

# Armstrong Wins PC Nomination in Colchester-Musquodoboit



Scott Armstrong. (Photo courtesy pcpartyns.ca)

A longtime educator and former Member of Parliament is running for the Nova Scotia PC Party in the next provincial general election to replace veteran MLA Larry Harrison who has announced he will not seek re-election. Scott Armstrong won the Progressive Conservative nomination in the constituency of Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley on October 21.

Armstrong is the Principal of South Colchester Academy in Brookfield. He served as the Member of Parliament for Cumber-

land-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley from 2009 to 2015. He also served as Executive Vice President of the PC Party of Nova Scotia from 2003 to 2006 under Premier John Hamm and President of the PC Party of Nova Scotia under Premier Rodney MacDonald.

Armstrong holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Acadia University, a Master of Social Science Education from Florida State University and a PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi. He lives in Brookfield with his wife Tammy. Together, they have three adult children and three grandchildren.

"Larry Harrison served the people of Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley with integrity and compassion for more than a decade," said Premier Tim Houston. "With PC Party members choosing Scott Armstrong as their candidate, I know that Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley is getting a high energy, hardworking experienced leader to be their MLA as a key member of my team in government."



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### First Class Graduate from Pilot Training Program

The first graduates of the province's new continuing care assistant (CCA) training program have joined Nova Scotia's healthcare workforce. Seventeen students recently completed the six-month program, launched earlier this year with the goal of getting more CCAs delivering quality care sooner. The average length of CCA training has been eight months.

The pilot training program includes updated curriculum that reflects the complex care needs of older Nova Scotians. The curriculum ensures a continued focus on core training components such as resident safety, personal care and social and mental well-being.

A second class began the program in Halifax on October 1. Information from the pilot will determine if CCA training needs any further changes before the new program becomes standard across the province next year. More information about the pilot program is available at: <https://shannex.com/cca-program/>

The Province is investing about \$3.6 million in the pilot program. This includes costs associated with curriculum development, revised learning standards, adjustments for the CCA exam, student supports and administration.

### Centre to Support More International Medical Graduates

Nova Scotia is opening an international medical graduate assessment centre in Halifax to help more internationally trained physicians become licensed to practise in the province. The initiative will begin with four international medical graduates providing primary care for about 2,500 patients. Two Nova Scotia physicians will supervise the graduates and assess them for independent licensure.

Over time, the centre will expand to include five physician-led teams of up to three international medical graduates each. As the number of teams expands, so will the clinic's capacity, to about 6,400 patients. Graduates who complete the 12-week assessment program and receive licensure will be required to sign a three-year return-of-service agreement.

The centre takes over from Dalhousie University's Practice Ready Assessment Program, which did similar work, and since 2019, issued 39 licences. The timeline was about 18 months from the date of application to licensure.

It is anticipated that in one year, this new program will issue more licences than have been issued over the last five years. The duration of the new program is 12 continuous weeks, if the candidate meets all requirements. The new centre is a partnership between the Province, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia and the Medical Council of Canada, which oversees physician assessment standards in Canada.

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## 2024 Colchester Election Results



Councillor District 1	Eric Boutilier*	Paul Weatherby
Telephone & E-voting	272	347
1A	76	108
1B	7	14
3 of 3 Polls Reporting		
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>469</b>

Councillor District 2 • Laurie Sandeson* (Acclamation)	Joel Dawe	Sheldon Richardson
Telephone & E-voting	318	453
3A, 3B, 3C	87	82
3D	2	3
3 of 3 Polls Reporting		
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>538</b>

Councillor District 4	Mike Cooper*	John Vissers
Telephone & E-voting	395	285
4A, 4B	133	22
4C, 4D	40	58
3 of 3 Polls Reporting		
<b>Total</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>365</b>

Councillor District 5	Bonnie Brown	Tim Johnson*
Telephone & E-voting	171	568
5A	22	150
2 of 2 Polls Reporting		
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>718</b>

Councillor District 6	Kelly Herron-Jacobs	Nigel Leggett
Telephone & E-voting	331	814
6A	52	115
2 of 2 Polls Reporting		
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>929</b>

Councillor District 7 • Sherry Martell (Acclamation)

Councillor District 8 • Lisa Patton\* (Acclamation)

Councillor District 9	Marie Benoit*	Andrew MacKinnon
Telephone & E-voting	633	393
9A, 9B, 9C	182	84
9D	5	3
3 of 3 Polls Reporting		
<b>Total</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>480</b>

Councillor District 10	Charlene Fletcher	Victoria Lomond*	Doug MacInnes	Mike Rushton	Cheryl-ann Slack
Telephone & E-voting	486	332	65	26	71
10A, 10B, 10C	101	35	5	8	4
10D, 10E	43	65	4	5	14
10F	4	20	6	0	4
4 of 4 Polls Reporting					
<b>Total</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>93</b>

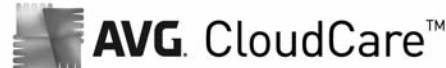
Councillor District 11	Al Kennedy	Wade MacCallum	Sean MacDonald
Telephone & E-voting	456	373	231
11A	117	60	49
2 of 2 Polls Reporting			
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>280</b>

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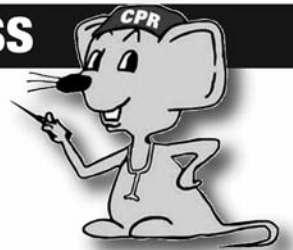
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