

# PLATFORM COSTING







**Tim Houston's Conservatives have been making the wrong choices.** They've spent millions on flashy announcements which have amounted to nothing more than backroom deals and handouts to their wealthy friends and donors. The province's finances are spiralling out of control, and Houston has nothing but broken promises to show for it, with record homelessness, a housing crisis, and services that are falling apart with wait times that are longer than ever.

## **By making different choices, we can deliver better services and make life more affordable, within a balanced fiscal framework.**

Our fiscal plan supports and delivers on our three commitments of making your life more affordable, investing in housing, and getting you the healthcare you need, where you need it.

Claudia Chender and the NDP's fiscal plan will be guided by our core principles:

-  We will not increase taxes on middle class families, or undermine public services through privatization, wage cuts, or contract rollbacks. A strong economy starts with a strong middle class.
-  We will not make cuts to the public services people depend on. Unlike the Houston Conservatives, we believe in strong public services and know that cuts and privatization don't help people. Cuts don't grow the economy. And while Houston puts the interests of the wealthy and well-connected ahead of working people, we will focus on you.
-  We believe in investing in communities, building needed hospitals, transportation improvements, schools, child care spaces, and new housing while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Not only do capital investments make good economic sense, they're the right thing to do to support thriving communities and grow local economies and businesses.
-  We will bring the province back on the path to balance, by growing the economy, making better choices than Tim Houston's Conservatives, and investing in people to build confidence and create prosperity for all.

## **Our platform makes the following investments:**

Current Projected Provincial Revenue	17,868,032
Current Projected Provincial Expenses	(17,580,588)

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Numbers in Millions of Dollars	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Commitment #1 – A secure home you can afford in a great neighbourhood</b>		
Help more tenants and more homeowners with the high cost of rents and mortgage payments	194.5	194.5
Protect renters from unfair evictions and renovictions	1.5	1.5
Open the door to more home ownership through a new Rent to Own Starter Homes Program	65	65
Use public lands for new housing	0.5	0.5
Get more non-market and co-op homes built	0	0
Meaningful action to tackle Nova Scotia's homelessness challenge	2	2
<b>Commitment #2 - Helping bring down your household costs</b>		
Eliminating the provincial portion of the HST on essentials	172	172
Provide a Gas Tax Holiday	137	137
Reining in Nova Scotia Power and lowering your energy bills	6.5	6.5
Helping reduce your home heating costs	200	200
Axing unnecessary and outdated licensing fees	10	10
Reducing costs and expanding transit options for commuters in Halifax	9	9
Help address the demands of rapid growth across the province by investing in transit, roads, and infrastructure in rural communities	15	15
Cracking down on companies that are taking advantage of the marketplace to gouge Nova Scotia consumers.	0.5	0.5
Lifting more people up and out of poverty	35	35
<b>Commitment #3 - Better, faster health care for you and your family</b>		
Connecting you to a family doctor faster by moving to automatic, location-based attachments	60	60
Helping the helpers through a refundable income tax credit for caregiving	7	7
Training, attracting and keeping more doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses and other health professionals with a practice-in-NS guarantee	6	6
Saving you money on the prescriptions you need	5	5
Reduces costs of cancer care at home	3	3
Remove hospital parking fees for families with a loved one needing care	8	8
Defending and expanding access to reproductive health services	3	3
Expanding women's access to health care	13	13
Delivering supportive, safe, quality care when a mental health crisis is reported to 911	4	4
<b>Priorities for a Better Nova Scotia</b>		
Create good-paying jobs and build a prosperous, sustainable economy where everyone benefits	10	15
Help Nova Scotia small businesses thrive, expand and create jobs	5	8
Cutting the Small Business Tax Rate to 1.5%	20	20
Protect our diverse coastline	5	5
Help fight the climate crisis by transitioning Nova Scotia to clean, renewable energy	25	25
Deliver more child care where it's needed	5	5
Make schools work better for students, parents, teachers and staff	10	10
Better public long-term care for seniors	8	8
More support and greater independence for people with disabilities	9	9
<b>Total new expenses</b>	<b>(1112)</b>	<b>1120)</b>

**Note:** The table above does not include new capital expenditures. Our platform includes commitments to invest in communities, building needed hospitals, transportation improvements, schools, childcare spaces, and new housing – including our new Affordable Homes Now fund – while maintaining fiscal responsibility.