

Resources



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for women

Election Process

Elections Canada

elections.ca

The non-partisan agency responsible for conducting federal elections and referendums in Canada. This site has a searchable map of electoral boundaries for federal ridings, post-election evaluations, links to federal election law and legislation, such as the Canada Elections Act, and other information about the electoral process in Canada.

Conflict of Interest for Federal Legislators:

lop.parl.ca/Content/LOP/ResearchPublications/793-e.htm

Phone: 613-995-0721

Fax: 613-995-7308

Elections Nova Scotia

electionsnovascotia.ca

The non-partisan agency responsible for:

- conducting voter education and information programs;
- providing support to the independent boundaries commission;
- establishing and maintaining election-related data, including the Nova Scotia Register of Electors; and,
- carrying out studies related to the electoral process in the pursuit of its mandate, as required.

Disclosure and conflict of interest for Provincial Legislators:

nslegislature.ca/about/supporting-offices/conflict-interest-commissioner

Phone: 902-424-5345

Fax: 902-424-0632

The three major parties have set up **special funds for women candidates** at the federal and provincial level.

Contact the parties for further information on funds available for women in Nova Scotia.

Federal and Provincial Political Parties

Canada

Parliament of Canada

parl.ca

Liberal Party of Canada

liberal.ca

350 Albert Street, Suite 920
Ottawa, ON K1P 6M8

Toll free: 1-888-542-3725

E-mail: assistance@liberal.ca

Judy LaMarsh Fund

Conservative Party of Canada

conservative.ca

1720-130 Albert St.
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4

Toll free: 1-866-808-8407

Ellen Fairclough Fund

Canada's NDP

ndp.ca

300-279 Laurier West
Ottawa, ON K1P 5J9

Phone: 613-236-3613

Toll Free: 1-866-525-2555

Agnes MacPhail Fund

Green Party of Canada

greenparty.ca/en

PO Box 997, Station B
Ottawa, ON K1P 5R1

Toll Free: 1-866-868-3447

E-mail: info@greenparty.ca

Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Legislature

nslegislature.ca

Nova Scotia Liberal Party

liberal.ns.ca

P.O. Box 723
5151 George Street, Suite 1400
Halifax, NS B3J 2T3

Phone: 902-429-1993

E-mail: office@liberal.ns.ca

Cecilia MacDonald Fund

Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia

pcparty.ns.ca

1003-1660 Hollis Street
Halifax, NS B3J 1V7

Phone: 902-429-9470

Toll Free: 1-800-595-TORY (8679)

Gladys Porter Fund

New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia

ns.ndp.ca

Suite 603, 5151 George Street
Halifax, NS, B3J 1M5

Phone: 902-423-9217

Toll Free: 1-800-753-7696

E-mail: feedback@nsndp.ca

Women in the Legislature Fund

Green Party of Nova Scotia

greenpartyns.ca

PO Box 36044
5665 Spring Garden Road
Halifax NS B3J 3S9

E-mail: gpns@greenpartyns.ca

Municipal

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Women in Local Government

fcm.ca/home/programs/women-in-local-government.htm

The national voice of municipal government since 1901. Members include Canada's largest cities, small urban and rural communities, and 20 provincial and territorial municipal associations. Since 2005, FCM's Standing Committee on Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government has undertaken a number of initiatives, activities, and programs to encourage women who are considering running for municipal office. At time of publication, FCM's project *Diverse Voices for Change*, an initiative to increase the number of women from diverse communities actively informed by, and engaged in, local government decision-making, will contribute to FCM's mandate of achieving 30 per cent women's participation in local government by 2026 by increasing the diversity of women in leadership roles at the municipal level.

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM)

unsm.ca

A not-for-profit organization mandated to represent the provincial interests of municipal governments across Nova Scotia. Total membership is 378 elected officials representing all 50 municipalities. UNSM's Women in Local Government Committee, which hosts a one-day municipal campaign schools for women throughout Nova Scotia.

Indigenous Resources

Each of the thirteen Mi'kmaw Bands in Nova Scotia operates their elections under slightly different rules – some have Custom Election Codes, others use the Indian Act, while several have opted in to the provisions of the First Nations Elections Act. The best place to start is to contact your local Band office for the relevant elections process.

National Resources

First Nation Profiles Interactive Map

fnpim-cippn.aandc-aadnc.gc.ca/index-eng.html

Assembly of First Nations Women's Council

afn.ca/about-afn/executive-committee/afn-womens-council

The Women's Council works with the AFN Secretariat to ensure that the concerns and perspectives of First Nations women inform the work of the AFN. Council members hold portfolio responsibilities and participate in a wide range of activities and initiatives relevant to First Nations women.

Native Women's Association of Canada

nwac.ca

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations and Métis women within First Nation, Métis and Canadian societies.

