

# **Toward Prosperity**

## **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Consultation**

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### **Discussion**

#### **Business Climate:**

- Politics in Economic Development are not necessarily done by the politicians alone, also by business people - more by non-elected people than elected.
- Should have some sort of community tax credit to encourage volunteerism.
- The largest market in the world is the U.S., it is a tremendous opportunity for Nova Scotia.
- The Germans and other Europeans are trying to get in the United States. - we should convince them to bring their capacity to Nova Scotia as a base into the U.S.

#### **Strategy/document:**

- The document is a work of fiction and needs to be translated into non-fiction.
- Document is filled with nice, strong words - but now need concrete steps of how will put it into practice.
- Must remove the reference to "handouts and bailouts" for Cape Breton.
- pg. 36 - too much focus on port of Halifax.

#### **Infrastructure :**

- We support the National Municipal Infrastructure Program - would like to see this government support those efforts.
- The infrastructure we are supporting now is equally important.
- What is the province going to do to help the federal government resolve the situation with Halterm to keep business in the Halifax port?