

Jobs here at home, better health care and a better life for Nova Scotians.

The NDP inherited a mess. While some want to take us backwards, we're turning things around, investing in people and communities to build a prosperous future.

We're making things better.

- ✓ Families are better off with the removal of the provincial tax on home heating.
- ✓ Low income seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement are more secure with a rebate each year on the provincial income tax they paid.
- ✓ Nova Scotia is back to balance and living within its means.
- ✓ Families can rest easier knowing we have reduced ER closures four years in a row.
- ✓ Our youngest learners are benefiting from capped classroom sizes and improved math skills.

DARRELL DEXTER
THE FUTURE STARTS HERE



"Our province is turning a corner. Together we're building a more prosperous future. It's Nova Scotia's time."

Darrell Dexter, Premier



Building a better future, together.

Top Accomplishments from the NDP's First 4 Years.



We need your voice.

If you have a Facebook or Twitter account, you can help spread word of the good things we have accomplished together these past four years.

Liking and Sharing our campaigns on Facebook, and Tweeting about our progress on Twitter are increasingly important ways to reach Nova Scotians.



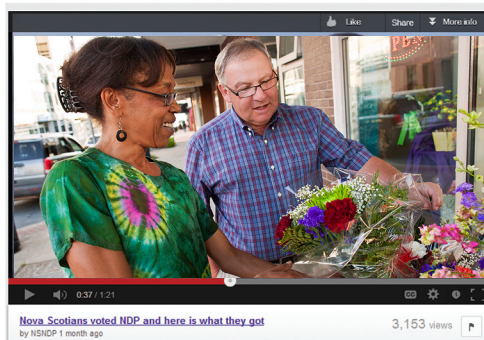
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✓ Making life more affordable for families.

While Stephen McNeil called it “a bad, bad piece of public policy” and voted against the measure, we **took the provincial tax off power bills** and home heating. In fact, the Liberals voted 8 times to tax home heating and energy.

The NDP is covering the cost of **insulin pumps** and supplies for eligible youth to age 18 and supplies for people 19 to 25 with type 1 diabetes, who use an insulin pump.

The NDP increased the **Nova Scotia Child Benefit** by 40%.

The NDP introduced and indexed the **Affordable Living Credit** to provide financial support to 240,000 households who earn less than \$30,000.

The NDP also introduced and indexed the **Poverty Reduction Tax Credit** to support about 15,000 of the most vulnerable low income Nova Scotians, many of whom have disabilities.

Over a thousand more children a year have places in **daycares and pre-schools** around the province, making childcare more affordable for Nova Scotian families.

The NDP took the **HST off more family essentials** including children’s clothing, footwear, and diapers.

The NDP created Nova Scotia’s first Affordable Housing Strategy, with model projects already starting.

The NDP **increased income assistance** personal allowances enabling approximately 31,000 adults to better provide for themselves and their families.

The NDP’s new consumer protection cell phone legislation **caps cancellation fees** and ensures Nova Scotians are told about any changes that may increase their bills.

Your support makes each step we take possible. Thank you.



✓ **Treating people with respect.**

The NDP enacted **Canada's first Cyber-Safety law** to help people deal with bullying.

The NDP created a **Domestic Violence Action Plan** to keep our communities safer. New legislation will allow renters experiencing domestic violence to break their lease without financial penalty.

The NDP's immigration strategy, **Welcome Home to Nova Scotia**, helped us nominate the highest number of immigrants to date.

We are **working with the Mi'kmaq** to increase their involvement in economic development and training initiatives.

We affirmed equality by adding **gender identity and gender expression** to the Human Rights Act.

The NDP's \$500,000 gave **Transition Houses and Women's Centres** the first core funding boost in over a decade.



✓ **Making Nova Scotia more sustainable.**

The NDP **increased our renewable energy goal** for electricity to 40% by 2020 and are securing our energy future with stable energy prices from the Muskrat Falls hydro project.

The NDP **extended the moratorium on gas and oil drilling on Georges Bank** indefinitely.

The NDP is building the future of forestry with the creation of community forests and enhancing parks as we move toward our goal of **protecting 13% of our province's land**, exceeding the United Nations goal of 12% land protection.

The NDP is investing more in **local food campaigns, farmers' markets** and **help for new farmers**, helping to ensure that Nova Scotia was the only province to see an increase in the number of farms since 2009. We legislated a 20% goal for locally produced food bought by Nova Scotians by 2020.

