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By email:

Dear (NAME)

I am writing today on behalf of the several hundred civil servants represented by our union, the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC), who live and work in New Brunswick. Our membership in the province includes Crown Prosecutors, Crown Counsel, Legal Aid Services employees, agrologists and agronomists, engineers, architects and land surveyors, as well as veterinarians and veterinary pathologists. All have continued to provide critical services to the people of New Brunswick during this unprecedented period in our history, and many have been on the front lines of the provincial and federal response to the pandemic crisis.

To assist our members in making an informed decision when they go to the polls next week, I would like to ask you to clarify your party's position is on the following issues:

- (1) If elected, what will your party do to ensure an effective, well-funded provincial public service continues to be in place in the years ahead?
- (2) If elected, in light of ongoing health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, what will your party do to ensure the safety of our members returning to their regular work locations? And will your party support appropriate work-life balance accommodations for our members and their families given the continued uncertainty regarding what will constitute the "new normal" in the future?
- (3) If elected, will your party ensure that our members receive fair compensation that is competitive with those of their counterparts across Canada? As you may know, public service professionals in New Brunswick are currently amongst the lowest paid in the country.
- (4) With the move from a defined benefit pension plan to a shared risk pension plan, our members are now left with a retirement plan that delivers less and costs more. If elected, what will your party do to address this shortfall?

I would like to ask you to send your responses by email to president@pipsc.ca by September 8, 2020 so that I can communicate them to our members before Election Day.

No matter the outcome of the election, please be assured that as a non-partisan organization PIPSC is ready to collaborate with the next provincial government towards ensuring that New Brunswickers continue to receive the excellent public services that they expect and depend on.

Sincerely,

Debi Daviau
President,
The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada