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On Monday, June 30, 1999, the Nova Scotia Party achieved Party status. we have 16 candidates declared, 6 nominated as at July 1, 1999

Tired of seeing life-changing laws passed without your approval?

Tired of being ignored by those who were elected to represent you?

Tired of paying more taxes and receiving fewer services?

Tired of feeling powerless to change the system?

The Nova Scotia Provincial Party was formed by the Democratic Change Association, created in January 1995, by concerned citizens just like **YOU**.

Like **YOU**, we love Nova Scotia, but we know the realities. Nova Scotians, especially the young, are leaving our province to find work. Existing taxes are rising as the services they are supposed to pay for are cut. New taxes appear digging deeper into our own personal budgets. All of this is happening in a province of unlimited economic and resource potential, **OUR** province.

But what can we do? The Nova Scotia Provincial Party wants **REAL CHANGE**. If elected, that's what you'll get. This we guarantee! But **REAL CHANGE** can't happen by itself. The Nova Scotia Provincial Party can't do it alone.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Party wants everyone who cares about **OUR** province to get involved. We want to hear from Nova Scotians of all professions, backgrounds and former political affiliations so **EVERYONE** will be represented. Whether you run for election, join NSPP, help form policy or donate funds or time to NSPP, **YOU** can make a big difference. Be part of the solution.

Help shape the future of Nova Scotia
Join the Nova Scotia Provincial Party
Today!

Interactive Democracy In Action

We have a unique policy process where we want to hear our members and all Nova Scotians opinions. From time to time we will be adding polls on various subjects in this section.

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Party Platform

Annual General Meeting

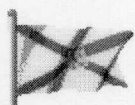
Our first Annual General meeting has been scheduled for June 19th in East Chester.

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Want to receive our newsletter by email?
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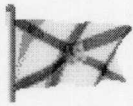
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Our Leader

The Nova Scotia Provincial Party elected Jack Friis at
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Making Sure We Have A
Healthy Environment for
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Members

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As our policy is developed at the membership level it is continually evolving and being updated. If you have an issue you would like examined please send an email to policy@nspparty.ns.ca

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POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1. Issue identification

Issues may be brought forward by any member of the NSPP, member of the general public, or any organization in Nova Scotia.

2. Prioritization of issue

Criteria:

Criteria:	Minor 1	Moderate 2	Significant 3	Important 4
Membership interest				
Issue has impact on the province				
Issue has impact on many ridings				
Issue requires attention				
Issue has high impact on one or more individuals				
Other (describe)				

Issues identified as having a high priority (4 or 5) will be dealt with first. Issues having a lower priority may or may not be handled at the same time depending on member interest and involvement.

3. Tasking and Research

In each case, the issue will be assigned to one or more members of the NSPP to ensure that the needed research is either collected or completed. Members shall be responsible for gathering all of the relevant facts about each issue and shall only attempt to draft policy after the relevant facts are known.

4. Policy Proposals

All policy proposals shall be prepared as follows:

Outline of policy alternatives considered

Concise statement of proposed policy

Balanced arguments for and against the policy

All policy proposals shall be discussed at regular NSPP meetings and a decision made as to whether or not to proceed with the policy to the General Meeting at these meetings. At all times, members present shall have the following options:

- 1) to abandon the draft policy
- 2) to refer the draft policy for further research
- 3) to accept the draft policy for the agenda of the next General Meeting

5. Policy Approval

All policies must be approved by a simple majority (50% + 1) of members present at any General Meeting that may be called.



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GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICIES



1. INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE

A viable, responsive and reliable health care system that meets the needs of Nova Scotians Interim assistance to those in need to help them get on their feet (including access to health care, timely, appropriate and effective professional assistance, financial assistance, shelter and food)

Improving the quality of and access to the educational system

Creation of a climate conducive to full employment

Responsive government

Respect and dignity for each and every person

2. MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE

Environmental protection

Sustainable development

Ensuring that policies around environmental protection and sustainable development do not work to exclude the participation of independent business people.

3. HAVING THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO DO IT

Streamlining and restructuring of the provincial government to focus on the needs of the local/regional and business client population(s)

Elimination debt and elimination of deficit financing and ensuring that people who work within government have the incentives necessary to encourage decisions that are in the public interest as opposed to their own interests.

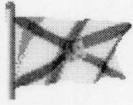
Reduction of taxes.

4. A NEW APPROACH TO POLITICAL WORK

Candidates for provincial election should be free to decide the amount and extent of their campaign and not forced into significant expense. Similarly, they should be free to determine whether or not to campaign door to door or whether to take out one or more ads in local or provincial papers.

Candidates will forego reimbursement of any election expenses by the public.

Code of conduct for all members.



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INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE

5.1.1 A viable, responsive and reliable health care system that meets the needs of Nova Scotians

The NSPP supports decision making about health care that is closest to the clients of the system. The Party believes that two areas of emphasis are required:

- 1) Community health (i.e. health services to the community, preventive health care, physical and mental care, elder care, etc.) must be a priority. The reward system for health care professionals should be geared to community health as well as to critical care. Healthy living must be promoted to prospective parents and young children as well as to adults. The educational system needs to move to support curriculum development in this area. For those with limited economic means, money must be made available to ensure access to preventive health programs such as preventive dental care from a young age.
- 2) There will always be a need for critical care and part of the reward system for health care professionals must therefore continue to be geared to this area. For example, there should be some financial incentives for the use of technology by rural doctors.

The Province needs to look at success stories from other jurisdictions, such as the Home Care Program in New Brunswick and learn from them. It also has to encourage the optimal use of technology to help deliver health care.

In cases where the health care professions fail to provide needed support to

communities, in the eyes of the community, the NSPP would move to change the reward system to ensure responsiveness.

5.1.2 Interim assistance to those in need to help them get on their feet (including access to health care, timely, appropriate and effective professional assistance, financial assistance, shelter and food)

The NSPP believes that the cost of failing to assist individuals in need at an early stage is more costly to society than existing assistance programs such as Social Assistance, Employment Insurance, disability and accident insurance, medical and dental insurance, and other similar programs. There is an undue reliance on programs targeted to groups that do not meet the needs of the individual in his/her particular circumstances. The NSPP favours a unique per person budgeting approach that would allow for the setting up of an account for each individual that could be tapped into on an as needed basis using forms of financial assistance most suitable to the individual's needs. This budget would be in the form of small non interest loans, non repayable loans, or grants depending on the situation. The obstacle(s) facing the individual would be identified between the individual and an experienced counselor. The level of assistance would depend on the degree of ownership the individual is willing to exert and the community support available.

