

## Chamber of Commerce To Host Seminars At Home Show

The Truro Chamber of Commerce is organizing and hosting a series of seminars at the Colchester County Home Show on April 29, 30 and May 1st. Catch Seminars on important aspects of the home industry. Presenters are from Wilsons Fuels, Wilsons Security, WR Graham Services & RBC Mortgage Specialties. Don't miss these must see Seminars with many Energy efficient tips. Seminar Schedule now available on the Colchester Home Show Website!

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## SCOTT ARMSTRONG CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

**SLJ:** In the last federal election only 59% of eligible voters voted. Many claim, voters have become cynical, because they do not believe their elected representatives are serving their needs and act unprofessional in the House of Commons during question period.

At all levels of government, there are perceptions of wrong doing; investigations, and criminal charges have been laid. Voters are upset and have not voted because they perceive petty games are being played; politicians not addressing the issues which voters consider most important. Voters are demanding things be "CLEANED UP".

In consideration of the foregoing, please provide only a YES or NO answer.

Will you be visibly vocal advocating all elected representatives, regardless of party lines, be professional and put forth the wishes of constituents? ..... YES

Are you willing to put constituent's needs / wishes ahead of the party line and vote accordingly with the exception of a 'Non-Confidence' or "Budget" vote? ..... YES

If you do not demonstrate you have accomplished the two previous activities in the first year, would you resign as their representative? ..... YES

In what way will your representation and actions help reduce the cynical attitude of voters?

Since being elected in the 2009 by-election I have worked tirelessly with other levels of government and accomplished a great deal for our communities. During that time I have met thousand of voters. While some may be cynical, most are caring, engaged and very patriotic about our country. They seek only to have good paying jobs, fair taxes, safe communities and health care when and where they need it. I want to continue this important work on their behalf to meet these goals and that is why I am seeking their support on May 2nd.

What do you consider to be the most important issue facing residents of this constituency?

The issues that are on the top of voters minds are good jobs, sustained economic growth, safe communities, good health care, and eliminating the wasteful long-gun registry. A stable, national Conservative government will focus on the economy and security. We firmly believe Canadians living in rural Nova Scotia should have access to quality medical care close to home, just like people living in urban centers. We also believe the values and concerns of people living in rural Canada should be heard and defended.

What can you accomplish to help the working poor with regard to rising food prices, higher energy and gasoline prices?

Conservatives understand that household budgets are tight. That's why our Government has made lowering taxes for families a priority. Thanks to tax relief, the average Canadian family is paying \$3,000 less in taxes each and every year.

The Conservative government will, in our next term of office once we have balanced the federal budget, enact the Family Tax Cut, allowing families with children under the age of 18 to share up to \$50,000 of their household income for tax purposes.

The Family Tax Credit will benefit almost 1.8 million families - each of them saving, on average, \$1,300 per year.

What will you do to be a catalyst to increase the volumes of locally produced food products sold in nationally owned supermarkets and big box stores? How will you achieve this?

Personally, I do everything I can to promote the buying of locally produced food, including a "Buy Local Banner" in my constituency print advertising in local newspapers. A check of the Select Nova Scotia ([www.selectnovascotia.ca](http://www.selectnovascotia.ca)) website shows 350 farms and merchants that promote themselves as buy local destinations.

While government should play a role in promoting the buy local program, a study conducted by the Rural Research Centre, Nova Scotia Agricultural College published in September 2008 reported "that respondents varied on the level of involvement they thought government should play. Many argued the Provincial government should play a large part in the marketing of local foods; others put that responsibility on the industry and farmers to do a better job at promoting their food products. Overall, comments involving the government mostly called for help in local food promotion while others expressed concern over the bureaucratization of local food initiatives."

Even though healthcare is a provincial responsibility what will you do to assist to deliver healthcare quicker and more economically without a substantial increase in cost?

Our Government is committed to a universal and public health care system under the Canada Health Act. Unlike the previous Liberal government, we won't balance the budget by cutting health care. We continue to work with provinces, territories and health care professionals to improve health care. The Conservative government has increased health transfers to provinces and territories by 33 per cent since taking office, some \$30 billion. This election we have pledged to increase health funding to the provinces by six per cent a year until the year 2014.

