley Resource Centre, the first-ever community police officer for Crescent Valley (provincial funding) and both the land and funds for the new YMCA. As a founding board member of ONE Change, he secured funds for its first building and police office, and funds for the new Play Park on Victoria Street. Trevor was a champion for new playing fields for the three inner city high schools. He secured the first government funding for the restored Lily Lake Pavilion. Trevor has been, and will continue to be, a community development champion.



Sheila Croteau: Green Party Sheila.Croteau@greenpartynb.ca

Sheila has been a resident of Saint John for over thirty years, and an Elder who represents the on and off Indigenous people of the greater Saint John area. She has been actively involved in her community for many years.

Sheila is an Elder, grandmother and single mother to her daughter and son. She also serves as a role model for the youth from all areas of the City.

She has a long and committed experience for volunteering, educating and teaching as well as being an active voice for the Indigenous community.



Kim Blue: NDP - office at 72 Charlotte Street info@nbndp.ca 506-214-6422

Kim Blue is a social justice advocate and community organizer in Saint John. Through her work on homelessness, women escaping abuse, and at-risk youth, Kim has seen first-hand what a positive impact it can have on our community when everyone in it is thriving. She has seen how government interacts with those living in poverty and wants more to be done to protect and support our most vulnerable people.

Kim is at the forefront, and sees the devastating effects of social inequality everyday. To support women, Kim has co-directed the Vagina Monologues in the Greater Saint John Region and brought in numerous supports and funds to help non-profit organizations close the gap left by the government.

Kim is a single mother of two girls. She is running for Portland-Simonds in order to advocate for her community. A community where a \$15/hour minimum wage would help provide more opportunities and stability to many.

"It's time for a voice in the legislature that brings progressive change to the people of New Brunswick and Portland-Simonds." Kim is ready to partner with Jennifer McKenzie to bring about that progressive voice.

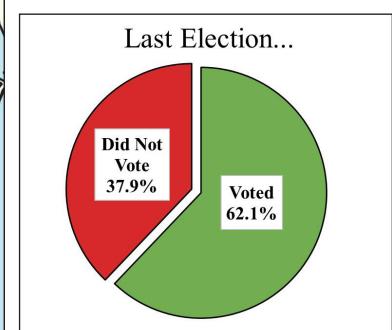
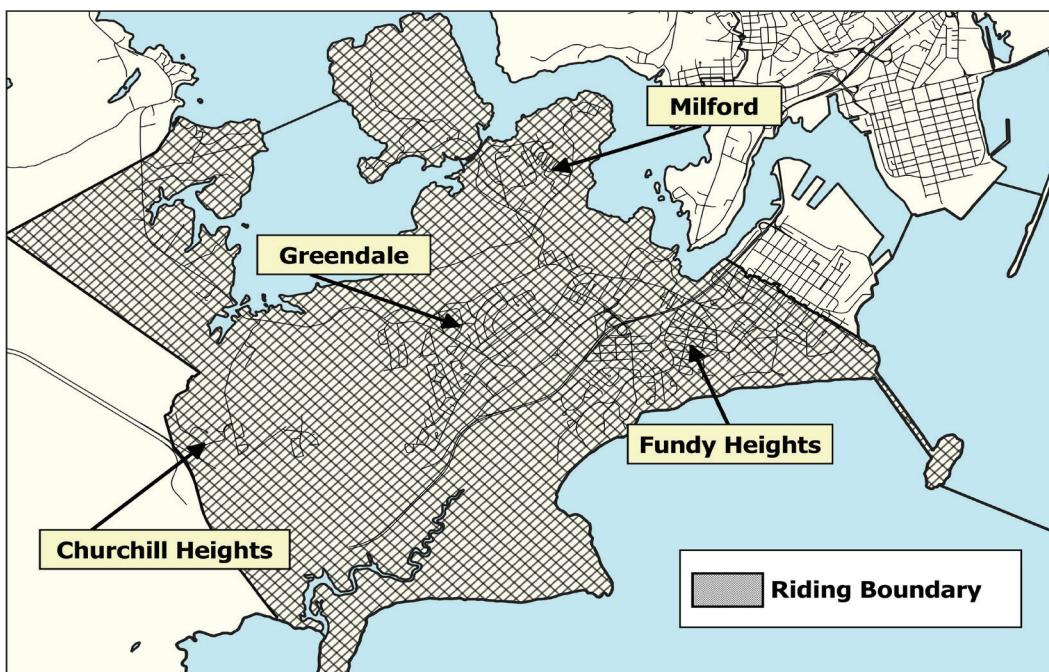


Artie Watson: Independent candidate: artie.independent@gmail.com 506-639-8594

Artie Watson was born in Saint John and grew up in the Rifle Range area. His education started at St. Pius X / Crescent Valley School. He has taken Sociology and History at UNBSJ (University of New Brunswick Saint John). He believes that education is a lifelong process and feels that we are never too old to learn.

