



Neighbours of Rouyn-Noranda Guide to Federal Election **Candidates for Abitibi —Témiscamingue**



Here is a brief guide to your candidates for the Abitibi-Témiscamingue riding, and some of the party platforms on key issues. Neighbours remains non-partisans and is only attempting to provide information not an endorsement.

Source: Party Websites and CBC News



Bloc Québécois

Federal Leader: Yves-François Blanchet

Candidate for Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Sébastien Lemire

As a graduate in political communication, public leadership and corporate governance Sébastien is an expert in public relations and citizen participation. He has worked for the UPA Federation of Abitibi-Témiscamingue, the Juripop legal clinic, and for elected officials in the Montreal riding of Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve.

Bloc Québécois Platforms on...

Jobs: The Bloc Québécois advocates the creation of more jobs in the renewable energy sector, but is opposed to building new pipelines, such as the Energy East project. The Bloc would oppose moving headquarters of large corporations outside of Quebec.

Taxes: A Bloc Québécois government would transfer federal tax duties and allow Quebec to collect federal income taxes in place of the Canada Revenue Agency. The party also favours taxing large tech companies like Facebook, Netflix, and Spotify.

Health Care: If a universal pharmacare plan is enacted, the Bloc would advocate for Quebec to receive more transfer payments to pay for such a service. They have speculated that the price of drugs in Quebec would rise dramatically if the trade agreement replacing NAFTA, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), is signed.

Childcare: No policy on childcare has been released at time of press. Quebec already has in place a sizeable and subsidized childcare program.



The **2019 Canadian federal election** (formally the **43rd Canadian general election**) is scheduled to take place on **October 21, 2019**, to elect members of the House of Commons to the 43rd Canadian Parliament.

Governor General Julie Payette dissolved the 42nd Parliament on **September 11, 2019** on the advice of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The **40-day campaign** will see the incumbent Liberals attempt to retain their majority that they won in the 2015 election. Two of the three major parties will contest this election under new leaders: the Conservative Party, led by Andrew Scheer, and the New Democratic Party under Jagmeet Singh.



Conservative Party of Canada

Federal Leader: Andrew Scheer

Candidate for Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Mario Provencher

As mayor of Rouyn-Noranda from 2009-2017, Mario Provencher was responsible for helping to create many large scale industrial projects during his tenure. Chief among those included the creation of our new industrial park; a partnership with the Department of Transportation to build the bypass; and financing for the new terminal for the Rouyn-Noranda airport that is currently under construction. Mario has been active in our community for well over 30 years and has served as president of the Business Development Corporation for 10 years; served as a city councillor for 7 years; and was a volunteer firefighter.

Conservative Party Platforms on...

Jobs: The Conservative Party of Canada has been highly critical of the Liberal Party’s record on jobs during the last four years, especially regarding the creation of new pipelines in Canada. If elected the Conservative Party has expressed its desire to expand and build more pipelines, which they say will create “tens of thousands” of jobs throughout the country. The Conservative Party also aims to improve the credential system for highly skilled immigrants so that they may more easily find work in their relevant fields provided that they have equivalent skills.

Taxes: The Conservative Party has promised to create an universal tax cut by cutting the rate of tax on income under \$47, 630 from 15 to 13.75 per cent. The Conservatives have also promised to revive a number of tax credits that were implemented during the Harper government for public transit, children’s fitness, and the arts.

Health Care: In contrast to the Liberal Party, the Conservatives are not in favour of a universal pharmacare plan. Instead, a Conservative government would address the needs of people who are not covered by their province or employers. How this would be achieved has not been detailed as we go to press. Some of the money required to address gaps in service may be fulfilled by the Conservatives plan to increase health transfer payments to provinces and territories by an additional 3 per cent per year.

Childcare: The party has stated that it intends to keep the Liberal’s Canada Child Benefit program, and increase transfer payments to provinces and territories in order to help fund early childhood education and early learning programs. The party has also promised that it will make Employment Insurance tax free for new parents.



“In each and every election, it's your rights, it's your freedoms, it's your interests that are on the ballot.”
Todd Young



Green Party of Canada



Federal Leader: Elizabeth May

Candidate for Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Aline Bégin

As an activist and community organizer for many years, Aline has worked in Quebec City and Ottawa as a French as a second language instructor. Aline has entered the federal election with the intention of working hard on getting young people out and active in this year’s election, and working towards an improved truth and reconciliation process with Indigenous nations.

Green Party Platforms on...

Jobs: With a federal mandate the Green Party would seek to increase the national minimum wage to \$15.00, end the Temporary Foreign Worker program, and input a guaranteed livable income.

Taxes: A Green Party government would raise corporate taxes from 15 to 20 per cent, and would apply that to tech companies such as Netflix, Facebook, and Google. The party would create a Federal Tax Commission in order to keep the tax system fair and accessible to all Canadians.

Health Care: The Green Party supports implementing a universal pharmacare plan and would expand health care coverage to low-income Canadians to include dental care. Funding would be increased to train more doctors and nurses, while expanding midwifery programs.

