



## Sample Questions

Political campaigns often include several events where constituents can ask questions publicly of candidates standing for election. All-Candidates meetings, town halls, or radio or television phone-in shows are all examples of public forums that are used during the election period.

The questions included below are suggestions and provide a guideline on issues that you might want to bring forward during a public gather. You may have others that are equally or more pertinent for your riding and region of the country.

### Sustainable Development, Green Infrastructure, Climate Change

The global climate is changing. Human influence on these changes is clear. Within the scientific community there is no uncertainty over climate change, there is only difficulty in predicting accurately by how much, and how soon conditions will change, and where the impacts will be first felt and hardest received.

Landscape architecture in Canada has played an integral role in the conservation of the Canadian environment and in the development of Canadian communities. The profession provides leadership in all aspects of management, planning and design that mitigates the onset of a changing climate, protects our natural environment and assists our communities in adapting to our changing circumstances.

In 2014, the CSLA established the Climate Change Task Force, which became the Committee on Climate Adaptation in 2017.

- How will you and your party support sustainable urban development?
- What is your approach to green infrastructure?
- What funding resources, programs and tools do you think should be provided by the federal government to municipalities so they can plan smarter, healthier communities that are less dependent on vehicular culture?
- How will you ensure large scale roadway and drainage infrastructure projects use design approaches that seriously integrate, ecological systems, natural regeneration processes, and human recreational uses into the work at hand?
- Are you in favour of the carbon tax? If not, then what do you propose?

## Housing and Community Development

- How do you think we should tackle the affordable housing challenge in Canada and in particular in lower income urban, rural and remote communities?
- What funding resources, programs and tools do you think might be developed to ensure development that is socially, culturally and environmentally adapted, designed, and built with communities rather than for them.

## Health and Food Insecurity

- Do you think food insecurity is an important issue? Does your party have a plan to combat food insecurity especially in lower income urban neighbourhoods with food deserts and in remote northern communities?
- What funding resources, programs and tools do you think could be put into place to encourage the development of community agriculture co-ops, food production literacy programs, and community landscape developments such as market garden vegetable farms, hydroponic grow operations, and community orchards?

## Reconciliation

The CSLA has drafted a Reconciliation Action Plan to guide the association, membership, and schools of landscape architecture in improving awareness and capacity for supporting Canada's First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples through landscape architecture and land use planning.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission wrote that "In the face of growing conflicts over lands, resources, and economic development, the scope of reconciliation must extend beyond residential schools to encompass all aspects of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relations and connections to the land." (TRC, Executive Summary p. 190). Canada has committed to a nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples based on "recognition, rights, respect, cooperation and partnership."

- What do you see as the priority land use issues for Indigenous communities and government?
- How will you and your party will work towards addressing these issue(s) within the principles of reconciliation?
- The profession of landscape architecture has made a commitment to acknowledgement, awareness, and action on reconciliation. Please tell me how you will:
  - \_support the ongoing efforts towards reconciliation?
  - \_support the efforts of landscape architecture professionals in the public sector, private sector, and academic institutions towards reconciliation?

## Federal Procurement Policies

Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) is a procurement practice that has proven that buyers get better outcomes and greater value by excluding price as an evaluation criterion when hiring a professional services firm. With QBS, firms are selected based upon their qualifications to do a project, instead of their low bid.

- How would you make the procurement process for federal government contracts a fairer system and one that is more inclusive and based on quality rather than the lowest bid?
- How would you ensure that small businesses, and diverse suppliers such as under-represented groups such as Indigenous Peoples, and women, among others, are recognized in the bidding and procurement process?