

## HALIFAX WEST

### Youth Education, Training and Retention

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**WHEREAS** the One Nova Scotia Commission report clearly identified that Nova Scotia has had a pattern over the last two decades of losing its future economic and civic potential due to the outward migration of youth; and

**WHEREAS** the major reason for this is a lack of employment opportunities; with the youth unemployment rate in Nova Scotia at 15% (2% above the national average), and

**WHEREAS** the Disrupting the Status Quo report recognized that it is the responsibility of the Province to prepare today's youth for the future by providing a strong foundation for learning which creates well-rounded citizens who are prepared for post-secondary opportunities,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Nova Scotia government accelerate its efforts to appropriately educate, train, retain and repatriate youth to Nova Scotia by:

1. Facilitating ongoing business engagement with the education system, making their employment requirements known to universities and colleges, and increasing their participation in education programs;
  2. Ensuring that educational stakeholders are continually and formally apprised of both;
    - a. the employment skills and requirements of the province, and
    - b. the corresponding resources which are underutilized;
  3. Developing and promoting incentive programs for
    - a. businesses to implement innovative workplace skills development practices, and
    - b. students who remain in the province and work in their field of study for a designated period of time.
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