



The Dept. of Health presented information to students at West Colchester Consolidated School on the proper method of hand-washing. Allison Winters, Nadia Pace, Anna MacFarlane and Amanda Crowe (left to right) now know how to prevent the spread of diseases.(Harrington Photo)

Questionnaire – Scott Armstrong

What is the most important issue facing voters in this constituency?
This election is about more than just who wins this seat in Parliament. It is about whom can best represent the citizens of Cumberland-Colchester- Musquodoboit Valley in our Parliament in the short and long term. I believe I have the academic and political background to be an effective MP in Ottawa and at home.

Do you think this riding has received or is scheduled to receive its fair share of infrastructure stimulus funding? If not, please explain why you feel that way.
Currently, Cumberland – Colchester Musquodoboit Valley has no member of Parliament. The vacancy occurred at a time when the Conservative government announced a \$40 billion stimulus package, the largest in our nation’s history. Many communities in our riding have a list of shovel ready projects which include new recreational facilities, improvements and upgrades to our roads, sewers, and water infrastructure that are desperately needed today. We need strong representation on the Conservative government side to ensure that these projects are funded and completed.

What will you do to increase the amount of infrastructure stimulus funding throughout the riding?
I will represent the citizens of this riding and I will be sitting at the table with Nova Scotia cabinet Minister Peter Mackay and I will be a strong voice not only for Stimulus funding but for lower taxes and safer communities.

Which projects do you think should be put forward and approved?
A new Civic Center in Truro to serve all of Colchester county and central Nova Scotia and we need a new system of dykes to protect our land from the rising seas of the Bay of Fundy. The recent events occurring at the sea walls at Advocate Harbor only highlight this situation. These are at the top of priority list.

If Truro is to maintain its reputation as the “Hub of Nova Scotia” what needs to be done to ensure it benefits from the Atlantic Gateway Initiative?
A dramatic shift in the world’s container shipping patterns has initiated a raceway to become North America’s Atlantic Gateway to

the world. We need to exploit our strategic position between the economic centers of Moncton, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Atlantic Gateway will be a top priority for me as the Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester Musquodoboit Valley.

Do you support development of a new deepwater container terminal in Melford? If not why? If so, what will you do to help?
Canada’s East Coast has a once in a generation opportunity to create an Atlantic Gateway that will help attract new business from Europe and Asia. This proposed new port would allow eastern Canada to maintain and improve its competitive trade advantage and this will no doubt strengthen the economy of Atlantic Canada and create hundreds of jobs in our riding.

Would you encourage MP’s from Atlantic Canada to join together to become strong advocates encouraging immediate government action to assist small businesses in their battle to ensure no significant increase is approved in the percentage fee for interact and credit card purchases? If so how?
Small Business is a key economic engine of the Canadian economy. Conservatives will continue to work with the private sector and small business organizations to identify inefficiencies and make permanent a formal process of measuring, reporting and reducing the burden on businesses including fee increases.

What changes are needed to help the agriculture and forest industry become sustainable and profitable?
With the Conservatives farmers have received real results. Conservatives defend supply side management, support a stable farm income program and provide help for producers when times get tough. I will continue our strong support for Canada’s farmers and farm communities. I will continue our strong support for supply-managed sectors nationally and in international negotiations. Conservatives understand that forestry creates jobs, feeds families and builds rural communities. Conservatives have already resolved the longstanding softwood lumber dispute with the United States, providing funding to British Columbia and northern Alberta to combat the pine beetle crises and announced additional support for Canada’s resource-based communities (including Nova Scotia) through the \$1 billion Community Development Trust. As this riding’s MP I will continue our strong support for Canada’s resource-based industries such as forestry by seeking to extend funding for the forestry industry to market its products abroad and continue support for lumber mills to convert from fossil fuels to biomass.



Scott Armstrong, Conservative

What talents do you have which could be used to assist farmers to develop a “Fuel Pellets from Grass” industry in Nova Scotia with this riding being the leader? How would you help?
I will work hard to support strategic industries, such as a fuel pellets from grass industry. Being an elected MP from the government side of the Parliament will allow me to help new industries access the many programs that are available through regional economic development and manufacturing programs.

What will you do to improve the delivery of health care to encourage more doctors and health professionals to re-locate to remote rural areas of this riding?
Canadians value their publicly - funded, universally - accessible health care system. Conservatives have made historic increases in health care funding and patient wait times are finally getting shorter. Conservatives are improving Canada’s health care system to build a stronger, safer better Canada. Since taking office Conservatives have signed patient waiting times guarantee agreements with all provinces and territories. Conservatives have implemented a 10-year \$41.3 billion Federal/Provincial plan to strengthen health care and provided \$612 million in new funding to help provinces reduce waiting times.

Voters in Cumberland- Colchester- Musquodoboit Valley, especially our seniors have told me that we must continue to ensure that our rural communities and hospitals have more doctors and nurses when and where they are needed most.

Which will rate higher with you? Following party policy at all times or consulting with the electorate and voting in accordance with their wishes? Explain how you will handle these situations.
First and foremost you are elected by the voters of your riding and it is a responsibility to represent them. We have been without an MP for five months and it is time now to get down to business so we can have a Conservative representative at the table in Ottawa.

Why should voters support you in this election?
I am an accomplished educator, dedicated volunteer and a respected political leader. My experience in the education field, in volunteerism and as Bill Casey’s Campaign Manager in four elections has, I believe, given me the drive and skills needed to be the person most ready on Day 1 as your MP to begin to GET THINGS DONE. And I ask for voters to support me on Tuesday November 9th.

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