

Provincial Election 2020 - October 26, 2020

Plan to talk to candidates in the upcoming provincial election!

The pandemic is an opportunity to shift thinking, reset priorities and take action. **Please use this information as you question candidates in your riding.**

Issue: Ageism, Discrimination and Stigma

What is ageism?

Stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination against people because they are old.

QUESTIONS:

What strategies will you put in place to promote positive aging initiatives in Saskatchewan?

Will you work to support aging in place as a key policy direction that provides for a wide-range of health, housing and community based services for older adults in urban, rural and northern locations across the province?

What strategies and actions would you take to address deep seated, system wide ageism?

How would you collaborate with older adults to combat ageist attitudes and age discrimination?

Issue: Older Adult Abuse

What is older adult abuse?

Older adult abuse involves harm to an older adult within a trust relationship. Older people can be harmed physically, psychologically, financially, and through neglect.

QUESTIONS:

What steps would you take to address abuse of older adults who lack capacity by their substitute decision makers?

What will you do to ensure there is a provincial strategy that aims to prevent older adult abuse and ensures appropriate interventions when abuse does occur?

Issue: Quality of Life of Older People

All elements of quality of life for older adults are reflected in the eight World Health Organization's (WHO) age-friendly dimensions.

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation and Employment
- Communication and Information
- Community Support & Health Services

QUESTIONS:

Will you support legislation, practices and standards for safe staffing in home care, special care homes, and personal care homes?

How would you support housing innovations for older adults such as co-housing and intergenerational/multi-ability living options?

How will you collaborate with older adults and community organizations to create age-friendly communities in Saskatchewan?

Issue: Mental Health and Social Isolation during COVID-19

The most prevalent protection from risk of COVID-19 infection has been social isolation. Social isolation can profoundly affect one's mental health in very short time periods.

QUESTIONS:

How will you ensure that policies balance the risk of social isolation with the need to contain the COVID-19 virus?

Will you support policies within Long Term Care that acknowledge the crucial role of family caregivers as part of the health care team?

Issue: Human Rights for Older Adults

This pandemic presents a disproportionate threat to the health, lives, rights and well-being of older persons. It is crucial to minimize these risks by addressing the needs and human rights of older persons in our efforts to fight the pandemic.

QUESTIONS:

What legal frameworks would you support to protect human rights of older adults?

What steps would you take to ensure that pandemic responses do not negatively impact older adults?