

**Bill Archer, Peoples Party of Canada Candidate
Cumberland-Colchester**

The following questionnaire was distributed to campaign offices of all candidates in Cumberland-Colchester. This submission is from Bill Archer, candidate for the People's Party of Canada.

1. How will you prioritize your efforts to increase housing affordability and accessibility in the Constituency?

The Liberals of Lenore have promised affordable housing in every election since 2015 and have failed to deliver. I plan to work with our provincial, municipal, and other counterparts to find solutions that work.

I have always preferred to go to the people that are involved rather than dictating solutions. The people that deal with these issues are far more knowledgeable on the issue and have better solutions generally.

2. With the surge of interest from people who can work from home and wishing to relocate from larger urban area to enjoy a better lifestyle or start their own business, there are two major factors: High speed broadband and condition of the rural roads. A \$-Multimillion Broadband Construction project is in the works. What might be your plans to promote a plan with at least 50% of the significant costs funded from federal sources and remaining 50% to be responsibility of the province, municipality and taxpayers in a possible 20%, 20% and 10% contributions?

This is a problem that has a solution. There is both federal and provincial funds available for this. All that it takes is for your MP to put in some work to get the funds allocated, which our current MP Lenore Zann doesn't seem to care about. I will put in the hours and the hard work that is necessary to make this a reality.

3. Although more of a provincial responsibility what might you be able to do to assist, mentor or help community organizations obtaining significant financial support to spearhead development of assisted senior housing and medical services / outposts in rural areas in excess of 30Km from larger urban centres?

One of the major issues that I have heard at the door is our crumbling infrastructure, and this is something that is included. There is always money that is allocated for infrastructure regardless of party. Lenore has yet again failed to get us this funding, and the conservative candidate would be the same, they will be told what to do and how to vote for the benefit of Ontario and Quebec, not Cumberland-Colchester

4. Wait times for ambulance service has reached crisis proportions. What do you vision as your role to assist in financial, establishment and operation of EHS ambulance services located at new medical centres / outposts?

This is a difficult and simple issue at the same time. The health act and transfer payments are the federal jurisdiction. Every party that is promising anything regarding the delivery of healthcare is over-stepping their jurisdiction. This has never been beneficial to anyone. I will work to help with the necessary infrastructure funds and discuss with the province what they need in way of assistance as they are responsible for the delivery of healthcare. I would work federally to get an increase of transfer payments for healthcare for the province and I am willing to look into the health act.

5. Racism and cultural exclusion continues to be prevalent in rural and urban areas. What plans do you have to encourage and develop broader basis of ethnic inclusion in all areas?

The Liberals and conservatives have continued to drive wedges between every Canadian. Nova Scotians are some of the friendliest and most accommodating people there are. We need to get back to talking to each other and working together rather than yelling at one another.

6. School dropouts, lack of life-long learning and skill development continues to hamper improvements in skills in trades and job readiness. How do you propose developing "grassroots" led initiatives to increase the earning capacity of residents close to their residence?

We need to ensure that there is money available to build the infrastructure required so the students of today can be the productive and successful people of tomorrow. Working with business and the province to ensure that they have the necessary funding to be able to provide the training that we need is also a part of this plan.

7. What government programs are most lacking in Cumberland-Colchester? How would they help business and residents? What will you do to encourage community-led groups to put these programs in place?

There is a lack of engagement by our liberal and conservative MPs, and they have only ever seemed to care about the riding during an election. After that they go to Ottawa and vote how they are told, which usually benefits Ontario and Quebec. We need infrastructure in to get the growth that we need and promises of affordable housing and high-speed internet require a person who will put in the hours to make it happen. It's time for action here on things like our dike system and coastal erosion, not more studies.

8. What infrastructure is needed in Cumberland-Colchester to implement government programs to reduce reliance on government assistance, yet increase the incomes above the poverty level?

Rural high-speed internet is still a major issue in our riding. The large unfunded liability of town's infrastructure is also an issue that needs to be addressed as well. We need to ensure that there is adequate opportunity for education within our area as well so that we can end the cycle of dependence on the government and create the good paying jobs of the future.

9. If you were to "think outside the box" what initiatives would you propose to significantly increase the economic viability of businesses; community focused groups and residents? How would the goals be achieved?

By attending to our infrastructure and the environmental issues such as the dikes and coastal erosion, I believe that we can make Cumberland-Colchester the place that businesses want to come to.

10. If you were elected on September 20th what will you do to change the momentum of economic development from "top down" to "grassroots bottom-up"?

I would work towards building the infrastructure that is required for business to be successful, and work at reducing the legislation and bureaucracy that affects them directly.

11. What personal talents and efforts do you promise to commit to the constituency to "Champion a movement to improve economic well-being and improved lifestyle for all residents and businesses?"

It is essential that we invest in our infrastructure in order to have the things that are necessary for businesses to thrive, such as rural high-speed internet. I would also look at helping with the huge unfunded liability that our aging infrastructure puts on the municipalities.

12. Why should people vote for you?

I am someone who cares for everyone in our riding, and not just those that support me. My party also doesn't whip votes, so I will always vote on what is in the best interest for Cumberland-Colchester, unlike the other candidates who will vote for what Ontario and Quebec want.



Deadline for the October issue is September 21

Notes Concerning Various Correspondence Files

Several pieces of correspondence finished the August 26th council meeting prior going into their closed session:

Council proclaimed "Right to Know Week in Nova Scotia following correspondence from Tricia Ralph, Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia via E-mail correspondence to the CAO regarding a Right to Know Week in Nova Scotia.

Pam Macintosh, Municipal Planner sent memo to Mayor and Council concerning a rezoning Application by Central Nova Animal Hospital Ltd.- the matter was sent to Public Advisory Committee (PAC).

Derek Forsyth, Rock the Hub Inc. August 13th E-mail to Jenn Mantic Economic Development Officer regarding

the Rock the Hub Event was received for information.

Correspondence dated August 5, 2021 from Jillian Peddle/Katherine Dunbar Winsor, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Newfoundland & Labrador Network, requesting a proclamation of FASD Awareness Week (Sept 6-10) was approved for proclamation.

A request by Ryan Doyle, Author via correspondence dated August 2, 2021, regarding a proclamation for Bullying Elimination Week was received for information. Council noted it does not proclaim projects promoted by individuals.

Staff will check with NS Legal Aid, and report back to

September committee concerning an e-mail request dated August 18, 2021 from Courtney Bullock, Communications Intern, Legal Aid Alberta, requesting the light up of landmarks across the country. Locally the request refers to Fundy Discovery Site to be "lite-up" with red and white lights.

Paving Petition for Paving Glengarry Drive

As the result of a request by Lianne Dimock, Colchester staff will organize a petition to property owners on Glengarry Drive. The initial request was

E-mail correspondence to Councillor Patton concerning a request for the paving of Glengarry Drive.

Due to CoVid restrictions

the public meeting will be waived in favour of a mail-in process.

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