A referral would then be made to secure needed expertise in whatever area is required. For example, if the problem is cash shortage, referral to a financial specialists would be made. If the problem is unemployment, the individual would be referred to a private sector human resource specialist for a skills assessment. In each case, the counselor or referral agent would be tasked with reporting back providing a cause-effect analysis and recommended solutions. This information, minus confidential information about any individual, would then be collected and analyzed so that preventive strategies can be developed over time.

The analogy for this program in the employment context would be the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) or the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP). Funding for this program would come from existing federal and provincial assistance programs. An initial infusion of money would be required to get the program off the ground, but the program would be required to pay for itself and show a return on investment after five years of operation.

5.1.3 Improving the quality of, access to, and efficiency of the educational system

The system currently rewards throughput, i.e. how many students make it through the system over the current required number of years. The NSPP would change the system to reward results based on objective testing against a standard in the areas of literacy, numeracy, science, computer literacy, and social skills. The NSPP favours a change from the current age and money driven educational system to a results based system where participation is not based on age or how much money a person has. Individuals with knowledge, experience and social skills gained through non traditional methods such as work experience, reading and applying knowledge, etc. would be encouraged to go through standard testing to establish their standing for personal and professional development purposes. Once the basics have been covered, the educational system could move to expand these services to other areas of

interest to communities, individuals and employers.

Funding for research projects would be restricted to those projects carrying the highest level of interest to the public. For example, the public might be interested in a project to establish what happens to graduates with the highest level of achievement in Nova Scotia. Are we exporting our best and brightest?

5.1.4 Creation of a climate conducive to full employment

The NSPP believes that government's job is not to provide jobs but to create a climate conducive to full employment. The Party believes that it is possible for all individuals to participate fully in the labour market. Most of the unemployment problem will be solved with needed changes to our educational system in that people will have the requisite skills to fill vacancies that exist in the knowledge based, information technology and service economies. Other initiatives that will be encouraged will include job sharing, work at home, home parenting and teaching, child care, work experience, flexibility to work part time for those who want to, and any activity that can contribute to healthier, more vibrant communities.

The NSPP believes that the government should work to make the Province attractive to employers and actively participate in the marketing of the Province to prospective employers.

5.1.5 Responsive government

The NSPP believes that the public will be better served through a public service with fewer government departments and greater accountability for results. The Party would restructure the provincial government into no more than seven or eight envelopes including:

1. marketing and economic development
2. people
3. physical asset management (buildings, roads, equipment)
4. information and information technology
5. environment
6. administration
7. finance

This structure would encourage one-stop shopping. Each department would be responsible for developing asset management plans linked to all other asset management plans, and working with other levels of government to eliminate

duplication of effort and waste. All systems would be examined from the ratepayers' point of view for desired results and ease of use. All non value activity, as determined by ratepayers, would be abandoned in favour of value added activity.

5.1.6 Respect and dignity for each and every person



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MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE



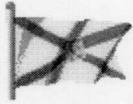
5.2.1 Environmental protection

The NSPP believes that the environment is the envelope in which all of us must live. If the envelope is torn or spoiled, it cannot support people. For this reason, the NSPP would place the highest priority on protection of the environment.

5.2.2 Sustainable development

The NSPP also believes that it is possible to mitigate the risk of environmental damage, preserve the environment and derive economic benefit from the careful exploitation of the Province's natural resources. The NSPP would take a long term approach on all environmental issues.

5.2.3 Ensuring that policies around environmental protection and sustainable development do not work to exclude the participation of independent business people



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HAVING THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO DO IT



5.3.1 Streamlining and restructuring of the provincial government to focus on the needs of the local/regional and business client population(s)

The restructuring plan proposed above would result in a smaller provincial government than we have now. It is proposed that the size of the provincial government be reduced through attrition instead of through financial packages. The reward system for public servants would be changed to focus on effective and efficient client-oriented operations. Public servants would be encouraged to consult with their clients and reach agreement on desired service levels, standards and results, including cost of service.

Over time, the NSPP would delegate as many service functions as possible to the private and not for profit sectors, reserving regulatory functions, inspection, program evaluation and audit functions.

5.3.2 Elimination debt and elimination of deficit financing and ensuring that people who work within government have the incentives necessary to encourage decisions that are in the public interest as opposed to their own interests

The NSPP believes that in order to manage the Province's financial resources, qualified and capable financial expertise must be acquired and retained. The NSPP would therefore ensure that the financial portfolio is supported by a team of qualified financial experts with the ability to see the larger picture.

The government and public service managers will be held accountable for bringing forward balanced budgets and optimizing their budgets.

With respect to municipal issues, the NSPP would first place all of the pertinent facts before ratepayers and then proceed to referenda on any major changes under consideration that would have an impact on them.

5.3.3 Reduction of taxes

The NSPP believes that the application of the above policies will enable the provincial government to realize savings in the longer term and that it would be possible to see actual tax decreases after five years.

5.3.4 Tendering based on Merit

The NSPP believes that all tendering should be based on merit, regardless of personal or political affiliation, and that price should only be one of many considerations in tendering. The NSPP would institute a tendering system based on price/value relationships.



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A NEW APPROACH TO POLITICAL WORK

5.4.1 Informing the Public about the Party



The NSPP believes that many Nova Scotians would welcome a new approach to political work. The NSPP proposes to avoid putting down other politicians and political parties.

Instead, the Party proposes to make its policies, principles, constitution, and by-laws available to any Nova Scotian who is interested in them and to make sure that Nova Scotians are aware that there is an alternative that is the NSPP. This would be accomplished through newspaper advertising, press releases, and use of the Internet. The most economical ways of reaching the public would be used.

Each candidate will be free to determine the manner of his/her campaign. The public will not bear the cost of any campaign expenses and each candidate will be free to determine the manner of his/her campaign and the amount of money that will be spent on that campaign.

5.4.2 Party Platform

The NSPP would release its platform during any election and use that platform as a basis for measuring performance when elected.

5.4.3 Referenda on Important Issues

The NSPP believes that the public should actively participate in decision-making. Referenda would therefor be used on major issues.

5.4.4 Annual Report Card

The NSPP believes that ratepayers have the right to know how their government has performed against their expectations (ie. against the Party's platform as represented to the public during the election). The NSPP would produce a report card in conjunction with the annual tax process providing the public with feedback in a format that is clear, accurate and comprehensive.