Budget 2011 proposed a new family caregiver tax credit on an amount for \$2,000 for caregivers of loved ones with infirmities, including, spouses, common-law partners and minor children.

Budget 2011 contained a provision for student loan forgiveness for Doctors and Nurses practicing in under-served rural communities.

Prevention is preferred to spending money to correct a problem. The same holds true in healthcare. What will your party do to encourage a healthier lifestyle to prevent health problems rather than waiting to make sick people well?

The main causes of death, disease and disability in Canada today are chronic diseases and injuries, however a large portion of chronic diseases, disabilities and injuries can be prevented, or their onset can be delayed.

In September last year Canada's Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health and Health Promotion adopted the Declaration on Prevention and Promotion: a written statement to work together, and with others, to make promotion of health, prevention of disease, disability and injury a priority for action.

Through this declaration, Ministers recognize actions within and outside government are necessary to ensure conditions that determine overall health. Many of the preconditions required for good health lie outside the health sector, and are environmental, economic, educational and community based. Our Conservative government will continue to play a key role within the framework of this joint declaration.

How will you use your expertise to assist the province establish programs to ensure a higher rate of youth finish high school and continue with secondary education?

As a lifelong learner, I have dedicated myself to further educational development of today's young people. High school and secondary education are crucial elements that help lead to better jobs, better families, and safer communities. As an elementary school principal for over ten years, my passion for education and my commitment to students has led to the betterment of young people in Nova Scotia.

I am committed to continuing this philosophy and now as an MP, I can also encourage young citizens to learn more about our Parliament, our government and its many valuable institutions.

When the economy tanks, many people are displaced when companies down-size or close. What results can you deliver to provide programs so displaced workers can be re-trained and re-enter the workforce quickly?

Conservatives are here for Canadian workers. We are focused on creating new jobs, protecting existing jobs. These are key to completing our economic recovery and strengthening families' financial security.

Despite Canada's strong performance through this recession, the global economy is still fragile and many Canadians are still looking for jobs. Our low-tax plan will support job-seekers in today's job market, and provide them with the immediate assistance they need.

The Conservative governments Here for Workers plan will help hard-working Canadians avoid lay-offs, access additional training and job opportunities, support families during periods of unemployment and collect money they are entitled to if their employer goes bankrupt.

Many voters suggest HST should not apply to electricity and furnace fuel for residential purposes, for low income families. How do you plan to address these matters?

It was the Nova Scotia provincial Conservative government that took the provincial portion of the HST off heating oil in December 2006.

When elected, the provincial NDP government in October 2009 extended this further and took the provincial portion of the HST off electric heating as well.

The Federal Conservative government in 2008 cut the GST portion of the HST from seven to six to five per cent resulting in savings for Canadians not only for energy but for all taxable goods. Cutting the GST helps sustain consumer spending and pumps billion of dollars in Canada's economy. The GST cut will allow Canadians to hold on to more that \$75 Billion worth of their own money between 2008 -2009 and 2013-2014.

When elected, the provincial NDP government raised the GST portion of the HST back up by two per cent to fifteen percent that existed before the Federal conservatives reduced it thus raising taxes on all Nova Scotians by two per cent.

Why should voters support you in this election?

Since taking office in 2006, our Conservative Government has implemented a low-tax plan for jobs and growth. Prime Minister Harper's steady economic leadership has steered Canada through the worst global recession since the 1930's. Canada's Economic Action Plan has helped the country emerge from the global recession as one of the world's top performing economies.

Our government continues to pursue our tough on crime agenda to tackle gun and drug crime to protect you and your property. Make no mistake, I will keep fighting for our law-abiding hunters and farmers, and scrap the wasteful long-gun registry. I want to continue this important work on behalf of the people of Cumberland-Colchester- Musquodoboit Valley and that is why I am asking for your support on May 2nd let's Continue "Getting Things Done."



**Scott Armstrong**




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