

A Natural Balance

*Working Toward Nova Scotia's Natural Resources Strategy
Report of the Steering Panel, Phase 2*

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Why we're here

- Environment by 2020
 - Cleanest, most sustainable
 - Parks, forests, minerals, biodiversity
 - New process: citizen values > expertise > strategy
- Minister's request
 - Integrity: only Cabinet sees report before public, DNR
- New, balanced approach

2007 "EGSPA"

BILL NO. 146

(as passed, with amendments)



*1st Session, 60th General Assembly
Nova Scotia
56 Elizabeth II, 2007*

Government Bill

Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act

CHAPTER 7 OF THE ACTS OF 2007

The Honourable Mark Parent
Minister of Environment and Labour

Phase 2 Report

- 6 strategic priorities
 - Citizen, stakeholder engagement
 - Leadership readiness
 - Legislative renewal, compliance improvement
 - Research capacity, knowledge sharing
 - Education
 - Collaboration, co-ordination, co-operation
- Endorsed recommendations
 - Panels of Expertise: Minerals, Parks, Biodiversity

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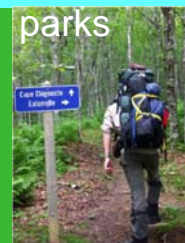
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Citizen, stakeholder engagement

- Establish practices, structures, policies that commit participants to engagement
- Develop public scorecard

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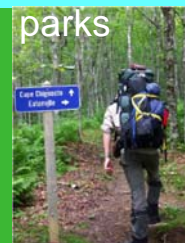
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Leadership readiness

- Examine DNR role, structure
- Readiness for implementation
 - Attitude, behaviour changes
 - Align with values, professionalism, respect
 - Pursue collaboration: internally, externally

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Legislative renewal, compliance improvement

- New legislative relationship with nature
- Renew/create legislation to reflect priorities
 - Develop, adopt, implement biodiversity legislation
 - Consider cross-boundary issues
- Review, update acts:
 - Provincial Parks, Trails, Beaches, Mineral Resources, Crown Land, Environment, Forests, Wildlife

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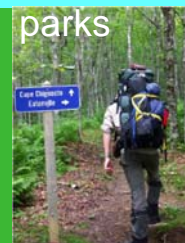
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Education

- Education at all levels
 - Students to stewards
- Historic connection
 - Informed decisions
- Physical, social, economic benefits

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Research capacity, knowledge sharing

- Build research capacity, share knowledge, collect/manage data
 - Information sharing policy, promotion
 - External inter-disciplinary scientific advisory panel
 - Virtual science institute

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Collaboration, co-ordination, co-operation

- Throne Speech
 - Sharpen dept effectiveness, efficiency
- Break down govt silos
- *Recommended strategic priority*
 - Require DNR to foster collaboration, co-ordination, co-operation among all players

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Recommendations: 4 Panels of Expertise

- Forests
 - Steering Panel presents own recommendations
 - Integrated Resource Management
 - Code of Forest Practices
 - Regulations (public, private lands)
 - Lead by example
 - Biomass for power generation – caution
- Biodiversity, Minerals, Parks
 - Endorse key Panels of Expertise recommendations

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Looking ahead

- Phase 2 report:
 - Phase 3 strategy framework
- Balanced debate
 - Parks, biodiversity, minerals, forests
- DNR can't realize 2020 vision alone
 - Read reports
 - “What will I do?”