5.4.5 Accountability

The role of the Auditor general will be expanded to ensure that this position has the independence needed to objectively comment on government operations, to report cases of waste and inefficiency in government, to initiate the laying of criminal charges if deemed necessary, to protect "whistle blowers", and generally to ensure that appropriate management reporting systems are in place and that government and civil servants will be held accountable.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

September 20, 1997



Since we are a new Party, we do not have a large membership. As a result, what each of us says and does about the Party will significantly influence public perception about the Party. For this reason, the Party is asking all members to consider adopting the following code of conduct:

1. Members recognize Jack Friis as the Party's official spokesperson. Questions or requests for information about the Party's policies, views, status, etc. can best be answered by the Party's spokesperson and the President.
2. In all of our dealings with the public and members of other political parties, we will refrain from expressing negative views about other political parties and their representatives. We recognize that these parties represent the views of other Nova Scotians and therefore deserve consideration and respect. We shall deal with issues only, not personalities and shall advocate the Party's stated position on these issues.
3. During meetings, we will observe professional standards of behaviour at all times, allowing others the opportunity to speak and be heard without interruption, and taking care to say what we have to say without taking up excessive meeting time.
4. We will not use the Party as a platform to air personal grievances or to promote personal causes.
5. We will make every effort to hear the views of those members less inclined to speak.

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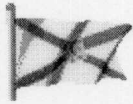
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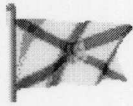
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Candidate Requirements

The candidate must have or acquire:

1. Good knowledge of the organization of the NSPP, its principles, constitution and by-laws
2. Good knowledge of NSPP policies and policy making process
3. Excellent knowledge of the constituency, its people and organizations, its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges
4. Good knowledge of the provincial government organization and how it works at all levels
5. Good knowledge of protocol

The candidate must be able to:

1. communicate effectively orally and in writing, with an emphasis on listening
2. establish and maintain effective working relationships
3. liaise effectively with representatives of other organizations including other political parties
4. effectively support the constituency associations in Nova Scotia in building membership, expanding fund raising activity and in building and maintaining an effective poll organization
5. work effectively as part of a team
6. effectively work with the executive and members of the constituency association to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the riding association and to assist in overcoming weaknesses or obstacles to common objectives
7. identify priorities in terms of membership, fundraising and poll organization and to actively pursue these priorities

8. effectively participate in planning and organizing on a provincial basis
9. effectively manage time
10. effectively represent the views of the constituents

The candidate must demonstrate:

1. Tact
2. Judgement
3. Discretion
4. Initiative
5. Effective interpersonal skills
6. Empathy
7. Respect for others
8. High degree of professional conduct
9. Leadership: being yourself, conviction, quiet determination & consistency
10. Objectivity
11. Responsiveness

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Constiution and By-Laws of The Party

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1.0 NAME

The name of the Party is Nova Scotia Provincial Party (the "Party").

2.0 PURPOSES

- 1) To operate as a political party within the Province of Nova Scotia.
- 2) To establish and protect certain inalienable rights of the citizens of Nova Scotia, which rights

shall include but not be limited to life, liberty, justice, democracy and the ownership of property.

3) To acquire and maintain parity for Nova Scotia amongst all Provinces within Confederation.

4) To advocate initiative, referendum, recall and government which is accountable to the people.

5) To promote these purposes and the Principles of the Party through peaceful and democratic means.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Party are to carry out the Purposes of the Party and establish direct legislative democracy and representative government in the Province of Nova Scotia by instituting the following reforms in the political system:

3.1 Free votes in the Legislative Assembly: Members of the Legislative Assembly shall be free to debate and vote in accordance with the wishes of their constituents whenever those wishes have been fairly and clearly ascertained. The defeat of a government bill shall not bring about the defeat of the government.

3.2 Fixed election dates: The government shall have a fixed time to govern in accordance with a specific mandate.

3.3 Initiative: The right of the people of Nova Scotia to petition for the holding of a

binding referendum on:

(I) a proposed law of their own choosing;

(ii) a proposed repeal of an existing law.

(iii) changes to legislation

3.4 Referenda: The right of the people of Nova Scotia to petition for the holding of a

binding referendum on a Bill that has passed through the Legislative Assembly but has not yet taken effect. (Note: Any vote where the result is not binding should not be called a referendum should be called a plebiscite.)

3.5 Recall: The right of the electors from any provincial constituency to recall their Member of the Legislative Assembly.

4.0 REGISTRATION

The name *Nova Scotia Provincial Party* was registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies on July 28, 1997. Any use of the official mark by organizations other than the Nova Scotia Provincial Party can take place only with the consent of the board of directors of the Nova Scotia Provincial Party. The Party shall use all means available to protect its name, logo, and membership lists from unauthorized use by other political groups and from any group passing itself off as being associated in any way with the Nova Scotia Provincial Party.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership in the Nova Scotia Provincial Party (the "Party") shall be open to all natural persons who subscribe to and support the Purposes, Objectives and Principles of the Party and are

a) entitled under the Nova Scotia Provincial Elections Act to vote at an election of the legislature of this province, or

b) nineteen years of age or more, and have been full time residents of the Province resided in Nova Scotia for the six months period immediately preceding the date of membership as determined by 5.3 below or membership renewal in accordance with 5.4 .

5.2 An eligible person may apply for membership in the Party and shall become a member (the "Member") upon acceptance by the Party or a Constituency Association, of the annual fee. Every Member shall be issued a membership card stating the expiry date.

5.3 The date of membership in the Party shall be either:

the date of receipt when an application for membership is delivered to the Party office or an authorized representative of a recognized Constituency Association;

the postmark date when an application for membership is mailed to the Party office

5.4 Membership in the Party shall be for a period not less than twelve months from the date of acceptance and may be renewed annually, or for more than one year, by the Member upon payment of the yearly fee.

5.6 A Member whose membership is renewed by payment of the annual membership fee within sixty days of expiry shall be considered a Member in good standing retroactive to the expiry date.

5.7 A person shall cease to be a Member of the Party:

by personally delivering or mailing a written resignation to the Secretary of the Party or recognized Constituency Association of which that person is also a member;

upon death;

upon being expelled pursuant to Article 5.8; or

upon expiry of membership.

5.8 A Member may be expelled only by Special Resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Party or the Constituency provided that the notice of a resolution shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion; and provided that the Member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for

expulsion shall be given reasonable opportunity to present the Member's case, either personally or by the Member's designated representative, before the Special Resolution is put to a vote.

5.9 Natural persons who are ineligible to become Members for reason of citizenship,

or age, but who are fifteen years of age or older, are eligible to become associate members (the "Associate Member"). Associate Members shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member except that Associate Members shall not have the right to vote. Natural persons holding membership in another provincial party may be eligible for membership subject to the discretion of the officers and directors of the Party and Constituency Associations.

5.10 Membership records shall be kept in confidence and used at the discretion of the officers and directors of the Party and Constituency Associations.

