



2018 New Brunswick Provincial Election Questions

1. How does your party plan to improve access to primary care services in New Brunswick?

A Green government would take 4 specific steps to improve access to primary health care services:

- a) Create 40 new nurse practitioner positions
- b) Allow nurse practitioners and pharmacists to bill Medicare for health services
- c) Eliminate the government-imposed caps on Medicare billing numbers
- d) Add eight new community health-care centres staffed by collaborative family health care teams, including mental health professionals and nurse practitioners.

2. What will your party do to ensure the implementation of a national, universal pharmacare program?

The Green Party supports a national, universal pharmacare program. In the interim, a Green government would eliminate the annual premiums for the New Brunswick Drug Plan for individuals earning less than \$25,000 and families of four earning less than \$40,000.

3. What is your party's plan for a comprehensive, long-term seniors' care strategy?

A Green government would increase training requirements and salaries for home care workers. We would also ensure home care workers and Extra Mural Program staff are communicating so there are not gaps in home care. We would immediately increase the hours of care for nursing home residents to 3.5 hours per day. With the goal of allowing seniors to stay in their homes longer, we would explore alternative housing models for rural seniors who find it difficult to remain in their family homes, but do not require nursing home assistance.

4. What will your party do to address mental health and addictions issues in New Brunswick?

A Green government would increase the mental health and addictions budget to 9% of the overall Health budget, as recommended by the Canadian Mental Health Association. This would double the mental health and addictions budget over four years, with a total investment of \$300 million.

5. What is your party's strategy to address health human resource planning and the current shortage of registered nurses in New Brunswick?

A Green government would create more full-time nursing positions to encourage nursing students to stay in the province after graduating. We would also ensure there are enough filled nursing seats at our universities to keep up with the demand.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Coon".

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