IT'S TIME TO THRIVE

A SHARED VISION FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY



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Nova Scotia is changing. We're growing, and a younger generation is ready to use their skills and energy to build their lives here. Canada's federal government has recognized Nova Scotia's potential in defence, ocean innovation, and renewable energy. Startups are moving to this province because they recognize our potential.

We're more than just Canada's ocean playground - ***this*** is where opportunity meets innovation.

My vision for Nova Scotia centres on trusting our communities. *We can capitalize on our resources without compromising the natural and cultural features that define them. Prosperity must be built on public trust.*

The Nova Scotia Liberal Party must offer Nova Scotians a Government with a clear plan to support economic growth throughout the Province, guided by four commitments:

- **Communities with Economic Choices**
- **Businesses that Grow and Compete**
- **Prosperity that Nova Scotians Feel**
- **Government Investment with Measurable Results**



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COMMUNITIES WITH ECONOMIC CHOICES

We will strengthen regional economic development, improve investment readiness and support the infrastructure needed to create opportunities throughout Nova Scotia.

- **Developing renewable energy resources through partnerships** with the federal and other provincial governments, Indigenous partners, universities, and international partners will allow us to responsibly expand our onshore and offshore wind, tidal, and solar energy capacity.

- **Building on community strengths to create opportunities** in areas like coastal zone research, historic or natural heritage areas, or specialized manufacturing will offer local opportunities rooted in local knowledge and resources.

- **Expanding cell and satellite phone coverage across the province** will enable communities to participate in discussions about their future. The service supports public safety, and is necessary for business operations in both urban and rural areas.

- **Developing an integrated transportation plan** will improve economic outcomes for Nova Scotians by working with municipalities to develop realistic transit plans and working nationally and internationally to anticipate future need for growth in our air and seaports, as well as road and rail transport. A Global Gateway Strategy could capitalize on our central geographic location within G7 nations to expand trade with Europe and other regions.

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BUSINESSES THAT GROW AND COMPETE

We will help Nova Scotia businesses modernize, improve productivity, develop new products, reach new markets and participate in emerging industries.

- **Directing a government-wide target of provincial procurement spending toward micro and small and medium-sized enterprises** will create jobs, drive innovation, and sustain communities.

- **Promoting Community Economic Development Investment Funds (CEDIFs) and other innovative financial models** to invest in community ventures will strengthen our communities by creating investment opportunities at the local level. CEDIFs like FarmWorks have demonstrated how this made in Nova Scotia approach can energize rural economic development.

- **Developing a Cultural Diaspora Strategy** will engage ambitious Nova Scotians around the world and connect us to opportunities across the globe. Organizations like Global Bluenosers have demonstrated the value of ex-pats in mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs, mobilizing international capital, and sharing professional expertise.

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PROSPERITY THAT NOVA SCOTIANS FEEL

We will connect workforce development to economic opportunities, support Indigenous economic partnerships and help local and minority businesses benefit from major investments.

- **Prioritizing inclusive growth by repairing Nova Scotia's relationship with Mi'kmaq partners** to strengthen economic development and enable our province to leverage local and traditional knowledge to support economic reconciliation.

- **Aligning with the Canadian Government's commitment to/funding for major projects** by investigating and advancing bold ideas that make good economic sense for Nova Scotia and provide returns on investment to citizens such as light rail, road infrastructure, innovative housing models, procurement models, defence supply chain development, and port infrastructure projects. Maximizing benefit for Nova Scotians will be achieved through workforce development initiatives and by considering the use of trusted partnerships trusted partnerships and well-structured P3 models to minimize cost and maximize benefit for Nova Scotians.

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IT'S TIME FOR GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT WITH MEASURABLE RESULTS

We will improve coordination across government, set clear objectives, measure outcomes and ensure public resources are used responsibly.

- **Enacting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** can ensure all regions of Nova Scotia participate and thrive in the province's growth. I would commit to developing a strategy six months after taking office, charting a path for Nova Scotia that builds on the *Bolder Ambitions* and *One Nova Scotia* reports. Sector-based plans for tourism, agriculture, fisheries, energy, defence, clean tech, and forestry will be central to the strategy, as will the development of a new office to drive strategy and communications.

- **Eliminating silos and implementing advanced digital solutions** across government, including through the establishment of cross-department teams, will foster collaboration and efficiency across the public service.

- **Re-activating the Nova Scotia Business and Labour Economic Commission** and expanding its mandate can help address geopolitical instability and identify new interprovincial and international partnerships.

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