



2008-09 Priorities

Volunteerism and Voluntary Sector

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Nova Scotia's Volunteers

377,000 Nova Scotians contribute their time and expertise to programs and services that enrich our lives.

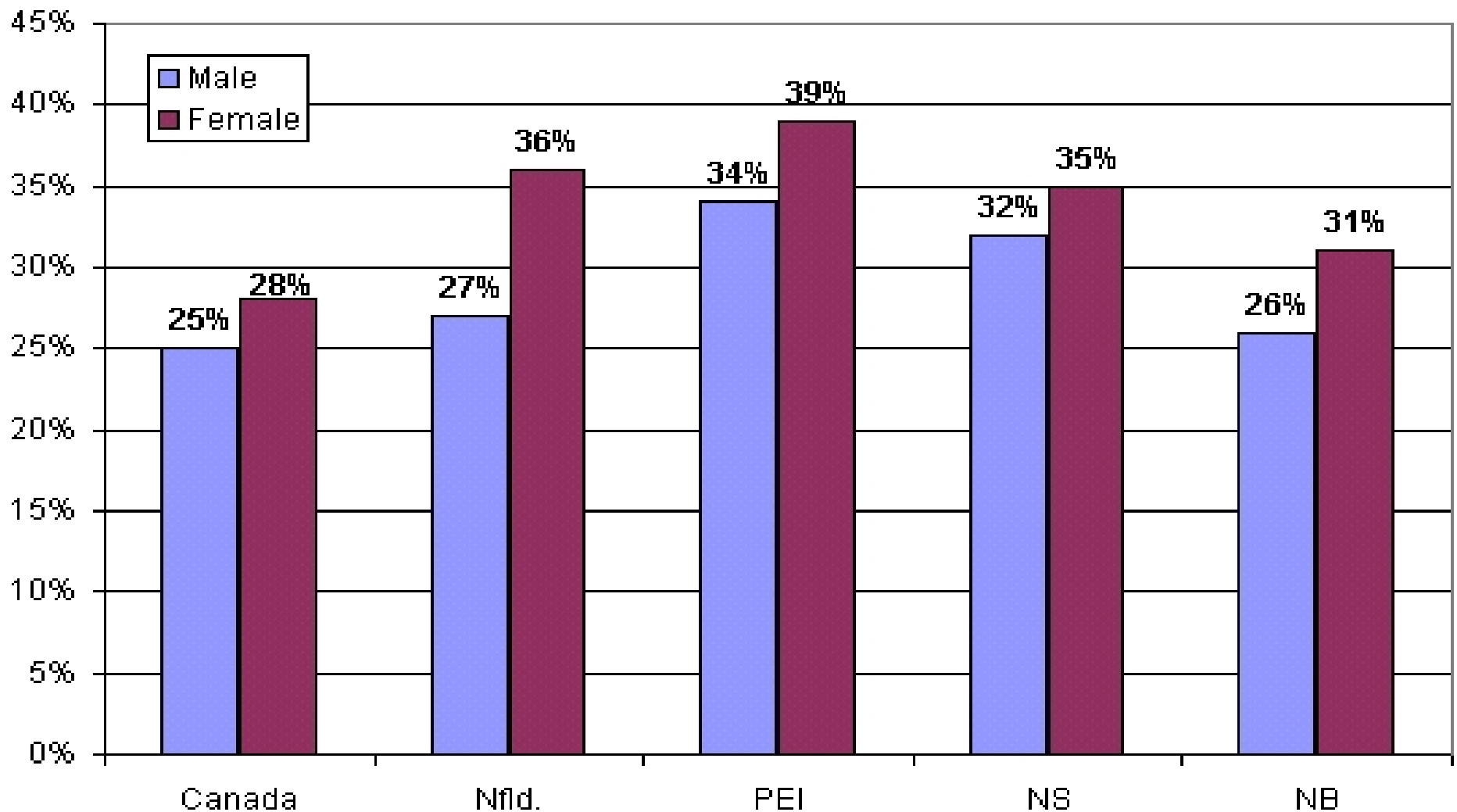
- 48% of the province
- NS teenagers contributing 18% more than national peers
- 90% become involved because they were asked
- 5,820 nonprofit organizations in the province
- Contribute \$2 billion worth of services to NS economy

