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# 2018 Election Checklist

## Ask your candidates

As we lobby on your behalf, you can take the opportunity to make your views known and discover those of your candidates by asking the questions which most concern you. Feel free to raise any or all of these issues to pin down the positions of your local candidates.

### **Spending Restraint**

- When will you balance the budget and begin paying down the debt?
- Will you set targets to align public sector wages and benefits with private sector levels?
- Will you reduce the number of provincial government employees to the national average?

### **Tax Burden Relief**

- Will you introduce a plan to provide tax relief to small businesses once the budget is balanced (e.g. roll back hikes on property taxes, land transfer tax, gas tax, diesel tax, personal income taxes and HST)?
- Will you apply the federal tax changes on passive investment income to the provincial small business corporate tax rate?

### **WorkSafeNB**

- Will you legislate changes restoring stability to workers compensation benefit costs?
- Will you legislate an automatic refund to employers when WorkSafeNB funding ratio exceeds 110%?

### **Payroll Affordability**

- Will you reject proposals that increase payroll costs?
- Will you make it the law that any future minimum wage increases are capped at inflation?

### **Red Tape Reduction**

- How will your government cooperate with other Atlantic Provinces to lower cost of government and improve the efficiency of government services?
- Will you legislate the “one- for- one rule” (e.g. for each new regulation, another must be eliminated)?
- Will you legislate the creation and maintenance of a baseline count for regulations, including rules found in policy and legislation?