6.0 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

6.1 A Member shall also be a member of a constituency association for one provincial electoral district (the "Constituency Association") which electoral district shall normally be the electoral district in which the Member resides but at the option of the Member may be another electoral district. A Member is entitled to vote and as such has the right to attend meetings of the Constituency Association of which that person is also a member, take part in discussion, to vote in accordance with the bylaws and to stand for office of that Constituency Association. Provided however, that a minimum of 60% of the members of each recognized Constituency Association shall reside in the electoral district represented by that Constituency Association.

6.2 An Officer, Director or anyone holding a position on behalf of a Constituency Association shall disclose his or her affiliation with all political organizations and shall be excluded from voting on any matter in which there is a conflict of interest.

6.3 Members may apply in writing to the Party for recognition of a Constituency Association in an electoral district in which at least five Members in good standing reside. *(transitional)*

6.4 Recognition by the Party may be extended to a Constituency Association which recognizes and is bound by the Constitution, Principles and Bylaws of the Party.

6.5 The Constituency Association shall, in the fall of each year, hold an annual general meeting at which a report of the Board of Directors, a financial statement and other appropriate business shall be conducted, and the Constituency Board of Directors will be elected.

6.6 A written notice of the holding of an annual general meeting, extraordinary general meeting, or nomination meeting (excluding a nomination meeting held during a writ period) shall be mailed to all Members within that constituency at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

6.7 The Board of Directors of a Constituency Association shall comprise a maximum of 25 directors which shall include the officers, which are a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Only Members who are in good standing on the date upon which any vote is taken and who are also members of the Constituency Association in accordance with section 6.1 hereof shall be entitled to serve on the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to vote on:

the election of the Board in accordance with Paragraph 6.8;

the nomination of a candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia ;

other matters which may arise at a constituency meeting or annual general meeting.

6.8 The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of a Constituency Association shall either:

be selected by the newly elected Board of Directors; or

elected by the members at large.

6.9 A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its elected or selected members.

6.10 No officer or director shall receive any remuneration from the Party either in cash or consideration, except that expenses may be paid from time to time upon a majority vote of the Board.

6.11 No one can indebt the Constituency Association beyond expenditures authorized by the Board.

7.0 CANDIDATE NOMINATION

7.1 Each duly recognized Constituency Association shall have the right to nominate any Member in good standing as its official candidate for the Party either by:

a) a ballot distributed to all eligible Members in attendance at any recognized candidates' meeting (held prior to the nomination meeting, at the discretion of the Constituency) which is deposited in a travelling ballot box before the close of that meeting. The travelling ballot box shall not be opened until after the nomination meeting, where the results will be made known; or by

b) a ballot distributed to all eligible Members in attendance at a candidate nomination meeting; or by

c) a Universal Ballot and voter identification card mailed to all eligible Members within the constituency, in accordance with the following:

(I) the ballot and voter identification card shall be distributed by mail by the Constituency Secretary;

(ii) the ballot shall be sealed in its own envelope and returned with the voter identification card by the Member to a recognized accounting firm or another person or firm which is independent of the Constituency Association and proposed candidate, selected by the Constituency Board (the "Firm") on or before a date selected by the Constituency Board;

(iii) the ballot shall be sealed in its own envelope and returned with the voter identification card by the Member either:

to the Firm on or before a date selected by the Constituency Board; or

at the discretion of the Constituency, to a

travelling ballot box if used at candidates' meetings. (If a travelling ballot box is used, it must be submitted to the Firm on or before a date selected by the Constituency Board and opened only by the Firm.)

(iv) the Firm shall preside over the count and tabulation of the results and forward the results to the Constituency Board immediately after the count; and

(v) the Firm shall retain the ballots until authorization for their destruction at the next Constituency annual general meeting.

7.2 The constituency shall form a Candidate Nomination and Selection Committee with the task of ensuring that a trustworthy, party goal-oriented and electable candidate is nominated for each election.

7.3 The Committee shall be composed of up to six members in good standing.

7.4 A member of the Constituency Board of Directors who publicly declares that he or she will seek the candidate nomination must, immediately upon public declaration, stand aside from his or her position. If unsuccessful in becoming the candidate, the member shall resume his or her Board position. If successful in becoming the candidate, the member may resume his or her Board position, at the discretion of the Board and/or the general membership.

7.5 Any person duly seeking the nomination or elected as a Candidate is entitled to attend, as an observer, the Constituency Board meetings of the Constituency for which he or she has been nominated or elected.

7.6 Upon election, each Member of the Legislative Assembly also becomes a voting member of the Constituency Board for the constituency in which he or she was elected.

7.7 The candidate shall hold the nomination position until he or she is defeated in the next election, or for a term no longer than one year, whichever comes first.

7.8 A Member of the Legislative Assembly is not counted in determining a quorum (the

number of members that must be present in order to conduct

business).

7.9 Section 66 (3) of the Elections Act of 1989, titled 'Confirmation of Party Affiliation' states: "Where a nomination paper contains or is accompanied by a statement of the candidate naming the recognized party there shall be filed with it a letter or statement signed by the leader of the recognized party or by a person designated in writing by the leader declaring that the candidate is the official candidate of that party." The leader or his or her designate shall not withhold a written endorsement of the candidate unless approved by a majority of the provincial Board of Directors.

8.0 PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8.1 The governing body of the Party shall be the Board of Directors (the "Board").

8.2 Only Members in good standing shall be eligible for membership on the Board.

8.3 An Officer, Director or anyone holding a position on behalf of the Party shall disclose his or her affiliation with all political organizations and shall be excluded from voting on any matter in which there is a conflict of interest.

8.4 The Board shall consist of officers and directors as listed at Schedule A hereto and in any event the Board shall consist of not less than five of such officers and directors, all of which shall be Members in good standing.

8.5 The President and Vice President shall be elected at an annual general meeting, the notice for which has been duly given. They shall be elected in alternate years for a two-year term. The President's term shall commence in the even-numbered years, and the Vice President's term shall commence in the odd-numbered years. Provided however,

a) if the position of President is vacant, a President may be elected at an annual general meeting in an odd-numbered year, for a one year term, and

b) if the position of Vice President is vacant a Vice President may be elected at an annual general meeting in an even-numbered year, for a one year term

8.6 The President shall preside over all meetings of the Party and of the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of all Party committees.

8.7 The Vice President shall assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Upon the resignation or death of the President or upon the President's removal from office by Special Resolution, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of the President's term and the office of Vice President shall stand vacant until filled in accordance with Article 8.5 or Article 8.9.

