

Colter Simmonds – NDP

By David Shuman

Colter Simmonds says he wasn't ready the last time he campaigned to represent Preston. This time around, he says he found his calling.

Simmonds is running for the New Democratic Party for the second time. He is well known as a basketball coach, a youth advocate, and the founder of the We Will Win Youth Association.

In an interview with the *Cooperator*, Simmonds said he got into the race because he was told to run. Not by a party, but by his mother in the last months of her life. The night Angela Simmonds stepped down, his mother encouraged him to run, but he said no.

But after taking time to consider his mom's advice, he decided to run. When it came time to sign his nomination papers, Simmonds asked his mother if she still thought he should run. "She said no. And I was like 'what do you mean? I just went through a whole process of bringing myself to do this. She knew something, and usually people do and at this point in her life... She was worried that she wouldn't be here to support me.'"

Simmonds has spent years advocating for youth in his community and around the province. He says issues in the health and seniors care systems make life harder for elders, and building our young people is a long-term solution.

"It's the young people," he says. "I want to help young people see a future for themselves, so they stay within the riding and help the riding to grow—they stay within Nova Scotia and help Nova Scotia grow. So they'll be able to be there to look after their parents and their grandparents."

"We always say kids are the future, but they're also the present," he says. "They're also the leaders that will be there and support the elders. I think it takes some of the pressure off the system."

He believes an affordability crisis is making life harder for people across the province, but especially in the Preston riding.

Simmonds said that people are having to be "very selective in the things they purchase and how they are able to make things last." People have told him they're timing their showers and being more intentional with how much they drive to save money.

"There is no easy solution but there should be collaboration to look at ways to make necessary changes to fix the issue," he said. "Don't make empty promises." He wants to work with community groups like food banks to provide the support they need.

Bobby Taylor – Nova Scotians United


By Richard Bell

Bobby Taylor did not respond to our requests for an interview before this issue of the *Cooperator* went to press. If he becomes available, we will post his profile with the profiles of the three other candidates on the *Cooperator* website (<https://www.easternshorecooperator.ca>).

Elections Nova Scotia recognized Nova Scotians United as a "registered political party" under Nova Scotia election law in December 2021. The party's chair, Leigh Baker, has been a vocal opponent of the provincial Covid vaccination program, and posts opposing Covid vaccination are a regular feature of the party's Facebook page. On its website, the party platform has a list of "Objectives" that include reducing taxes, privatizing alcohol sales, "addressing human trafficking and sex crimes," and "Reject the Globalist Agenda."



North Preston Day had a big turnout on July 15, with a long line for the kids' favourite, a combined bungee jump/trampoline.... plus a colourful parade and an endless supply of hotdogs and snow cones.



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CORRECTION!

In July's Councillor David Hendsbee's article,
the MACPASS STICKER PASS SWAP paragraph had
the phone number incorrect.

Correct phone number is 902 463-3100.

Announcement

The Porter's Lake Seniors Club

wishes to invite Seniors in the area
to join our Club.

We meet each Wednesday
(excluding July and August) at 1:30pm
in the Porter's Lake Community Center
4693 #7 Highway, Porter's Lake.

We are a social, friendly group
offering friendship and activities such as
cards, bingo, music, meals and guest speakers.
We hope to see you on September 6 at 1:30pm.

For further info contact Kay Bruce 827 2065.



Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions

We are Lions!! Hear us ROAR!!

Where there's a need, there's a Lion



Oh, what a night! The **Getaway event** June 24th was a huge success thanks to the generosity of numerous local businesses and the tremendous support of the local community. The final tally for this single event **exceeded \$20,000**, money that will go a long way toward supporting our local community in the coming months.

Congratulations to all the winners with a special shout out to Bobby Sharp the winner of the Grand Prize trip sponsored by Maritime Travel and Tanya Jennex the winner of the diamond ring from Crescent Gold and Diamonds.

The evening included another heart-warming success with the donations made to the **fundraiser for Luc Comeau and Jade Petter** who suffered serious injuries following a collision that changed their lives forever. Your generous donations of **\$2,436.00** will help them as they face the difficult challenges ahead.

Like the many students who enjoy the summer break – the Lion's Club members are enjoying a much-deserved break from fundraising activities. However we do look forward to seeing folks, as we support the music festival August 5th, 1:00 to 4:30pm hosted by Musquodoboit Harbour Railway Museum, where Lion volunteers will be working the BBQ.

Although we take a break during July and August from our fund-raising activities, community support continues throughout the summer months. If you, or anyone you know, needs assistance do not hesitate to reach out; the Lion's Club is here to support the community.

Lion's fundraising will return in September beginning with Lions Crib, September 7th, 7pm at the Lion's Club, 43 East Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour. Remember if you are hosting an upcoming event the Lion's Club Hall is available for rent.

We can be reached at 902-889-2725 or follow us on Facebook. 

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Preston Riding

Carlo is a proud, lifelong resident of the **Preston riding**

A family man, community leader and family-business advocate, Carlo is committed to helping our communities and being the strong voice that they deserve.

Carlo's goal is to be an active and engaged Member of the Legislative Assembly for all in the riding of Preston. He is committed to addressing your concerns and making you feel heard. With your help, Carlo will set up a full service constituency office; we will call you back and address your concerns.

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*"I am committed to fighting for issues that **matter most to our diverse communities.**"*

