

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:	
Comments:	We will work with the Council to develop a strategy. Whether we will implement it with the Council will depend on the the Council's willingness to work with us to implement the selected strategy. We must be clear that government - not an industry group - sets policy, and we will invite the Council to participation the implementation of the strategy that is developed.

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:	no
Comments:	Our Party will develop a Guaranteed Livable Income initiative, which will alter the necessity for and frequency of minimum wage adjustments.

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

Yes or No:	no
Comments:	It would be foolish in the extreme to make a promise on taxes in any direction 5 years into the future given the fast developing financial and economic situation of our Province and country

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

Yes or No:	yes
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Comments:	Business - particularly small business - is central to our well-being in Nova Scotia.
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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
Comments:	yes ,foreign e-commerce should not get tax breaks that put local businesses out of business.They should definitely pay their fair share.

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

Yes or No:	yes
Comments:	The Council has a decades long record of advocating for harmonized solid waste regulations across our country. Unfortunately, the Council's position does not recognize the political reality in our country that solid waste is - primarily - a provincial jurisdiction and provinces choose according to their priorities. We will reinforce SWM regulations in NS, bring in Extended Producer Responsibility and aggressively implement circular economy principles. We will invite all provinces to undertake similar actions to harmonize with us, but we will not harmonize with other, lower standards

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:	yes
Comments:	It is inappropriate for the government to monopolize the sale of legal products. The same is true for cannabis.

