

February 3, 2026 – Official meeting summary: Minister Halman and NSYCC



On February 3, members of the Nova Scotia Youth Climate Council (NSYCC) met with Nova Scotia’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Tim Halman, Minister responsible for Youth, Leah Martin and ministerial assistant to Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Melissa Sheehy-Richard, to discuss youth perspectives on the question:

“What are some strategies the government can implement to attract more young Nova Scotians to trades and demonstrate that trades are viable options for young people who are looking for employment in the clean economy?”

During the meeting, the Council members:

- Highlighted the importance of incorporating trades into the provincial curriculum from Primary to grade 12
- Identified arts education, teacher resources, hands-on activities and classroom engagement with tradespeople as key components of a trades curriculum
- Emphasized the importance of providing equitable support for diverse youth to participate in skills building and apprenticeships
- Outlined several means of providing such support, including engaging with international youth, addressing program waitlists, and providing mentorship placements, apprenticeship programs, and designated bursaries.

Thank you, Ministers Halman and Martin your teams, and our other honoured guests for meeting with the Council and engaging in a rich discussion on this topic. The Council is grateful for the opportunity to share the perspectives of youth with Nova Scotia’s elected officials!