Beside his interests in writing and photography, Artie has an entrepreneurial spirit. He has owned a small business called Errands-R-Us, a service business that has many facets from deliveries to transporting clients. Artie is a man who is passionate about social justice issues and hates to see the poor and disenfranchised taken advantage of. He loves democracy and believes that everyone should exercise their right to vote. "Voting is our voice and our power to make a difference, not only in our lives, but in the lives of our children and those who can't speak for themselves," he says.

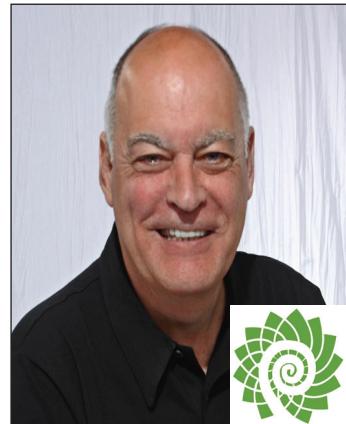
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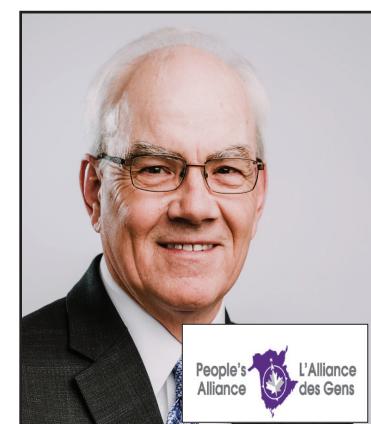
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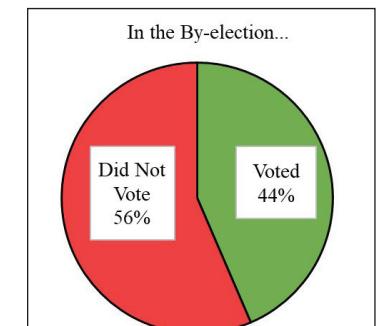
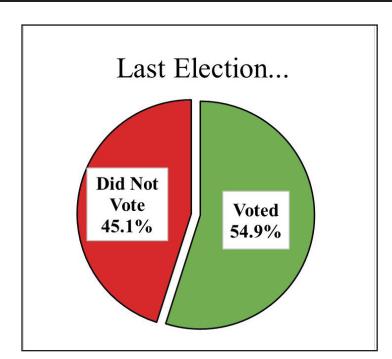
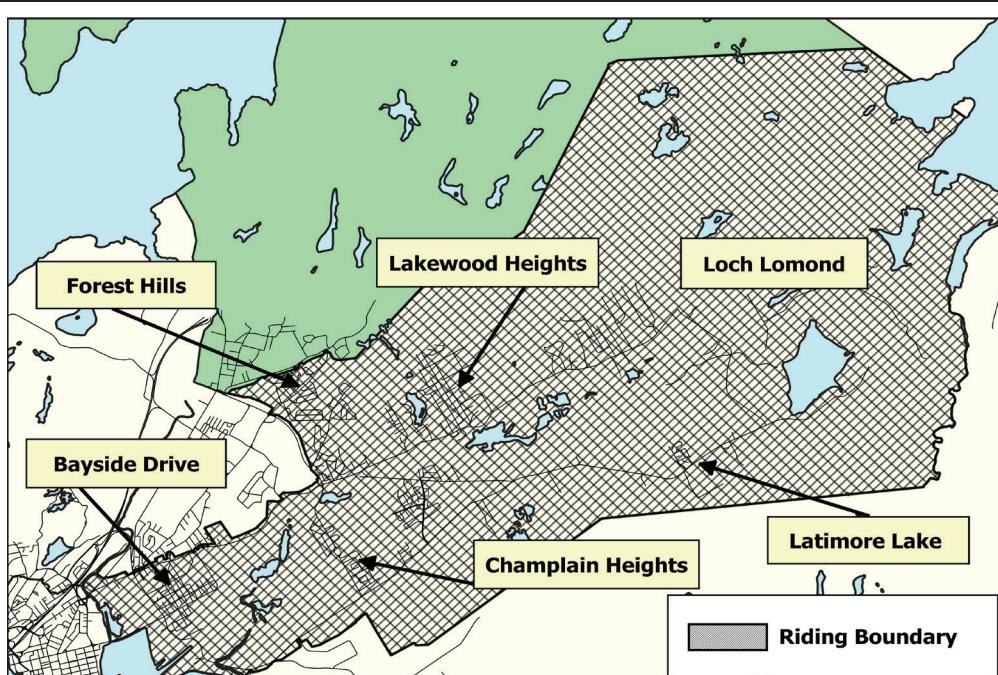


