

I want to commend all the engaged groups that make up the Partnership for Growth. Your passion and vision for bettering our province aligns with my belief in strengthening our local economy and ensuring its long-term diversification and sustainability.

My Progressive Conservative team is set to work with the Partnership - and all Islanders - to create an economic development action plan for our province upon taking office. This will be a priority within the first six months of being in government. It's opportunities like this that affirm my belief that this is how good government should operate - with the entire Legislative Assembly collaborating with Islanders to build an even better PEI economy, now and into the future.

Public engagement, good public policy and political leadership are key components for strengthening the shared priorities of our Island economy - such as innovation, infrastructure and quality of life.

Our Progressive Conservative team has been listening to Islanders. And I am proud we have developed policies and public investments that speak to these shared priorities. We realize, however, there is always more work to be done.

If elected, my PC government will reduce the small business tax rate from 3.5% to 1%, making it the lowest in Atlantic Canada, to spur competitiveness. We are also committed to supporting entrepreneurs across the province, to working with the private sector to attract capital and investment, and to driving innovation forward.

My team and I know the importance of investing in key infrastructure throughout the province. Delivering high-speed internet to all Islanders is one investment that is especially important.

The Prince Edward Island I want to lead has common strategic goals - shared with the public and private sectors - that align with our plan to enhance economic development, promote entrepreneurship, and advance research and development initiatives.

I know that through these efforts, we can improve the overall well-being of all Islanders and ensure timely access to quality programs and services around learning, health and our pristine ecosystem.

I look forward to our collaboration. As always, I believe: it's about people, it's about you, and it's about time.

Dennis King  
Leader, PEI PC Party