2022 TOURISM OUTLOOK, PROVINCIAL MARKETING PLANS & OPPORTUNITIES

DATE: March 2, 2022





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\$12 MILLION TOURISM INVESTMENT

- Tourism Accommodations Marketing
 - \$9.2 million
 - help accommodations with marketing activities to encourage overnight stays
- Regional Destination Marketing
 - \$1.8 million
 - support regional marketing initiatives aimed at attracting visitors to Nova Scotia
- Digital Adoption
 - \$1 million
 - extend partnership with Digital Nova Scotia to support digital adoption among tourism operators











COVID-19 IMPACT

- Immediate and significant loss of demand
- Reduced demand has endured across two years
- For Nova Scotia, this means a loss in annual tourism revenues of about \$1.6 billion in each of 2020 and 2021
- Understanding recovery and applying COVID-19 learning will maximize our ability to build tourism demand in 2022 and beyond





RESIDENT SENTIMENT

I feel safe to travel / Je me sens à l'aise de voyager

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Atlantic Canadians feeling safe to travel to...

	May 2020	Aug 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Nov 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2022
Close communities	51%	74%	81%	87%	88%	79%	92%
Within province	50%	76%	66%	78%	82%	67%	88%
Elsewhere in Canada	17%	33%	21%	32%	55%	32%	62%
United States	10%	13%	7%	8%	16%	13%	28%
Other international	12%	12%	8%	8%	14%	11%	26%



RESIDENT SENTIMENT

Level of Welcome Towards Visitors / Opinion envers l'accueil de visiteurs

% Somewhat / Strongly Agree % Tout à fait d'accord / Plutôt d'accord	BC/CB. (n=202)	AB/Alb. (n=203)	SK/MB Sask./Man. (n=200)	ON/Ont. (n=601)	QC/Qc (n=406)	ATL (n=200)
From other communities near me / de communautés voisines	88%	79%	76%	76%	77%	87%
From other parts of my province / d'autres parties de ma province	82%	75%	75%	76%	78%	86%
From other parts of Canada / d'autres régions du Canada	73%	66%	68%	69%	73%	67%
From the United States / des États-Unis	45%	44%	47%	44%	52%	40%
From other countries / d'autres pays que les États-Unis	45%	41%	42%	41%	48%	33%

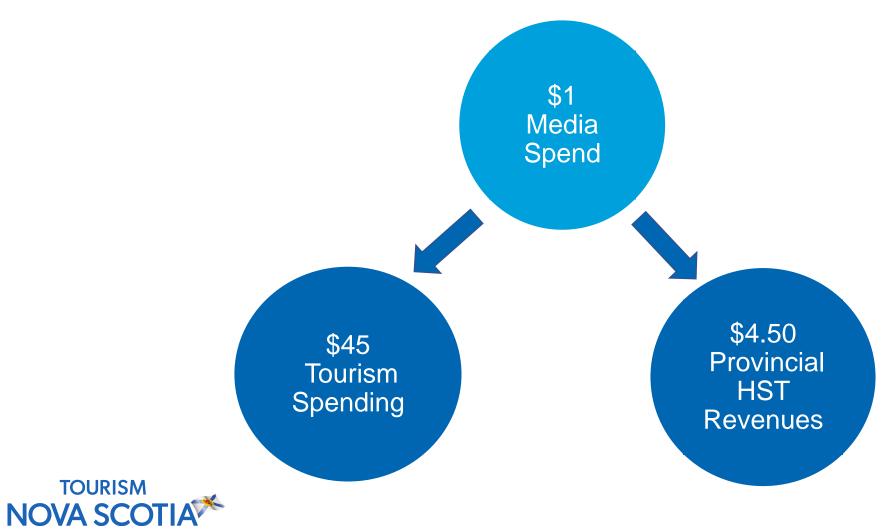
RECOVERY IS HAPPENING

- Visitation up 100% in August November 2021
- Accommodations sales to November 2021 up 43%
- 72% increase in visits to NovaScotia.com to November 2021





