IT'S TIME TO PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE

A SHARED VISION FOR THE PATH AHEAD



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Nova Scotia is a land of opportunity for future generations to come. For thousands of years, this region has provided for those who have responsibly stewarded these lands and waters.

But this government has squandered those opportunities. Reckless spending, corporate greed, and wilful neglect have left youth with fewer opportunities to grow their futures in Nova Scotia. There has been no plan for the future.

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My vision for Nova Scotia centres on trusting our communities to empower those who will come after us. We can build the future that will define our next generation if we listen to and involve those who will benefit from our legacy.
My government will promote Nova Scotia throughout Canada and the world. We will welcome investment by Nova Scotians and others to strengthen our economy in environmentally sustainable ways.

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

- **Strengthening our Education Ecosystem**
- **Safeguarding our Environment**
- **Funding our Future**

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IT'S TIME TO STRENGTHEN OUR EDUCATION ECOSYSTEM

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Under my leadership, the Nova Scotia Liberal Party will:

- **Improve P-12 Education Outcomes related to Democracy.** Create a required curriculum in Canadian democratic government, including our multi-tiered political system - Indigenous, municipal, provincial, and federal. Improved understanding will reduce apathy, enable young people to make informed decisions, reduce barriers to participation in government at all levels, and build a more productive and respectful political dialogue.

- **Invest in Early Years to Improve Early Development Instrument Outcomes** so our youngest citizens are set up for success as they enter the P-12 education system.

- **Support staff and student safety, equity, diversity, and inclusion** by working with educators and families to implement strategies and best practices in Nova Scotia classrooms.

- **Reverse the disastrous effects of Bill 12**, restoring NSCC's independence and removing government meddling from university Boards. My government will ensure these institutions are accountable while retaining the academic freedom they've built over 300 years of serving Nova Scotians.

- **Undertake the most ambitious investment in campus housing infrastructure in decades.** Rooted in evidence-based demand, my government will work with post-secondary institutions, municipalities, the federal government, and private sector to build strong campus communities, including apartment-style residences on campuses across Nova Scotia, to free up housing stock.

- **Bolster public-private partnerships that build on Nova Scotia's strengths to create investment in our province.** Research groups like the Dahn Research Group have pioneered cutting-edge battery research at Dalhousie University, the Verschuren Centre's success in commercializing bio-technology, or Acadia University's Laboratory for Agri-Food and Beverage which has catalyzed rural economic investment.

- **Focus on youth mental health.** Ensure access to appropriate mental health services in schools and communities across the province and fund research to address the causes of mental health issues in young people.

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IT'S TIME TO
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Under my leadership, the Nova Scotia Liberal Party will:

- **Strengthen Nova Scotia's food security through the development of climate adaptation plans** with farmers and fishers, such as a dykeland resilience strategy and harbour infrastructure improvements. My government will protect communities and public land, plan infrastructure against future climate realities, and combine engineered infrastructure with nature-based solutions to respect public dollars and build coastal resilience. We will move from project-by-project approvals to a focus on long-term economic development, ensuring that the next generation of Nova Scotian food producers are protected from worsening storms and rising seas.

- **Support Future Farmers and Fishers** by developing mechanisms for succession planning efforts and enabling nature-based solutions where feasible. My government will make the transition to the next generation easier and support smaller farms across Nova Scotia in building their capacity.

- **Work with Mi'kmaq Rights Holders to Honour Nova Scotia's Protected Areas Commitment.** The Houston government has missed its chance to hit its legislated target of 20% protected land by 2030. My government will balance this commitment with responsible economic development to steward our shared resources.

- **Protect our Parks by updating the Provincial Parks Act.** My government will balance public recreation and environmental stewardship in revised legislation to ensure our parks are never at risk from corporate interests. We will undertake public consultations to adopt a respectful, evidence-based, and democratic approach to governance of our provincial parks.

- **Responsible Industrial Development.** My government will scrutinize proposed large-scale industrial developments to put people and environment first and ensure that economic gains are not made at the expense of our natural environment or culture. We will consistently apply and/or strengthen existing regulatory safeguards, enact legislation, encourage equity-level participation for Indigenous communities, and ensure Nova Scotians can participate in broader ethical conversations about the right form of economic development in their communities.

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FUND OUR FUTURE

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Under my leadership, the Nova Scotia Liberal Party will:

- **Create a Nova Scotia Heritage Savings Trust Fund** to support our communities. My government will directly address the disastrous cuts made by the Houston government to libraries, NGOs, and public services by directing the royalties of wind energy projects like Wind West towards their long-term funding. My government will responsibly steward these profits and invest them in community-based organizations, ensuring consistent year-over-year investment in the organizations that keep our communities strong.

- **Grow our population to fund necessary infrastructure investments.** Nova Scotia's tax base is dwindling, and for our province to thrive into the 2030s, we must grow our population to drive our economy and reduce our deficit. My government will responsibly grow our population by working with municipalities to design growth programs that work for each community with a focus on place-based responses to housing that considers the different infrastructure needs (including housing) in our rural, urban and suburban neighbourhoods. I will also make it a priority to address immigration caps with the federal government for Nova Scotia in collaboration with other Atlantic provinces.

- **Grow our Film and Television Industry.** Major productions like Little Lorraine, The Lighthouse, FROM, and Washington Black have showcased how our province can punch above its weight in film and television. My government will grow our artistic community, invest in larger sound stages, and explore greater tax credits for film and television, ensuring aspiring creative Nova Scotians can build their future here. Strategic investments in this sector will transform Nova Scotia from a film destination to a film sector that drives tourism, investment, employment, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

- **Support Access to Capital and Supports for Young Entrepreneurs.** Accessing capital continues to be a challenge in Nova Scotia, particularly for women who receive less than 10% of venture capital invested in this province. My government will foster coordination of the myriad programs for youth that offer seed funding, along with mentoring, training, and other support to assist young people with good business ideas to get started.

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