

Department of Environment

Non-Adjudicative Board Selection Criteria

NON-ADJUDICATIVE		Round Table on the Environment and Sustainable Prosperity
1	Statute	Environment Act; Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act
2	Purpose	<p>The Round Table is a dynamic, stakeholder driven structure comprised of 15-20 members, 12 of which will be nominated by stakeholder organizations, and up to 6 additional members and a Chair will be sought by advertisement. Its purpose is to advise the Department on issues referred to it by the Minister, on a broad range of matters that may pertain to environmental sustainability and its linkages to economic prosperity. In addition, the Minister shall seek advice from the Round Table in preparing the annual report to the House of Assembly on progress towards achieving environmental goals and other relevant issues, as required under the <i>Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA)</i> (Clause 6 (2) and (4)). The Minister shall also request the Round Table to carry out a comprehensive public review of EGSPA and the regulations every five years and request the Round Table to submit to the Minister within six months of initiating the review, a report with recommendations for amendments and improvements in the implementation of the Act.</p>
3	Functions	<p>The Round Table is not a decision-making body, but rather an advisory group that provides an opportunity to engage individuals representing diverse groups, organizations, interests, and backgrounds.</p> <p>The specific functions and tasks of the Roundtable include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide advice to the Department on issues referred by the Minister in matters of environmental sustainability and its linkage to economic and social prosperity. • To advise the Minister in preparing the annual report to the House of Assembly on the progress made toward achieving environmental goals and anything that the Minister considers should be brought to the House in relation to goals for the environment and sustainable prosperity as described <i>Act Respecting Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA)</i>; • To carry out a comprehensive public review of EGSPA and the regulations every five years and submit to the Minister within six months of initiating the review, a report with recommendations for amendments and improvements in the implementation of the Act. • To evaluate/assess broad environmental sustainability and economic prosperity referred by the Minister, within Nova Scotia and beyond and advise the Minister on how the Department could carry out its' mandate in response to these issues; • To share perspectives about environmental sustainability and its relationship to economic prosperity trends that may affect the sector or interests represented by the Round Table; • To produce communication products that will disseminate the work of the Round Table (such as white papers, web listings, newsletter articles), as specified in an annual Work Plan and approved by the Minister;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consult as necessary with resource sectors and other relevant organizations about environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and other related issues referred by the Minister; • To advise on policies, legislation and programs at the request of the Minister that are related to environmental sustainability and its linkage to economic prosperity; • To advise the Minister on the development and review of goals, priorities and measures to achieve long-term environmental sustainability and economic prosperity in accordance with objectives of the <i>Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act</i> and more broadly; • To report annually to the Minister of Environment and Labor on the progress of the Round Table.
4	Composition	<p>Members of the Round Table shall be appointed by the Minister. Membership may include 12 representatives nominated from the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, as selected by that organization; • Canadian Federation of Independent Business, as selected by that organization; • Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, as selected by that organization; • Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, as selected by that organization; • Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia, as selected by that organization; • Confederacy of Mainland Mik'maq, as selected by that organization; • Canadian Petroleum Products Institute, as selected by that organization; • Ecology Action Centre, as selected by that organization; • Nova Scotia Environmental Network, as selected by that organization; • Clean Nova Scotia, as selected by that organization; • Atlantic Ecosystem Initiative, represented by Clean Annapolis River Project, as selected by that organization; • Mining Association of Nova Scotia, as selected by that organization. <p>Up to six (6) additional members will be sought by advertisement from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a representative from the legal community; • a representative from Nova Scotia's environmental industries and/or consultants' community; • representatives from the Nova Scotia University community; and • up to two additional members and a Chair, as selected by the Minister.
5	Formal Qualifications	<p>The Chair of the Round Table is designated by the Minister from the membership, and will possess broad experience as an administrator or senior professional, have demonstrated leadership skills, and a broad background in or knowledge of environmental policy and the legislative framework.</p>

6	Work & Experience Requirements	Members appointed to the Round Table must have knowledge or experience relating to environmental sustainability, and knowledge of the Environment Act, and its application to economic development in the Province.
7	Skills Required	All members should possess general skill requirements including: ability to exercise fair judgment; good communication skills; a high degree of integrity and a good reputation amongst their peers.
8	Statutory / Traditional Nomination Requirements	There are no statutory requirements. The Terms of Reference for the Round Table require nominations from 12 stakeholder associations that include the CME, CFIB, NSFA, UNSM, Forest Products Assn, Ecology Action Centre, ACAP, CPPI, Clean NS, NSEN, Mining Assn, and the Confederacy of Mainland Mik'maq. Advertisement will seek an additional 6 members representative of legal; university; environmental industries/consultants; and others who have demonstrated a commitment, leadership and knowledge of environmental issues and its linkage to sustainable prosperity.
9	Term of Appointment	Members and Representative Members may be appointed for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed. Appointments may be staggered by date to promote continuity and a seamless transition of members.
10	Remuneration	The members of the Committee shall serve without remuneration but shall be reimbursed for the expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by them in attending meetings of the Round Table.
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	The Round Table will meet at least twice annually or as otherwise requested by the Minister.
12	Other Notes	