

Your Voice Matters: Participate in the 2025 Federal Election!

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Dear CBAA Members,

On Sunday March 23, 2025, Prime Minister Mark Carney visited Rideau Hall to request the dissolution of Parliament, officially launching Canada's 45th federal election campaign. With election day set for April 28, 2025, the race is on to determine who will lead our country through a critical period marked by economic challenges, international trade tensions, and the ongoing evolution of our aviation sector. As the Canadian Business Aviation Association, we urge every one of you—our valued members—to make your voice heard by getting out to vote, regardless of which party or candidate you support.

This election is an opportunity to shape the future of business aviation in Canada. While the campaign unfolds over the next 36 days, political parties will unveil their platforms and policies. We encourage you to consider how these proposals address issues vital to our industry:

- **Luxury Tax:** The current luxury tax on aircraft imposes an unnecessary burden on our sector, impacting affordability and competitiveness. We need a government willing to revisit this policy to support growth and innovation.
- **Regulatory Burden Reduction:** Streamlining regulations can enhance operational efficiency without compromising safety. A commitment to reducing red tape is essential for our industry to thrive.
- Access to Airports Across Canada: Ensuring equitable access to airports—particularly for business aviation—remains a priority. Policies that protect and expand this access are critical for connectivity and economic development.
- Strategic Aviation Review: Canada's aviation system requires a comprehensive, forward-looking review to address challenges and opportunities across the sector. We need leadership that will prioritize this initiative to secure our future.
- Aviation and the Environment: We call on the next government to invest in sustainable +technologies and practices that lower our industry's environmental footprint—ensuring business aviation thrives responsibly.

The CBAA is committed to advocating for these priorities, and your vote is a powerful tool to amplify our collective voice. Elections Canada is overseeing a fair and transparent process across all 343 ridings, and we encourage you to register, learn about the candidates in your riding, and

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cast your ballot on April 28. Voting is not just a right—it's a responsibility to ensure our industry's concerns are front and centre in the next Parliament.

As the campaign begins, the federal government has entered a <u>caretaker period</u>, a convention that limits its activities to routine governance and urgent matters. This means significant policy decisions—like those affecting aviation—are likely deferred until after the election. For the CBAA, this is a time to monitor developments, engage with candidates on our key issues, and prepare to work with the incoming government. Rest assured, we will keep you informed about campaign platforms and their implications for business aviation.

In the coming weeks, we'll provide updates on candidate positions, party platforms, and opportunities to connect with your local riding associations. If you're interested in hosting a campaign event or engaging with candidates, please contact us at membersupport@cbaa.ca. Together, we can ensure business aviation remains a priority no matter who forms the next government.

Get out and vote—your participation matters!

Sincerely,

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