

COLCHESTER NORTH

Arthur Hartlen,
New Democratic Party Candidate



What is the # 1 priority in your party's election platform?

Darrell Dexter's "Better Deal 2009" has seven key commitments:

1. Creating the secure jobs Nova Scotia's economy needs. 2. Keeping emergency rooms open and reducing health care waits. 3. Ensuring more young people stay and build a life here in Nova Scotia. 4. Taking the HST off home energy and making life more affordable. 5. Fixing rural roads and keeping communities strong. 6. Giving seniors options to stay in their homes and communities, and 7. Living within our means as a responsible, thrifty, competent government.

What is the least important item in your party's election platform?

Darrell Dexter and the NDP are not offering billions in reckless promises — but a practical, balanced plan and integrated solutions to help Nova Scotia grow and thrive. All of our platform commitments are costed and affordable.

What is the most critical situation confronting rural Nova Scotians?

Rural Nova Scotia needs better opportunities for young people to stay in our communities and put down roots here. Difficulties in keeping schools open, finding professionals to staff hospitals and other public services, building municipal tax bases - many problems come down to our aging population, and fewer people entering the work force.

Many people say ER's are becoming nothing more than walk-in clinics. Do you favour closing some ER's and opening

strategically located smaller medical clinics with extended hours, which are staffed without MD's, but with medical staff trained to handle non-trauma medical situations? What will you do to improve access to Health Care?

The NDP believes keeping rural ERs open is a priority; so is engaging communities in finding the best local situations. Our platform includes targeted funding for DHAs to hire needed doctors, and ministerial accountability for ERs. Making wider use of Nurse Practitioners will improve access to primary care and reduce ER strains. We will also create teams to help people get ready for surgery, to cut wait times and improve health outcomes.

With dwindling rural populations, do you favour closing smaller rural schools, and transporting students to larger facilities many miles away, or do you favour refurbishing smaller schools and keeping them open, so students are closer to home?

The NDP believes that local schools have a valuable role in the social, cultural and economic development of rural communities. The NDP will provide stability for community schools and to do whatever we can to prevent unjustified school closures.

Why should people vote for you (not the party platform)?

As a retired plumber and CN Rail employee, I know the challenges working families and seniors face. I understand Colchester North, and why we need to keep young families — like my sons and grandchildren — here. I'm an avid sportsman, ATVer, and volunteer. I'm proud to be on Darrell Dexter's team.

CUMBERLAND SOUTH

Don Tabor,
New Democratic Party Candidate



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What is the least important item in your party's election platform?

Everything is our platform is very important to today's families, we are offering a practical, balanced plan and integrated solutions to help Nova Scotia grow and thrive. All of our platform commitments are costed and affordable.

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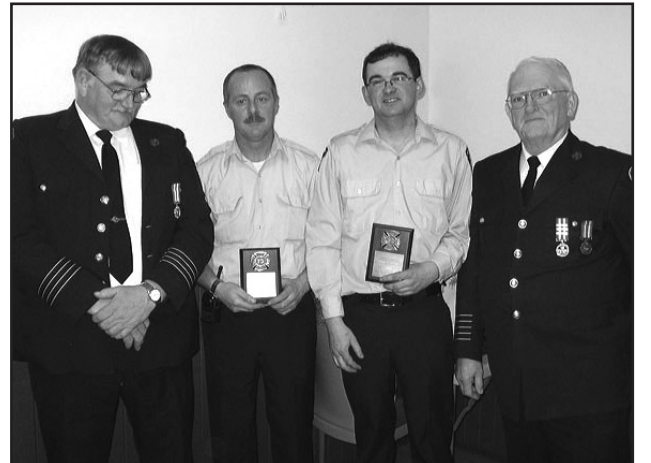
I have been employed with the Town of Springhill for 33 years the past 18 of those years as Town Clerk/CAO, which gives me a great understanding of finance and governance. Being born and Raised here I know Cumberland South inside out, and have volunteered with many organizations, the Springhill High School SAC, the Oxford Theatre Centre Board, the Adult Learner's Association Board of Mount Allison, The Anne Murray Centre Board ... and many other groups. I'm proud to be on Darrell Dexter's team and look forward to being your MLA.

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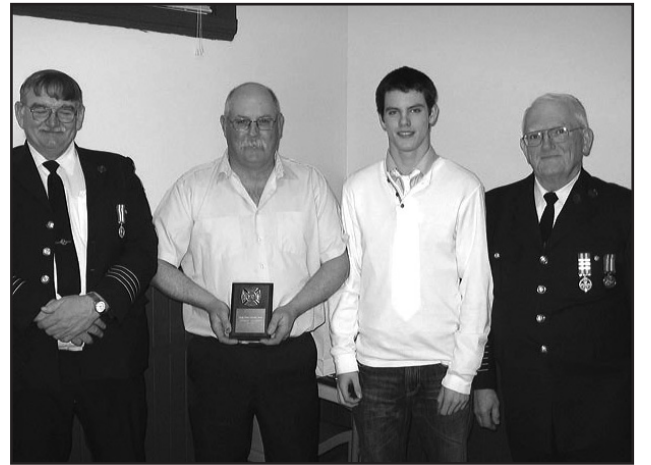
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Great Village Fire Brigade Awards**



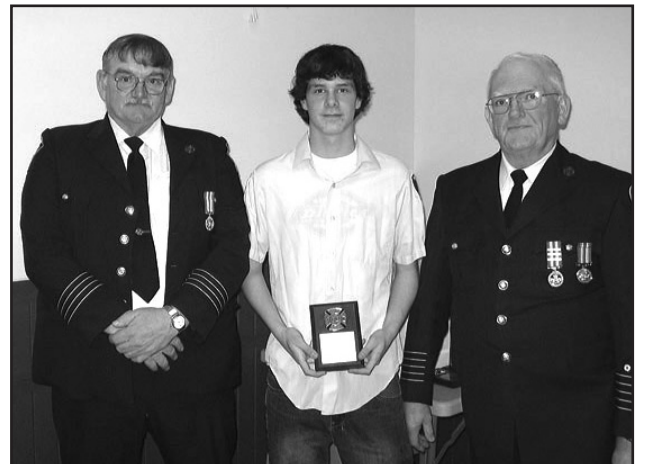
Roger Roode (deputy chief), Joe Slack (15 yrs service) Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Gordon Shipley, Gregg Kinsman (Officers of the Year) Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Douglas Congdon (Clade O'Brien Fellowship Award) Brandon O'Brien presenting the award, Dave Lundie (chief)



Roger Roode (deputy chief), Brandon Shipley (Junior Firefighter of the Year), Dave Lundie (chief)

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