



NORTH BAY & DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce

presents

Meet the Candidates Federal Election 2015 Nipissing-Timiskaming

Tuesday, September 29th, 2015
at the Capitol Centre

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Format for the Event

- This event is LIVE on TV Cogeco North Bay and will be 2 hours maximum
- Candidates have just chosen their speaking order a few minutes prior to the event start for opening remarks - closing remarks will be in the reverse order
- Candidates will be introduced by the moderator (introductions were provided by the candidates) and then provide their opening remarks in 3 minutes each
- The panel will then ask questions to the candidates and the candidates may answer or debate the questions. Thank you to all the Chamber members and the public who submitted questions in advance. There will be NO questions from the floor during this live event. The public may choose to submit a question in writing during the Meet and Greet portion prior to the formal part of the evening, between 6 pm and 6:50pm at the Chamber table in the lobby; the committee reserves the right to choose which questions will be asked (we will not allow duplication or the need for long pre-ambles in any submitted questions).
- The candidates will finish with 1 minute closing remarks.

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Re-play dates of tonight's LIVE Meet the Candidates Debate are:

- Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 12 noon
- Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 7 pm
- Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 12 noon

There will be a few more times leading up to the election. These dates will be found in the Schedule section of the tvogeco.com website.

*** Candidates were made aware that the Chamber reserved the right to edit biographies more than two pages in length. The Chamber has tried to ensure the enclosed information is as accurate as possible. All information was written and submitted by the candidates.

**Elections Canada—Local Returning Office
for Nipissing-Timiskaming**

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Hours of Operation:

- Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Advance Polls:

- Friday, October 9, 2015
- Saturday, October 10, 2015
- Sunday, October 11, 2015
- Monday, October 12, 2015

Ready to vote 

You must prove your identity and address to register and vote in a federal election.

Remember to bring your ID when you attend an advance poll or on election day.

*Your Voter Information Card is **NOT** a piece of ID.*



Jay Aspin

Jay Aspin, a lifelong resident of North Bay, is married to Joanne and has two children and two grandchildren.



As a dedicated community person, with an extensive career in public service and international private business, he realized that Nipissing-Timiskaming was not receiving the government assistance it deserved and set out to change that by raising the bar and getting results.

In May 2011 he was elected to the House of Commons then rolled up his sleeves and went to work.

Since that time Jay's proactive, strategic and collaborative approach has proven that working together with government has been the difference which resulted in significant positive results for the people, businesses and communities of his riding.

Jay served as Chair of the Space Caucus, Chair of the Clean Tech Caucus and Vice Chair of the Aerospace Caucus all positions which are relevant to the riding and therefore bring effective results for his constituents.

Jay wants to keep the momentum going by continuing his work, fighting for lower taxes, reducing unemployment and increasing job growth while making our communities safer for ourselves and our children.

Jay Aspin is a "lifelong dedicated community service person" whose satisfaction is to see improvement in the lives of the citizens he has represented for close to four decades.

Kathleen Jodouin

for Nipissing—Timiskaming

An award-winning victims' rights advocate and a leader in community AIDS awareness campaigns, Kathleen is ready to work for our families in Parliament, as part of Tom Mulcair's Northern Ontario NDP team.

For the past eight years, Kathleen has worked for the AIDS Committee of North Bay and Area, currently as coordinator of the Women and HIV/AIDS Initiative. Every day, she connects local needs to resources and people dealing with related issues throughout North Eastern Ontario.

Kathleen works with more than a dozen local initiatives serving women, youth and families. In particular, she is a well-known champion for the rights of victims in our community, serving as a former board member for the Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre and the Nipissing Community Legal Clinic.

Kathleen's leadership and dedication to our community were recognized with a *Leading Women Building Communities Award* in 2013 from the Province of Ontario.

Kathleen lives in Chisholm with her husband and their son. As a proud mom and your next MP, she wants to build a better Canada for all our children—a prosperous Canada where no one is left behind.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you some of our recent announcements:

- We've committed to boosting the tourism industry—with a \$30 million investment in Destination Canada's Connecting America campaign.
- We're focused on kick-starting manufacturing, supporting small businesses and creating quality jobs. That's why we continue to share our plans to reduce the small business tax rate from 11 to 9 percent and we've introduced our Innovation Tax Credit to support cutting edge research and development, stimulate investment, jobs and growth.
- We put forward our solutions to lift seniors out of poverty: we'll boost the Guaranteed Income Supplement, lower the Old Age Security eligibility age from 67 to 65 and ensure Canadians have stronger pensions and secure retirements now and for future generations.

Stay tuned for a full platform launch—we'll be sure to share it with you when it's released



Kathleen Jodouin dans Nipissing—Timiskaming

Militante pour les droits des victimes respectée et coordonnatrice de campagnes communautaires de sensibilisation au sida, Kathleen est maintenant prête à travailler pour nos familles et à les représenter au Parlement au sein de l'équipe néo-démocrate du nord de l'Ontario de Tom Mulcair.