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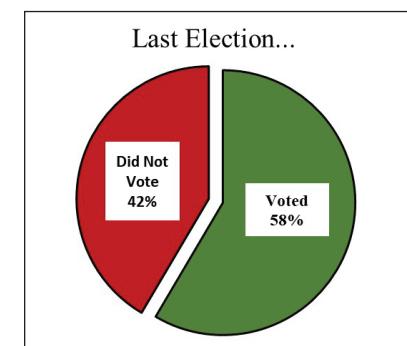
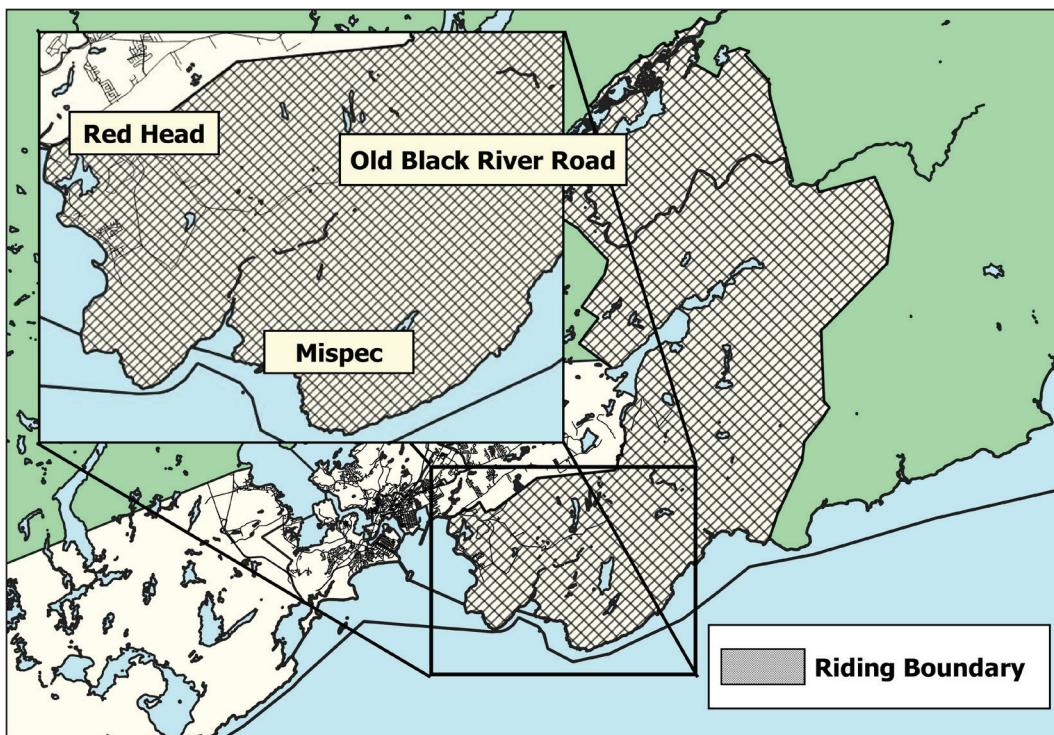


