

APPLICATIONS INVITED



Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Full-Time Board Member

Executive Council

Competition Number UARB-01-2009

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (Board) is one of the largest independent quasi-judicial tribunals in the Province. The primary role of the Board is to conduct hearings and issue written decisions on a wide variety of matters affecting the public interest, including individual rights of appeal under a number of statutes.

The Board has a very broad mandate encompassing a decision-making function with respect to a number of different statutes. Generally, Board decision-making falls into two categories: regulatory and adjudicative. Regulatory responsibilities include regulation of public utilities (e.g., approval of rates, terms of service, capital expenditures, abandonment of service, and public complaints), natural gas distribution, gas pipelines under provincial jurisdiction, hearings with respect to liquor and gaming establishments, tolls for the Halifax-Dartmouth bridges, payday loans, automobile insurance and public passenger carriers. Adjudicative responsibilities include hearing appeals or applications relating to property assessments, expropriation compensation, planning, criminal injury compensation, fire safety, and municipal and school board boundaries. The Board operates at arm's length from Government reporting to the Legislature through the Minister of Finance. At present, the Board is comprised of Members with various professional designations and currently has a requirement for one full-time Member, one possessing a professional designation (legal, financial or engineering).

As a full-time Member of the Board, you must have the ability to chair and/or participate as a panel Member in public hearings, often involving sensitive and controversial matters, ensuring that fairness, good judgment and independent decision-making is applied. You are a professional with excellent decision-making skills, excellent verbal and writing skills and good standing in your profession with at least five years' experience. This position is located in Halifax and will require travel throughout the Province.

Deadline for applications is Friday, February 6, 2009, at 5:00 PM.

Interested applicants are invited to send their resume to: J. Sánchez-Smith, Nova Scotia Public Service Commission, One Government Place, 1700 Granville Street, P.O. Box 943, Halifax, NS B3J 2V9, or by fax (902) 424-0631 or email: psc-exrecruit@gov.ns.ca. Please include the competition number, UARB-01-2009, in your application.

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(All applicants will be acknowledged)