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July 28, 2021

The Honourable Iain Rankin  
Premier  
Office of the Premier  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, One Government Place  
1700 Granville Street  
Halifax, NS B3J 1X5

Delivered Via Email

**RE: Leaders Forum**

Dear Premier Rankin:

We are extending an invitation to party leaders to participate in a Leaders Forum on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for you to share your vision for Nova Scotian communities with local elected officials. Details of the format and an agenda are attached below.

Over the years we have outlined our priorities to all parties and are now interested in hearing what you think are the key issues facing municipalities. To optimize time, we will be giving the floor to each candidate to speak individually on the following the question:

***What do you see as the most significant issue(s) facing Nova Scotian municipalities and how will your party address it if you form the next government?***

Each candidate will be given 15 minutes to share their response and have an additional 5 minutes to answer questions from our members.

The Leaders Forum is a part of NSFM's broader provincial election coverage that includes information and resources for our membership and their constituents. Our [Election Dashboard](#) highlights areas where local and provincial governments can work together for Nova Scotians.

We look forward to your participation in this important evening.

Kind regards,

*Amanda McDougall*  
Acting President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

## **Details & Format:**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**Audience:** Nova Scotia Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Wardens and Deputy Wardens

**Venue:** Zoom

**Recorded:** Yes

**Live Streamed:** Yes

**Security:** Registration required, passcode required, waiting room enabled, chat disabled, participants muted.

**Time Allotted:** 20 minutes for each candidate

## **Forum Agenda:**

### **6:00pm-6:05pm**

Introduction by Provincial Election Sub-Committee

### **6:05pm-6:25pm**

Hon. Iain Rankin, Liberal Party of Nova Scotia

### **6:30pm-6:50pm**

Tim Houston, Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia

### **6:55pm-7:15pm**

Gary Burrill, Nova Scotia New Democratic Party

### **7:20pm- 7:40pm**

Jessica Alexander, Green Party of Nova Scotia

### **7:40-7:50**

Closing Remarks from Provincial Election Sub-Committee