Nova Scotia Resources

Nova Scotia Native Women's Association

facebook.com/nsnwa

NSNWA's purpose is to assist Aboriginal women to contribute ideas and skills to the social, culturally and economic development of the Mi'kmaq society. NSNWA is headed by a President and Executive elected by the membership, as well as local chapters in each of the Mi'kmaw communities in Nova Scotia.

P.O. Box 805

Truro, NS B2N 5E8

Phone: 902-893-7402

Native Council of Nova Scotia

ncns.ca

The self-governing authority for the large community of Mi'kmaq/aboriginal peoples residing off-reserve in Nova Scotia throughout traditional Mi'kmaq territory. Their goal is to operate and administer a strong and effective Aboriginal Peoples Representative Organization that serves, advocates, and represents their community.

Leadership Opportunities

on Federal and Provincial Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

Federal

Boards, Commissions, and Agencies Government in Council Appointments Privy Council Office

canada.ca/en/privy-council/topics/appointments/governor-council.html

59 Sparks Street
1st Floor
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A3

Phone: 613-957-5153
TTY: 613-957-5741
Email: info@pco-bcp.gc.ca

Provincial

Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

novascotia.ca/exec_council/abc

Nova Scotia Executive Council Office
One Government Place, 5th Floor
1700 Granville Street PO Box 2125
Halifax, NS B3J 3B7

Phone: 902-424-4877
Toll-free: 1-866-206-6844
Email: executive.council@novascotia.ca

Nova Scotia Resources

Equal Voice Nova Scotia Chapter

equalvoice.ca/nova_scotia.cfm

The local chapter of Equal Voice, a national, bilingual, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada.

Halifax Women's Local Council House

lcwhalifax.ca

Local Council was established as the local chapter of the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC). Many women's organizations of Halifax joined the Local Council and through the years, the Council urged reforms on local governments.

Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women

women.gov.ns.ca

An arms-length government agency of the Province of Nova Scotia with a mandate to educate the public and advise the provincial government on issues of interest and concern to women. The participation of women in leadership is a priority area of the office. Among other initiatives, it hosts the three-day campaign school for women, and publishes resources for, and statistics on, women in politics in Nova Scotia and Canada.

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project

nsrap.ca

A group that seeks equality for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. NSRAP seeks to foster change in our communities and our society at large so that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are valued and included. They seek to achieve this through community development, networking, outreach, education, and political action.

General Resources and Statistics

Egale Canada

egale.ca

Egale works to improve the lives of LGBTQI2S people in Canada and to enhance the global response to LGBTQI2S issues. Egale will achieve this by informing public policy, inspiring cultural change, and promoting human rights and inclusion through research, education and community engagement.

Equal Voice: Promoting the Election of Women in Canada

equalvoice.ca

Equal Voice is a national, bilingual, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada. Equal Voice chapters exist across Canada, including in Nova Scotia.

Federal History of Political Representation – Library of Parliament

lop.parl.ca/sites/ParlInfo/default/en_CA/People/parliamentarians

A government website that provides searchable statistics on parliamentarians, from 1867 to present.

iKNOW politics

iknowpolitics.org/en

The International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics) is a joint project of International IDEA, the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

An online workspace designed to serve the needs of elected officials, candidates, political party leaders and members, researchers, students and other practitioners interested in advancing women in politics.

Inter-Parliamentary Union – Women in Politics

ipu.org/our-work/gender-equality/women-in-parliament

An international organization striving to encourage women's political participation as elected representatives around the globe by raising awareness of issues and barriers women face, as well as opportunities for women, running for elected office. The website contains international statistics about women's representation in parliaments around the world.

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

idea.int

An intergovernmental organization that supports sustainable democracy worldwide.

A key concern of International IDEA is the representation of women and other under-represented groups. On their website, go to the Area of Expertise and then Democracy and Gender.

National Democratic Institute: Women's Political Participation

ndi.org/womens-political-participation

A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to support and strengthen democratic institutions worldwide through citizen participation and openness and accountability in government. They offer programming and online resources to increase the equitable participation of women in politics and government as essential to building and sustaining democracy.

Running Start: Bringing Young Women

runningstartonline.org

An American organization that educates young women about the importance of leadership and engaging in politics to help them develop skills for political engagement.

She Should Run

sheshouldrun.org

An American organization, She Should Run provides an approachable starting place and network for women leaders considering running for office and for those who support them.

Status of Women Canada

swc-cfc.gc.ca/index-eng.html

Status of Women Canada is a federal government organization that promotes equality for women and their full participation in the economic, social and democratic life of Canada.

Status of Women Canada's resources centre offers information on women in politics
swc-cfc.gc.ca/rc-cr/index-en.html#topics

UN Women: Women's Leadership and Political Participation

unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/leadership-and-political-participation

The global entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women created by the United Nations General Assembly, providing training for women political candidates to help build their skills, and offers voter and civic education and brings gender equality forward.

Cultural Competence

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