



## 2025 Federal Election - All Candidates Meeting - Everyone Welcome

Hosted by the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce & Alberni Valley Transition Towns Society

**Date:** Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:30 pm

**Location:** RimRock Casino – Cathedral Grove Room (4890 Cherry Creek Rd, Port Alberni)

### Agenda

- 6:00 Doors open.
- 6:15 Candidates present themselves to the emcee to draw for order of speaking.
- 6:30 Call to order & emcee's remarks and reading of the rules and regulations.  
Introduction of candidates in alphabetical order.
- 6:40 Candidate Statements – each candidate to be given **two minutes** for their opening presentation.
- 7:15 Short break (optional).
- 7:30 Q&A period via Slido.
- 8:15 Summary by candidates – **three minutes** per candidate.
- 8:25 Emcee's concluding remarks.
- 8:30 Adjournment (ON TIME).

### Rules & Procedures for 2025 Federal Election All Candidates Meeting

1. Candidates should arrive early to the scheduled time of the meeting. Please present yourself to the emcee at the head table, promptly at least 15 minutes prior to the call-to-order. This is necessary to allow everyone to be present to draw for order of speaking and get mic'd up.
2. All candidates have equal opportunity to present material for the debate.
3. Meeting to be called to order promptly at 6:30pm Tuesday, April 15, 2025.
4. In-person candidates will be seated alphabetically at the speakers table and be introduced in this order.
5. Each candidate will be allotted two (or up to five) minutes to make an opening statement. The order will be determined based on advance by draw and the length by the number of candidates in attendance.

6. Candidates are asked to not interrupt candidates opening or closing statements.
7. During the Q&A period, questions will be received from participants in a pre-determined process. The emcee will direct questions to the appropriate candidate. If necessary, questions will be directed by the emcee to other candidates to ensure balance.
8. If required, the emcee should be given the latitude to rule out of order any question deemed inappropriate, offensive, or derogatory, or questions that seem to attack the integrity of the candidate or brings the chamber's/BoT's reputation into disrepute.
9. The emcee will encourage participants to minimize any pre-amble to a question and should interrupt participants who don't promptly pose a question.\*
10. The emcee will also rule "out of order" any person who attempts to use the meeting as a forum for expressing their own point-of-view on any issue rather than asking a simple and direct question. These meetings are times to hear from candidates on their views, rather than attendees who want to express their own views.\*
11. Questions to be submitted ahead of the meeting via this [submission form](#). Limited to one per individual to ensure wide participation from the attendees and hosts.
12. Candidates' answers will be limited to one to two minutes to ensure a wide discussion.
13. There is time for closing statements. The order will be the same as opening statements.

\*As we are not planning on taking questions from the floor, we will apply the spirit of this rule to any submissions received before the event and when we setup Slido, a platform for questions to be submitted virtually and the voters can indicate together which questions matter the most.

Questions are vetted prior to making it to the question list.

The Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to edit questions for clarity and fairness.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I submit a question for the candidates?**

Yes! Members of the public are invited to submit questions in advance.

- Please email your first and last name, with your question to: [info@albernichamber.ca](mailto:info@albernichamber.ca)
- Questions limited to one per person/per organization.
- Deadline for submissions: **April 11, 2025 at 4:00pm**

Questions will be reviewed and selected by the Chamber in partnership with Alberni Valley Transition Town Society to ensure a broad and balanced range of topics relevant to the business community and general public.

### **Can I ask a question during the event?**

Live questions from the floor will not be accepted, although a QR code for participation in the Slido app will be available.

Instructions will be shared at the event regarding how to participate in the Q&A portion, if applicable.

### **I don't have a phone/I am not comfortable using technology**

We will have pens and paper for residents to submit questions that will then be submitted on their behalf.

### **Is this event open to the public?**

Yes, absolutely! Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Will the event be recorded?**

Yes – The Scoop on Port Alberni will provide a recording the next day

### **Will the event be livestreamed?**

The Scoop on Port Alberni will not be providing a live-stream, we are looking to find another partner to provide this service.

### **Is this a debate or a forum?**

This is a moderated forum, not a debate. Each candidate will be given equal opportunity to respond to questions.

### **How does the Chamber ensure fairness?**

The Chamber is a non-partisan organization. All registered candidates are invited to participate.

Questions are selected in a way that ensures balanced representation of community and business concerns.