MARKETING ROI



TOURISM OUTLOOK

- Full recovery to 2019 levels by 2024-2026
- Domestic demand recovery well underway, and will be key to 2022's success
- Local and regional travel critically important
- Return of demand from other key Canadian markets
 also critically important
- Return of air capacity timing will determine timing of full recovery
- Important to nurture demand from key international markets





2022 TRAVEL TRENDS

- Rural locations
- Outdoors
- All things local
- Safety protocols expected
- Embrace digital adoption





2022 RESEARCH

- 2022 Visitor Exit Survey
- Exploration into Nova Scotia's places, products, and experiences
- Update Accommodations Needs
 Assessment
- Online Advisory Panel projects
- Tourism indicators
- Recovery Signals Digest





2022 MARKETING PLANS





KEY MARKETS

- Nova Scotia
- Atlantic Canada
- Ontario
- Quebec
- Northeastern United States
- United Kingdom
- 🥭 Germany



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2022 Winter Campaigns





Local Love (Nova Scotia)

On February 4th, the *Local Love* Campaign launched across Nova Scotia with a goal to encourage Nova Scotians to stay safe and support local. The campaign features a variety of purchasable product including accommodations, dining, outdoor adventure, culture and events, and shopping, to name a few.

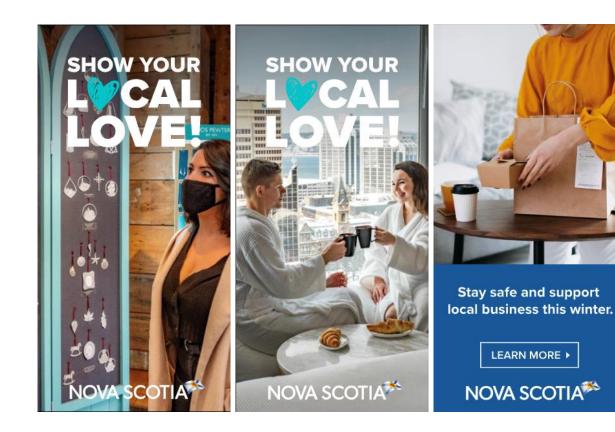
The campaign will run until March 31st and includes the following tactics:

- Radio and Digital Audio
- TV and Online Video
- Social
- Online





Animated Display and Social





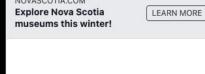
This winter, enjoy some safe and local fun with a trip to one of Nova Scotia's incredible artisan shops and studios.



NOVASCOTIA.COM Discover some new local treasures.

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TV and Online Video

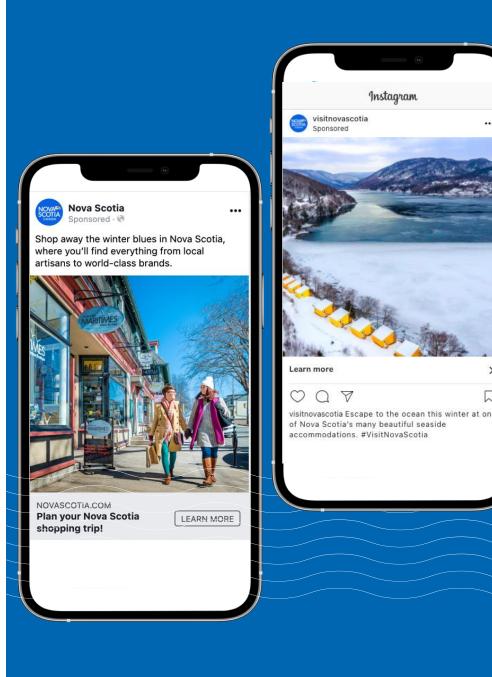
Wintervention (NB/PEI/NL)

Wintervention was re-launched mid-February in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador. The campaign encourages Atlantic Canadians to take back their winter and plan a trip to enjoy the shopping, dining, accommodations, culture, events and winter activities available in Nova Scotia.

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Animated Display and Video



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2022 Consumer Campaign





Do More Evolution

This year, we are evolving the successful Do More campaign that has been running over the last several years with the launch of *Calling all Doers*.

Calling all Doers is a rallying cry for the Doers of the world. It's an invitation to join us here in Nova Scotia: the spectacular home of more ways to "Do More" than the average Doer could ever dream up.