8.8 The Treasurer shall be elected at an annual general meeting, the notice for which has been duly given. The Treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term.

8.9 Where circumstances so dictate, an interim Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer may be elected at an extraordinary general meeting for which notice has been duly given to all Members. The Board shall be empowered to appoint an interim Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer where circumstances so dictate. Interim appointees of the Board shall not be entitled to vote on the Board unless they are also elected Directors of the Party. The term of an interim officer elected or appointed in accordance with this section 8.9, shall expire at the next annual general meeting for which notice of election of officers has been duly given.

8.10 The Board shall appoint such other officials and committees whom the Board, in its discretion, considers necessary for the effective operation of the Party. Appointed

officials, unless they are also elected Directors of the Party, shall not have voting rights at Board meetings. The term of office for appointed officials and committees shall be

concluded at the next annual general meeting.

8.11 A committee appointed under Article 8.10 shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.

8.12 The Board shall meet at the call of the President or at the written request of one-third of the elected members of the Board. Such meetings may be conducted by a telephone conference call audible to all participants.

8.13 A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its elected members.

8.14 The minutes of the Board meetings shall be provided to all Board members and, upon request, available to the secretaries of all recognized Constituency Associations. Any Member of the Party in good standing may receive, upon payment of copying and mailing costs, copies of the minutes of any Board meeting. Such minutes will be complete and unabridged.

8.15 No officer or Director shall receive any remuneration from the Party either in cash or consideration, except that expenses may be paid from time to time upon a majority vote of the Board.

8.16 No one can indebt the Party beyond expenditures authorized by the Board.

9.0 DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

9.1 The officers of the Party (the "Executive") shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer.

9.2 The Secretary shall:

maintain the correspondence of the Party;

issue notices of meetings of the Board;

keep minutes of all meetings of the Board;

have custody and maintain all records and documents of the Party except those required to be kept by the Treasurer;

have custody of the common seal of the Party; and

maintain the register of Members.

9.3 The Treasurer shall:

keep the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the Societies Act;

render financial statements to the Board and to the Members when required; and

be the only legal body, in addition to the President, entitled to sign and issue tax receipts.

10.0 THE LEADER

10.1 The leader of the Party (the "Leader") shall be elected by a Universal Ballot distributed to all Members who have been in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the voting day.

10.2 At every annual general meeting, voting Delegates shall be asked to vote by secret ballot on the following question:

"Do you wish to have a leadership vote?"

10.3 If more than fifty percent of the votes cast are in the affirmative, the Board shall direct the Secretary to organize, in cooperation with the secretaries of all Constituency Associations, a Universal Ballot amongst all Members who have been in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the voting day.

10.4 When the office of Leader becomes vacant, a leadership vote must be held not less than one month and not more than six months from the effective date of the vacancy. The vote will be in the form of a Universal Ballot of all Members in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the voting day. In the event of a vacancy, an interim leader may be appointed by the Board.

10.5 Any person seeking nomination as a candidate for the leadership of the Party must be a Member of the Party and eligible to vote under the Nova Scotia Elections Act. Every candidate must file a notice of nomination with the Party Secretary at least 20 days prior to the preparation of the ballot. The names, addresses and signatures of at least 50 Members or 20% of the Members, whichever is less, must appear on a candidate's notice of nomination.

10.6 The leadership vote shall be conducted by a ballot of all Members of record at the time the leadership vote is authorized pursuant to Articles 10.2 and 10.3 as follows:

the ballot and voter identification card shall be distributed by mail by the Secretary;

the ballots shall be sealed in its own envelope and returned with the voter identification card by the Member to a recognized accounting firm or another person or firm which is independent of the Board and proposed candidate, selected by the Board (the "Firm") on or before a date selected by the Board;

the Firm shall preside over the count and tabulation of the results and forward the results to the Board who shall announce the results of the vote; and

the Firm shall retain the ballots until authorization for their destruction at the next annual general meeting.

11.0 REGIONS

11.1 Each of the regions (the "Regions") as set out on Schedule 'A' may elect one Director, who is resident within the Region, to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Such Directors will be elected by the Members within their Region, up to 10 days prior to the Party's annual general meeting. Directors shall take office as members of the Board at the close of business on the last day of the annual general meeting.

11.2 Each Region may hold a meeting of its Members to discuss such business as may be appropriate, in addition to the proposed resolutions to be forwarded to the next Annual General Meeting. Said meeting should be held at a time which will comply with Article 16.3.

11.3 The election of a Director will take place for each even-numbered Region in

even-numbered calendar years, and for each odd-numbered Region in odd-numbered

calendar years.

11.4 In the event that a Regional meeting has not been held prior to the annual general meeting, the members from that Region who are registered for the annual general meeting and who are in attendance may meet and elect a Director before the close of business.

11.5 In the event that the position of Director representing a Region becomes vacant, then that Region shall elect a replacement Director within 60 days of the effective date of the vacancy.

11.6 A Director may be expelled only by Special Resolution passed at a Regional meeting provided that the notice of a resolution shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion; and provided that the Director who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given reasonable opportunity to present the Director's case, either personally or by the Director's designated representative, before a Special Resolution is put to a vote.

12.0 PARTY MEETINGS

12.1 The Party shall, normally, during the month of May or June of each year, hold an annual general meeting at which shall be presented a report of the Board of Directors, a financial statement and such other business as may be appropriate. In extenuating circumstances such as, for example, the calling of an election, the date of the annual general meeting may be altered at the discretion of the Board, taking account of the requirements laid down by the Nova Scotia Societies Act.

12.2 The Party may, from time to time, between provincial Annual General Meetings, hold an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of dealing with such business as may be appropriate. An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened following receipt by the Provincial Board of Directors of a notice issued by Members in accordance with section 12.8 or may be convened in such other circumstances as the Provincial Board of Directors sees fit.

12.3 A written notice of the holding of any convention, extraordinary general meeting or annual general meeting shall be mailed to all Members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

12.4 Upon payment of the registration fee, any Member who has been in good standing for not less than 30 days prior to the date of a convention or annual general meeting is entitled to be a voting Member.

12.5 The Party membership shall be the highest authority and supreme governing body of the Party, and may exercise its authority by voting in person at a Party meeting, or by voting in a universal ballot. The Constitution, Principles and Bylaws of the

Party may be amended only by the voting Members in attendance at a provincial General Meeting.

12.6 The Party may, from time to time, between provincial Annual General Meetings, allow for all Members to participate in a membership survey on matters that are not currently covered in the Policy Direction of the Party.

12.7 Results from membership surveys shall not be included in the policies of the Party unless that policy has been approved by the Members at a General Meeting.

