

2021 FEDERAL ELECTION PERTH - WELLINGTON CANDIDATES

- 1 Provide a brief bio. Why are you are running? What experience would you bring to the role?**
- 2 Is an election during a pandemic a good idea? If not, how could the money have been better spent?**
- 3 Have you received COVID-19 vaccinations? Do you support vaccine mandates/passports?**



JOHN NATER
Conservative Party



1 My wife Justine and I were both raised on family farms about a mile and a quarter away from each other. We are now raising our own three children in the same rural community and are proud to call Perth—Wellington home. For nearly six years, I have been privileged to serve as your Member of Parliament. My priority has always been the people I have the honour to serve. Going forward, my commitment to you remains clear: I will continue to work hard for every person, in every community, in every corner of Perth—Wellington.

2 There was no credible reason for the Liberals to call a summer, pandemic election. In fact, on May 25, 2021, all parties in the House of Commons agreed it would be irresponsible to do so. Unfortunately, Justin Trudeau decided the temptation of trying to trade his minority position for a majority was too good to pass up. Here in Perth—Wellington, there are many options where the \$500-plus million cost of this election could have been spent: rural broadband, water and wastewater infrastructure, roads, bridges, support for small businesses, and health care – including mental health and long-term care.

3 I am fully vaccinated with two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. For anyone hesitant about vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your family doctor or a healthcare professional. They are best able to answer your questions and provide you with credible information. The Conservative Party's position is clear: vaccines are an important tool in the fight against COVID-19 and we encourage Canadians to get them. We also support Canadians' rights to determine their own health choices. With rights comes responsibility. Additional safety measures such as testing and screening for those not vaccinated may be reasonable to protect Canadians.

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BRENDAN KNIGHT
Liberal Party



1 I'm a father and husband. Born and raised in Sebringville, I now live in Stratford with my wife and our two children. While earning a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo, I worked as a laboratory technician. Currently, I work at Queen's Park as the Executive Assistant to MPP Mitzie Hunter. As an active Liberal, I've participated in campaigns federally and provincially. My ongoing volunteer work is focused on the environment. I'm committed to fighting the climate crisis, funding childcare, building a stronger economy, making housing more affordable and standing up for LGBTQ and women's rights.

2 After 18 challenging months in a global pandemic, Canadians deserve an opportunity to decide how they want the country to move forward with economic recovery and finishing the fight against COVID-19. In the 2019 election, we couldn't have anticipated the issues we are facing now. Our people and small businesses need continued support to recover and thrive. This election is about choosing the priorities that will help people's lives return to normal. It's an opportunity to vote for a representative who's committed to supporting people and businesses while also fighting climate change and building a more sustainable and prosperous economy.

3 Yes, I've been fully vaxxed since June. I'm grateful to the federal government for procuring enough vaccines for every eligible Canadian and the local health units who run efficient and welcoming clinics. When faced with the greatest crisis in our lifetime, we are lucky to live in Canada. Yes, I support mandatory vaccination in federal jurisdiction and our plan to help provinces implement a system for vaccine certification. We need to understand and address vaccine hesitancy and ensure those with valid medical exemptions are accommodated. But we can't accept the harm caused by dangerous, anti-science misinformation.

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KEVIN KRUCHKYWICH
New Democratic Party



1 I am an actor, improviser, and entrepreneur. I was raised in Alberta where my father hauled cattle and my mother worked at the school board. My wife, Sara-Jeanne, and I settled in Stratford nine years ago. The pandemic has exposed cracks that have been in our system for some time. I want to be part of a government that works with communities to achieve the kind of change that supports everyone. I am a strong communicator and adept facilitator. As an MP, I would bring skills needed to connect communities to government, to find common ground and practical solutions.

2 No. The money should have been spent on helping communities manage the fourth wave. Whether that means support to schools to prevent transmission as students head back to class, programs aimed at reaching unvaccinated individuals, or to financially support individuals and businesses while much needed restrictions are still in place. As well, the needs that were there before the pandemic have only increased and that money could have gone to address those urgent demands. For example: mental health, opioid epidemic, climate change, and housing.

