

## Questions submitted by Food Matters Coalition for the All Candidates Meeting in Leeds and Grenville April 18, 2011:

1. In March 2010, 867,948 Canadians walked through the front door of a food bank, that's the highest use of food banks on record. In Leeds, Grenville and Lanark, about 8.2% of households have gone hungry because they do not have enough money to buy food. If elected, what will your party do to safeguard low-wage earners from hunger?
2. Canada is the only industrialized country without a national affordable housing strategy, what is your party's platform on affordable housing in Canada? If elected, will you support Bill C-304, a bill for a National Housing Strategy?
3. Parents cannot work or take training without affordable, high quality, secure child care, what is your party's platform on child care in Canada?
4. 40% of Canada's low income children live in families where parents worked all year but could still not rise above the poverty line, if elected, what will your party do to ensure workers receive livable wages and benefits to keep them out of poverty?
5. If elected, how would you support and promote local food security within Leeds-Grenville, ensuring the supply, access and use of a well-balanced range of locally produced foods?