

2025 Federal Election

The Abbotsford News posed questions to each candidate

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British Columbians see the threat south of the border and are worried about our sovereignty and economic resilience in the face of tariffs. A Carney government will fight back against these unjustifiable tariffs by fighting for Canadians workers and businesses, and creating one economy in Canada, not 13 – an economy that is more productive, competitive, resilient, and fundamentally less reliant on the US, made possible by investing in our trade infrastructure and diversifying global trading relationships. I also understand that middle-class Canadians are feeling the pinch right now. We can't control what Donald Trump does but we can make life easier for Canadians. A Liberal government will invest in measures that will make life more affordable for British

Columbians – from cutting taxes for the middle class, to protecting key supports like affordable childcare and dental care, to doubling the pace of construction so more people have access to affordable housing.



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1) Why are you running to be a Member of Parliament?

I'm running to represent Mission-Matsqui-Abbotsford because I was born and raised here, lived here all my life, and I'm a leasehold farmer. And I've seen first-

hand the crisis working families and farmers are facing. We're being squeezed by the handful of corporations in control of our food system and the corporations that are owning a greater and greater share of our housing. For working families just trying to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads. And for our seniors, who built this country and this community, living on a fixed income is a constant struggle.

2) What skills and attributes do you have that would make you a good elected representative for your constituents?

I started protesting for farmers' rights at 16, protesting up and down George Ferguson Way for six months through the heat, the rain and the cold. However, I only saw one party stand up for us – the New Democrats. From there I began volunteering with them. As well, I began volunteering with the food bank, Starfish Pack, and

my church. And my membership with the National Farmers Union gave me the experience I needed to fight for those that feed us. And now, I'm ready to stand up for all working people.

3) What do you feel are the two biggest issues for your constituents in Abbotsford and how will you address them?

The biggest issues we're facing are the cost of living and health care. Working families and seniors are struggling with soaring grocery and housing costs. That's why I'll push to reform the Competition Act to break the corporate stranglehold over our food system. And why I'll fight for a ban on corporations buying up our homes and our land. Working families looking for a backyard for their kids shouldn't have to be outbid by corporations. I'll also fight for a progressive wealth tax to double federal investment in health care. This would allow us to more than double the number of hospital beds, double the number of medical and nursing school seats, cover tuition, forgive the student debt for those entering family or emergency medicine, and phase out for-profit long-term care for seniors.

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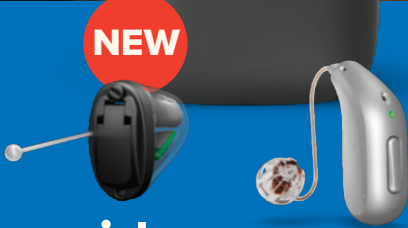
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