

Conception Bay Area

Chamber of Commerce

Hello, I am Lainie Stewart, candidate for the People's Party of Canada, Avalon district. I would like to address your recent series of questions that were forwarded to me.

1. Economic Growth – It is no secret that economic growth has been flat over the past 19 months. The PPC recognizes the value and contribution of small business and is dedicated to helping entrepreneurs to encourage business investment and growth in our communities. In this current situation with the instability of lockdowns and vaccine passports, the hesitancy to start businesses and expand current businesses is very unsettling. The People's Party of Canada will not continue with vaccine passports or the threat of lockdowns.

While ensuring our most vulnerable are protected and providing a responsible plan for treatments as well as vaccines, the business community can be confident in investing in business and expansions of current business without a threat of being shut down or limiting those who can avail of their services or products. As a small business owner myself, I was forced to close a location after months of lockdown measures and lack of staff once the initial threat was over. I have considered other locations, which would add another 12-15 jobs locally, but with this uncertainty, I am holding back myself to see where we are heading, as my confidence in the current government is lost.

2. Recovery from this pandemic will take some time but with government support including reducing corporate tax and capital gains tax and continuing with financing assistance that makes sense to improve productivity and efficiency, businesses will be more profitable. The PPC is dedicated to small business and the value that is brought to our communities and will support these business in our effort to get back to building our economy.
3. Labour shortage is an ongoing battle with the excessive income support programs across Canada causing many industries and businesses to struggle to operate or not be able to fulfill their potential. In order to get Canadians back to work, these programs have to come to an end. This of course does not mean shutting those out who are in need, but in order to get our businesses prosperous, we have to get people back to work and not reliant on a support program that is hurting small business and the economy of Canada.
4. The voice of Conception Bay South business community would be better represented if I am elected. As a small business owner in NL for many years, I understand many of the issues we face. The People's Party of Canada is the only party that does not take part in the vote whip. All other MPs must vote with their party. The PPC gives its members the freedom to vote as they see fit in representing their district, ensuring when I vote on any issues, it is with the best interest of those in the Avalon district in mind.
5. Further growth and support of our business community within the Conception Bay area will happen as PPC government reduces our deficit as a country, allowing personal income taxes,

corporate taxes and personal gains taxes to be cut, resulting with Canadians having more money in their pockets. Supporting Oil and Gas in a responsible way, will bring prosperity to Newfoundland and help the small business community, creating spin off business as well as bringing more money to the local economy. This will encourage new business, business expansion and wage increases.