PROVINCIAL ELECTION PRIORITIES
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The Town of Salisbury is a Municipality of approximately 7,800 residents in close proximity to the tri-community. In light of Local Governance Reform, the Municipality has expanded to encompass over 330 square kilometres of territory and has the vision of being a *community that feels like home*. With one of the most popular highway intersections province-wide and a more community-focused and affordable lifestyle than neighbouring municipalities in immediate vicinity, the Town requires provincial partnership to ensure that we can thrive.

Like other Municipalities province-wide, the Town relies on a close partnership with provincial counterparts to address priorities such as infrastructure, housing, and financial reform.

While the list of provincial priorities could be countless, Town Council has identified three primary projects as key goals for all candidates to be aware of in anticipation of requiring the support of the successful candidates after the upcoming election, which are:

1. That successful candidate(s) advocate for provincial-federal funding to finance a municipal water source in Salisbury.
2. That successful candidate(s) advocate for an expedited replacement of the P380 bridge in the 2025-2026 capital budget.
3. That successful candidate(s) advocate for provincial-federal funding for an indoor facility, including co-location with the replacement of Salisbury Elementary School.

In addition to Town-specific projects, Salisbury is joining fellow members of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick in calling for Municipal Financial Reform, a delayed commitment of the Local Governance Reform process. With additional downloaded services, rising costs, and increased demands, Municipalities require a more sustainable and equitable funding formula for the services that they provide. The Town of Salisbury and New Brunswick municipalities are asking:

1. For 1% of current ten provincial points of the HST be earmarked for municipal finance ($225B) by the next possible opportunity, being the 2025-2025 provincial budget.
2. For no more than 50% of the revenue from this HST allocation be used to finance operational grants, including a formula-based equalization scheme.
3. For the remaining funds from the HST allocation to be used for municipal infrastructure renewal.

The Town will look forward to working with all successful candidate(s) on ongoing provincial priorities, such as the replacement of Salisbury Elementary School, increased investment in roads and infrastructure in former Local Service Districts (LSDs), and the replacement of the WM-32 culvert.

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