

June 24, 2025 – Official meeting summary: Minister Halman and NSYCC



On June 24th, the Nova Scotia Youth Climate Council (NSYCC) were eager to once again meet with the Honourable Tim Halman, Nova Scotia's Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Council members shared their perspectives and recommendations on the upcoming renewal of Nova Scotia's Climate Action Plan.

During the meeting, the Council members:

- Expressed the need to continue building on supports for the province's most impacted communities in response to climate events, especially through the lens of environmental racism, and working in consultation and two-way communication with impacted communities.
- Discussed coastal protection for climate and communities, in particular the need to ensure long-term coastal health and prosperity as well as public access to coastal areas.

- Highlighted the importance of continuing and expanding practices tied to net-zero buildings and construction, as well as identifying new opportunities for diversifying the renewable energy grid.
- Brought forward ideas to help strengthen provincial leadership on low-carbon transportation.
- Outlined avenues for workforce development opportunities, particularly for youth and early career employees looking to work in the clean economy.
- Shared recommendations for expanding formal (curricula-tied) and informal environmental education opportunities in and outside of school at all ages, grades, and post-secondary levels.
- Highlighted opportunities to explore training programs for provincial government employees on environment and climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation.

Thank you, Minister Halman and your team for engaging with the Nova Scotia Youth Climate Council. Council members were excited to share their recommendations and feedback on the Climate Action Plan with Nova Scotia's decision makers!