Au cours des huit dernières années, Kathleen a travaillé au sein du comité de sensibilisation au sida de la région de North Bay. Présentement, elle occupe le poste de coordonnatrice de l'initiative Femmes et VIH/SIDA. Chaque jour, elle répond aux besoins des gens en les dirigeant vers les ressources appropriées un peu partout dans le nord-est de l'Ontario.

Kathleen collabore à plus d'une douzaine d'initiatives locales au service des femmes, des jeunes et des familles. Elle est particulièrement reconnue comme étant une militante pour les droits des victimes au sein de la communauté. Elle a également été membre du conseil de l'Amelia Rising centre d'agressions sexuelles et de la clinique juridique communautaire de Nipissing.

Le leadership et le dévouement de Kathleen envers la communauté sont récompensés en 2013. Elle avait alors reçu un prix remis par la province de l'Ontario dans le cadre du programme de reconnaissance des femmes, chefs de file en développement communautaire.

Kathleen habite à Chisholm avec son mari et leur fils. Fièvre maman et prochaine députée néo-démocrate, sa priorité est de bâtir un Canada meilleur pour nos enfants — un Canada prospère où personne n'est laissé pour compte.

Nous souhaitons profiter de cette occasion pour partager avec vous certaines de nos plus récentes annonces :

- Nous avons présenté nos solutions pour sortir les aînés de la pauvreté : nous bonifierons le supplément de revenu garanti (SRG), nous ramènerons l'âge d'admissibilité aux prestations de la Sécurité de la vieillesse de 67 à 65 ans et nous veillerons à ce que les Canadiens aient des pensions plus solides et des retraites plus sûres.
- Nous nous sommes engagés à stimuler l'industrie touristique canadienne en investissant 30 millions \$ pour appuyer la campagne Accueillir l'Amérique de Destination Canada.
- Nous souhaitons renforcer le secteur manufacturier, les petites entreprises et la création d'emplois. C'est pourquoi nous continuons de partager notre plan pour réduire le taux d'imposition des petites entreprises de 11 à 9 % et que nous allons créer un crédit d'impôt à l'innovation pour favoriser la recherche et le développement de pointe et stimuler l'investissement, la création d'emplois et la croissance économique.

Restez à l'affût. Nous dévoilerons bientôt notre plateforme.

Nicole Peltier

Forestry

Climate change is happening in the North! Forestry scientists and economists are warning of increased wildfires, pests, and a climate regime change. We must heed this warning. Wood is one of two major exports from our region. We must have the foresight to protect our natural heritage and fragile economy.

Only the Green Party candidate, Nicole Peltier, has an adaptive regionally-specific plan to prepare for the coming change.

- Update the 1997 *Economic Impact of the Forestry Industry in Nipissing-East Parry Sound*
 - ⇒ Bring forestry businesses, Nipissing University, Canadore College, First Nations, FEDNOR, NECO, cities/towns, and Employment and Social Development Canada together to fund and contribute to this much needed study
- Promote Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) – value-added manufacturing NOW!
 - ⇒ CLT is advanced building technology – Fire-resistant, reusable, carbon storage
 - ⇒ Harvest forest stock to be impacted by spruce budworm to reduce future spread and fire risk – Replant with appropriate tree species
- Increasing funding to expand the Forest Resources Laboratory at Nipissing University
 - ⇒ Uncouple business-based research grants – Reinstate curiosity-based research
 - ⇒ Continue to study adaptive forest management strategies in response to climate change (extreme weather events, drought, fire, disease, pests, and unknown)
- Annual Forestry & Climate Conference at Nipissing University -- Invite business, indigenous, community, national, and global leaders for discussion, knowledge-sharing on forest ecology and best practices

Climate Change & No Energy East

Simply put, the Green Party is the only party that **unanimously opposes all oil pipelines** to snake across Canada. An ever resounding **NO to TransCanada Energy East pipeline.**

- **Nicole Peltier will introduce Source Water Protection Act** – Hold MPPs and MPs legally liable for securing safe, clean water sources for their communities
- Shipping oil by pipeline is cheaper, not safer -- Increase rail safety & strict new regulations for hazardous waste/oil transport
- National Climate Action Strategy – Moratorium on all new oil sands development, enshrine Environmental Rights into the Canadian Constitution
- National Energy Strategy – Smart grid infrastructure & renewable energy investments across Canada – To date, Canadian clean tech investments & exports have been outpaced by European countries
- Phase out coal energy generation and ban coal/asbestos exports

Periphery Economies & Innovation

For too long our youth have left the North in search of job opportunities. For too long the North has seen raw natural resources shipped out for value-added manufacturing elsewhere. We need to formulate post-secondary strategies that match up with regional opportunities. We need to stimulate Northern economic development by promoting value-added technologies and investing in a knowledge-based economy.

