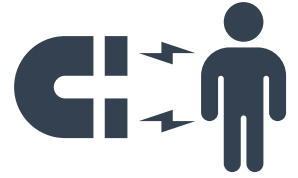


Tips for Attending an All-Candidates Meeting

Engaging local candidates

- Find your co-operative's riding at elections.on.ca
- Google your local candidates' names to learn more about them — their backgrounds, interests and individual platforms
- Follow them on social media
- Attend community events like BBQs and fundraisers hosted by the nominated candidates in your riding



Crafting your message

- Set your goals before the event or all-candidates meeting
- Research the parties — and understand their motivations
- Craft messages that speak to all parties
- Stay **unbiased and non-partisan**
- Keep it simple
- Ask: what's in it for them/the community/the province?
- Rehearse your delivery



Representing your co-op

- Make sure to introduce yourself and your co-operative
- Deliver your message with **brevity and clarity**
- Take a photo opportunity with the candidate(s) — and then share it on your social media channels!
- Take notes to share with your co-operative
- Follow-up with a thank you email or phone call



After the election

- Send congratulatory letters to all the successful candidates
- Conduct any follow-up from the meeting as required
- **Request meetings** at their constituency offices
- Continue to build a relationship with your elected officials — consider inviting them to tour your co-operative or attend one of your events

