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Kristen Rudderham is seeking the Conservative Party of Canada nomination to become the next Member of Parliament for the Cape Breton riding of Sydney-Victoria.

Kristen comes from Shandwick Street in Sydney, and is the daughter of Robert Rudderham and Geraldine Wall. She attended St. Joseph's Elementary School, French Immersion at Woodill Junior High & Malcolm Munroe Junior High, and graduated from the International Baccalaureate Program at Sydney Academy. She is also proud to be a life-long member of St. Joseph's Church.

With respect to politics, Kristen's family members are long-standing supporters of the conservative movement. She became personally interested in the role of politics in Canadian life after participating in model parliament activities in high school, and learning that her own great-grandfather, J.W. Rudderham, was an organizer for Robert Stanfield and Pinky Gaum, one of Whitney Pier's most loyal elected officials. In recognition of her contributions and potential for public service, Kristen was awarded the PC Women's Association Award at her high school graduation.

Kristen went on to earn her B.A. in Political Studies at Trent University, during which time she spent two years at the University of Freiburg, Germany, where she studied European market integration. She then earned her Bachelor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick where she was awarded the Dickson Medal for Outstanding Oral Advocacy. Kristen articulated with McInnes Cooper in Fredericton. She is pursuing a Masters in Laws in International Law at the University of Ottawa.

Kristen currently works as a lawyer in the Public Policy Practice Group at Fraser Milner Casgrain in Ottawa, where she provides strategic and legal advice to clients on regulatory and government matters and works in cooperation with Brian Tobin, the former Premier of Newfoundland and federal Cabinet Minister. Prior to entering the practice of law Kristen served as Advisor to the Leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Senate, and Senior Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the Senate, where she learned valuable lessons on how the nation's business is conducted through the nation's Parliament. These experiences also forged in her a powerful desire to represent issues so important to her native Cape Breton on the floor of the House of Commons.

Reflecting her commitment to community service and other personal interests, Kristen has been an active member of Rotary Canada; Equal Voice Canada; is a contributor to *Canada Meets Germany* (a private sector diplomatic initiative); and has represented Canada internationally in various sailing and debating competitions.

From a political perspective, Kristen has wide-ranging networks throughout Atlantic Canada, and through the Progressive Conservative and Conservative movements. She has been at the frontline of numerous political campaigns at the provincial and federal levels, where she has served in both leadership and supporting roles.

Above all, Kristen's most passionate desire is to make for a better Cape Breton and a better Canada. Through her academic and employment record, she has endeavored to learn the skills necessary to effectively represent her constituents in the nation's Parliament, and have their interests taken seriously in the nation's capital. As the Member of Parliament for Sydney-Victoria, Kristen will serve with integrity, honesty and sincerity.