
Policy Matters: Adelle Stewart

Later this year, Canadians will vote in the 43rd federal election. Many non-profit organizations, networks, and coalitions see elections as a critical opportunity to raise relevant public policy issues. Recently, the rules for charities engaging in public policy have become a prominent source of debate and discussion in government and the sector. As we countdown to the next election, The Philanthropist [is asking non-profit leaders](#) what public policy issues are top of mind for them.

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What current election issues might impact your work?

Our focus as a non-profit is in rural mental health, and we are passionate about maximizing awareness, decreasing stigma, and increasing national support for all producers in the agriculture sector. Positive strides in awareness and support have been increasing from a federal perspective as of late and we are encouraged by that movement. Our hopes for the upcoming election would be continued perseverance in this topic, which would allow us to capitalize on our progress and work together as a nation to support our producers.

What issues would you like to bring more attention to in the election?

We are extremely pleased with the report presented to the House of Commons in May 2019. It provides a very in-depth explanation of the unique challenges presented to those working in the agriculture sector. A continued focus on support and outcomes of this report and topic overall is important to us. Our intentions are for cohesive efforts and results between everyone supporting and working towards increasing the mental wellness of our Canadian producers.

Where can we learn more about these issues?

[Do More Agriculture Foundation](#)

[Mental Health: A Priority for Our Farmers](#)