12.8 The Members of the Party may call for an extraordinary general meeting of the Party by serving written notice to the Provincial Board of Directors. The written notice shall consist of signatures from not less than 20% of the Party members. The written notice shall include the purpose of the meeting, time and area where the meeting is to take place.

13.0 VOTING

13.1 Voting on the election of the officers and directors (both provincial and constituency), the leader and candidates shall be carried out by secret ballot, using the preferential balloting method, except where only one candidate is nominated or is otherwise eligible for election. In such a case, the election of that candidate shall be by acclamation, but be subject to a "yes/no" choice. In any "yes/no" election, the candidate must receive "yes" votes of more than 50% plus one of the votes cast, even if his or her defeat means that the position will remain vacant. There shall be no voting by proxy.

13.2 Nomination for the election of provincial officers, provincial directors and constituency candidates shall require signatures from a nominator and seconder entitled to vote for the election of the proposed nominee.

13.3 Any candidate for election to any office within the Party or within a Constituency

Association may appoint a scrutineer.

13.4 Except where otherwise provided for herein, all matters being voted upon at meetings shall be determined by Ordinary Resolution.

14.0 NOTICES AND TIME

14.1 The period of time computed in days shall include Sundays and statutory holidays.

14.2 When computing a period of time, the day of mailing, telephone call or announcement of an event in the media and the day the event commences shall be excluded.

15.0 DONATIONS, FEES AND FUNDRAISING

15.1 The Party, including Constituency Associations, shall accept donations in the following manner:

15.1a) The Party shall accept donations solely on behalf of an individual. No donation shall be made on behalf of a corporation, organization, political lobby, or government.

15.1b) The Party may accept donations from individuals who are residents of Nova Scotia, up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 per calendar year.

15.1c) The Party may accept donations from individuals who are Canadian citizens, but non-residents of Nova Scotia, up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per calendar year.

15.1d) Every donation received by a Constituency Association shall be recorded in the manner prescribed from time to time by the Party and such record shall be sent to the Party Treasurer. Annually, the Party Treasurer or appointee shall review all donations to Constituency Associations and to the Party to ensure that no individuals exceed the limits that are subject to the provisions of Section 15.0. Any and all donations received by Constituency Associations or to the Party which exceed the limits as prescribed in Section 15.0, shall be returned to donors as determined by the Party Treasurer.

15.2 The full amount of a donation for which the donor requests a

receipt for income tax purposes shall be processed through the Party and a record of all such donations maintained by the Party Treasurer.

15.3 All membership fees shall be divided equally between the Party and the recognized Association of the constituency in which the member resides. If there is not a recognized Association in the relevant constituency, the full amount of such fees shall accrue to the Party and be subject to the provisions of paragraph 15.6.

15.4 Donations may be accepted and retained in whole by a Constituency Association if the donor states at the time of donating that a tax receipt is not required. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to ensure that a clear understanding of the donor's intent is received.

15.5 A copy of every membership application received by a Constituency Association shall be sent to the Party Secretary, together with the full amount of the membership fee. The Party Treasurer shall send 50% of the fee to the organized Association in which the Member resides.

15.6 When a Constituency Association attains recognition as such from the Party, that Association shall receive from the Party Treasurer its prescribed share of the membership fees and donations which have accrued since January 1 of the year of recognition as a Constituency Association.

15.7 Money raised from fundraising activities organized by a Constituency Association where a receipt for income tax purposes is not required shall be to the sole benefit of that Association. All costs of such activities shall be the sole responsibility of the Association.

15.8 Money raised from fundraising activities organized by the Party shall be to the sole benefit of the Party. All costs of such activities shall be the sole responsibility of the Party.

15.9 A donation by a Constituency Association which requires an income tax receipt shall be allocated 90% to the Constituency Association and 10% to the Party.

15.10 After the issue of an election writ only, and for a period of six months thereafter, Candidates of a Constituency Association shall accept donations in the following manner:

15.10a) The Candidate may accept donations from individuals who are residents of the Constituency, up to a maximum of \$2,000.00.

15.10b) Individuals may donate up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to all Candidates in Constituencies other than the Constituency where the individual resides.

15.10c) The Candidate may accept donations made an behalf of a business, corporation, organization, political lobby, or group, but not a government, provided that such is located within the Constituency. Identified specifically as Electoral District Organizational Contributors, these donors may donate up to a maximum of \$2,000.00.

15.10d) Electoral District Organizational Contributors, as qualified in 15.10c), may donate up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to all Candidates in Constituencies other than the Constituency where the Electoral District Organizational Contributor is located..

15.10e) Every donation received by a Candidate shall be recorded by the Candidate in the manner prescribed from time-to-time by the Party and such record sent to the Party Treasurer. The Party Treasurer or appointee shall review all donations to candidates to ensure that no individuals or Electoral District Organizational Contributors exceed the limits that are subject to the provisions of Sections 15.10a), 15.10b), 15.10c) and 15.10d). Any and all donations received by Candidates which exceed the limits as prescribed in Sections 15.10a), 15.10b), 15.10c) and, 15.10d), shall be returned to donors as determined by the Party Treasurer.

15.10f) Candidates shall not accept reimbursement of candidates expenses from public funds. Reimbursement of candidates expenses to exclude the return of candidates deposits and any government funding for the cost of statutory audits of candidates financial reports required by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer." (proposed April 8, 1999 but not moved; subject to further discussion)

15.11 The Donations, Fees, and Fund-raising policies of this Section 15.0 shall be reviewed not less frequently than annually."

16.0 AMENDMENTS

16.1 The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at a General Meeting after compliance with Articles 16.2 and 16.3 by Special Resolution requiring the approval of not less than 75% of the voting members of the Party attending the General Meeting. The Resolutions adopted at a General Meeting will take effect at the close of that General Meeting.

16.2 The Board of Directors or any committee or task force established by the Board or a recognized Constituency Association may, by Ordinary Resolution, propose amendments to either the Constitution, Principles or Bylaws.

16.3 Notice of proposed amendments to either the Constitution, Principles, or Bylaws shall be given in writing to the Secretary of the Party at least 20 days prior to the date set for a General Meeting. Upon receipt of the notice, the Secretary shall, if the notice complies with Articles 12.2 and 12.3, notify, not later than 10 days prior to the date of the General Meeting, all Members of the Party of the proposed amendments which shall be placed before the next General Meeting. The mailing of the proposed amendments shall coincide with the mailing of the notice of the General Meeting.

16.4 Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution, Principles, Bylaws and Policy Direction shall be mailed to the provincial Board of Directors, presidents and secretaries of recognized constituency associations not later than 10 days prior to the date of the General Meeting.