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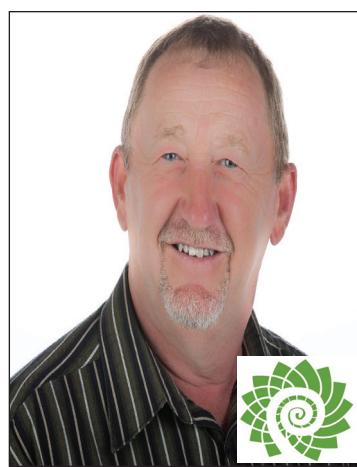
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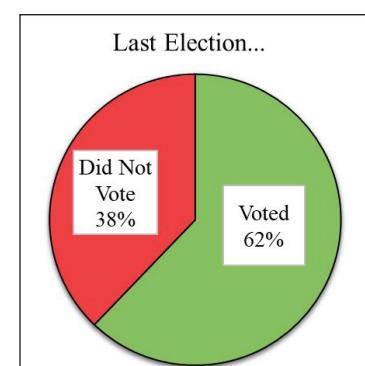
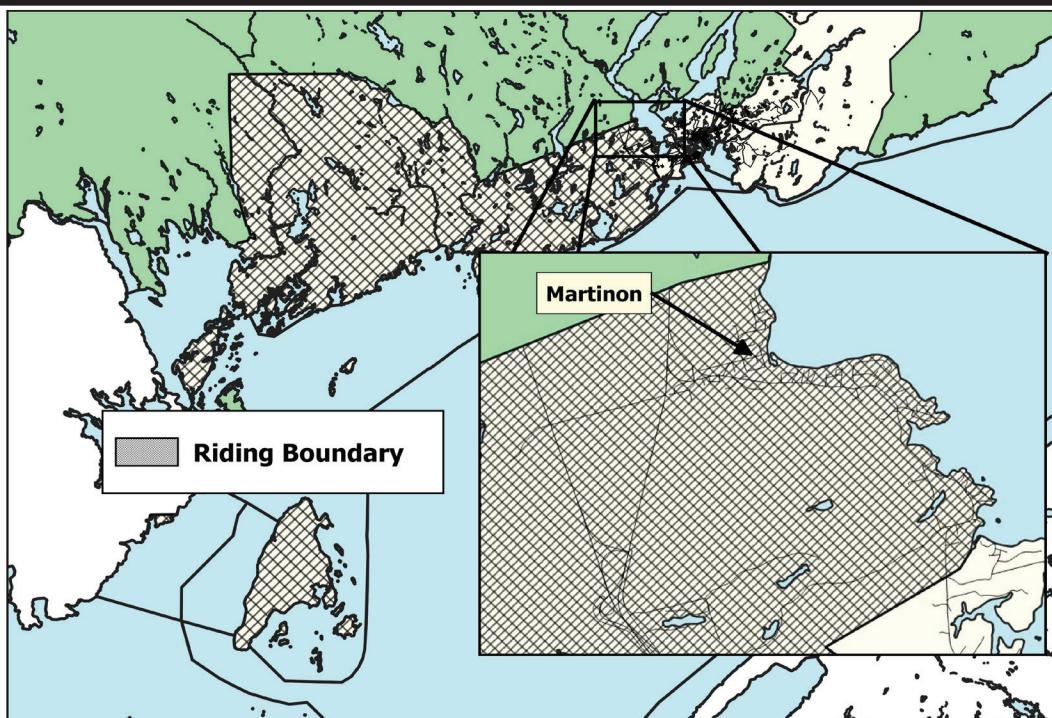


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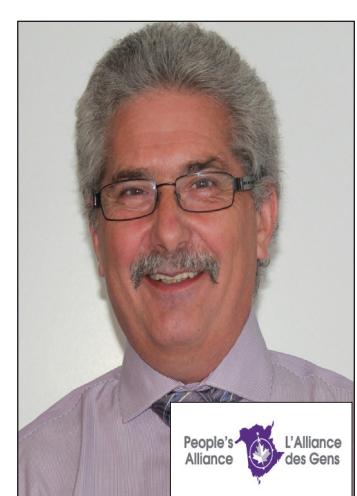
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Did you know ?

NB as a province has less female representation than the governments of Russia, Pakistan, and Oman. Women made up 15% of elected officials in the most recent NB government.

There has never been an out LGBTQ2S+ MLA in NB. However, Allison Brewer was the first openly queer party leader in the country when she led the NB NDP in 2005-2006.

In Canada (and in NB) elections are traditionally held on Mondays.



What if I have a disability or need a special ballot?

by Chelsea Driscoll

There are several options at returning offices and polling stations to assist those with disabilities who wish to vote.

Returning Office:

- Tabulation machine with headphones and a handheld Braille controller
- Sip and puff device, ideal for electors that already use a sip and puff device on a regular basis.
- Magnifying glasses
- Pocket Talkers (a voice amplification system)

Polling Station:

- Magnifying glasses

Also, you can vote with the help of a friend or an election official as long as the voter is able to clearly tell the person helping them for whom they wish to vote. Friends that are not election officials can only help one person vote in an election.