- Immediately promote value-added processing/manufacturing in the region – CLT
- Ring of Fire -- Invest in Nipissing University in creating a satellite campus for Engineering



- Work with Ontario to reduce electricity prices for our natural resource industry, including forestry and mining in order to help them compete and create more jobs
- Invest and work with ONR & Northern Mines and Development – Innovating upon aged rail car design, improved safety, & wheel turning
- Invest and improve rail transportation connectivity – Give right-of-way to passenger trains, reroute tracks for freight and rail away from populated areas
- \$6.4 billion/year to invest in municipal infrastructure and urban resilience Ex. Roads, bridges, increase surface water absorption in urban centres,
- Invest in high speed communication infrastructure
- \$1-billion-a-year green technology commercialization grants for entrepreneurs to accelerate emerging technologies
- *Create a Venture Capital Innovation Centre in North Bay – \$5 million funded by FEDNOR and seek \$5 million in private investors to aid in bringing our youth home and attracting high-tech talent*

Public Health

Canadians need a national leader that can negotiate effectively with the provinces to renew the Health Accord. We need federal leadership to continue to build upon our universal medicare.

- Include Pharmacare in the Canada Health Act
- National standards for equitable health coverage
- Practical and innovative reforms to Health Care
 - ⇒ Online database where patients can access their own medical records and act as a central hub for health care services
 - ⇒ Shift to community-based care, hospices not in hospitals
 - ⇒ Legalize physician-assisted death
- Create a National Seniors Strategy, among other strategies – Guaranteed Livable Income, Pharmacare, HomeCare, affordable housing, increasing the CPP
- Give the Canadian Health Officer back the power of authority to adaptively manage national health crises – SARS, Ebola, future outbreaks
- Promote intergenerational programs to develop relationships that have proven benefits

Investing in Youth

Tuition rates in the last 30 years have increased 5x the rate of inflation. Collectively, across Canada, our youth owe \$28 billion in public and private debt in pursuing their education. That debt is costing students over \$1 million a day in interest accumulation. Let's never forget that in 2014, over 200,000 students could not pay back their student debt. This is NOT sustainable. We must invest in our youth now if the Canadian economy is to prosper.

- Free tuition and student debt relief by 2020! – It has been costed out www.greenparty.ca/en/budget
- Create a Minister of Education – Introduce a Post-Secondary Education Act, similar to the Canada Health Act, to oversee transfer payments to provinces
- Remove the 2% cap on First Nation's education transfers
- Roll out a National Sustainable Jobs Plan – investments in trades, apprenticeships, and education – targeted investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy production, digital upgrades, clean-tech manufacturing, eco-tourism, the creative economy, and emerging technologies

For a more formalized, general version of the Green Party of Canada's national platform:

www.greenparty.ca/en/platform www.partivert.ca/fr/plateforme

For more information on collaborative, science-based Green Party of Canada policies:

www.greenparty.ca/en/vision-green www.partivert.ca/fr/vision-green

Anthony Rota

Nipissing-Timiskaming



Anthony Rota is the Liberal candidate for Nipissing—Timiskaming. Currently, he is a sessional lecturer and the Director of Government Relations at Nipissing University.

Anthony has a long history of involvement in his riding and has been active with a number of community organizations. He chaired the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the YMCA's Kids First Campaign, and also co-chaired the local FIRST Robotics Regional Competition. Anthony is fluent in French, English, Italian and Spanish.



Before transitioning into federal politics, Anthony served as a city councillor in North Bay and as an innovation/network advisor for the National Research Council of Canada. As the Member of Parliament for Nipissing—Timiskaming from 2004 to 2011, he served as the Liberal Critic for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario and the National Liberal Caucus Chair.

A vote for Anthony Rota is a vote for integrity; a vote for someone who puts you, the voters of Nipissing-Timiskaming, first and foremost.

Our Liberal Plan for Nipissing-Timiskaming

Why I am running:

- Canada is a great country and deserves better leadership. This election is about our future, and Canadians know that better is always possible. They want change, and only Liberals are offering a plan that will deliver growth that works for everyone.

Our plan for real change:

- Liberals have a strong team that is ready to offer better government in Ottawa. Our candidates and volunteers are

working hard and will continue sharing the Liberal plan for real change with Canadians in communities across the country.

- Liberals have a real plan that will cut taxes for the middle class, so Canadians can keep more of their paycheques. We will also create one bigger, fair, automatic, and tax-free monthly benefit that will help families with the high cost of raising their kids. Nine out of ten families will get more from our plan. That's real change.
- Our comprehensive plan focuses on: more transparent government; giving Canadians a voice in Ottawa; open and fair elections; evidence-based policy; and better service for Canadians.

Anthony has the experience and the commitment to:

- Secure the creation of quality jobs and infrastructure funding
- Work to address health care issues and stopping the Conservative plan to cut \$36 billion in healthcare funding
- Maintain Fednor as a major tool for local economic growth
- Ensure expansion of CPP and returning the age of Old Age Security to 65 and maintaining pension income splitting for seniors
- Fighting to ensure that our drinking water is not threatened by the Energy East pipeline after Jay Aspin voted to take Trout Lake, Lake Temagami and Mattawa River from the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

Be Part of the Change.

Vote Anthony Rota.