

1 Conserve energy. Its probably easier to reduce current usage than use any other strategy

Examples: Drive less, Use energy efficient lights, Turn lights off when not needed, heat homes efficiently

2 Introduce better systems of public transportation.

Bus services should be available throughout the province, but it seems difficult to make public transportaion pay

But some form of bus service should be available province wide and in the heavily populated areas the amount of public transportation should be increased and made an attractive option. Could commuter service work between windsor and Halifax? Truro and Halifax?

3 House design could be improved. Some of the pioneer homes along the East River of Pictou County were long, low and narrow. In winter the inhabitants tended to live in the basement (The Senator Holmes house in Springville is one example.) TV documentaries show shacks above the Arctic Circle built using the long low and relatively narrow principle. Perhaps that is one design that has merit,

4 Increased use of rail transportation. It could be argued that rail service failed because of high freight rates and lack of cargo.

It must be more efficient from an energy use point of view to use trains rather than the many trucks they could replace. I doubt employment would suffer, because short haul drivers would be in greater demand. It might be a proper time to note that Yarmouth was served by both CN and the DAR. The rights of way for both railroads have been broken up. This was foolish, and the government should have kept at least 1 right of way intact!

5 Revisit the use of nuclear energy . There are dangers associated with it, but are they any worse than the ultimate result from unwise fossil fuel use. Nuclear power can be produced in large quantities thus could moderate the rise of fossil fuel prices.

6 Encourage the use of alternate energy. wind, solar and geothermal. Solar energy can be used on a small scale. Perhaps the government could devise programs to encourage its use.

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