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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **All-Party Committee to Review Capped Assessment Program**

**DATES:** January 29, January 30, February 3

**LOCATION:** Halifax Westin Hotel, 1181 Hollis Street

An All-Party Committee to review the Capped Assessment Program gets underway 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **Wednesday, January 29** in the Halifax Westin Hotel.

The committee will review NSFM's proposal to phase-out the program and work to achieve consensus with representatives from Nova Scotia's three sitting parties.

The findings of the committee will then be delivered to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Chuck Porter.

The committee will be chaired by NSFM President Pam Mood and has representatives from each party, including MLAs Keith Irving, Tim Houston, Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, Gary Burrill, and Lisa Roberts.

The CAP was introduced in 2005 to protect Nova Scotians who were experiencing sudden and dramatic increases to their property tax bills.

Over time, distortion in the system has resulted in a situation where a majority of Nova Scotians (54%) are overpaying on their taxes and subsidizing the municipal services of others.

NSFM members, which include 379 mayors, wardens and councillors from across Nova Scotia, have voted for the removal of the CAP as a top priority since 2011.

Sessions are also scheduled for 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, January 30 and Monday, February 3.

For more information on NSFM's advocacy role, click on <https://www.nsfm.ca/capped-assessment-program.html>

**NOTE:** *The committee will meet 9-12 p.m. January 29 in **Commonwealth B**, 1-4 p.m. January 30 in **Lunenburg Room** and 1-4 p.m. February 3 in **Harbour Suite B**. There will be space for Media.*

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