

PROMPT PAYMENT REGULATIONS – BILL 119

If elected, will your party finalize the amendments to the Builders' Lien Act by December 31, 2021?

Electoral District	Candidate	Response
Bedford Basin	Madeline Flewwelling Taylor (Green)	Yes
Bedford South	Alan Nightingale (Atlantica)	Yes
Clayton Park West	Richard Zurawski (Green)	In general yes. but all this must be done through a sustainable green lens that conforms to the latest IPCC outcomes in order to meet the global climate change targets of 1.5C temperature rise
Colchester North	Sean Foley (NDP)	Yes
Cole Harbour - Dartmouth	Melody Pentland (NDP)	I will vote to finalize the amendments, I believe in People First Politics and do not hold the wants of corporations over those of the employees executing the work; but I am unaware of the party's position on this subject.
Dartmouth South	Chris Curtis (PC) Skylar Martini (Green)	CC: I will can only speak for myself at this time. I spent 13 years in the ICI construction sector and will champion this in cabinet if successful in forming the next government. SK: I personally would push for a passing of this legislation. Ensuring the contract payments are fulfilled and all parties receive their expected outcome is crucial to Nova Scotia being able to be a competitive player on the national and even global playing field
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	Yes
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	Yes, the NDP will commit to finalizing the amendments to the Builder's Lien Act by December 31, 2021. The NDP supports Bill 119 and recognizes the urgency in finalizing the amendments.
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	I will certainly add my voice to trying to getting this in place. I have worked as a contractor, and know the pain of having clients (even government ones) who delay payments to the 60 or 90 day mark. That practice needs to end. If it takes legislation to do that -- so be it.
Kings South	Barry Leslie (Green)	Yes.
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	If this is an act that is supported by a union, then my response is not just "no", but "hell no"
Lunenburg	Eric Wade (Green)	Upon review of the bill.
Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica) Joy Polley (NDP)	JD: Absolutely. The Atlantica Party is committed to enabling businesses. JP: Yes, the NDP will commit to finalizing the amendments to the Builder's Lien Act by December 31, 2021. The NDP supports Bill 119 and recognizes the urgency in finalizing the amendments.
Sackville-Cobequid	Lara Fawthrop (NDP)	Yes, the NDP will commit to finalizing the amendments to the Builder's Lien Act by December 31, 2021. The NDP supports Bill 119 and recognizes the urgency in finalizing the amendments.
Waverly - Fall River - Beaverbank	Shawn Whitford (Atlantica)	Yes

Workforce Development

If elected, what specific measures will your party take to create an equitable and sustainable construction industry workforce and alleviate the expected labour shortage?

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Bedford South	Alan Nightingale (Atlantica)	Our position is laissez faire, we would not demand any ratios or caps, but let companies hire as they see fit. While we object gender based discrimination, we also object gender based preference. We want the best qualifies people to do the job, regardless of their gender.
Clayton Park West	Richard Zurawski (Green)	Consultation, education and targeted funding to ensure and implement diverse and inclusive goals of workforce development
Dartmouth South	Chris Curtis (PC)	I have volunteered with the Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council for 13 years and believe in the work thy are doing. We need to have as much focus in our education system for trades as we do for university preparatory programs.
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	We need to work with our construction industry, our trades and NSCC to encourage our youth and those looking to change careers to look at trades. I have worked closely with Municipal Group to create a high-school program that introduces and employees youth in the construction industry. We need to show them that it is a fantastic career choice and you can live a comfortable life and raise a family.
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	The NDP's plan to address the labour shortage begins with creating equitable access to education and training. To that end, the NDP has a plan to eliminate tuition fees, starting with reducing tuition fees at NSCC to zero. The NDP recognizes the importance of high quality training and education for all. This approach seeks to eliminate the barrier of rising tuition costs that prevents individuals from being able to obtain post-secondary education. Eliminating tuition fees at NSCC will increase access to the dozens of Building and Manufacturing Programs at the college, leading to a future with a highly skilled and sustainable workforce in the construction industry
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	I would be looking to support financing and expansion of Nighttime and Weekend full credit adult technical and trades credit courses. Allowing for added training in specific technologies and machinery and tools, that a person cannot afford to stop their day job in order to get that training. NSCC needs a major upgrade in its approach to secondary Adult Training courses, and I hope to push for that to happen.
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	The Atlantica Party's position is to support free markets.
Lunenburg	Eric Wade (Green)	By increasing our education in the trades we allow greater opportunities for our people to build Nova Scotia
Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica) Joy Polley (NDP)	JD: As stated in our Election Platform we will eliminate all business taxes and other free market measures to vitalize all industries in Nova Scotia. JP: The NDP's plan to address the labour shortage begins with creating equitable access to education and training. To that end, the NDP has a plan to eliminate tuition fees, starting with reducing tuition fees at NSCC to zero. The NDP recognizes the importance of high quality training and education for all. This approach seeks to eliminate the barrier of rising tuition costs that prevents individuals from being able to obtain post-secondary education. Eliminating tuition fees at NSCC will increase access to the dozens of Building and Manufacturing Programs at the college, leading to a future with a highly skilled and sustainable workforce in the construction industry.
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Yarmouth	Adam Randall (Green)	I'm a Red seal roofer, owner of a home inspection company, and a roofing company, and have rentals. I realize how important trades people are. And am willing to spend lots of energy on the trades.

