

## **HALIFAX WEST**

### **Accelerating Small Business Development**

**WHEREAS** the One Nova Scotia Commission has identified the need for the province to attract more skilled immigrants; and

**WHEREAS** the province of Nova Scotia has also been clearly challenged by the One Nova Scotia Commission to increase small business development, as one means of avoiding economic collapse in the future; and

**WHEREAS** entrepreneurs in this province have access to many strong financial incentive programs aimed at supporting small and medium sized business development; and

**WHEREAS** timely progress in the initial start-up process is currently impeded by cumbersome and confusing processes which result in wastes of time and money by delaying openings and income generation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nova Scotia government streamline the process of small business start-up by:

1. Developing a single entry point for all entrepreneurship interests through the already successful Nova Scotia Business Inc.
2. Partnering with successful small and medium business owners to initiate a Nova Scotia Business Connect Program, similar to the Halifax Connect Program, to provide and encourage mentoring for those interested in, or starting to initiate small businesses; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the government of Nova Scotia increase advertising of its small business development programs and services so as to educate all potential entrepreneurs, whether resident or new immigrants, of the opportunities available to them.