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Volunteerism: Atlantic Provinces lead (formal rate)

Volunteer Participation Rates: Population 15+, 2000



Canada's Volunteers

- Canada's community infrastructure
- \$ 112 billion / yr annual revenues
- 22.2 million donors
- 11.8 volunteers
- 2 billion hours of volunteer time
- 2 million full-time equivalent workers
- 161,000 charitable & non-profit groups
- 8.6% to Canada's GDP

Role of Voluntary Sector in NS

- deliver services
- build strong, vibrant communities.
- Areas of delivery:
 - health, social services,
 - environment, corrections,
 - economic development,
 - sports and recreation,
 - arts and culture,
 - education; international development
 - and more!

Why “Volunteerism”

- Inclusion of volunteerism in Community Development Policy / Lens / Guidelines
- Minister of Volunteerism
- HPP to champion volunteerism portfolio
- 2 FTEs and \$130,000 budget
- Nova Scotia – Canada Volunteerism Initiative
- “Talking With Volunteers” – NSCVI report

Recommendations to Government

- Volunteer 2000
- “Talking with Volunteers” – NSCVI report
- May 06 Steering committee re NS-VCAC

Reports available on HPP website at

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/volunteerism.html>

- GPI Atlantic:

<http://www.gpiatlantic.org/publications/timeuse.htm>

Initial Government Response

- Discussions to address insurance issues
- Creation of provincial advisory council
NS-VCAC
- Additional support for Provincial Volunteers
Awards and National Volunteer Week

Volunteerism Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee (VICC)

- A horizontal committee and a lead in government on issues concerning volunteerism.
- Working across government to promote and strengthen volunteerism

NS Volunteer Community Advisory Council (NS-VCAC)

- A mechanism for increased communication
- Collaboration
- Advisory board of 22 – 24 members
- Representing: regions (DHA), sectors, population groups and government

SUB-SECTORS:

Arts
Culture
Education
Environment
Health
International
Recreation
and Sport
Religion
Philanthropic/
Volunteerism
Promotion
Social
Development
and Services

REGIONS:

- Annapolis Valley
- Cape Breton
- Central
- Colchester/East Hants
- Cumberland
- Pictou County
- Guysborough/Antigonish/Strait
- South West
- South Shore

FUNCTIONS/PURPOSE:

- Develop action plans to address key issues affecting volunteers and the voluntary sector in Nova Scotia
- Build and support capacity building
- Act as a communication link
- Develop and maintain a relationship with government, championing the issues, and provide input on public policy
- Develop an accountability mechanism for reporting

COMMUNITIES:

- Acadian/Francophone Community
- African Canadian Community
- Youth
- Aboriginal Community
- Seniors
- Immigrant Community
- Persons with a Disability

GOVERNMENT:

Provincial
Government
♦ VICC Member
♦ HPP Volunteerism
Staff

Creating the Right Environment

- Collaborative working relationship
- Understanding and clarifying roles
- Government and community capacity to grow volunteerism
- Creating opportunities for our changing and diverse population
- An accountability framework

2008-09 Priority Areas

1. Communications and Accountability
2. Building Capacity
3. Policy and Programs

1. Communications and Accountability

- PVA Awards and Premier's pin
- NSCVI Progress Update
- Website
- Evaluation Framework
- VICC and NS-VCAC
- Collaboration Agreement

2. Capacity Building

- VICC - outcomes
- NS-VCAC - outcomes
- Strengthen regional networks
- P/T Counterparts Network
- Resource Centers – Regional Libraries
- supporting databases

3. Policy and Programs

- Strategic Plan – long term
- Research/Survey – internal government
- Insurance program
- Review of fees related to security checks
- Program for gov't employee volunteers

Implications for Action

Contribution of volunteers to our communities

Economic implications

Rural implications

Social implications

Government-wide



Thank you

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