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Celebrating our Volunteers
Great Village Fire Brigade Awards



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Shelly Shipley (5 yrs service) Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Gregg Kinsman(10 yrs service) Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Kathy Simpson-Giles (10 yrs service) Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Wade Rutherford(15 yrs service) Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Gary Slack(15 yrs service) Dave Lundie (chief)

COLCHESTER NORTH
Lorenda Ebbett,
Liberal Candidate



What is the #1 priority item of your party's election platform?

I feel one particular commitment the Liberals have made to assist small businesses is of great interest to many people in Colchester North. In this riding, many people are self employed and often struggle with the operations of a small business. The Liberals have agreed to immediately cut the small business tax from 5% to 1%. Many businesses find it difficult to finance business endeavors with the current financial institutions. Banks want to make money on sure investments not take risks with small businesses. The Liberals have committed to creating a micro credit lending program through the Nova Scotia Business Inc. to help businesses access the capital they require. If our small businesses in Colchester North remain strong it will strengthen our economy and provide employment for our community.

What is the least important item in your party's election platform?

All of our issues have merit, however I don't see an extra holiday in February as a particularly life changing event for Nova Scotians.

What is the most critical situation confronting rural Nova Scotians?

We are on the verge of losing our entire agricultural industry in Nova Scotia. Presently this industry is a major contributor to our ability to be a self-sustainable culture. Without agriculture there will be a major loss of employment and we will be no different than a third world country that relies on

someone else to provide them with food.

Many people say ER's are becoming nothing more than walk-in clinics. Do you favour closing some ER's and opening strategically located smaller medical clinics with extended hours, which are staffed without MD's, but with medical staff trained to handle non-trauma medical situations? What will you do to improve access to Health Care?

ER's have become nothing more than walk-in clinics because of a lack of family physicians. The Liberals plan to invest in providing doctors to rural communities will help correct the current problem. Clinics do not replace ER. People still need consistent reliable emergency care.

With dwindling rural populations, do you favour closing smaller rural schools, and transporting students to larger facilities many miles away, or do you favour refurbishing smaller schools and keeping them open, so students are closer to home?

Schools are key elements to creating strong communities. They are centers where community happens. For that reason we need schools to exist in our small communities. It is especially important for elementary age children to attend a school close to their home.

Why should people vote for me?

I truly desire to make a difference for Colchester North. I am an individual who has worked hard at developing a small business. I have an appreciation for our community and the people that live here. I am willing to confront whatever issues Colchester North needs me to.

COLCHESTER NORTH
Karen Casey, Progressive
Conservative Candidate



What is the #1 priority item of your party's election platform?
Economy and jobs

What is the least important item in your party's election platform?
No response.

What is the most critical situation confronting rural Nova Scotians?

Access to quality health care in a timely fashion.

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The delivery of health care in rural Nova Scotia, whether through Emergency Departments, Critical Care Clinics, Walk-in Clinics or Family Physician Offices is a priority. We are looking at solutions that include a variety of health care professionals and our goal is to deliver services to Nova Scotians in an appropriate setting.

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One of the strengths of our rural communities is their school. We have demonstrated and as a former Minister of Education, supported keeping these schools open, in particular, for our elementary aged students. Millions of dollars have been allocated for additions and upgrades to these schools.

Why should people vote for you (not the party platform)?

My record of delivery throughout Colchester North in support of community associations, Legions, fire departments, as well as capital projects including schools, highways and hospitals has been greatly appreciated by my constituents and demonstrates my commitment to work on their behalf. I am honoured to be their choice and will continue my commitment to work with them on their priorities.



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Roger Roode (deputy chief), Michael Francis accepts the Firefighter of the year Award presented posthumously to his father Steve Francis, Dave Lundie (chief)



Ladies Fire Auxilliary Long Service Awards: Audrey Field, Audrey Congdon (40 years Auxilliary Service), Kathy Slack