

INDIGENOUS ISSUES DEBATE

Ktunaxa Nation Gymnasium

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

7:00 TO 9:00 PM

Come out and hear what candidates in the federal election have to say about Indigenous issues!

The Conservative, Green, Liberal and New Democrat candidates have been invited to respond to questions and comments about their parties' policy records and proposals, and about Indigenous issues identified by audience members.

While the focus is on Indigenous issues of particular interest to the Ktunaxa constituency, the audience will include both Indigenous and settler community members; and while Indigenous issues are our focus, they necessarily relate to other issues such as climate change – a major issue for many Indigenous peoples – which people may also raise.

The Kootenay-Columbia riding is in the traditional territory ('amakis Ktunaxa) of the Ktunaxa Nation. There are four reserve communities in the riding, and there is a large off-reserve Ktunaxa population living elsewhere on our territory, particularly in Cranbrook.

Each candidate will have 3 minutes to introduce him/herself and make an opening statement focused on Indigenous issues.

The moderator will then pose questions to all candidates, who may choose to answer, taking no more than 2 minutes each.

The debate will then be open to questions and comments from those in attendance; those too will be time-limited, and candidates can respond if they wish, as directed by the moderator.

The evening will contribute to voters' information about the parties and candidates, but also to the knowledge that candidates have of these important and often ignored issues.