



The Atlantica Party

Ms. Kate Allen
Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Atlantica Party response to the 2017 CFIB Election Survey for Nova Scotia

Dear Ms. Allen,

Please forgive me but I shan't follow the structure of your questions as, I suspect, they have been structured for a more status-quo recipient. Our economic policies, outlined in our recently released Budget 2017, are larger and more sweeping than what the generic discussion focuses on (eg small business - our tax elimination policy eliminates the category 'small business taxation' issue).

The Atlantica Party is the only genuinely pro-private sector party in the election. We have a vision for a prosperous 'have' province. We believe government action must revolve around empowering the private sector as you and your members can see looking through our policies and Budget. Build it, they will come. Here are the main points:

1. Eliminate business taxes.
2. Break up the NSLC and privatize the liquor wholesale and retail business.
3. Aggressive deregulation and creation an Office of Deregulation.
4. Ending politicized and unfair (that is all) corporate welfare.
5. Lowering Income Taxes on the Median Income to the lowest in Canada.
6. Encouraging all (including resource) projects.
7. Eliminating all Maritime trade barriers in keeping with the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council recommendations.
8. An anti-red tape program in government.
9. Reduction of the Civil Service to the National Average with the savings not allocated to new spending but returned to the pockets of Nova Scotians. Reductions targeting primarily higher salaried administrative staff and set targets to align public sector wages and benefits with private sector levels
10. Co-operative actions on Atlantic regional trade promotion and service delivery.
11. Look for ways to start to decouple Nova Scotia/Atlantic Canada from the status-quo economic policies of Ottawa.
12. Enhanced democracy structures creating a more attractive social and political environment.
13. A debt elimination plan which includes limiting government growth to population growth.
14. Aggressive courting of Nova Scotia emigres citing a new and prosperous environment in Nova Scotia.
15. Outlawing budget deficit spending.
16. Resisting the imposed the Carbon Tax.
17. Eliminating bracket creep.



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We are also sympathetic to HST reduction and further tax reduction. Our debt reduction plan is very conservative in assumptions and disregards important second order effects so we are optimistic we could move on these issues as well.

Once we create a pro-private sector, prosperous and socially attractive (democracy reform, more freedom etc) province, ideally a continental 'hot-spot', issues such as workforce attraction and retention will to a large measure tend to be ameliorated.

These measures are costed out in our Atlantica Budget 2017 (a balanced budget as well).

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Very sincerely Yours,
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