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Retail Council of Canada

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I am pleased to respond to our questionnaire as follows:

RCC Candidate Survey

1. Will your party pledge to work with the Retail Council of Canada to develop and implement a COVID-19 retail recovery economic strategy? For years, other industries have received government incentives for investing in people, technology and eCommerce.

Yes or No:	Yes
Comments:	Last summer, we were the only opposition party to put out a guide for Nova Scotia's recovery for safely coming out of COVID-19. Ready For What's Next is the collection our ideas for guiding us forward on education, and the economy. Upon forming a new government, we commit to sitting with all stakeholders with open ears.

2. Is your party prepared to adhere to the current model of determining annual minimum wage adjustments through a formula that is linked to the Consumer Price Index?

Yes or No:	Unsure
Comments:	The PC Party of Nova Scotia is willing to sit and learn from all stakeholders on this topic.

3. Will your party pledge to not raise corporate taxes (small and large businesses) or the HST during your mandate?

Yes or No:	Yes
Comments:	Our paycheque guarantee programme is one of our groundbreaking approaches to put more money into the pockets of Nova Scotians.

4. Will your party commit to conduct a review of the numerous fees charged on businesses?

Yes or No:	Yes
Comments:	



5. Will you take steps to ensure foreign eCommerce sellers begin to pay their fair share of taxes and eco-fees?

Yes or No:	Yes/Unsure
Comments:	We need more detail, but ensuring a level playing field for business operations, especially local Nova Scotia businesses, is good for everybody.

6. Would your government take action to harmonize policies related to solid waste regulations across Atlantic Canada?

Yes or No:	Unsure
Comments:	In our previous mandate, our Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) legislation led to the solid waste management program that grew into a \$400 million dollar business. Upon forming a government, we are willing to look investigate this and make policies better serve Nova Scotians.

7. Would your government take steps towards the liberalization of alcohol sales in Nova Scotia by regulating the sale of beer, wine and ready to drink beverage products in retail stores?

Yes or No:	
Comments:	Yes but not at this time. The focus needs to be on healthcare and jobs, and education. The PC Party called for the province to not only call for the delivery of alcohol before the pandemic on October 29, 2019 , but for the province to give the money back to the Nova Scotia bars and restaurants that struggled during the previous waves of COVID-19 on October 27, 2020 .

Sincerely,

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