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Electoral District	Conservative (1)	Pro PR?	Green (2)	Pro PR?	Liberal (3)	Pro PR?	NDP (4)	Pro PR?	Other (5)	Pro PR?
Banff-Airdrie	Blake Richards	N/R	Mike MacDonald	Yes	Marlo A. Raynolds	Yes	Joanne Boissenault	YES		
Battle River - Crowfoot	Kevin Sorenson	N/R	Gary Kelly	Yes	Andy Kowalski	N/R	Katherine Swampy	YES		
Bow River	Martin Shields	N/R	Rita Fromholt	Yes	William Alexander	N/R	Lynn MacWilliam	YES	Fahed Kalid (DAPC) Frans VandeStroet (CHP) Andrew Kucy (Ind.)	YES YES
Calgary Centre	Joan Crockatt	N/R	Thana Boonlert	YES	Kent Hehr	N/R	Jillian Ratti	YES	Yogi Henderson (Ind.)	
Calgary Confederation	Len Webber	N/R	Natalie Odd	YES	Matt Grant	N/R	Kirk Heuser	YES	Kevan Hunter (M-L)	N/R

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Calgary Forest Lawn	Deepak Obhrai	N/R	Judson Hansell	YES	Cam Stewart	YES	Abdou Souraya	YES	Matt Badura (Libertarian) Jason Devine (Communist Party of Cda). Max Veress (DAPC)	Yes
Calgary Heritage	Stephen Harper	N/R	Kelly Christie	Yes	Brendan Miles	YES	Matt Masters Burgener	YES	Steven Paolasini (Libertarian) Nicolas Duchastel de Montrouge (Ind.) Larry Heather (Ind.) Korry Zepik (Ind.)	YES YES
Calgary Midnapore	Jason Kenney	N/R	Brennan Wauters	Yes	Haley Brown	N/R	Laura Weston	YES	Peggy Askin (M-L)	N/R

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Calgary Nose Hill	Michelle Rempel	N/R	Laurie Scheer	Yes	Robert Prsic		Bruce Kaufmann	YES	Edward Gao (Libertarian) Faizan Butt (DAPC)	YES Yes
Calgary Rocky Ridge	Pat Kelly	N/R	Catriona Wright	YES	Nirmala Naidoo	N/R	Stephanie Kot	YES		
Calgary Shepard	Tom Kmiec	N/R	Graham MacKenzie	Yes	Jerome James	N/R	Dany Allard	YES		
Calgary Signal Hill	Ron Liepert	N/R	Taryn Knorren	YES	Kerry Cundal	N/R	Khalis Ahmed	YES	Tim Moen (Libertarian) Jesse Rau (CHP)	YES Yes

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Medicine Hat - Cardston - Warner	Jim Hillyer	N/R	Brent Smith	Yes	Glen Allen	YES	Erin Weir	YES	John Clayton Turner (Ind.)	
Red Deer - Mountainview	Earl Dreeshen	NO	Simon Oleny	Yes	Chandra Kastern	Re-fused	Paul Harris	YES	James Walper (Libertarian) Scott Milne, Pirate Party of Cda.	YES
Yellowhead	Jim Eglinski	N/R	Sandra Wolf Lange	YES	Ryan Heinz Maguhn	YES	Ken Kuzminski	YES	Cory Lystang (Libertarian)	N/R

Legend:

ProPR? means - ***Is this candidate in favour of Proportional Representation?*** 'Yes' means s/he (or their party) is, and **their name and YES** in bold face means the candidate signed the Declaration of Voters' Rights - Politician's Pledge before the election was called and Section 550 of the Elections Act came into play. Those candidates who answered positively to the five questions posed by FVC to candidates committing to ensure PR is introduced before 2019 (next scheduled Federal general election) are also shown in bold face. N/R means did not reply to queries.

Name in Italics mean the candidate is subject to confirmation by a Nomination Meeting.

(#) in Header - refers to the paragraphs below on the Party's Policy on Proportional Representation.

