



## Nova Scotia Co-operative Council

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# FACT SHEET

The Nova Scotia Co-operative Council is the provincial development arm of the co-operative and credit union system.

The Council is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, representing co-operatives and credit unions from Cape Breton to Yarmouth. It is the membership during the Annual General Meeting each year that approves the strategic direction and mandate for Council activities. These activities and priority areas currently include:

- Bringing all types and sectors of co-operatives together to form a strong co-operative movement in Nova Scotia.
- Act as an advocate for co-operatives with the municipal, provincial and federal governments.
- Encourage the development of a "co-operative identity" among the public of Nova Scotia.
- Stimulate, encourage and promote the development of co-operative enterprises.

The Nova Scotia Co-operative Council provides the following supports and services to individuals and groups wishing to consider the co-operative model for their business ideas and opportunities:

- Co-operative training
- Co-operative incorporation
- Co-operative development
- Feasibility assessments
- Business planning
- Alternative finance
- Opportunity analysis
- Business evaluation
- Government relations and advocacy
- Connection to the co-operative network and resources
- Interpretation of the Co-operative Act and Regulations

The NSCC is heavily involved in the delivery and administration of the Loan Guarantee Program and the Equity Investment Fund.

The NSCC provides Co-operative Business Development services through a network of Business Development Officers throughout the province.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council is the only co-operative in the Province of Nova Scotia that can have as it's membership base all the co-operatives and credit unions doing business for the betterment of Nova Scotia?

Did you know that there are more than 400 co-op and credit union businesses operating in Nova Scotia with assets of more than \$2.5 billion?

Did you know that over 300 co-ops and credit unions are members of the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council?

Did you know that more than 7,000 Nova Scotians are employed in the co-operative system, and more than 6,000 live in co-op housing?

## NSCC MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council ensures that:

- You are connected to the family of co-operatives and credit unions in the province.
- You can further support the development of a co-operative economy in Nova Scotia.
- You can benefit from information, research, and publications that will be developed and circulated throughout the year.
- You will hear about upcoming events such as opportunities to participate in networking sessions and co-operative projects.
- Have access to any support and referral services that are available.
- Have a vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- You can access assistance for the growth and development of your co-operative.
- You can access government relations and lobbying expertise.
- You have the opportunity to further market and promote your co-operative business by being linked to our website.

## THE NOVA SCOTIA CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITIES

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