Lack of consultation with industry

If elected, will your party commit to working in a direct and ongoing manner with the construction industry and key stakeholders?

Electoral District	Candidate	Response
Bedford South	Alan Nightingale (Atlantica)	Yes
Dartmouth South	Chris Curtis (PC)	I believe we would. Sound policy requires industry input and cooperation. We have to bring all stake holders to the table and work to evaluate each initiative and key point indicators to assess the success of any policy. In the event we are not achieving the goals set out we need to bring all stakeholders back to the table to re-evaluate and correct.
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	I have in the past and I will continue to work with, listen and learn
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	The NDP recognizes that the construction industry and its stakeholders provide essential insight in making informed decisions about the direction of this vital industry, particularly as we recover from the pandemic and face the climate emergency. Ongoing consultation with industry is key to solving the problems that we currently face. The NDP's proposed Green Jobs Task Force recognizes that it is essential that representatives of the construction sector are at the table as we plan for economic recovery and growth in the next several years. The NDP recognizes that the construction industry will also need to be a key partner in an equitable and green COVID-19 recovery.
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	Yes. A close understanding of industry needs, and also speaking with people in the trenches about their experience within that industry are both needed. It takes industry experience to make the right decisions based on "in industry" advice.
Kings South	Barry Leslie (Green)	Yes
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	The Atlantica Party acts in the interests of sovereign individuals who have personal agency and are able to make decisions for themselves.
Lunenburg	Eric Wade (Green)	Certainly! Our hope is to expand upon current standards of building and creating a greener, least environmental impact
Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica) Joy Polley (NDP)	JD: Of course. JP: The NDP recognizes that the construction industry and its stakeholders provide essential insight in making informed decisions about the direction of this vital industry, particularly as we recover from the pandemic and face the climate emergency. Ongoing consultation with industry is key to solving the problems that we currently face. The NDP's proposed Green Jobs Task Force recognizes that it is essential that representatives of the construction sector are at the table as we plan for economic recovery and growth in the next several years. The NDP recognizes that the construction industry will also need to be a key partner in an equitable and green COVID-19 recovery.
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Yarmouth	Adam Randall (Green)	100%

Investing in Infrastructure

If elected, how will your party collaborate with industry to maximize the remaining infrastructure funds allocated to Nova Scotia by the federal government?

