



Opportunities for Growth

This year's budget will target investments to boost export growth in Nova Scotia's wine, culture, tourism, and film sectors.

Since 2013, government has committed to a fiscal plan and prudent, careful spending. Budget 2016–2017 will continue to protect Nova Scotia's fiscal health while working with business to create an environment that supports growth and jobs.

Government will expand high-speed Internet to more homes and businesses in rural communities across the province, and provide funding for municipal infrastructure and projects in our cities, towns, and villages.

Budget 2016–2017 includes

- \$6 million more to bring high-speed Internet to more homes and businesses in Nova Scotia
- \$3.5 million for wineries and vineyards for research, market development, and support for vintners and quality certification
- \$10.2 million for the Nova Scotia to Portland ferry, a key transportation link for business and tourism
- \$3.2 million for offshore petroleum geoscience research and marketing
- \$2.8 million for the Aquaculture Growth Strategy for research and development, exports, and regulatory stability
- \$9.9 million more for national and regional projects through the Build Canada Fund
- \$2.8 million more for small communities through the Build Canada Fund
- \$10 million for the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund
- \$2.5 million to support the creative economy
- \$2 million for Canada 150 events in Nova Scotia, celebrating the 150th anniversary of Confederation
- \$942,000 to continue to grow Nova Scotia's population by supporting refugees and immigration streams, and providing small-scale grants to community/sponsoring groups who are helping refugees settle in Nova Scotia
- \$500,000 (matched by the industry) to help grow tourism revenues through funding for tourism experiences and marketing assets
- \$500,000 to encourage innovation in the forestry industry
- \$500,000 for major cultural and sporting events
- \$383,000 for the Community Facility Fund though Communities, Culture and Heritage
- \$500,000 in innovation funding for tidal power and electricity