



2026 AGM Policy Amendment Proposals

GPNS Policy Committee

Transportation

Statement 1

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports an expansion of affordable public transit within and between communities.

Proposed Amendment: supports an expansion of affordable public transit within and between communities such as the development of an integrated, efficient, multimodal transit network across the province.

Rationale: Provides a general overview of what the network would look like and clarifies that we want both affordability and efficiency.



Proposed New Statement 4

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Addition: recognizes public transportation as an opportunity for developing community and cultural spaces, and supports working with provincial and municipal partners to do so.

Rationale: This is already being done in countries like Finland and helps encourage greater use of public transportation. It's also an opportunity for various groups and services to promote their services to riders.



Agriculture

Statement 1

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: recognizes that less than 10% of the food in Nova Scotia is grown on local provincial farms, farmland is under threat by developers, and some 'conventional' and 'industrial' agricultural practices deplete soil health, pollute the environment, and are cruel to animals.

Proposed Amendment: recognizes that less than 10% of the food in Nova Scotia is grown in the province, farmer populations are declining, farmers' livelihoods are at risk due to the effects of climate change, farmland is under threat by developers, and some 'conventional' and 'industrial' agricultural practices deplete soil health, pollute the environment, are cruel to animals, and harmful to human and ecosystem health.

Rationale: Greater emphasis on impacts of economic and climate change on farmers; addition of harmful effects of 'conventional' and 'industrial' agriculture.

Statement 2

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports legislative and financial measures for:

- a. regenerative land management and agriculture,
- b. protection of farmland to secure the local food supply,
- c. investment and research into climate-friendly agricultural techniques, practices, and food production systems that make our food supply more resilient,
- d. investment to assist farmers in moving from conventional to regenerative production systems that do not require the use of artificial agents,
- e. enhancement of small-scale farming and community gardening initiatives that support local and sustainable food security systems in urban and rural settings and
- f. the development of local markets and distribution systems to support small scale, local producers.

Proposed Amendment: supports legislative and financial measures for:

- a. regenerative land management and agriculture,
- b. protection of farmland to secure the local food supply,
- c. investment and research into climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, practices, and food production systems that help make our food supply and farmers more resilient to a changing climate,
- d. worker protections for farmers and farmworkers,
- e. investment to assist farmers in moving from conventional to regenerative production systems that do not require the use of inputs such as synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and GMO seeds, all of which are harmful to the environment and humans,
- f. enhancement of small-scale farming and community gardening initiatives that support local and sustainable food security systems in urban and rural settings, and
- g. the development of local markets and distribution systems to support small scale, local producers such as institutional procurement.

Rationale: Change to reflect industry language around climate change (c); addition of worker rights (d); greater level of specificity around harmful inputs (e).

Forestry

Statement 3f

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: supports measures that contribute to carbon sequestration and climate resilience, such as fire-risk criteria and incentives, to conserve old-growth and Acadian forests on public and private land.

Proposed Amendment: Supports efforts for carbon sequestration and the conservation of old-growth and Acadian forests on public and private land including measures such as conducting fire-risk assessments, and promoting environmental benefits and financial incentives for woodlot owners who commit to forest stewardship practices.

Rationale: Current governmental actions regarding logging and clearcutting, as well as governmental intentions outlined in the forestry section of omnibus Budget Bill 168, show opposition to forest stewardship practices that would encourage the protection of forest ecosystems including forest cover, large contiguous forests, and old-growth forests. These more stable forest ecosystems contribute to climate resilience, and provide the retention of moisture necessary to decrease fire risk. Overharvesting and covering tracts of land with plantation forests and younger trees result in drier conditions and increased flammability.



Education

Statement 2

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current 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.

Proposed Amendment: recognizes the urgency to address the requirements and resources needed to ensure that schools are safe, inclusive and equitable, such as levels of all staff, violence prevention, and teacher retention.

Rationale: Violence in schools has reached unprecedented levels. Supports for all school-related staff and students require preventative as well as immediate and long-term measures to ensure safety, inclusivity, and equality.

Arts, Culture, and Heritage

Statement 1

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: understands 'cultural heritage' to include buildings, architecture, monuments, historical communities, books, works of art, as well as folklore, traditions, language, and local knowledge, and natural features such as parks.

Proposed Amendment: understands 'cultural heritage' to include buildings, community-based museums and libraries, architecture, monuments, historical communities, books, works of art, as well as folklore, traditions, language, and local knowledge, and natural features such as parks.

Rationale: "Buildings" requires greater specificity. Community libraries and museums provide access to all for sharing knowledge and enjoyment, safe spaces, and cultural heritages. These buildings serve as hubs for events and other community initiatives.



Arts, Culture, and Heritage

Statement 3

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Current Text: recognizes that Nova Scotian communities and individuals benefit immensely from the presence, preservation, and promotion of arts, crafts, cultures, and heritage

Proposed Amendment: recognizes that Nova Scotian communities and individuals benefit immensely from the presence, preservation, and promotion of arts, crafts, cultures, and heritage, and value tourism as a means of sharing with and learning from others.

Rationale: Many forms of tourism are of great benefit to our province both as a place of cultural exchange and as an economic contributor.



New statement 5*

The Green Party of Nova Scotia:

Proposed Addition: recognizes the essential economic role that arts and arts workers play in communities and recognizes the importance of stable, continuous support to build and sustain arts infrastructure and communities.

Rationale: In response to recent cuts to arts funding by PCs, we saw the need to emphasize that arts and arts workers are an important part of a diverse economy.

***In the event that New statement 5 is accepted, all statements after 5 will have their number increased by 1 (i.e. the statement which was previously 6 will now be 7)**