

COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLUTIONS
NOVA SCOTIA LIBERAL PARTY
2010 – 2013

**HALIFAX WEST
STRATEGY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS it is now recognized that early childhood development has significant and lifelong impact on an individual's behaviour, learning, health, socialization, economic well-being, and contribution to society; and

WHEREAS deficiencies in an individual's early childhood development can have significant negative impacts on society, in terms of educational, social and economic development; and

WHEREAS these negative impacts can result in significant added costs in the provision of public services in the areas of education, health, justice, social services and others;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Liberal government develop a comprehensive strategy with respect to early childhood learning and development.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a part of that strategy a Liberal government would provide funding for such programs and institutions as required to implement that strategy.

HALIFAX
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS having a stock of safe, affordable and accessible housing is a key component to reducing poverty and is critically important to the economic health of the province;

WHEREAS the lack of access to affordable housing is a chronic problem in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS access to decent housing is a fundamental social/economic right that is recognized by the United Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new Liberal government would make accessible and affordable housing a priority by developing a long-term affordable housing strategy for the province.

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Violence Against Women

WHEREAS violence against women is a persistent problem in our society and affects the well-being of thousands of individuals, families, and children;

WHEREAS according to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women one in twelve women in the province faces violence from an intimate partner;

WHEREAS under the Canadian Social Transfer (CST) it is within provincial jurisdiction to determine the amount of money available for family and civil legal aid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new Liberal government make the elimination of violence against women a priority and increase the level of funding available for civil legal aid for women who require it for family law matters.

**HALIFAX
POVERTY**

WHEREAS it is a well-known fact that poverty is linked to higher crime rates, increased health care costs, school drop-out rates and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS in Nova Scotia almost one family in five, many of whom are headed by women working in low-paid part time jobs, is poor; and

WHEREAS it was estimated that in 2008 the total cost of poverty (private and social costs) in Nova Scotia was approximately \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS all Nova Scotians will benefit from dealing with the root causes of poverty through public policy interventions focused on at risk groups; and

WHEREAS most of the recommendations of the Poverty Reduction Strategy released in April 2009 have been largely ignored by this NDP government indicating that they are not serious about helping those in need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new Liberal government will invest in the future of Nova Scotia by working to provide accessible and affordable housing for low income Nova Scotians, early childhood education programs and public education programs that fit the diverse needs of our population.