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Bedford South	Alan Nightingale (Atlantica)	We will take the laisses faire approach, minimize bureaucracy, deregulate where applicable, without compromising on safety and lower taxes on businesses, however, we do not intend to ask the federal government for more money, but to make Nova Scotia self-sufficient and self-reliant - a have province that does not rely on equalization payment, and make Nova Scotia the easiest province to do business in.
Clayton Park West	Richard Zurawski (Green)	Make infrastructure a priority as part of a Green Renewal. Immediately begin public transit infrastructure and green infrastructure that will align with community, culture, and recreation infrastructure; and rural and northern infrastructure, as well as COVID-19 resilience stream. added.
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	The infrastructure funding needs to be a part of the covid economic recovery strategy. We will continue to build infrastructure and twin highways
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	We saw that throughout the pandemic, the Liberals consistently left federal money on the table for recovery initiatives. The NDP plan is to invest in creating something better for everyone in Nova Scotia. Creating something better requires investment in infrastructure across a broad range of sectors. The NDP would work with industry to maximize the impact of infrastructure funds, ensuring that infrastructure spending promotes economic recovery from the pandemic, that projects are sustainable and resilient in the face of the Climate Emergency, and that they strengthen local communities. An NDP government would invest in transportation infrastructure using an integrated approach that includes upgrading roads, investing in well-connected public transit networks across the province, and creating an Active Transportation Network that will improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and create a connected network of cycling routes. The NDP recognizes that this is essential across the province, including in CBRM where the NDP would invest \$50 million per year for three years to address major issues facing this community, including crucial upgrades to inadequate infrastructure. As we face the climate emergency, we must invest in infrastructure that will be resilient and sustainable. The NDP is committed to expanding municipalities’ abilities to support retrofits and renewables in homes through a province-wide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, as well as establishing a fund for climate adaptation projects that would create local jobs and protect municipal infrastructure. An NDP government will also set a target to meet the 2030 goal with 50 percent domestically installed and produced renewable energy. An NDP government would also invest in housing and healthcare infrastructure that prioritizes dignity, safety, and health for individuals. This includes building 1,000 new units of housing in the next four years and launching a massive retrofitting plan for social housing that would help lower the amount of energy consumed in Nova Scotia and create jobs in construction, engineering, and manufacturing. The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the dire need for investment in long-term care infrastructure: an NDP government would build a single-room for every person in long-term care who needs one by 2030. As well as providing safe and decent living conditions, these projects represent an investment in green infrastructure and in the construction industry that makes them a reality
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	I would first look at where we can use that infrastructure money to build needed Affordable Housing, Food Processing Infrastructure systems, Green Solar Thermal Power generation plants, Bridge repair work, and a provincial public transit system. If the money could be used towards a 4-Province style Medical University - Research Hospital complex shared by all Atlantic Provinces (estimated cost overall \$750 million shared by four provinces) then I would like to see that happen.
Kings South	Barry Leslie (Green)	yes
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	This depends on what you mean by “collaborate with industry”.

Investing in Infrastructure (CONTINUED)

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Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica) Joy Polley (NDP)	<p>JD: We shall certainly study the proposal.</p> <p>JP: We saw that throughout the pandemic, the Liberals consistently left federal money on the table for recovery initiatives. The NDP plan is to invest in creating something better for everyone in Nova Scotia. Creating something better requires investment in infrastructure across a broad range of sectors. The NDP would work with industry to maximize the impact of infrastructure funds, ensuring that infrastructure spending promotes economic recovery from the pandemic, that projects are sustainable and resilient in the face of the Climate Emergency, and that they strengthen local communities. An NDP government would invest in transportation infrastructure using an integrated approach that includes upgrading roads, investing in well-connected public transit networks across the province, and creating an Active Transportation Network that will improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and create a connected network of cycling routes. The NDP recognizes that this is essential across the province, including in CBRM where the NDP would invest \$50 million per year for three years to address major issues facing this community, including crucial upgrades to inadequate infrastructure. As we face the climate emergency, we must invest in infrastructure that will be resilient and sustainable. The NDP is committed to expanding municipalities’ abilities to support retrofits and renewables in homes through a province-wide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, as well as establishing a fund for climate adaptation projects that would create local jobs and protect municipal infrastructure. An NDP government will also set a target to meet the 2030 goal with 50 percent domestically installed and produced renewable energy. An NDP government would also invest in housing and healthcare infrastructure that prioritizes dignity, safety, and health for individuals. This includes building 1,000 new units of housing in the next four years and launching a massive retrofitting plan for social housing that would help lower the amount of energy consumed in Nova Scotia and create jobs in construction, engineering, and manufacturing. The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the dire need for investment in long-term care infrastructure: an NDP government would build a single-room for every person in long-term care who needs one by 2030. As well as providing safe and decent living conditions, these projects represent an investment in green infrastructure and in the construction industry that makes them a reality.</p>
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Increased Private Sector Investment

If elected, how will your party remove barriers, expedite development opportunities and create incentives for sustainable investment in Nova Scotia?

