



News Release

Trades NL Launches “ASK YOUR CANDIDATE” Website

- **Encourages Skilled Trade Workers to Engage with Candidates during Election 2021**

January 27, 2021 - With thousands of skilled trade workers unemployed, Trades NL is launching a political engagement campaign that encourages their membership to question political leaders and district candidates on how their political party intends to get our skilled trade workers back to work, should they form government.

“We understand the solutions are not all quick and easy, however, we do see opportunities before us in the resource sector and on public infrastructure for good construction jobs that should be available to qualified Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Therefore, we are encouraging our members to ask their local candidates if they support the issues which are important to local skilled trade workers.”

- John Leonard, President, Trades NL

Additionally, Trades NL has written all political leaders soliciting the position of their Party on the following four issues important to members of the building trades, their families and communities:

1. Maximizing the number of construction jobs from resource development projects
2. Implementing a Newfoundland and Labrador Benefits Agreement policy
3. Development of the Bull Arm Site to attract work opportunities
4. Implementation of a skilled trades workers tax credit

“Over the last 30 years, our province has developed a world-class workforce by constructing, fabricating and maintaining projects. Now we are seeing increasing amounts of work from our resources constructed out of the country or by out-of-province workers, taking away good construction jobs from qualified Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Collectively, if we do not take immediate measures to secure these jobs for local residents, they will be lost from our province forever.”

- John Leonard, President, Trades NL

Trades NL will share the Party Leader responses as they are received.

Visit www.tradesnl/askyourcandidate to view the issues and learn more.

Visit www.tradesnl.com/nlba to learn more about NL Benefit Agreements.

Trades NL is an umbrella labour organization which promotes and coordinates the interests of 16 building and construction trades unions, representing more than 18,000 skilled trades workers in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. For 70 years, our craft continues to construct, fabricate and maintain some of the world's most complex facilities.

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