

## Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Hosting Local Candidates

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**FREDERICTON, NB** – The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce is hosting all four local federal candidates over the next month leading up to the election on October 19, 2015. The candidate presentation series is set to begin on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The candidates will present on the following dates:

- September 17: Matt DeCoursey, Liberal Party of Canada
- September 23: Mary Lou Babineau, Green Party of Canada
- October 7: Keith Ashfield, Conservative Party of Canada
- October 8: Sharon Scott-Levesque, New Democratic Party of Canada

“There seems to be a growing interest in the federal election - perhaps because the polls suggest it will be a tight three-way race to form government or the downturn in the price of oil or a combination of many factors” said Krista Ross, chamber CEO. “In any event, we are very pleased that all of our local candidates are keen to speak to the local business community about each of their parties’ positions on issues that affect the local, regional and national economy.”

All presentations will be hosted at Planet Hatch, starting with coffee and networking at 7:30 am, with presentations beginning at 8:00am, followed by an opportunity to ask the candidates questions.

“Because our primary goal is to inform our members about issues that might affect them and their business, we think this format - which gives each candidate their own presentation - best achieves that result,” added Stephen Hill, chamber President. “It is the same format we used for the provincial leaders leading up to the New Brunswick election last fall.”

The presentations are open to the public and free to attend. Interested attendees are asked to register on the chamber’s website ([www.frederictonchamber.ca](http://www.frederictonchamber.ca)) or by calling the chamber office at (506) 458-8006.

“We certainly welcome the general public to attend these presentations,” Ross continued. “As a community, the more informed and engaged we all can be, the better we can make collective decisions.”

In the coming weeks, the chamber will also release the responses to its “Questions That Count” series, which poses the same set of questions to each candidate.

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