16.4 No amendment shall contravene the Purposes or Principles of the Party.

17.0 APPEALS and RIGHTS OF APPEAL

A procedure governing appeal of a decision of the Party or of a Constituency Association is to be developed

18.0 DEFINITIONS

"General Meeting" means a) an annual general meeting held in accordance with Section 12.1 hereof or b) an extraordinary general meeting called and convened in accordance with Section 12.7 hereof; and for which a written notice has been mailed to all members in accordance with Section 12.2.

"Mail" includes a written notice, ballot or other printed matter distributed through the Canadian Postal Service and when prescribed by the Provincial Board of Directors for a purpose contemplated by the Constitution and Bylaws may also include a notice, ballot or other communication distributed via the Internet.

"Mailed" means distributed through the Canadian Postal Service and when prescribed by the Provincial Board of Directors for a purpose contemplated by the Constitution and Bylaws may also mean distributed via the Internet.

"Ordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed at a General Meeting by the members by a simple majority of the votes cast in person.

"Special Resolution" means a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast in person.

"Societies Act" means the Societies Act of Nova Scotia, Chapter 435 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1989, amended 1993, Chapter 42, Subsection 1, and all amendments thereto.

19.0 INTERPRETATION

19.1 The headings of the Articles in the Constitution and Bylaws are inserted for reference purposes only and are not to be considered in interpreting the terms and conditions.

19.2 Items of procedure not outlined within the Constitution and Bylaws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order

19.3 All deadlines for membership outlined within the Constitution and Bylaws shall not discriminate against members renewing a membership from the previous year

SCHEDULE A

A.1 - Composition of the Provincial Board of Directors

Officers

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Immediate Past president

Ex Officio Members

The Leader

Caucus Chair or Designate

President or Designate of NSPP Youth Association (if one exists)

Directors

Communications Director

Fund-raising Director

Policy Director

Regional Directors

Region #1 (Halifax Region) Halifax Atlantic, Halifax Bedford Basin,
Halifax Chebucto,

Halifax Citadel, Halifax Fairview, Halifax Needham

Region #2 (Dartmouth Region) Cole Harbour Eastern Passage,
Dartmouth Cole Harbour, Dartmouth East, Dartmouth North,
Dartmouth South,

Region #3 (Kings Region) Kings North, Kings South, Kings West

Region #4 (Bedford & Halifax County West) Bedford Fall River,
Sackville Beavertank,

Sackville Cobequid, Timberlea Prospect

Region #5 (Halifax County East) Eastern Shore, Preston

Region #6 (Lunenburg) Chester St. Margaret's, Lunenburg,
Lunenburg West

Region #7 (Strait Area) Antigonish, Guysborough Port Hawkesbury,
Inverness,

Richmond, Victoria

Region #8 (Industrial CB) CB Centre, CB East, CB North, CB Nova,
CB South, CB The

Lakes, CB West

Region #9 (West Nova) Annapolis, Digby Annapolis, Yarmouth

Region #10 (Pictou) Pictou East, Pictou Centre, Pictou West

Region #11 (Acadian Region) Argyle, Clare, (any French members)

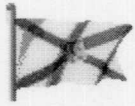
Region #12 (Colchester) Colchester Musquodoboit Valley,
Colchester North, Truro

Bible Hill

Region #13 (South Shore) Queens, Shelburne

Region #14 (Hants) Hants East, Hants West

Region #15 (Cumberland) Cumberland North, Cumberland South



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General Principles

We believe:

1. That the people of Nova Scotia are entitled to a fundamental justice which entitles them to benefit, without discrimination, from the programs and expenditures of the provincial government. We affirm the equality, value and dignity of the individual and the right of citizens to advocate, without fear of intimidation or suppression, public policies which reflect their most deeply held beliefs. This includes freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and the freedom of all people to express their thoughts.

2. That all people, including lawmakers and other government officials, should be

equal before the law.

3. In the importance of the family unit as well as the individual to the well-being of the province and the nation.

4. That major public policy should reflect the will of the majority of Nova Scotians, as determined by referenda and the decisions of truly representative elected assemblies.

5. In the common sense judgement of the people and their right to be consulted on matters of public policy before any major decisions are made by representative assemblies.

6. That elected representatives should be accountable to the electorate. The duty of elected representatives to their constituents should supersede any obligations to their own political parties.

7. That public money should be regarded by governments as funds held in trust. The Nova Scotia Government should use these funds responsibly and strive to balance expenditures and revenues, producing an accessible and detailed public account at the end of each fiscal year. Budgets should be balanced and deficit financing at all levels of government in Nova Scotia should be prohibited by law unless there is a consent from the majority of the electorate, who are the taxpayers.

8. That the people of Nova Scotia should be given an accurate plan of a political party's intentions during an election campaign. Radical and unjustified deviations from those previously stated intentions would be sufficient grounds for the initiation of recall procedures.

9. That Nova Scotia's economic well-being is best achieved through the operation of a free-enterprise economy. That a private enterprise system is fundamental to a strong, viable and effective economy and that there must exist the freedom to try, freedom to buy, freedom to sell, freedom to succeed and freedom to fail. Lower levels of taxation for consumers and businesses, a greater emphasis on education and technical training for Nova

Scotia's youth and the development of Nova Scotia's industrial and resource potential should be the guiding principles of government trade policy.

10. That the people of Nova Scotia have a personal and collective responsibility to care and provide for the needs of Nova Scotians who are unable to care and provide for themselves.

11. That the wealth of the country should remain with the people as much as possible because people will use this wealth more wisely than would a government and/or bureaucracy.

12. That government's proper task is to serve the general interest, not special

interests, and that special interest groups should therefore get their support from their supporters, not from government.

13. In an Elected Senate which has Equal representation from each province and

which is fully Effective in its constitutional duty to safeguard regional interests.

14. In the supremacy of the electorate over the Legislature and of the Legislature over the judiciary and that whatever parliament has manifestly done shall not be undone by judicial review.

15. That a political party must abide by its constitution.

AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPLES

The board of directors of the Nova Scotia Provincial Party or any committee or task

force established by the Board or a recognized constituency association may propose

Amendments to these Principles.

Notice of a proposed amendment to these Principles shall be given in writing to the secretary of the Party at least 20 days prior to the date set for a General Meeting. Upon receipt of the notice, the secretary of the Party shall notify, not later than 10 days prior to the date of a General Meeting, all members of the Party of the proposed amendment which shall be placed before the next General Meeting.

Amendments to these Principles shall be by special resolution requiring the approval of not less than 75% of the voting members of the Party attending a General Meeting.

No amendment shall contravene the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.