What if my polling station is not wheelchair accessible?

Check your Voter Information card to find out whether your polling station is accessible. If your ordinary poll is not accessible, you have a few options:

- You can vote at an advanced polling station or returning office
- You request to vote using Curb-side Voting, where the poll supervisor of that polling station assists you to vote at the curbside
- You can vote by special ballot

What if I do not speak English or French?

You can bring an interpreter with you to help you vote!

What if I need a sign language interpreter?

Appointments can be made with a sign language interpreter. Simply have someone call Elections NB at 1-888-858-8683 to book an appointment for you.

What if I live in a home for the elderly or a chronic care facility?

Check with your returning office to see if an additional poll will be set up at your facility on the day of the election. If not, you can vote by special ballot!

What is a Special Ballot?

A Special Ballot allows voters who will be outside their own electoral district on election day to cast their vote. Also, those who cannot or do not want to go to the polls can obtain a Special Ballot.

Who can vote by Special Ballot?

- Home-bound voters
- Hospitalized voters
- Voters who will be outside the electoral district on election day (travel, work or study)

How do you apply for a Special Ballot?

- Contact your home returning office by email or phone as soon as possible and they will send you a Special Ballot.

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Evolution of Voting Rights

1867: The first federal election is held - only men who were property owners and more than 21 years of age could vote.

1874: The secret ballot is introduced.

1918: Women get the right to vote in federal elections.

1919: New Brunswick grants women the right to vote in provincial elections, but not to stand for political office.

1921: Agnes Macphail becomes the first woman elected to Parliament.

1934: New Brunswick grants women the right to run for political office.

1960: Aboriginal persons living on reserves are granted the right to vote in federal elections.

1963: Aboriginal persons are granted the right to vote in New Brunswick elections.

1967: Brenda Robertson becomes the first woman elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

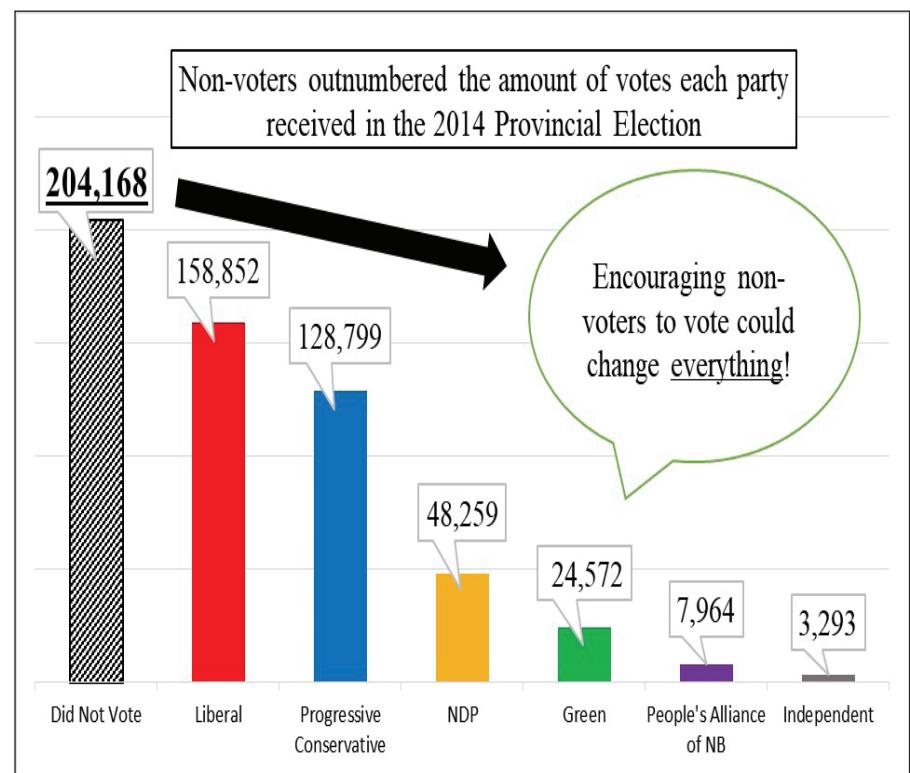
Until 1967, it was necessary to be a land owner to vote municipally and provincially in the province of New Brunswick. People who did not own land could pay a poll tax and vote.

1970: The voting age is lowered to 18.

1982: The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms embeds into the Constitution the right of all citizens to vote.

Did you know ?

by Andrew Hall



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