

## 2015 Federal Election Sport Questionnaire Ottawa

**Candidate:** Deborah Coyne, Green Party of Canada

**Riding:** Carleton

### Infrastructure and Facilities

**Question 1: There is an estimated \$17 billion dollar deficit in sport and recreation facilities. Are you willing to support a dedicated infrastructure fund for sports and recreation facilities at the community level? If so, what level of funding are you willing to dedicate?**

Yes. The level of funding would be determined in conjunction with municipalities in accordance with the Green Party platform paper on municipalities: <http://www.greenparty.ca/en/media-release/2015-06-07/greens-unveil-2015-platform-support-municipalities> and the platform background paper on infrastructure: "Eliminate the infrastructure deficit – Grow jobs and the economy" - <http://www.greenparty.ca/en/policy-background-2015/part-i>

**Question 2: There is also across the country a critical problem with lack of access to sport and recreation facilities for those with a disability. Are you willing to include support in the infrastructure fund for accessibility initiatives?**

Yes

#### **Comments:**

Yes. When approving funding for projects, we will work with provinces and municipalities to support projects that advance accessibility. We should also enact a Canadians With Disabilities Act to ensure more proactive measures are taken to enhance accessibility and accommodations for persons with disabilities.

### Amateur/high performance sport

#### **Question 3:**

**High performance sport brings international attention to Canada and helps develop national identity and pride. Potential high performance athletes are identified and initially developed through a system of community sport organizations. As the progression to high performance athlete occurs, funding requirements increase. Federal government financial support has focused primarily on high-performance programs and not provided financial support at the community level. On a scale of 1-5, (where 5 is very important and 1 is not important at all?), how important do you believe it is to provide additional financial support for high performance development to community sporting organizations?**

1 2 **3** 4 5

#### **Comments:**

We need to support athletes at every level. The Green Party will support the development of high-performance athletes both by encouraging broad-based participation in sport and by contributing to the

provision of essential facilities, coaching, and medical support for high-performance athletes, as outlined in the 2003 Canadian Sport Policy.

### **Sport for Development**

**Question 4: Participation in sport can offer many benefits to communities. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is maximum benefit and 1 is minimum benefit, please indicate how you rate the benefits provided by sport in each of these areas:**

**(Respond "5" for all)**

- Promoting health and fitness – 1 2 3 4 **5**
- Reducing youth crime – 1 2 3 4 **5**
- helping new Canadians feel part of the community – 1 2 3 4 **5**
- supporting the growth and development of First Nations communities through greater access to sport-based educational and social programs – 1 2 3 4 **5**
- Building character and relationships – 1 2 3 4 **5**
- Building community pride – 1 2 3 4 **5**

**In which of the above area(s) would you request funding for your community? Why?**

All areas are important for funding consideration.