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NEW MAY 27th

Government Consultation

Should the Provincial Government consult (and if yes how) local residents before locating new government facilities such as jails, hospitals or other government buildings in an area.

- ☐ Yes, the Government should consult the public by putting a question to a local referendum or plebiscite
- ☐ Yes, the Government should consult by having public meetings
- ☐ Yes, the Government should consult by inviting written input from residents
- ☐ No, the Government does not need to consult local residents

Submit Vote

Current Results

STARTED MAY 17th

How many MLA's ?

Do You believe 52 MLA's in Nova Scotia are:

- ☐ Too Many
- ☐ Just Right
- ☐ Too Few

Submit Vote

Current Results

STARTED MAY 17th**Candidate
Rebate Poll**

Do you agree with the current subsidies for candidates in many cases?

- ☐ I agree with this policy ☐ I disagree with this policy ☐ I think we pay too much
- ☐ I don't think we pay enough ☐ I am not sure

Submit Vote**Current Results****STARTED MAY 13th****Frederick St. Poll**

Do You believe that the government has been handling the Frederick St. environmental problem properly?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

Submit Vote**Current Results****STARTED MAY 6th****Nova Scotia Provincial Party Official Colours Poll**

What colours should the Nova Scotia Provincial Party Adopt as its official colours?

- ☐ Blue, Yellow and Red ☐ Green and Blue ☐ Green and Red ☐ Green and Yellow ☐ Green, Blue and Red

Submit Vote**Current Results**

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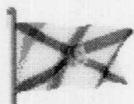
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NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL PARTY

SECTION 7.5 - PLATFORM NOTES

As at July 2, 1999

FOUR MAIN PLANKS:

- 1. Investment in People**
- 2. Having the financial means to invest in people**
- 3. Protection of the environment and sustainable development**
- 4. A new approach to policy making and political work**

PLATFORM DETAILS:

HEALTH CARE

focus on preventive health care, but we still need to look after what is happening here and now; a two-pronged approach:

- 1) stop the bleeding, and
- 2) prevent the next puncture

need to integrate basics of healthy living into parenting and education system

greater reliance on nurses

fewer bosses, more service providers

better and more timely service to the public

**realignment of all processes within the health care system
for patient orientation**

**perhaps
the
system
requires
\$600M
over
3
years,
perhaps
not;
if
it
does,
we
have
options
for
financing**

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**in Ontario, there are 103 MLA's for a population of over
10 million; in Nova Scotia, we have 52 MLA's for a
population of less than 1 million - we will look at this
situation but will not implement changes without public
consent**

**reduction in the number of government departments,
boards and crown commissions**

focus on services that add value to the taxpayer

**review of all government operations for effectiveness,
efficiency and accountability**

**greater reliance on the Office of the Auditor General: we
will not hire external auditors to replicate work done by
the Auditor General and we will listen and act on
recommendations**

**report card for the public: publication of timely quarterly
financial reports**

ACCOUNTABILITY

spelling out what we want MLA's to do: MLA's will be

expected to serve people, not the Party

free votes in the Legislature

public input: balance between population, size of area, and community of interest

referenda on major issues

ability to recall MLA's who are not performing up to the expectations of those who elected them

PEOPLE

the NSPP believes that government leadership is required to reduce and eliminate the need for food banks and to actively assist the working poor in the Province

the NSPP also believes that the key to full employment lies in improving the quality of and access to the education system and that the education system needs to become responsive to parents, students, and the business community

SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

we will reward honesty, fairness and integrity

we will save money by working smarter

we will identify the problem, consult the people, develop strategy around existing resources, consult people again, and then do it

ENVIRONMENT

the NSPP believes in taking appropriate action to resolve the health and safety issues arising from the Sydney Tar Ponds; we simply have to deal directly with the issue

we have concerns about the sustainability of forests in the Province; we believe that public consultation on the future of the forestry industry in the Province is essential

the NSPP also has concerns regarding methods of fishing in the Province and licensing; we believe that public consultation on the fisheries is essential

the NSPP also wishes to encourage small business in forestry, fishing and farming; we do not believe that one or two fish plants should control the whole industry, for example; there is also a place for small business to get involved in value added tree species replanting

we need a long term vision for the management of our forests, fisheries, farms and land use

A NEW APPROACH TO POLITICAL WORK

we're the only party in Canada with a Code of Conduct for members

we're the only party in Canada with clear requirements for candidates

NSPP candidates can decide on how to run their campaign within Party guidelines; they can decide on how much they can do depending on their personal circumstances

our campaign policies allow busy parents, busy business people, people with eldercare responsibilities, students and seniors a chance to run for a political party without sacrificing all of their personal time and financial resources

we have a selection process designed to select candidates who not only have the will but the ability to respond to constituents; all of our candidates must undergo a rigorous selection process

EDUCATION

improve quality of and access to education for all Nova Scotians

we need effective training, standards and performance management for teachers

make the system more responsive to students, parents and employers

establish orientation on people's future

use some of the money from our health care financing option

requirement for standards and clear output measures developed in consultation with parents, students and employers

review of all bricks and mortar decisions (eg. P-3 schools) that have been made

emphasis on quality teaching versus traditional bricks and mortar

BUDGET

need for accurate and timely financial statements

balanced budget in Year 2 or Year 3 depending on what we find in the books

a balanced budget is a high priority for the NSPP; we would like to do it in the first year but for a machine the size of Nova Scotia, we have to turn the ship first before moving it in a new direction. In 1998-99 we were the beneficiaries of a windfall when we received \$76 Million more than initially expected from equalization payments plus \$85 Million in federal money in the form of an adjustment for prior years. Without that, we could have had a large deficit of more than \$130 Million in the year just ended. We have to learn how to live within our means.

TAXATION

thorough review of all taxation policies within the province

FINANCING FOR HEALTH CARE

The NSPP appreciates the fact that improvements are needed at this time for health care. Perhaps the Liberal estimate of \$600 needed for health care is accurate, perhaps not. If it is accurate, however, there are ways of financing such an expenditure without increasing debt loads on the tax payer. Here is just one option:

The government currently spends \$4.5B per year. It is not unusual for large organizations to institute efficiencies in their operations to realize cuts of 10% or 20% or more. One option is to introduce a general 5% permanent cut to government operations. On a \$4.5B budget, this would yield \$675M over three years:

Year 1: = \$225M

Year 2: = \$225M

Year 3: = \$225M

\$675M

Efficiencies realized in the health care portfolio would be

redeployed in the health care portfolio. In some cases, some areas may not be able to cut anything while others would have to realize savings greater than 5%.

A thorough review of all government operations would be required. Front line staff will be included in consultations.