Childcare: As part of their platform the Green Party would implement a national child care program, with a special emphasis placed on creating childcare facilities within workplaces. If elected the Green Party would create a Children’s Commissioner to act as an advocate to ensure that issues concerning children are addressed in policy decisions.



Have your ID ready to vote

Three options to prove your identity and address

Option 1

Show one of these pieces of ID

- your driver’s licence
- any other card issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial/territorial or local) with your photo, name and current address

Option 2

Show two pieces of ID

Both must have your name and at least one must have your current address

Examples: voter information card and bank statement, utility bill and student ID card

If you don’t have ID

You can still vote if you declare your identity and address in writing and have someone who knows you and who is assigned to your polling station vouch for you.

The voucher must be able to prove their identity and address. A person can vouch for only one person (except in long-term care institutions).



Liberal Party of Canada

Federal Leader: Justin Trudeau



Candidate for Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Claude Thibault

Claude Thibault is the owner of local restaurant Chez Oeufs and has contributed to local business development in Rouyn-Noranda for many years. Having worked in numerous offices in Ottawa, Claude is experienced in federal politics and previously worked as an export commissioner. Having failed to win a seat in 2015, Claude is even more eager to serve the population of Abitibi-Témiscamingue, which she believes is ready for an economic “green shift” as the region looks to develop a responsible economic plan for the future. Claude looks forward to ameliorating the cellular networks and high speed internet in our region, and supporting technological innovation.

Liberal Party Platform on...

Jobs: Unemployment rate dropped to 5.4 per cent this May, the lowest recorded percent since data begin to be collected in 1976. The Liberal Party has been debating the creation of a minimum guaranteed income, but no concrete plans for such a plan has been released thus far.

Taxes: During their run in office the Liberal Party cut taxes to middle income earners, while adding an additional tax bracket for those who earn more the \$200, 000 per year.

Health Care: The Liberal Party created and signed an agreement with all provinces and territories that promised an increase of 3 per cent per year for annual health payment transfers. Additional increase of funding was provided for home care, mental health, and addiction / recovery programs. A commitment to start a Canada Drug Agency (at the cost of \$35 million dollars) was also created in order to negotiate drug prices in the country. The creation of such an agency may in turn be a stepping stone to the creation of a national pharmacare program which could regulate drug prices and increase ease of access for all citizens, but especially those in lower financial brackets.

Childcare: The Liberal Party created and launched the Canada Child Benefit in 2016 with the aim of aiding families with children under the age of 17. The 2017 federal budget included an additional \$10 billion over 10 years to create and increase access to child care spaces, with distribution of funds handled between agreements forged with each individual province or territory.



The Canadian federal election of 1867, held from August 7 to September 20, was the first election for the new nation of Canada. It was held to elect members to the House of Commons of Canada, representing electoral districts in the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec in the 1st Parliament of Canada.

The provinces of Manitoba (1870) and British Columbia (1871) were created during the term of the 1st Parliament of Canada and were not part of the Canadian federal election of 1867.

Sir John A. Macdonald had been sworn in as prime minister by the Governor General, Lord Monck, when the new Canadian nation was founded on 1 July 1867.



New Democratic Party of Canada

Federal Leader: Jagmeet Singh



Candidate for Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Alain Guimond

Having been a resident of our region for over twenty years, Alain Guimond quickly established himself as an organizing force for many cultural, sporting, and outdoor activities in our city and region. For the last eight years Alain has served as the right hand man to incumbent NDP MP Christine Moore, who declined to run again in this year’s federal election. Alain has been recognized for his work as president for Réseau BIBLIO de Abitibi-Témiscamingue et du Nord-du-Quebec, which offers professional services to more than 60 municipalities and Indigenous communities, and over 500 active volunteers.

Alain decided to run as a candidate in this year’s election because he was very proud of the work that he as done in the last 8 years and he doesn’t want to see the citizens of Abitibi-Témiscamingue left behind.

NDP Platforms on...

Jobs: The NDP aims to improve working conditions for Canadians by introducing \$15 minimum wage and demanding that employers be required to spend one per cent of their payroll on training for all employees. The NDP platform also promises to create 300,000 new jobs within their first term of office if elected.

Taxes: The NDP plans to augment the capital gains tax from 50 to 75 per cent which will increase the amount of taxes paid for income derived from stocks and the sale of properties that are not primary residences. New Democrats have also proposed an increase on taxes on the “super rich” from 33 to 35 per cent on those whose income exceeds \$20 million.

Health Care: New Democrats support a universal pharamcare plan that would cover all drugs approved by Health Canada. The party has also proposed to make an expansion of current health care coverage include dental, mental health, eye, and hearing. Such a plan would cost an estimated \$10 billion annually. The NDP are opposed to privatized health care.

Childcare: An elected NDP government would seek to build upon existing child care that exists in provinces like Quebec and implement similar programs in other provinces by committing \$1 billion dollars to not-for-profit child care with annual increases.