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Clayton Park West	Richard Zurawski (Green)	Need to understand what you consider to be barriers and how that relates to resources, growth and sustainability.
Colchester North	Sean Foley (NDP)	Yes
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	The liberal government has been committed to removing barriers and red tape and we will continue to do so. We need to encourage growth not discourage it
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	The NDP is committed to supporting the sustainability and growth of local business. If elected, the NDP would improve the government procurement process so that local companies are more likely to receive contracts. This process will also consider the local economic, environmental, and social impact of a bid, taking into account the value of local jobs, good wages, and the hiring of a diverse workforce. The NDP would also establish a tax incentive for seasonal businesses that are seeking to extend their season. These initiatives will make it easier for local businesses to do business here in Nova Scotia. The NDP would offer a range of resources to help small businesses open and grow in all regions of the province. This includes reopening rural economic development offices that can provide local access to information and expertise, and ensuring that businesses across the province have access to reliable and affordable internet. A system of portable benefits could help alleviate the financial pressure of providing benefits. Including small business and construction representatives in the Green Jobs Task Force would ensure that the barriers and incentives that the industry faces will be addressed as we plan to grow the economy in the next several years.
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	Sorry, but these needs would have to be better defined, before I could comment on them. When I have that, then I can better answer your question.
Kings South	Barry Leslie (Green)	Collaboration and goals.
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	Let the free market decide.
Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica)	JD: As mentioned, zero business taxes, deregulation, encourage regional venture capital initiatives, debt elimination, lower taxes (eventually), free-market measures and re-patriation plans for the Nova Scotia diaspora.
	Joy Polley (NDP)	JP: The NDP is committed to supporting the sustainability and growth of local business. If elected, the NDP would improve the government procurement process so that local companies are more likely to receive contracts. This process will also consider the local economic, environmental, and social impact of a bid, taking into account the value of local jobs, good wages, and the hiring of a diverse workforce. The NDP would also establish a tax incentive for seasonal businesses that are seeking to extend their season. These initiatives will make it easier for local businesses to do business here in Nova Scotia. The NDP would offer a range of resources to help small businesses open and grow in all regions of the province. This includes reopening rural economic development offices that can provide local access to information and expertise, and ensuring that businesses across the province have access to reliable and affordable internet. A system of portable benefits could help alleviate the financial pressure of providing benefits. Including small business and construction representatives in the Green Jobs Task Force would ensure that the barriers and incentives that the industry faces will be addressed as we plan to grow the economy in the next several years.

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Yarmouth	Adam Randall (Green)	I want to push for tiny home development, and try and bring people with new skills in our community. To help us build

Progress Towards a Greener Economy

If elected, what specific measures will your party take to support the construction industry while meeting the target of net-zero emissions by the year 2050, as set out by the Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act and Sustainable Development Goals Act?

Electoral District	Candidate	Response
Clayton Park West	Richard Zurawski (Green)	Implement the IPCC targets immediately for remaining below 1.5C for electricity, transportation and buildings
Colchester North	Sean Foley (NDP)	Yes
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	We need to work with the industry to train the work force of tomorrow. We need open dialog on what the future of ns looks like. It is the industry that will build it so we need to partner together
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	The NDP Green Jobs Plan sets out to triple Nova Scotia's energy efficiency targets and to commit to 90 percent renewable energy by 2030. If elected, the NDP will immediately start demonstration projects for a massive retrofitting plan for social housing that will help lower the amount of energy consumed in Nova Scotia. This project will benefit families and businesses by reducing power bills and yielding more comfortable spaces, and it will also create jobs in construction, engineering, and manufacturing. According to Efficiency Canada, completing building efficiency commitments alone would create 4,000+ annual jobs in Nova Scotia and an increase of \$500 million in Nova Scotia GDP. Meeting these ambitious targets will require sustained collaboration with the construction industry. The NDP recognizes the impact of programs that offer incentives to encourage a transition to a greener future. In April 2021, the NDP introduced Bill 131 An Act Respecting Energy Efficiency. This bill proposes an amendment to the Building Code Act to allow municipalities to make by-laws encouraging or requiring construction to achieve net-zero energy status, and to offer financial incentives to achieve this goal. Ending fossil fuel subsidies will allow money to be redirected into funding research and development projects that will allow us to meet the target of 90 percent renewable energy by 2030.
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	Look at establishing a fund to help purchase and convert Heavy Equipment and vehicles used in construction to EV vehicles. There also some new technologies come on line for things like Asphalt mixes and Concrete construction methods that are more Green oriented. I would like to see us as a province help Industry move in the direction of adopting those technologies.
Kings South	Barry Leslie (Green)	Collaboration and goal setting
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	Our best bet is to overturn these two acts.
Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica) Joy Polley (NDP)	JD: Again this is something we would have to study. JP: The NDP Green Jobs Plan sets out to triple Nova Scotia's energy efficiency targets and to commit to 90 percent renewable energy by 2030. If elected, the NDP will immediately start demonstration projects for a massive retrofitting plan for social housing that will help lower the amount of energy consumed in Nova Scotia. This project will benefit families and businesses by reducing power bills and yielding more comfortable spaces, and it will also create jobs in construction, engineering, and manufacturing. According to Efficiency Canada, completing building efficiency commitments alone would create 4,000+ annual jobs in Nova Scotia and an increase of \$500 million in Nova Scotia GDP. Meeting these ambitious targets will require sustained collaboration with the construction industry. The NDP recognizes the impact of programs that offer incentives to encourage a transition to a greener future. In April 2021, the NDP introduced Bill 131 An Act Respecting Energy Efficiency. This bill proposes an amendment to the Building Code Act to allow municipalities to make by-laws encouraging or requiring construction to achieve net-zero energy status, and to offer financial incentives to achieve this goal. Ending fossil fuel subsidies will allow money to be redirected into funding research and development projects that will allow us to meet the target of 90 percent renewable energy by 2030.