The campaign uses a playful alliteration and rhyming approach to catch the viewers attention, while putting on display the various travel-motivating places, attractions and experiences that will inspire travel to Nova Scotia.



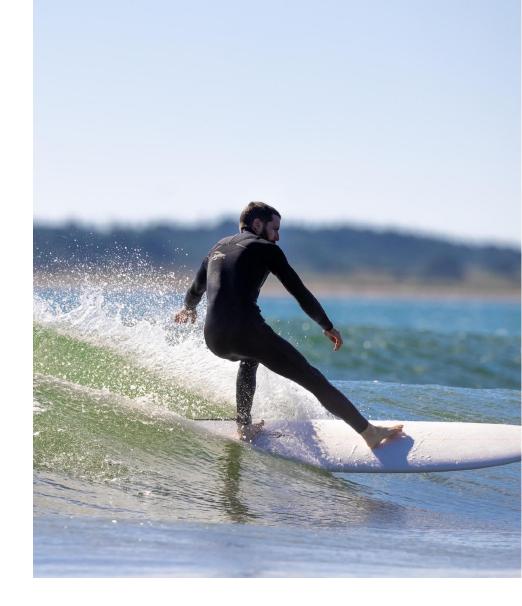


Calling all Doers

The unexpected language reflects the tourism brand identity. It is attention-grabbing and memorable. It creates a rhythm and cadence that draws in the listener.

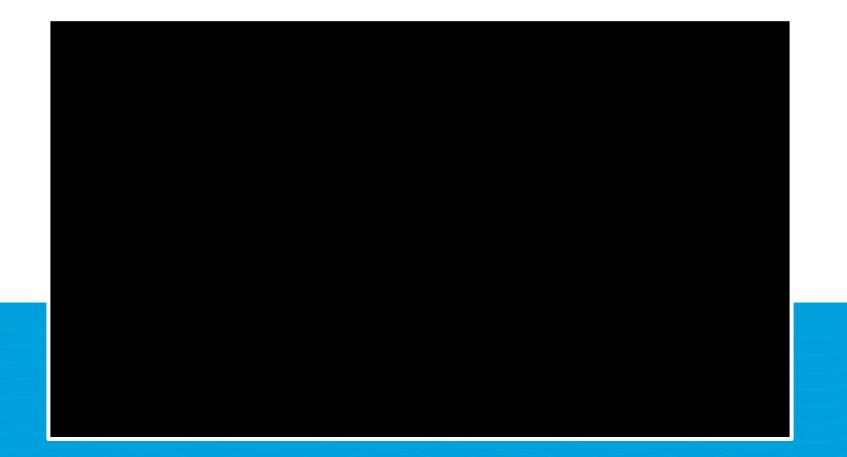
The language portrays activities as immersive experiences, appealing to our target Authentic Experiencer and Cultural Explorer segments.

The campaign is currently running in Ontario, Quebec, Northeastern US, UK and Germany and will run throughout the summer. The campaign will also launch in Atlantic Canada to promote Summer 2022 travel.





TV and Online Video





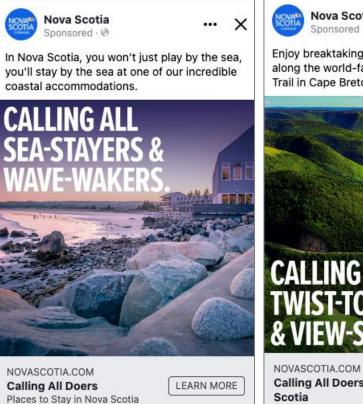
CALLING ALL WHALE-WAVERS & SPLASH-FANS.







Social





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Enjoy breaktaking coastal views with a trip along the world-famous twisty-turny Cabot Trail in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.



Calling All Doers to Nova

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A bit of hustle and bustle? From pubs to patios and clubs, Halifax nightlife has it all!

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Colourful houses. Infectious rhythms. Centuries-old tradition. Discover how deep the spirit of l'Acadie runs in Nova Scotia.



