

Questions That Count for the 2018 NB Election:

1. What are your top three priorities that you will make happen during your term if elected?
2. What tangible actions can we take to boost attraction and retention of immigrants?
3. What can be done to foster a culture of collaboration between the three levels of government?
4. What New Brunswick natural resources are underdeveloped? What can be done to generate more prosperity for New Brunswickers through natural resource development?
5. The Finn Report is now 10 years old. Is it time for the provincial government to implement its local governance recommendations?

Response:

1. The Progressive Conservatives will hold the line on taxes and improve the quality of public services. We will use the revenue we currently generate to achieve better results. We reject the Gallant carbon tax, expected to cost \$1200 per household, because it will hurt citizens and business while doing nothing to address the real issues around human-induced climate change.

2. Immigrants are attracted by opportunity. We must create a welcome environment for New Brunswick businesses to grow, whether we are talking about startups, existing companies looking to expand, or immigrants or outside investors looking for a stable, growth-oriented market. We must provide the highest quality schools and hospitals, infrastructure that are just as important as the regulatory environment when it comes to encouraging business growth. With the PC literacy plan, new jobs tax credit, reforms to healthcare, and our commitment to freeze taxes, will create an environment that will allow businesses of all sizes to thrive.

3. New Brunswick must work more closely with every level of government. Our province can do a better job standing against federal policies that hurt the business community: a strong business community means a strong province, and that must be recognized.

4. A PC government would allow communities to decide how best to safely develop natural resources, including shale gas. We will respect their wishes if they proceed with or reject natural resource development.

5. Building on the Finn Report we believe municipalities need to be empowered - which is why our party has proposed an ambitious program for reform. The Gallant Liberals want to take more money from municipalities, which reduces opportunities and depletes wealth. Instead, our cities and towns deserve a provincial government that will give them the powers they need to build prosperity for their residents.