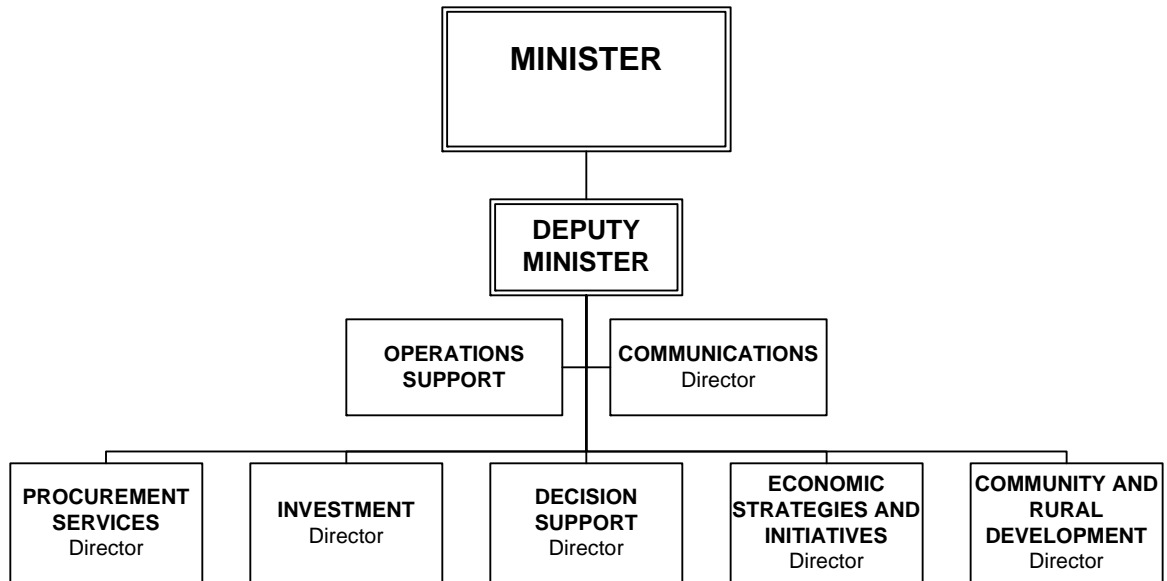


Department of Economic and Rural Development



Responsibilities

Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development (ERD) is the focal point within the provincial government for advancing government’s economic, innovation and technology agendas.

ERD is responsible for creating the conditions to stimulate and sustain a thriving economy throughout the province of Nova Scotia and to support an accountable, sustainable and productive public sector. To accomplish this, ERD works with its partner agencies: InNOVAcorp, Nova Scotia Business Inc., Film Nova Scotia, Trade Centre Limited, Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd., as well as other agencies of government, to improve the business climate of Nova Scotia. ERD works with communities around the province to help build regional capacity for economic development. ERD also manages the consumption of goods, services, and construction for government to ensure government is publicly accountable, competitive and fair.

COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Community and Rural Development (CaRD) supports community leadership for effective regional development throughout the province by providing information, advice, and resources to provincial, regional, and local governments as well as to

organizations. CaRD also collects and distributes information and intelligence from these organizations for ERD and its agencies and administers the provincial student employment programs.

DECISION SUPPORT

Decision Support coordinates and supports the cross-government implementation of the Province's economic growth strategy and related activities. It supports the management of ERD by leading the department's business planning, performance measurement, program evaluation and accountability processes. It acts as a key point of contact between ERD and its various provincial government partners in the economic development system, especially the agencies which report to the Minister of Economic and Rural Development.

INVESTMENT

Investment provides leadership, management, and analysis of specific economic opportunities in line with the province's economic growth strategy.

ECONOMIC STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES (ESI)

ESI provides research, analysis, and leadership for the development and implementation of government's projects and initiatives in economic development, innovation, technology, information policy and strategy development.

PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Procurement Services is responsible for ensuring that the purchase of goods, services, construction and facilities is conducted in accordance with the principles specified in the *Government Procurement Policy*. Procurement provides service to all departments, agencies, boards and commissions in an open and fair process that provides the highest degree of competition and value to the province.

Agencies, Boards, Commissions under the responsibility of the Minister

Film Nova Scotia

InNOVAcorp

Nova Scotia Business Inc.

Trade Centre Limited

Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd.

Acts Administered

Film Nova Scotia Act

Industrial Development Act

Industry Closing Act

Innovation Corporation Act

Internal Trade Agreement Implementation Act

Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act

Regional Community Development Act

