

ASK A CANDIDATE!

Here are some questions you can put to your local candidates on a few of the issues that matter to many PNA members.



Here's what to do:

- Copy and paste the questions below into an email to each of your local candidates. Politely but firmly ask them to respond.
- Keep this document handy! Put it on your fridge or near your front door. If a candidate comes knocking, you'll be ready!
- Take a copy to all candidates meetings. Make your voice heard!
- Let us know what they say! Send their replies to advocacy@cbcpensioners.ca

1. The Conservative leader has vowed to defund our national public broadcaster as one of his first acts should his party form government. The Liberal leader has proposed increasing funding to bring it more in line with other public broadcasters. Where do you stand and why?

2. Pierre Poilievre has been quoted as saying he would extend government media subsidies to independent right-wing outlets if his party forms government. Where do you stand on this and why?

3. In 2021, the federal government with NDP support approved a 10% increase in OAS payments for those aged 75 and older. Would you support expanding eligibility to include those aged 70 to 74?

4. Pension experts say Defined Benefit pension plans are the best way to provide predictable and adequate income for working people in their retirement years. Yet DB plans have been under frequent attack for decades by both governments and employers. Will you support the preservation of existing DB plans and encourage more employers to offer them?

5. The Liberals have implemented pharmacare and dental care for 2.3 million Canadians who qualify for the program and recently announced increased access to dental care. The Conservatives have said in the past they'd scrap pharmacare should they form government and they voted against dental care. On the campaign trail, Pierre Poilievre is now saying anybody currently enrolled would still have access but wouldn't commit to expanding the programs. How would you vote if cancellation or restriction of these programs comes up for debate?

6. While public health services and hospitals continue to face funding shortages, there has been a significant growth in private cash-for-care clinics and hospitals in Canada. About 30% of healthcare is now privately funded. Where do you stand on opening and expanding private, cash-for-care clinics and hospitals?

7. Finally, if invited, will you participate in all-candidates' meetings in our riding?

You can find detailed background and information on these and other issues on the PNA website at www.cbcpensioners.ca/campaigns

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