

- **What do you believe is the most important science and technology issue facing Canada in 2017?**

*A lack of significant federal funding in science and technology.*

- **What do you see as the value of scientific evidence for informing decision-making at the federal level in Canada?**

*It is absolutely essential to sound science and good public policy.*

- **How would you address the concerns and recommendations raised by the Federal Review of Fundamental Science (the Naylor Report)?**

*I would implement the recommendations of the Naylor Report, including increasing annual federal spending on research-related activities, greater coordination of funding bodies, and the creation of an oversight agency to advise the government.*

- **How would you ensure government decisions are based on the best available evidence?**

*Canada must prioritize evidence-based decision-making in all areas, and allow experts to use their knowledge to help guide the government in making decisions based on the best available evidence.*

- **Do you believe that the role of scientific evidence in federal decision making needs to be strengthened? If you do, how would you go about doing so?**

*This requires real leadership from the highest levels of government. A Guy Caron-led government would make it clear from the outset that we believe strongly in evidence-based decision-making and that that ethos will inform our approach to every decision. Each individual government is responsible for creating the right conditions for sound science to lead our country forward.*

- **Do you believe that current levels of federal support for public science are sufficient to meet the federal government's responsibilities?**

*No. Public science has long been underfunded in Canada. I would change that by making the investments the Canadian scientific community has long called for.*

- **If not, what will you do to increase public science capacity at the federal level?**

*See above.*

- **What are the most pressing changes or updates necessary to science policy and/or funding in Canada?**

*We must immediately shift focus away from so-called "priority-driven" science to independent research, make significant and predictable investments in S&T, and overhaul the funding mechanism overseen by our research funding agencies.*