NOVASCOTIA.COM **Calling All Doers** Acadian Culture in Nova Scotia

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Animated Display



CALLING ALL VISTA-PEEPERS,





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Animated Display





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APPEL À TOUS LES PARTANTS

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Toolkit

The 2022 Marketing Campaign Toolkit includes assets that our industry partners can incorporate into their campaign creative.

By incorporate the logos in your marketing materials, we can align your marketing efforts with the *Calling all Doers* campaign, making the campaign stronger overall.

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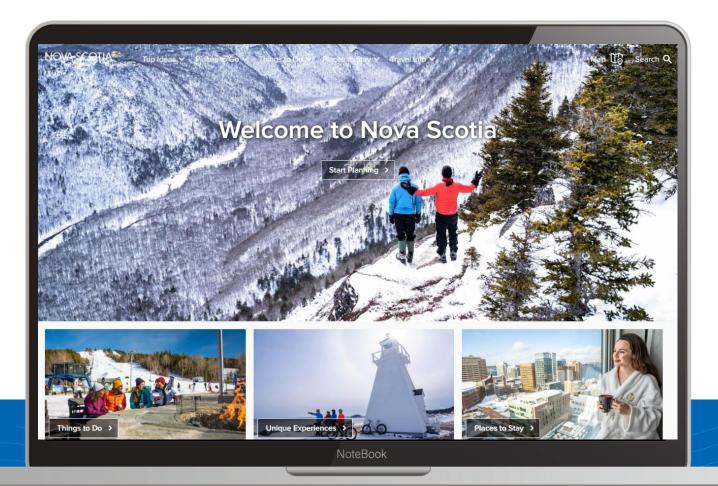


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- Business listings
- Package and experience listings
- City/town pages
- Itineraries/stories

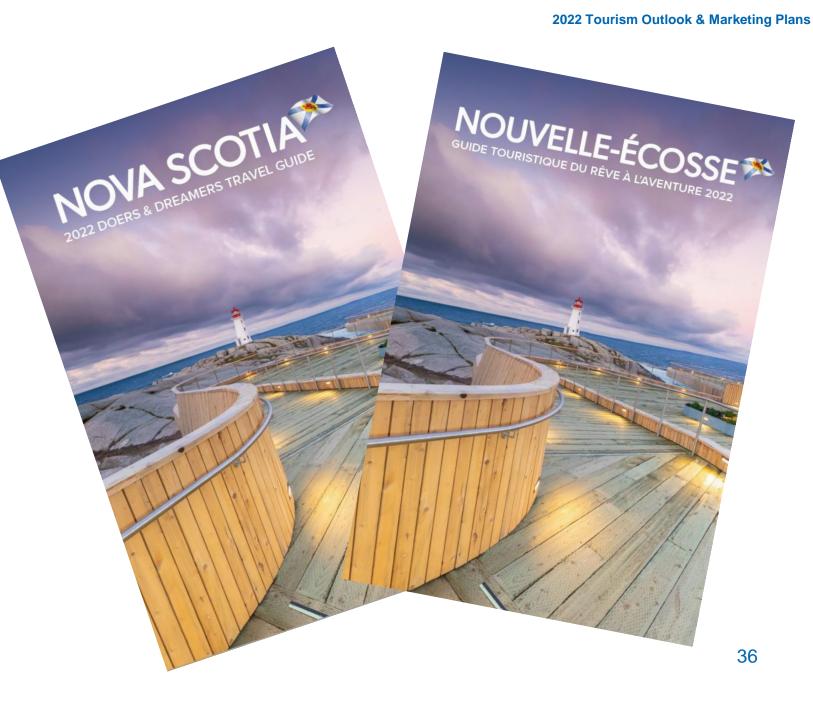




DIGITAL TRAVEL GUIDE

- Available to view/download on NovaScotia.com
- Business listings and trip planning inspiration





SOCIAL MEDIA

• Use #VisitNovaScotia for a chance to be featured!





