



CONSTRUCTION
ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

CANS 2024 Municipal Election Voters' Guide

For voters in HRM and CBRM





Advocating for Industry

The Construction Association of Nova Scotia (CANS) will play an active role in this municipal election cycle, ensuring that the issues important to our members and industry are top of mind for all candidates.

Use this Voters' Guide to familiarize yourself with the issues facing our industry and make an informed vote this October.

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Meet Your Candidates (HRM)

Candidates for Mayor

Bob Anders
Alex Andreas
David Boyd
Sean Dibbin
Ryan Dodge
Andy Fillmore
Greg Frampton
Andrew Goodsell
Nolan Greenough
Jim Hoskins
Darryl Johnson
Zoran Jokic
Pam Lovelace
Waye Mason
Riley Murphy
Ross Rankin

District 1

Chris Balcom
Cathy Deagle Gammon
Angela Dennison

District 2

Will Gilligan
David Hendsbee

District 3

Becky Kent
Keith Morrison
John Paul

District 4

James Aalders
Joe Colley
Nicole Johnson
Trish Purdy

District 5

Sam Austin
Michael McCluskey

District 6

Tony Mancini
Lori Ogden

District 7

William Breckenridge
Cathy Cervin
Andrea Hilchie-Pye
Aodhan P. Murphy
Peter Sonnichsen
Laura White

Meet Your Candidates (HRM)

District 8

Trayvone Clayton
Evyeneia Dexter
David Fright
Jon Frost
Virginia Hinch
Stephen MacKay
Anika Riopel

District 9

Josh Beitel
Shawn Cleary
Lara Cusson
Valar Kaliaperumal
Tonya Malay
Carlos Pessoa

District 10

Debbie MacKinnon
Kathryn Morse

District 11

Patty Cuttell
Bruce Holland
Nathan Parker

District 12

Taqiuddin (Taqi) Hashmi
Julie Scott

Janet Steele
Iona Stoddard
Richard Zurawski

District 13

Markus Critchley
Nancy Hartling
Robert Holden
Michael A. Marriott
Dustin O'Leary
Dawn Edith Penney
John Profit

District 14

Edward Giles
John Martin Walker
John A. Young

District 15

Billy Gillis
Paul Russell

District 16

Mohammed Issa
Anita Kirkbride
Scott Maskell
Prathibha Narasimhan
Aaron Rice
Jean St-Amand

Meet Your Candidates (CBRM)

Candidates for Mayor

Donnie Bacich

Cecil Clarke

James Edwards

Carla George

Vince Hall

Kevin MacEachern

Archie MacKinnon

Rankin MacSween

Joe Ward

District 1

Gordon MacDonald (acclaimed)

District 2

Earlene MacMullin (acclaimed)

District 3

Esmond Marshall

Glen Murrant

Michael Vickers

Tom Vickers

District 4

Steve Gillespie (acclaimed)

District 5

Eldon MacDonald

Bennett MacIntyre

District 6

Glenn Paruch (acclaimed)

District 7

Steve Parsons (acclaimed)

District 8

Derrick Kennedy

Shawn Lesnick

Steven MacNeil

District 9

Kyron Coombes

David MacKeigan

Ken Tracey

District 10

Matthew Boyd

William Martin

Paul Nickituk

District 11

Darren O'Quinn

Louis Piovesan

District 12

Gary Borden

Lorne Green

Krys Maher

Kimberley Sheppard



Election Issues

Addressing Labour Shortages Through Training Programs

Addressing labour shortages through targeted training programs is crucial for sustaining the construction industry's growth. By investing in education and vocational training, municipalities can equip local workers with the skills needed for modern construction projects. This reduces reliance on external labour and fosters local employment. For the general population, these training programs provide career opportunities, reduce unemployment, and ensure that the local workforce can meet the demands of ongoing and future construction projects, promoting economic stability and growth.

Ask Your Candidate:

How do you plan to address the labour shortages in the construction industry through targeted training programs, and what will you do to ensure that these programs effectively meet the current and future demands of the industry?



Election Issues

Streamlining the Permit Approval Process to Reduce Project Delays

Streamlining the permit approval process could significantly impact the construction industry and the general population. By simplifying and accelerating permit procedures, we can reduce bureaucratic bottlenecks that hinder timely project completion. This will not only boost the efficiency of the construction industry but also reduce costs associated with prolonged project timelines. For residents, it means quicker access to new housing, commercial spaces, and community amenities, alleviating issues like housing shortages and enhancing overall quality of life.

Ask Your Candidate:

If elected, how will you streamline the permit approval process to reduce project delays, and what steps will you take to ensure that these changes lead to more efficient and timely urban development?



Election Issues

Facilitating Better Coordination Between Utilities and Construction Projects

Improving coordination between utilities and construction projects can prevent costly delays and disruptions. When utility companies and construction firms work closely, they can better synchronize their schedules, avoiding conflicts and ensuring that infrastructure like water, electricity, and telecommunications are available when needed. For the construction industry, this means smoother operations and reduced downtime. The general population benefits from fewer service interruptions and faster completion of essential infrastructure projects, contributing to a more reliable and efficient urban environment.

Ask Your Candidate:

What plans do you have to enhance coordination between utility companies and construction projects, and how will you ensure that these efforts prevent the delays and service disruptions that currently hinder construction progress?



Election Issues

Increasing Investment in Infrastructure to Support Urban Development

Increased investment in infrastructure within the region supports the construction industry's growth and the general population's well-being. Enhanced infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public facilities, can attract new businesses and residents, driving economic growth. For construction companies, this means more opportunities for projects and contracts. For residents, improved infrastructure translates to better connectivity, increased safety, and enhanced access to services, making urban areas more livable and attractive.

Ask Your Candidate:

What are your specific strategies for increasing municipal investment in infrastructure to support urban development, and how will you ensure that this investment translates into tangible economic growth and improved quality of life for residents?



Election Issues

Enhancing Public Transportation to Improve Worker Accessibility to Job Sites

Improving public transportation can significantly enhance worker accessibility to construction job sites, benefiting both the industry and the general population. Reliable and efficient transit systems ensure that workers can commute easily, reducing tardiness and absenteeism. For the construction industry, this means a more dependable and productive workforce. For the general population, enhanced public transportation improves overall mobility, reduces traffic congestion, and lowers environmental impact, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable urban environment.

Ask Your Candidate:

What concrete steps will you take to enhance public transportation and how will you ensure that these improvements effectively increase worker accessibility to construction job sites while also benefiting the broader community?

Where Do The Candidates Stand?

**HRM Candidates'
Survey Responses**

**CBRM Candidates'
Survey Responses**

Note: CANS reached out to all candidates for whom contact information was provided. The candidates' survey was sent via email on August 28, September 17, and September 24 to ensure each candidate had ample opportunity to respond.

Important 2024 Election Dates

HRM

October 8 – 16, 2024

Advance online and telephone voting

October 12 & 15, 2024

Advance in-person voting

October 19, 2024

Election day

CBRM

October 10 – 15, 2024

Advance online and telephone voting

October 19, 2024

Election day

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