Are you registered to vote?? If yes, you will receive a voter information card in the mail that tells you where and when you can vote

Most Canadians who are eligible to vote are already registered in the National Register of Electors.

To check if you are registered at your current address, to update your address information or to register to vote, use the Online Voter Registration Service, visit your Elections Canada office or call us at 1-800-463-6868.



People's Party of Canada

Federal Leader: Maxime Bernier



People's Party of Canada platform on...

Jobs: The PPC supports the building of new oil pipelines; repeal Bill C-48 (limiting oil tanker traffic in Northern B.C.); and Bill C-69 (how government assess and approves or declines infrastructure projects like pipelines). A PPC government would look to create an open system for dairy, egg, and poultry produces sell their products internationally.

Taxes: Maxime Bernier has proposed to simplify taxes to a two system bracket and set taxes at 25 per cent for those who earn more than \$100,000.

Health Care: The PPC supports privatization of health care and would move to make the provinces fully responsible for the management and funding of their own health services. To achieve this federal transfer payments would be replaced with tax points.

Childcare: At the time of printing the People's Party of Canada has not issued any specific platforms regarding their planned childcare policy.



The **Office of the Chief Electoral Officer** (French: *Bureau du directeur général des élections*), commonly known as **Elections Canada** (French: *Élections Canada*), is the non-partisan agency responsible for administering Canadian federal elections and referendums. Elections Canada is an office of the Parliament of Canada, and reports directly to Parliament rather than to the Government of Canada.

Mandate

Its responsibilities include:

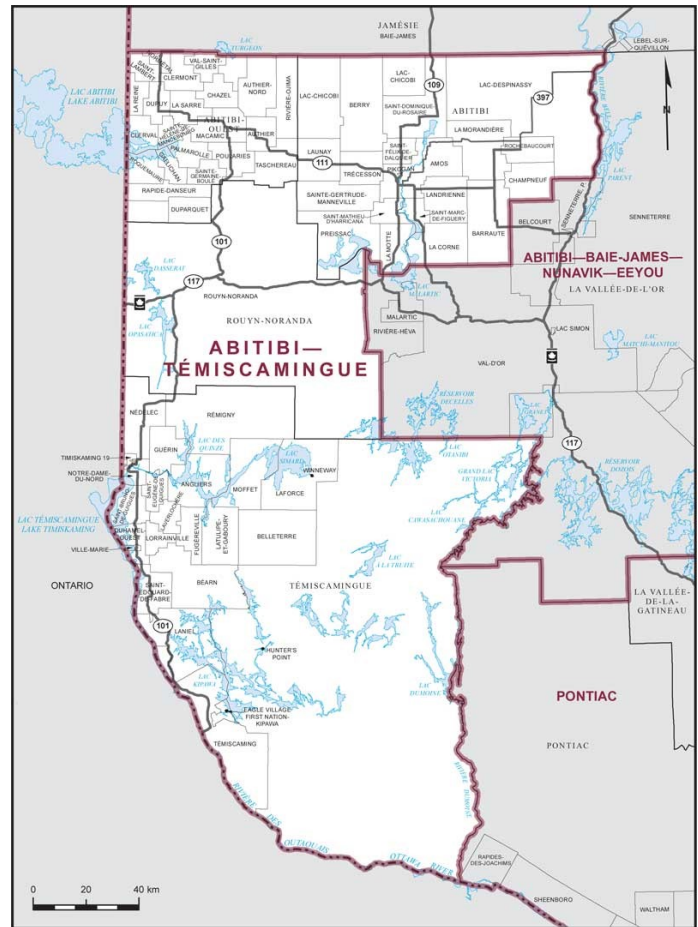
- Making sure that all voters have access to the electoral system
- Informing citizens about the electoral system
- Maintaining the National Register of Electors
- Enforcing electoral legislation
- Training election officers
- Producing maps of electoral districts
- Registering political parties, electoral district associations, and third parties that engage in election advertising
- Administering the allowances paid to registered political parties
- Monitoring election spending by candidates, political parties and third parties
- Publishing financial information on political parties, electoral district associations, candidates, nomination contestants, leadership contestants and third parties
- Supporting the independent commissions responsible for adjusting the boundaries of federal electoral districts every ten years
- Reporting to Parliament on the administration of elections and referendums

Abitibi-Témiscamingue Electoral District

Boundaries description

Consisting of:

- (a) the City of Rouyn-Noranda;
- (b) the Regional County Municipality of Témiscamingue, including:
 - ◊ Timiskaming Indian Reserve No. 19
 - ◊ Eagle Village First Nation-Kipawa Indian Reserve;
 - ◊ Hunter's Point
 - ◊ Winneway Indian settlements;
- (c) the Regional County Municipality of Abitibi-Ouest; and
- (d) the Regional County Municipality of Abitibi, including Pikogan Indian Reserve.



Election day is :
Monday, October 21, 2019

Advance voting takes place on :

Friday, October 11, 2019
Saturday, October 12, 2019
Sunday, October 13, 2019
Monday, October 14, 2019

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Sunday: noon to 4:00 p.m.

