

Bruce Wark (BW) Saturday August 29 at 9:27 a.m.

Hi Heather, I'm a local journalist in Sackville. It looks to me that you are the PA candidate in Memramcook-Tantramar. I would like to interview you ASAP as part of my election coverage on warktimes.com My # in Sackville is (506)-536-1888

Heather Collins (HC) Saturday August 29 at 11:30 p.m.

Hello Bruce and thanks for reaching out to me. Can you please send me the questions via email to
heather.collins.panb@gmail.com

Thanks
Heather

BW Sunday August 30 at 8:56 a.m.

Hello Heather, Well, I would prefer either an in-person interview or one conducted by phone.

HC Sunday August 30 st 8:58 a.m.

Yes by phone, but you must have some questions to ask me and if so I would like to see them first please and thank you

BW Sunday August 30 at 9:09 a.m.

Heather, you may not know this, but many mainstream news organizations prohibit their reporters from giving out questions in advance. However, I will send you some general ones, but reserve the right to ask follow-up questions as needed for clarification. I would also want to record the interview for CHMA 106.9 FM, Sackville's campus/community radio station.

HC Sunday August 30 at 9:10 a.m

ok

BW Sunday August 30 at 9:13 a.m.

Thanks Heather. I appreciate it. I'll send you the questions by e-mail in about an hour.

HC Sunday August 30 at 11:33 a.m.

Bruce there is no way I will be able to do an interview today as I'm away visiting family and wont be home till morning

BW Sunday August 30 at 12:04 p.m.

When would you be able to do one? I'm tied up on Monday. Best time for me would be Tuesday morning.

HC Sunday August 30 at 12:17 p.m.

Tues I have to take my husband to Saint John for doctors appointments. Would Wednesday work for you?

BW Sunday August 30 at 1:50 p.m.

Sure Wednesday morning would be good for me. Says 10 a.m.? Meantime, would it be OK if I gave your e-mail address to Jonathan Ferguson, president of the Mount Allison Students Union? They're trying to organize an all-candidates' forum and are facing a time crunch, so they need to get it pulled together as quickly as possible.

HC Monday August 31 at 4:40 p.m.

Bruce I'm not going to be avilable to do this interview with you as I'm tied up with a lot of things around here with my husband and as well we lost our home to a fire back in may and still trying to get everything finalized with that. And then trying to get out and meet people in the riding is a big thing as well. Sorry for the inconvenience

BW Monday August 31 at 5:09 p.m.

That's too bad Heather. I was looking forward to talking with you. And, sorry to hear about the fire. Please let me know if you change your mind.

HC Monday August 31 at 6 p.m.

Ok no worries Bruce, just have a lot on my plate right now and don't want to get everything twisted. Our platform is very interesting and I will work very hard at

getting the voices of the constituents heard in the legislature in Fredericton. That's a promise to everyone

End of Facebook exchange

Here are the questions I e-mailed to Heather Collins on Sunday, August 30 at 10:09 a.m.:

Hi Heather,

I've been reporting on local issues affecting Sackville and vicinity since January 2016 when I moved here from Parrsboro, N.S. I mainly focus on coverage of Sackville Town Council, but I also try to provide as much coverage of election campaigns as I can. I'm a retired CBC Radio journalist — I worked there for 19 years and my last job was as National Reporter for the three Maritime provinces. I was based in Halifax. I then spent 15 years teaching journalism at the University of King's College in Halifax and retired in 2006. So, my local coverage is a hobby meant to supplement other media. Unfortunately, the local paper in Sackville, the Tribune-Post owned by the Halifax company Saltwire has suspended publication.

The purpose of this interview will be to introduce you to my readers. The questions are fairly standard ones and your answers may overlap. I'm seeking three things: information about your background and views; quotes for my Warktimes story and sound clips for CHMA. I'd like to do the interview by phone sometime in the early afternoon — say 1:30? — which would leave me time to write and post my story today. I'd need your phone number so I can call you whenever we agree would be a good time. One additional matter. The Mount Allison Students Union is organizing an all-candidates forum, so would it be OK if I gave your contact info to them?

1. What would you like voters in Memramcook-Tantramar to know about your background? (That could include your family background, occupation, age, political background and experience etc.)

2(a). I notice you live in Petitcodiac. Why did you decide to run in Memramcook-Tantramar?

2(b) Why did you choose to run for the People's Alliance of New Brunswick?

3(a). What are the main issues for you in this provincial election?

3(b). Two issues that three other candidates — Green, Liberal and Progressive Conservative — have been mentioning are the future of Sackville Memorial Hospital and the Memramcook Institute. What, if anything, do you have to say about those issues? (I'll paste in links to my coverage of those issues below.)

4. Although it hasn't been discussed much so far, the riding is considered especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change — especially freshwater and saltwater flooding. What would a People's Alliance government do to mitigate or lessen the effects of climate change/

5. Is there anything we haven't covered that you would like to mention?

Here are some links to the hospital and institute issues: <https://warktimes.com/2020/08/27/green-and-liberal-leaders-use-different-political-messages-during-sackville-hospital-stop/>

<https://warktimes.com/2020/08/24/local-liberal-candidate-maxime-bourgeois-says-rural-communities-need-better-services-not-cuts-in-services/>

<https://warktimes.com/2020/08/23/pc-carole-duguay-says-shes-the-best-candidate-to-fight-for-sackville-hospital-and-memramcook-institute/>

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