

1999 Progressive Conservative Party Response to:
Recreation Nova Scotia 1999 Provincial Election Questionnaire

1. Question:

What is your Party's vision for promoting an active, healthy Nova Scotia? Will you continue to appoint a Senior Ministry who will have responsibility for making this happen? How will you involve those who directly support the delivery of these programs?

Answer:

The Progressive Conservative Party believes a number of options exist to promote an active, healthier Nova Scotia. This is why in our platform, **Strong Leadership.... a clear course**, we have committed to increase the funding for health and wellness promotion and disease prevention education /remediation initiatives by at least \$1 million in each year of a Progressive Conservative mandate. The focus of the initiatives will be to prevent lifestyle inducements to poor health that cost untold millions in expensive medical intervention and will be headed by a senior minister in a Progressive Conservative Government. In everything we do, we will put the health care needs of Nova Scotians first. We will involve communities and all interested individuals and groups as we work towards implementing initiatives for getting Nova Scotians active as a component of improving our health.

2. Question:

What will be you and your party's level of commitment to increasing physical activity across Nova Scotian: i.e. how much funding over what period of time?

Answer:

As noted above in question one, the Progressive Conservative plan calls for a minimum of \$1 million a year in each year of a Progressive Conservative Government mandate that will be targeted at health and wellness promotion and disease prevention education /remediation initiatives. A Progressive Conservative Government will meet with individuals and sports groups to discuss funding and other issues of concern.

3. Question:

How will you and your Party commit to support recreational opportunities- helping to ensure our young people stay out of trouble?

Answer:

Without volunteers, many recreational programs would not exist. As indicated in our plan, a Progressive Conservative Government will meet with representative of the volunteer community to identify ways that government can encourage and support volunteers throughout the province and ensure programs are available and affordable to all who wish to participate.

4. Question:

What is your position on introducing quality daily physical education in Nova Scotia's Schools?

Answer:

The Progressive Conservative Party at this point in time is looking to maintain current physical education programs in classrooms. Any plans to introduce daily physical activity in the classroom would have to be discussed with the school boards and NSTU. Concerns have been expressed in the past regarding the lack of resources available to mandate this on a daily basis.

5. Question:

2001 will mark the International Year of the Volunteer. We want to know what your plan is for enhancing the volunteer sector, and what support and investment is your Party prepare to make to this sector?

Answer:

As indicated in our plan, a Progressive Conservative Government will meet with representatives of the volunteer community to identify ways in which government can encourage and support volunteers throughout the province. After broad consultation with volunteers across Nova Scotia, a Progressive Conservative Government will also re-introduce a **Volunteer Benefits Act** which recognizes the contribution made by volunteers to our communities.