

# Short Term History - Cumberland–Colchester–Musquodoboit Valley

## 2009

Cumberland–Colchester–Musquodoboit Valley				
By-election on November 9, 2009				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Conservative	Scott Armstrong	11,167	45.84%	+37.01%
New Democrat	Mark Austin	6,267	25.73%	+13.41%
Liberal	Jim Burrows	5,193	21.32%	+12.87%
Green	Jason Blanch	803	3.30%	+3.30%
Christian Hrtg	Jim Hnatiuk	776	3.19%	+3.19%
Independent	Kate Graves	149	0.61%	
Total valid votes		24,359	100.00%	
Total rejected ballots		0	0	
Turnout		24,359	35.7%	

## 2008

Cumberland–Colchester–Musquodoboit Valley				
Canadian federal election, 2008				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Independent	Bill Casey	27,303	69.01%	+16.97%
New Democrat	Karen Olsson	4,874	12.32%	-8.42%
Conservative	Joel Bernard	3,493	8.83%	-43.21%
Liberal	Tracy Parsons	3,344	8.45%	-15.44%
Independent	Rick Simpson	551	1.39%	+0.17%
Total valid votes		39,564	100.00%	
Total rejected ballots		201		
Turnout		39,765	57.77%	

## 2006

Data courtesy Elections Canada

Cumberland–Colchester–Musquodoboit Valley				
Canadian federal election, 2006				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Conservative	Bill Casey	22,439	52.04%	+1.55%
Liberal	Gary Richard	10,299	23.89%	-2.60%
New Democrat	Margaret Sagar	8,944	20.74%	+1.83%
Green	Bruce Farrell	910	2.11%	-1.00%
Independent	Rick Simpson	524	1.22%	
Total valid votes		43,116	100.00%	

### From the 2006 census

**Ethnic groups:**

- White: 96.1%
- First Nations: 1.9%
- Black: 1.2%

**Languages:**

- English: 96.5%
- French: 1.0%
- Other: 2.5%

**Religions:**

- Protestant: 65.7%
- Catholic: 17.5%
- Other Christian: 1.3%
- No religious affiliation: 15.1%

**Education:**

- No certificate, diploma or degree: 31.0%
- High school certificate: 24.6%
- Apprenticeship or trade certificate or diploma: 12.3%
- Community college, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma: 17.7%
- University certificate or diploma: 14.3%

**Median Age:**

43.4

**Median total income:**

\$20,756

**Average total income:**

\$26,779

**Median household income:**

\$41,550

**Average household income:**

\$50,122

**Median family income:**

\$50,353

**Average family income:**

\$58,555

**Unemployment:**

9.0%

### 2008 Federal Election

Incumbent MP Bill Casey, re-elected in 2006 as a member of the Conservative Party, was expelled from the Conservative caucus in 2007 after voting against the 2007 budget, which he objected to on the grounds of alleged violations of the Atlantic Accord. He attempted to run for the Conservative nomination for the next federal election but was refused. Casey therefore ran for re-election as an independent. The Green Party, however, did endorse Casey and therefore chose not to nominate a candidate opposing his re-election.

Party name		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	NU	NT	YT	Total
Conservative	Seats:	22	27	13	9	51	10	6	3	1	-	1	-	-	143
	Vote:	44.4	64.6	53.7	48.8	39.2	21.7	39.4	26.1	36.2	16.5	34.8	37.6	32.8	37.6
Liberal	Seats:	5	-	1	1	38	14	3	5	3	6	-	-	1	77
	Vote:	19.3	11.4	14.9	19.1	33.8	23.7	32.4	29.8	47.7	46.6	29.2	13.6	45.3	26.2
Bloc Québécois	Seats:						49								49
	Vote:						38.1								10.0
New Democrat	Seats:	9	1	-	4	17	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	37
	Vote:	25.0	12.7	25.6	24.0	18.2	12.2	21.9	28.9	9.8	33.9	27.6	41.5	9.0	18.2
Green	Vote:	9.4	8.8	5.6	6.8	8.0	3.5	6.2	8.0	4.7	1.7	8.4	5.5	13.0	6.8
	Seats:						1		1						2
Independent / No affiliation	Vote:						0.6		6.6						0.7
	Seats:														
Total seats:		36	28	14	14	106	75	10	11	4	7	1	1	1	308

### Geography

The district includes the counties of Cumberland, and Colchester and the northeastern part of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Communities include the towns of Amherst, Oxford, Parrsboro, Springhill, Stewiacke and Truro, as well as the villages of Bible Hill, Pugwash and Tatamagouche. It includes the Musquodoboit Valley region, the Halifax International Airport and the Aerotech Business Park within Halifax Regional Municipality. The riding's area is 10,086 km²



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