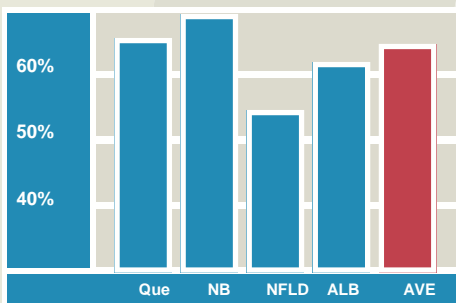


According to Elections Canada the turnout for the 2006 federal election was 64.7%. This means that on average over 120,000 Building Trades families did not vote.

## Participation is paramount

- Don't let others speak for you
- Voting is how you participate in Canadian issues and can have the greatest impact on the nation
- Treat your vote like your money and spend it
- **Are you working away from home?**  
**Contact Elections Canada and ask for a mail ballot to vote like you would at home.**
- Have you moved recently? Change your address in advance with Elections Canada.

### WHO VOTES? PROVINCIAL VOTING %S FIND OUT HOW YOUR PROVINCE RANKS!



CONTACT YOUR BUSINESS MANGER OR LOCAL COUNCIL TODAY TO HELP YOU GET ON THE VOTING LIST OR GO TO [WWW.ELECTIONS.CA](http://WWW.ELECTIONS.CA).



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election. Vote.



- Talk to the candidates
- Read party platforms
- All candidate's meetings
- Talk to your family
- Talk to your neighbour
- Talk to your co-worker

An informed voter is a powerful tool. Visit the Elections Canada website and get connected to all the political parties and candidates.

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## What are the risks of not voting?

The risk of not voting is Canadian working families get left behind.

### NATIONAL REACH

Your vote in Canada is very valuable. The system we have is much like in hockey, the team with the most pucks in the net wins the game. Elections can be won or lost on your vote and that can have national impact.

The risk of not being involved in the political process means your seat is empty when issues affecting your family and workplace are being discussed.

### LOCAL IMPACT

Your Member of Parliament can influence Canada.

If you are not on the voting list on election day you must:  
**1. Provide one original piece of identification** issued by a government or government agency containing your photo, name and address (e.g. **driver's license**). OR...

**2. Provide two original pieces of identification** authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada. Both pieces must contain your name, and one must also contain your address (e.g. health card and hydro bill). OR...

**3. Swear an oath and be vouched for by a registered elector** who is on the list of electors in the same polling division and who has an acceptable piece or pieces of identification (e.g. a neighbour, your roommate).

## New voting identification rules!

If we can plan for the next construction job we can plan for our future.



When you vote, you impact things like the Canada Labour Code, Federal Fair Wage Policy, the Canada Health Act and investment in communities.

When you vote you impact things like environmental policy and collective bargaining rights.

Call our Ottawa office to find out everything you need to know about your riding and how you can impact the country.

### REGIONAL VS. NATIONAL INTERESTS

Who is the candidate with your regional interests in mind?

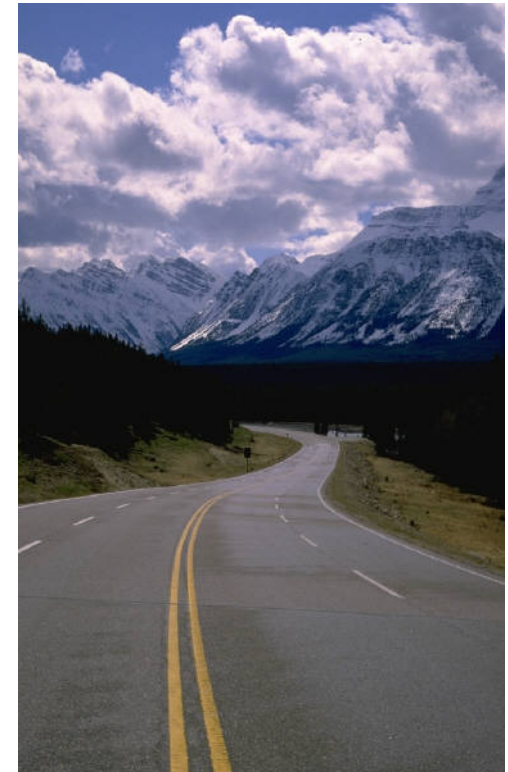
Are there candidates who are better than others?

Who stands up for you and your family?

Who's vision reaches beyond your region and has goals for Canada?

Who has vision to impact our industry?

Ask questions about issues important to construction.



### SINGLE ISSUE CANDIDATES

Beware of candidates who think like you do on a single issue but overall they may have very different opinions from your family's values. Find out what they stand for on a range of issues.

### STRATEGIC VOTING

Who could you vote for that would most likely win – and you could work with over the next four years?

### VOLUNTEER

Get involved and make a difference. Call local candidates and offer your assistance.