We put North America's first **hard caps on green house gas emissions** for electricity. That initiative was recognized by The David Suzuki Foundation as one of the top 5 best moves on climate change.



✓ **Providing better care sooner.**

The NDP is opening Canada's first **Collaborative Emergency Centres** to provide 24/7 emergency care and same or next day appointments. Eight have already opened or are in planning stages. ER closures have been reduced for four years in a row.

The NDP launched the first ever strategy to help Nova Scotians and their families who are living with **mental health and addictions**.

The NDP **Fair Drug Pricing plan** caps the price of generic drugs, ensuring lower prices for Nova Scotians and a better deal for taxpayers.

The NDP is reversing the drastic cuts to children's dental care made by the Liberals. This year we increased the age for children's **basic dental care**, from 10 to 13. Coverage will be extended to age 17. This will make Nova Scotia's Oral Health Program one of the most accessible dental coverage programs in Canada.

The NDP helped recruit more rural doctors and hired more **nurse practitioners**.

Ambulance fees are waived for low-income Nova Scotians and for seniors with mobility issues.

We hired more **mental health clinicians** in schools, and expanded 24/7 access to mental health crisis intervention province-wide, with the Mental Health Crisis Line.

The NDP expanded **newborn screening tests** to include cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, and eight additional conditions.

We're bringing the emergency room to people with the **RESTORE program**, so paramedics can administer clot-busting drugs to patients having a heart attack instead of waiting until arriving at the hospital.

The NDP **expanded Lucentis treatment to Cape Breton** to ensure all Nova Scotians suffering from a chronic retina disease will now get the treatment they need closer to home.





✓ **Creating good jobs and protecting workers' rights.**

The NDP **balanced the budget**. Only three other provinces were able to do so.

We partnered with labour, business, and community organizations to ensure that **Ships Start Here**, and we are attracting more new foreign investment than anywhere else in North America, ensuring more families can stay here to work.

The NDP **increased the minimum wage four years in a row**, despite opposition pressure to limit increases.

The NDP established **Arts Nova Scotia** and improved the **Film Tax Credit** to help support the creative economy.

The NDP **reduced the small business tax rate** by 40%, the first time it has been reduced in almost 20 years.



✓ **Ensuring rural Nova Scotia grows again.**

The NDP established the first Nova Scotia **five year paving plan** that allows us to pave more roads, get better value for each paving dollar spent, and lets Nova Scotians see when roads are being paved.

The NDP **protected families and jobs** and helped to reposition the forestry sector to take advantage of today's opportunities with an investment in the former NewPage mill.

We made an **investment in the future** of the province by ensuring lands formerly owned by Bowater were not sold to foreign interests. We are creating community forests and a centre for cleaner energy, bio-energy and forestry innovation.

Through our 10-year plan for agriculture, **Homegrown Success**, the NDP are making strategic investments in innovation and productivity to increase the competitiveness of our companies and create high-value jobs for Nova Scotians in the agriculture sector.

We relocated good government jobs to **Shelburne, Digby, Truro, Windsor and New Waterford**.



✓ **Putting kids and learning first.**

The NDP invested \$8 million to ensure that **every pre-school aged child with autism** gets the help they need - help that was previously only available to half of them.

The NDP is putting what matters most first by **increasing reading assistance** to students, extending high school math to both semesters, and directing money from central offices to the classroom.

The NDP's Primary- Grade 3 class-size cap of 25 meant hiring more than 70 teachers this year.

Schools Plus - giving kids and their families a better chance to succeed in more than 100 communities so far.

The NDP created 250 new community college seats targeted to high-demand trades and professions.

The NDP fixed Canada's weakest student assistance program by **limiting tuition increases**, investing in needs-based bursaries, capping student debt and encouraging institutions to be more innovative.



✓ **A strong voice for seniors.**

The NDP have opened **nearly one thousand new long-term care beds** since 2009.

The NDP ensured that nearly 18,000 low-income seniors who receive **Guaranteed Income Supplement** pay no provincial income tax. Next year even more low-income seniors will pay no provincial income tax.

The NDP expanded the **Caregiver Benefit**, restorative care and self-managed programs to allow seniors to manage their own care and stay in their homes and communities longer.

The NDP increased the **Property Tax Rebate for seniors** by \$200 to a maximum of \$800. Seniors receiving the GIS may qualify for a rebate on their municipal property taxes.

The NDP ended the injustice of having seniors pay security deposits for **long term care**.