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NS Budget, Powering the Economy Act Passed

The spring legislative sitting concluded April 9. This session's highlights included passing a budget with billions of dollars in new investments and the passage of the Powering the Economy Act. Together, these measures deliver major investments in healthcare, long-term care, housing and energy development that will benefit Nova Scotians for years to come.

"This session was about putting Nova Scotians first," said Premier Tim Houston. "We passed a budget that continues investing in healthcare, supports our seniors, gets more homes built, and positions Nova Scotia as an energy leader. That's what this government was elected to do, and that's what we're delivering."

Rebuilding Healthcare

Budget 2026-27 continues the government's generational

investment in healthcare through the Action for Health plan. Key investments include \$47.5 million to hire more paramedics and emergency medical responders across the province, \$47.1 million to pay more to family doctors - including those covering shifts in long-term care facilities, hospitals and rural emergency departments - and \$1.2 billion for the Halifax Infirmary Expansion Project and the Cape Breton Regional Municipality Health Care redevelopment project.

The budget also invests \$8 million more in the Universal Mental Health and Addictions Care Insured Services program and \$7 million to open Integrated Youth Services sites across the province by 2027-28.

Supporting Seniors and Long-Term Care

The government is invest-

ing \$873.8 million toward its plan to build 5,700 new and replacement long-term care spaces by 2032. Seven new facilities are expected to open this year in communities from Bridgetown to Arichat. Operating funding of \$20.8 million will support those new facilities, and an additional \$26.5 million will go to the Home Support Direct Funding Program to help more seniors stay in their homes. The Seniors Care Grant program continues with \$26.5 million in funding.

Getting More Homes Built

Housing starts in Nova Scotia reached 9,760 units in 2025 - the highest number on record. The budget builds on that momentum with a \$300-million joint federal-provincial investment to support 1,430 new homes, including 930 units at Shannon Park in Dart-

mouth. Additional investments include \$18.5 million for shovel-ready affordable housing projects, a continued expansion of rent supplements to 11,500 unique households, and a new First Time Homebuyers Pilot Program that lets eligible Nova Scotians purchase a home with a two per cent down payment through provincial credit unions.

Powering the Economy Act

The legislature also passed the Powering the Economy Act, which secures financial benefits from offshore wind development, modernizes the province's electricity system and creates a new framework to regulate subsurface energy sectors including geothermal, natural hydrogen and carbon storage.

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Business Briefs

LOCAL PROSPERITY 2026! AUGUST 6-9

August 6-9, 2026, people from across Atlantic Canada and beyond are gathering in Tatamagouche to celebrate the movement to strengthen their local economies.

At this four-day action packed festival and conference you can attend workshops, learn hands-on skills, hear from keynote speakers, and celebrate by dancing the night away.

Through community-led projects, supportive policy, and collaborations among organizations, communities are doing the work to keep wealth rooted locally. Come join us to learn and share how communities can create good quality local jobs, own their own land and assets, control their own food systems, and develop worker-led businesses.

Local Prosperity 2026! is a hybrid local economics festival-conference, with a focus on re-localization and community wealth building.

This event is cohosted by North Shore Community Connections Society, the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia, and Centre for Local Prosperity

For ticket information or if you have any questions, please reach out to Liv Langille at liv@centreforlocalprosperity.ca

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Halifax Tides FC will benefit from \$277,100 non-repayable investment to Soccer Nova Scotia to upgrade the BMO Soccer Centre, creating a professional, year-round training environment for the professional women's soccer team. (ACOA Photo)

Soccer gets \$277,100 boost from ACOA

Strong sport infrastructure builds active, inclusive communities, supports high-performance athletes, and creates new economic opportunities. On April 16th, the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Member of Parliament for Halifax West, announced federal support to Soccer Nova Scotia to upgrade the BMO Soccer Centre, creating a professional, year-round training environment for the Halifax Tides FC (\$277,100 non-repayable). Minister Diab

was joined by Shannon Miedema, Member of Parliament for Halifax.

This investment helped modernize athlete, staff, and operational spaces to close critical infrastructure gaps at the not-for-profit's premier indoor soccer facility.

Upgrades to locker rooms, treatment areas, staff offices, and training equipment will enhance athlete health and recovery, improve operations, and meet professional standards.

This enables the team to

train locally at a high-performance level and advances the growth of the league.

This announcement further demonstrates the Government of Canada's commitment to investing in modern community infrastructure that creates new opportunities and supports economic growth.

This announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Minimum Wage Rises to \$16.75

Nova Scotia's minimum wage increased to \$16.75 per hour on April 1. A second increase will bring the minimum wage to \$17 per hour on October 1, 2026. The adjustments reflect the consumer price index plus one per cent, as outlined in the minimum wage regulations.

The previous rate was \$16.50 per hour. This is the eighth increase to Nova Scotia's minimum wage since April 2021, when it went up to \$12.95 per hour.

The increases follow the unanimous recommendation of the Minimum Wage Review Committee, which includes representatives of employees and employers.

The Province continues to invest in programs and services that support people who need it most and help people participate in the workforce, including: delivering more than \$680 million in tax-saving measures that will save the average Nova Scotian family more than \$1,400 this year; making the Heating Assistance Rebate Program permanent at \$400 per year; investing \$1.7 billion through Our Homes, Action for Housing, the government's five-year housing plan; increasing support for people on income assistance and indexing it to inflation and providing skills development and training programs to connect more people to jobs.

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