



ACAP Humber Arm

Environmental Association Inc.

Environmental Education – Science and Research – Sustainable Communities

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RE: Open letter to Humber – St. Barbe – Baie Verte Candidates, Federal Election 2008

Dear Candidate:

On October 14th, 2008 residents of Humber – St. Barbe – Baie Verte will chose who they believe is best able to represent this region's interests in Ottawa. Indeed, the issues facing this riding are diverse but in a region whose traditional and emerging economies and way of life are so intrinsically linked to our environment it is crucial that we hear from you on this subject.

In an effort to better inform local residents of where you, as a candidate, and your party stand on these important issues we would ask for your cooperation in responding in writing to the questions below. **All responses received will be held in strictest confidence until noon, Thursday, October 9th at which time ACAP Humber Arm will release all responses, along with the name of candidates and party affiliations from which responses were not received, to local and provincial media.**

- Question 1: What are your personal infrastructure priorities for this region? Where does sewage treatment for the City of Corner Brook rank?
- Question 2: In 2006 the City of Corner Brook approved the Corner Brook Sewage Treatment Study, a blueprint for sewage treatment for this riding's largest community. What will you do to advance the implementation of this plan if elected the Member of Parliament for Humber – St. Barbe – Baie Verte?
- Question 3: What cost sharing arrangements is your party offering for infrastructure initiatives such as sewage treatment? In what form, i.e., low interest loans, grants, etc., would this financial support be offered?
- Question 4: Amendments to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) have been proposed that, in essence, would require communities to offer, at a minimum, secondary wastewater treatment. What is your opinion of the proposed amendments, associated timeframes and penalties?
- Question 5: The vast majority of communities in this riding are coastal. What will your party do to protect the residents and infrastructure of these communities from sea level rise and severe weather associated with climate change?
- Question 6: An explosion of interest in coastal areas has presented many of our coastal communities with new development opportunities. In your opinion what effect will this have on our coastal communities? What role would you as the local Member of Parliament, play?

We thank you in advance for taking the time to address these questions.

Regards,

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