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Yarmouth	Adam Randall (Green)	We are the green party, it's like one of our main goals

Innovative and Technological Advancement

If elected, will your party commit to establishing an innovation fund, similar to the Ocean Supercluster, in the first year of your party’s mandate?

Electoral District	Candidate	Response
Clayton Park West	Richard Zurawski (Green)	Yes, with the caveat that ‘growth’ cannot continue unabated, and that sustainability is what we advocate
Halifax Atlantic	Brendan Maguire (Liberal)	This would be a question question for the premier but I will certainly advocate for it
Halifax Needham	Suzy Hansen (NDP)	The NDP is committed to including representatives from the construction industry in the Green Jobs Task Force to make recommendations about what kind of programs, training, and innovations are needed to ensure the success of industry in the years to come. Investment in training and education is central to building a sustainable economy with maximized employment opportunities. The NDP government will invest in training through our commitment to develop a plan to eliminate tuition fees for post-secondary education, beginning with reducing NSCC tuition to zero. For carbon-intensive workforces, the NDP will invest in a just, community-led transition including free NSCC tuition and dedicated training streams for energy efficiency and renewable workforces. Investment in education will build a strong workforce that is trained in the newest technology and poised to lead innovation in the industry.
Halifax-Armdale	Stephen Chafe (Independent)	Not the first year, because there are other potential Economic conditions that may impact the wisdom of investing in Trades and Construction heavy “Cluster” centers at the moment. On the other hand, investigating the use of new technologies like 3D building printers, green materials fabrication production here in Province, and early experiments in tidal power generation and new small home clusters -- are all areas where trades jobs would grow. Potentially giving our workers new and cutting edge skills as well, that would provide some exportable expertise (our companies getting advanced construction projects in other provinces). Thus growing our overall ability to retain large pools of trained workforce people, that in turn may attract other large mega-projects with high ROI.
Kings West	Rick Mehta (Atlantica)	No.
Pictou East	Jonathan Dean (Atlantica) Joy Polley (NDP)	JD: No. This is something for the private sector to accomplish. JP: The NDP is committed to including representatives from the construction industry in the Green Jobs Task Force to make recommendations about what kind of programs, training, and innovations are needed to ensure the success of industry in the years to come. Investment in training and education is central to building a sustainable economy with maximized employment opportunities. The NDP government will invest in training through our commitment to develop a plan to eliminate tuition fees for post-secondary education, beginning with reducing NSCC tuition to zero. For carbon-intensive workforces, the NDP will invest in a just, community-led transition including free NSCC tuition and dedicated training streams for energy efficiency and renewable workforces. Investment in education will build a strong workforce that is trained in the newest technology and poised to lead innovation in the industry.
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Yarmouth	Adam Randall (Green)	Yes.