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Dear Editor,

As another multi million dollar election looms over the horizon, I really don't have any idea who to vote for in this election. They say every individual of voting age should exercise their democratic right to vote which is a great thing. However, if our past elected ministers can't even get the basics right what are we really voting for? Are we voting them in on the grounds that we like the look of their face and you give a great speech, or my great grand father voted PC or Liberal and I will to? Newfoundland politics has seen its share of disasters in the past. Maybe we should really study a leader's character and what they actually do before we vote them into a six digit salary and opulent pension.

From an environmental perspective, I have watched these elected ministers pass the buck numerous times in regards to the environmental issues I addressed to them over the years. They have seemed perplexed and hard to find when a job really had to be done right and in a timely way. The simple solutions for environmental stewardship I brought to their attention could have been easily resolved and implemented if environmental safety took precedence over the political safe choice.

What kind of world are we going to live in if common sense is continually flushed down the toilet by our politicians? If the tax payer and common man are going to pay for such a service in the future maybe our politicians should show the electorate how they can actually handle the basics first. I believe anyone who can vote should do it very carefully and make an informed decision in every aspect of life. Also, we can never lose sight of the fact that it is our future generations who will have to pay the ultimate price environmentally and elsewhere for poor voter choices.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary