



## **ELECTION 2019: QUESTIONS FOR LEADERS AND FOR ALL-CANDIDATES' MEETINGS**

***Dear Friend of Canada's Heritage: Thank you for posing these questions to federal candidates, at all candidates' meetings or when they come knocking at your door. You might not have time to ask all these questions, so pick the ones that matter most to you. Thank you!***

**Background:** Canada is the only G-7 country with no legislative protection for its national historic sites. The Government of Canada does not even commit to protecting the heritage properties that it owns itself.

National Historic Sites are places of national significance that have been designated by the minister responsible for Parks Canada. There are nearly 1,000 national historic sites. Of those, 750 fall outside federal jurisdiction (this includes the Château Laurier) and their protection depends on an uneven set of provincial and territorial laws. The recent Château Laurier controversy highlights the need for the federal government to step up to protect Canada's national historic sites.

And remember: saving heritage buildings helps us reach our climate change commitments. The greenest building is the one that is already there!

### **If elected:**

1. What are three concrete actions your party would take to protect Canada's national historic sites?
2. What three concrete actions would your party take to keep heritage buildings out of landfill? (After all, adapting existing buildings to new uses is 'sustainable' development).
3. What concrete action would your party take to protect the Château Laurier National Historic Site of Canada?
4. What would you require the National Capital Commission to do to protect the heritage assets of the Nation's Capital?