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- Wetlands are still being filled and shorelines being cleared along our rivers, creeks and lakes. This practice affects the health of our freshwater and discourages other property owners from restoring and naturalizing their own shorelines. **What do you intend to do to better protect the natural infrastructure of our wetlands and shorelines?**
- The love of outdoor water sports is huge in the Ottawa Valley whether its whitewater rafting on the Ottawa and Madawaska, kayaking on local lakes and rivers, or swimming at local beaches. **What is your plan for investment in infrastructure to improve access to water in our riding?**
- Our climate is changing and there are widespread water quality, flooding and water management issues in the County of Renfrew but no single agency responsible for addressing these problems. Several non-government organizations have emerged but lack the capacity and funding required to address these complex, systemic issues on a county-wide basis. **Do you agree that this is a pressing issue for Renfrew County? How do you see addressing this governance challenge if you are elected?**
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