3 Yes, I have been vaccinated.
Yes, I support both vaccine mandates and passports.

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Green candidate unable to gather sufficient signatures; won't be on the ballot for Perth-Wellington riding

By Advertiser staff

PERTH-WELLINGTON – The Green Party's intended candidate for this riding will not be on the ballot for the Sept. 20 election as he was unable to acquire the necessary signatures supporting his candidacy by deadline.

Allan Hadley, who ran as an independent candidate in Ajax during the 2019 federal election, said the short time frame allowed between the dropping of the writ and the deadline made it impossible for him to get enough signatures this time out.

"When you call this type of election, right now, in our current situation, that means you only had a couple of weeks, not a couple of months, in order to gather what you needed in order to become a candidate," Hadley stated in an Aug. 31 telephone interview.

Elections Canada requires candidates to obtain 100 signatures, but Hadley notes they recommend candidates provide 125 to 150 names in case some are disqualified (signatories must be over 18 and legally entitled to vote in the riding).

Hadley said he responded to a Green Party appeal for candidates and with a candi-

date already in place in his home riding, he agreed to run in Perth-Wellington.

"I said I would do it, but I just couldn't get in done," he told the *Advertiser*.

Without a spot on the ballot, Hadley said he has no plans to campaign in the weeks between now and the Sept. 20 vote, but his major concern is to seek Canadians "reaching out in the world."

"If I asked you to name a Canadian global brand, could you do it?" he asked. "Canada needs to come up with something ... what are we sowing the seeds on now that's going to be paying dividends in the future?"

"Climate change is another forefront issue," said Hadley. "Governments around the world keep banging the drum to the people on the issue of climate change, and the importance of it, but I wonder sometimes, is the public really worrying about it?"

"Take the current pandemic we are coming out of. For the last year and a half, we've had to physically distance, queue up to get into stores, etcetera. But look at your community and see curbside pickup or drive-throughs. How many (extra) cars are idling away, because

you haven't been able to go into the store?"

"Our recent heat wave begs the question, how many cars are running to keep the air conditioning going? Further, on city, suburban and rural streets, how much garbage do you see on storm water drains, most of them right in front of people's houses, that are just lying there and eventually get swept into our water supply?" he asked.

While noting Canadians face serious concerns on issues such as housing, child care and increasing government revenue could be part

of the solution.

"We need to create some much-needed revenue for the government in relation to our ever-increasing public debt," he stated in an email. "How much money is Canada creating within its own borders? How much potential revenue leaves here, for elsewhere in world (namely a place south of us) every year?"

"The government collects taxes on goods bought, sold and produced here, not somewhere else. How can we create more here, that provides the government some revenue, aside from regular taxation increases?"

ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL ISSUES by video conferencing format

Sept 9th at 7:30 pm - Wellington Halton Hills
Sept 15th at 7:30pm - Perth Wellington

Email wellington@ofa.on.ca to receive a link to the meeting(s) or request a meeting recording. Any potential questions for candidates must be submitted no later than 2 days prior to the meeting to be reviewed by our Board of Directors.



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WAYNE BAKER
People's Party of Canada



1 Grew up a farm boy. Started a career in real estate, finishing as an independent broker in Cambridge.

In my mid 30s, left my career in real estate, and started as an apprentice tool and die maker. After serving my apprenticeship, I opened a small machine shop. In 2005, my wife Marilyn and I relocated to Arthur, where we reside today. Am still operating my business. I am past president of the Arthur and District Chamber of Commerce. Am involved in our local church. Participated in a hotly contested campaign in 2018 for a seat at Wellington County council.

2 We need to stop the narrative with regards to the global pandemic. It is a virus that is in our environment and is not going away, period. Let's start to learn to live with it, and get our lives back to the old normal. The sooner the better. With that out of the way, the federal government has been spending money at the rate of \$40 million per hour – yes \$40 million per hour. Holding an election that can potentially rid us of the insanity and gross mismanagement of our tax resources is an excellent idea.

3 It is between me and my health professional. It is absolutely not anyone else's business – not my employer, not my friends, not even my family. So short answer whether or not I have a COVID-19 vaccination is none of your business. Having said that, I think it is obvious that I do not support vaccine mandates and/or passports.

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