

## April 14, 2026 – Official meeting summary: Minister Halman and NSYCC



On April 14, 2026, 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 the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Melissa Sheehy-Richard, to discuss youth perspectives on the question:

*“What barriers are youth in Nova Scotia facing when trying to get green jobs? How can the government address these barriers and support young people to feel prepared to find employment in the clean economy?”*

### During the meeting, the Council members:

- Highlighted the importance of providing accessible pathways in to the clean economy, including entry-level opportunities for high school students and hybrid positions for rural youth.
- Emphasized the need to improve education and awareness about clean jobs and where youth can find opportunities.
- Identified social media, network connections, mentorship, grants and employment bonuses as key supports to help youth access careers in the clean economy.

Thank you so much Ministers Halman and Martin and your teams for meeting with the Council! The opportunity to share the perspectives of diverse youth across Nova Scotia is much appreciated.