



2025 AGM Policy Amendment Proposals

GPNS Policy Committee

Natural Environment/Biodiversity

Statute 2

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports environmental legislation and procedures to prevent and address biodiversity loss and ecological collapse.

Proposed Text: supports environmental legislation and procedures to monitor, prevent, and address biodiversity loss and ecological collapse, such as considering cultivated and domesticated species in biodiversity assessments.



Forestry

Statute 2

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports stronger legislation in favor of sustainable practices to facilitate systemic change in the forestry industry and towards an ecological forestry approach noting reports on best practices such as the 2018 Lahey report.

Proposed Text: supports stronger legislation in favor of sustainable practices to facilitate systemic change in the forestry industry and towards an ecological forestry approach noting reports on best practices such as the 2018 Lahey report and acknowledging climate-aware forestry methods.

Fisheries

Statute 2

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports legislation to facilitate sustainable fisheries, such as ensuring areas of no-take zones and continued legislation for periods of no-fishing.

Proposed Text: supports legislation to facilitate sustainable fisheries, such as ensuring areas of no-take zones and continued legislation for rotational harvesting practices.

Aquaculture

Statute 3

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports monitoring of identified commercial species for potential threats such as disease, illegal harvesting, and invasive species.

Proposed Text: supports monitoring of identified commercial species and investment into research regarding potential threats such as disease, illegal harvesting, and invasive species.



Other Natural Resource 'extractives'

Statute 1

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: recognizes that extractive industries, such as mining, while currently necessary, can interfere with the rights of Nova Scotians and the ecosystems upon which we all depend.

Proposed Text: recognizes that some extractive industries, such as uranium mining, can interfere with the rights of Nova Scotians and the ecosystems upon which we all depend.



Education

New Statute 6

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Text: supports the autonomy of individual research and research support institutions, such as universities and Research Nova Scotia, to determine research mandates independently of the provincial government.

New Statute 2*

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Text: recognizes the urgency to address the requirements and resources, such as levels of support staff, needed to ensure that schools are safe, inclusive, and equitable.

***In the event that New Statute 2 is accepted, all statutes after 2 will have their number increased by 1 (i.e. the statute which was previously 2 will now be 3)**



Homelessness and Housing

Statute 3

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: recognizes that 20% of Nova Scotia's housing stock is currently owned by the corporate sector.

Proposed Text: recognizes that an unprecedented proportion of Nova Scotia's housing stock (26.2% as of 2025) is currently owned by the corporate sector.

Job Security

Statute 3

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports legislation of minimum-wage levels above the poverty line, labour standards which enhance equitable hiring, promotion and compensation practices, safety on the job, accessibility and reasonable accommodations, union rights, whistle-blower protection, and work-life balance.

Proposed Text: supports minimum-wage levels above the poverty line, labour standards which enhance equitable hiring, promotion and compensation practices, safety on the job, accessibility and reasonable accommodations, union rights, whistle-blower protection, payout of unused benefits upon termination, and work-life balance.

New Statute 3*

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Text: recognizes the risks posed by precarious work, such as without cause firing, sudden loss of income or benefits, and increased likelihood of homelessness.

***In the event that New Statute 3 is accepted, the statute currently listed as 3 will become Statute 4.**





Municipal Elections

Section Title Change

Proposal: Change section title from “Municipal Elections” to “Municipal Government”

New Section 4

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Text: recognizes that municipal governments have an important role in participatory democracy and representation for the diverse communities of Nova Scotia.

New Section 5

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Text: supports the role of municipalities in democratic decision-making within their traditional mandates, such as making bylaws, providing services, and managing land use without interference from the provincial government.

New Section 6



The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Text: supports building partnerships between municipalities and the provincial government to cooperate and advance shared goals.

Accountability

Section Reordering

Proposal: Statute 1 becomes Statute 4 and the remaining three statutes have their number decreased by 1 (i.e. Statute 2 becomes Statute 1).