



**FREDERICTON
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1. Economic Development

- a. Canada has not had comprehensive tax reform since the 1960s and the business community has been calling for such a review through a Royal Commission. Do you agree with this position? Do you agree that taxation decisions should be made through an economic development/ overall burden to business lens?
- b. What are the biggest natural resource development opportunities for New Brunswick? What role can the federal government play to facilitate development of our natural resources?
- c. At the federal level, businesses deal with over 130,000 individual regulations – what steps could be taken to reduce this burden? What interprovincial trade barriers would you most like to see lifted?

2. Workforce

- a. What is your vision for growing our population provincially and regionally?
- b. How can Fredericton do a better job of attracting and retaining newcomers? How can the federal government help?
- c. Our chamber is currently advocating for the following regarding international students:
 - Allow international students attending either a public institution, or private institution in any province or territory, that is registered on the Designated Institution list to: a) qualify for the Canada Summer Jobs program b) participate in voluntary co-op terms and internships without obtaining a separate work permit c) count all time spent in Canada as an international student towards citizenship eligibility (i.e increase from half time to full time)
- Do you support these measures?

3. Finances

- a. How important is balancing the budget to your party?
- b. How would you change the federal equalization system if given the opportunity?
- c. Université de Moncton economist Richard Saillant has been calling for demographically-weighted health transfer payments to compensate for New Brunswick's aging population. Do you support such an idea?

4. Governance

- a. What should Canada's top foreign policy priority be?
- b. In the case of a minority government – would you agree to work with other parties to form a coalition? Are there any parties you would not work with?
- c. What are the next steps that must be taken by the federal government regarding First Nation reconciliation? What should be done on a local level?

5. Miscellaneous

- a. How urgent a problem is climate change? What actions should be taken by the federal government?



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- b. Is gun control a priority for your party? Should there be different rules for urban and rural areas?
- c. Why do you think we've seen an increased negative political climate recently?