Party Policies on Proportional Representation

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| (1) | Conservative Party of Canada The CPC web site does not address the issue. Canadians for Justice states: "According to their policy, the Conservative Party does not support electoral reform". |
| (2) | Green Party of Canada: "... Canadians have had it with winner-take-all elections which class half of all voters as losers unworthy of representation. We are ready for democratic reform. The Green Party of Canada believes that Canada must change, immediately, to a proportional voting system that fairly and directly translates all votes into representation in Parliament..." More information at: http://www.greenparty.ca/en/democratic-reform and in detail at: http://www.greenparty.ca/en/policy/vision-green/government/democratic-renewal |
| (3) | Liberal Party of Canada: At the 2014 Policy Convention the party passed Policy Resolution 31 – Priority Resolution: Restoring Trust in Canada’s Democracy, which included the following:
"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT immediately after the next election, an all-Party process be instituted, involving expert assistance and citizen participation, to report to Parliament within 12 months with recommendations for electoral reforms including, without limitation, a preferential ballot and/or a form of proportional representation, to represent Canadians more fairly and serve Canada better".

Fair Vote Calgary notes that a 'preferential ballot' is NOT a form of proportional representation, so the resolution is to consider two widely differing voting methods. The preferential ballot is also known as 'Instant Run-off' or 'Alternative Vote' which tends to deliver an even less proportional result than the present Single Member Plurality, SMP, also known as 'First Past the Post'.

The full resolution may be found here:
http://www.liberal.ca/policy-resolutions/31-priority-resolution-restoring-trust-canadas-democracy/ |

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(4) New Democrats

Fair Vote Canada's questions and the responses provided by the NDP on behalf of all candidates:

1. Q: Do you feel the number of MPs elected to Parliament from each party should be roughly proportional to the number of votes cast for that party's candidates?

A: YES

2. Q: If an all-party/citizen process recommends adding an element of proportionality to Canada's electoral system, would you vote in favour of implementing these recommendations in time for the following federal election?

A: YES

3. Q: Do you agree that, if your party forms government or supports a minority government, you will advocate for public consultations to amend elections laws, and following this consultation, you will support reforms to add a suitable element of proportional representation to the election of representatives to our legislative assemblies?

A: YES

4. Q: If you were to summarize your current views on proportional representation in one or two sentences, how would you express it?

A: New Democrats are committed to making 2015 the last unfair election and we have put forward a clear plan to ensure that 2019 is the first election conducted under a mixed-member proportional voting system.

5. Q: If you are unsure, would you be willing to work with Fair Vote Canada to learn more about changing the voting system to strengthen our democracy?

A: See above. New Democrats are already committed to working with Fair Vote Canada.

In addition to the foregoing official comments from the New Democratic Party, a number of candidates have also expressed their own opinions in response to question 4. These will shortly be available on the Fair Vote Canada web site 'Where They Stand'.

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- (5) **Christian Heritage Party (CHP)** in its Platform <https://www.chp.ca/platform/our-better-solutions> makes no mention of proportional representation or electoral reform. However, Vicki Gunn, Executive Director of the CHP, in a personal communication included the following policy:
- "5:c. Proportional Representation**
"We affirm that the existing electoral system of 'First past the post' denies the 'level playing field' essential to true democracy. The CHP affirms that free democratic expression can most effectively be exercised through the application of true Proportional Representation in government".
- Democratic Advancement Party of Canada (DAPC)** states at <http://www.democraticadvancementparty.ca/where-we-stand/dapc-electoral-reform-policy-statement> that it would "Replace the "first-past-the-post" system with a system of proportional representation. The DAPC recognizes that the "first-past-the-post" system allows parties with minority electoral support to form a majority of the Canadian Parliament. Proportional representation, on the other hand, makes certain that a party with a majority of the Parliament represents the majority of the Canadian electorate. Moreover, a "first-past-the-post" system only factors in the votes of the winning candidate in each electoral district, whereas proportional representation allows most votes to count towards determining elected representatives".
- Libertarian Party of Canada** makes no mention of electoral reform in its Platform at <https://www.libertarian.ca/platform/> However in a personal discussion with candidates they indicate they are in favour of proportional representation.
- Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada**
Awaiting response, no information on web site.