

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTIONS
NOVA SCOTIA LIBERAL PARTY
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**DARTMOUTH COLE HARBOUR
RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS Nova Scotia presently generates the vast majority of its electrical power using non-sustainable, carbon based fuels; and

WHEREAS most homes and businesses are heated and lighted using carbon based fuels or electricity generated with carbon based fuels; and

WHEREAS the need for all jurisdictions to move to sustainable, non-polluting forms of energy production and use is critical; and

WHEREAS there are now sources of energy which are non-polluting and sustainable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia establish a Renewable Energy Advisory Committee composed of people from around the Province with expertise in renewable energy generation and transmission. Further, the Committee should include a person from a First Nations community which is involved in the COMFIT Program. This Committee will be responsible for advising the Liberal Caucus with respect to energy generation, transmission and use in the Province with a view to having all energy generated through the use of non-polluting, sustainable means.

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Victoria-The Lakes

Whereas the Nova Scotia Liberal Party is both a provincial and federal body, and

Whereas at previous NSLP AGMs, the membership has overwhelmingly approved the concept of electrical power transmission corridors down the spine of Cape Breton, and

Whereas there is a will of the people to use wind energy as an alternative source to coal burning for electrical energy generation, and

Whereas Nova Scotia Power is in the need of more viable 'green energy' to complete its mandates, and

Whereas Nova Scotia Power has had to close electrical wind turbines as people near wind generators often complain about associated noise pollution, and

Whereas there are many locations along the electrical corridor that are not only physically solid but easily accessible and do not pose any threat of noise pollution concerns, and

Whereas there is a need for employment in those same areas, and

Whereas the town of Trenton has developed a Wind Turbine production facility to replace the Rail Car production facility;

Be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Liberal Party bring forth a policy to develop electrical power generation by wind turbine development in such corridors and

Be it further resolved that the turbines come from 'made in Nova Scotia facilities' such as those of Trenton.

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Halifax Chebucto

Preamble:

Whereas all Nova Scotians desire and deserve a clean, safe and healthy environment in which to live, work and enjoy a high quality of life;

Whereas large numbers of Nova Scotians have demonstrated a commitment to a green economy through their consumption of and investment in local food, sustainable energy and eco-friendly / sustainable practices in their day-to-day lives, and now want to see corporations be transparent and do their part;

Whereas we are moving towards a global economy in which there will be a price placed on carbon and we cannot fully appreciate where we are going until we know we are today;

And whereas Nova Scotia has the universities, natural resources, people and entrepreneurial spirit to be a leader in the green economy, be it resolved that:

Resolution 1 – Carbon Footprint Reporting

A Liberal government will ensure Nova Scotia is a leader in the green economy and will work with businesses to ensure they are well positioned to compete and lead in a green economy. We will work with business to ensure they know what a price on carbon will mean to their bottom line. As such we will require that all businesses operating in Nova Scotia that produce of either a) annual revenues over a certain threshold or b) emissions of 8,000 tonnes / year to report their carbon footprint on an annual basis. Companies that meet neither of these criteria may still opt to report.

Resolution 2 – Government to Assist With Carbon Reporting

A Liberal government recognizes that mandatory carbon reporting could create undue hardship for Nova Scotia's many small and medium sized businesses. A Liberal government will commit to a three year program whereby it will offset the cost of carbon reporting services for companies with revenues under a certain threshold so long as such services are provided by a company operating in Nova Scotia.

Resolution 3 – Green Innovation tax credit

A Liberal government understands that Nova Scotia's economy of tomorrow not only needs to be green, it needs to be innovative. As such, a Liberal government will increase the provincial portion of the SR&ED tax credit for any company that is otherwise eligible for said credit and demonstrates either consistent emissions leadership or a significant year-over-year improvement on their carbon footprint.