VOTE 2019: WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

WE'RE USING ALL OUR RESOURCES TO PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION ON THE FEDERAL ELECTION, WRITES LEE ANN WATERMAN



It's about trust. Our re-

lationship with our read-

ers is built on transparen-

cy, honesty and integrity.

As such, we have launched

a trust initiative to tell you

who we are and how and

why we do what we do. This

article is part of that pro-

election day, Oct. 21, I want

to share with you some of

committed to telling the lo-

cal story while also tapping

As we draw closer to

Our journalists are

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into the wider resources of Torstar to give you complete coverage of the race at home and in Ottawa. Here is some of what

you'll find in the Vote 2019 section of this website:

Our reporters will be connecting with local voters to learn about their concerns or wishes for the future, and their expectations of their federal representatives.

We've already written a series of helpful articles on topics including how to vote if you're at school, out of the country or otherwise away from home during the election and federal government finances. You can read these and more online at www.theifp.ca or in a future edition of the Independent.

iPolitics INTEL, a nonpartisan Torstar-owned operation, has written profiles of candidates running in six major parties: Bloc Québécois, Conservative party, Green party, Liberal party, New Democratic Party and People's Party of Canada.

iPolitics used the following criteria when deciding who to include:

. At the time the general election is called, the party is represented in the House of Commons by a MP;

. The party intends to run candidates in at least 90 per cent of all Canadian electoral districts in the general election; and

. The party must continuously hold a 3 per cent (+/-1 per cent) approval rating from pre-campaign projections polls, which indicates that the party has a good chance of having a candidate elected.

The profiles will be available to registered users, using your postal code to filter candidates.

Our local newsrooms will ensure you also know about any other candidates - the independents or representatives of smaller parties - who will appear on your ballot.

We will host a live feed of the Oct. 7 leaders debate, hosted by the Canadian Debate Production Partnership, of which the Toronto



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Star is a part.

You can also sign up for The Lead, a newsletter curated by veteran political reporter Kady O'Malley. O'Malley, who writes for iPolitics, will endeavour to provide you with the latest happenings and detailed analyses - along with her thoughts on what the various developments will mean in the context of the ongoing campaign - in an unbiased yet unabashed a manner.

If you think there's anything we're missing, reach out to the Georgetown Independent's managing editor Karen Miceli at kmiceli@metroland.com, or contact me lwaterman@yrmg.com.

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