TRAVEL TRADE/ TRAVEL MEDIA

- FAM tours and press trips resuming
- Marketplaces and trade shows
- Training for tour operators, travel agents





TMAC 2022 Conference

- Yarmouth June 22-26
- Participants are Canadian writers, photographers, videographers and social media influencers
- Pre- and post- conference FAM tours





TRAVEL MEDIA TOOLKIT

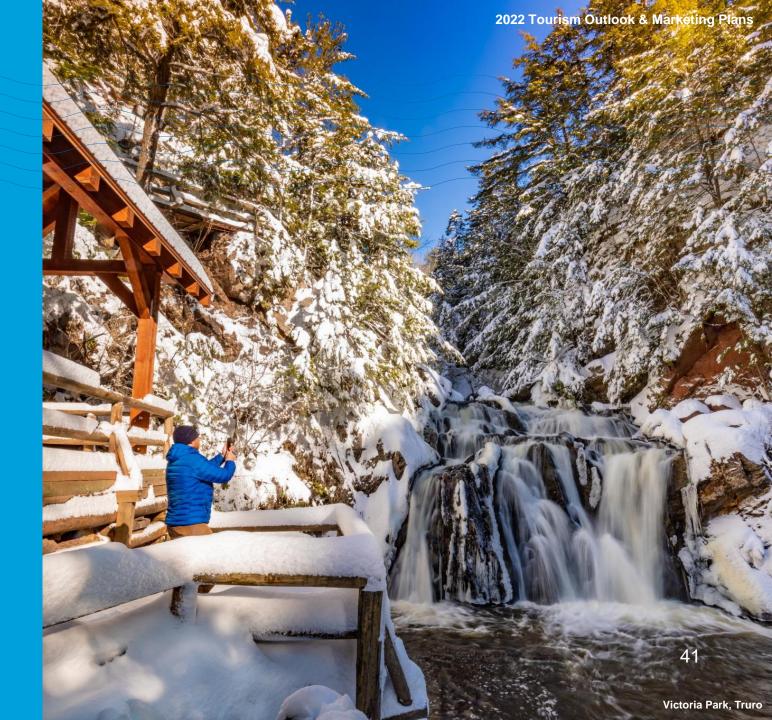
- Coming soon!
- Guidance and advice on how to work with journalists and influencers to promote your business or community





RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES





DIGITAL ADOPTION

- Digital Adoption Programs
- DigiPort Digital resource centre for tourism
 - Webinars/workshops
 - Tip sheets, templates, resources
 - Connect one-on-one with digital experts
 - Videos



Nova Scotia's Tourism Sector

Sign up

Get in touch with our network of digital marketing strategy experts.



PROGRAMS

- RADIATE Tourism applications opening in spring
- Digital Content Marketing Program annual applications, partners will be selected shortly
- RESTART Tour Operator Program- applications opening late spring

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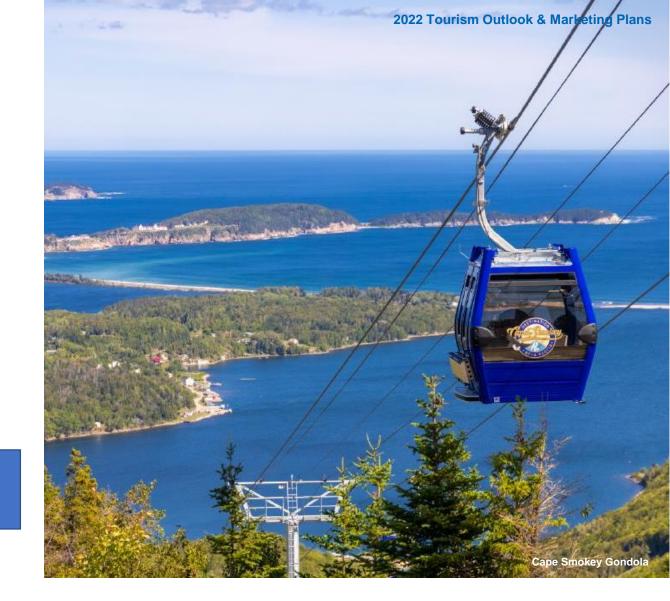




BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Coaching
- Workshops
- Webinars
- Toolkits and guides
- Research

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EVENTS







Events Nova Scotia

2022 update



About Us!

- Part of the Culture, Heritage and Development division at Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage
- Staff of 4 event professionals
- Launched the NS Event Strategy in 2018
- Government's on ramp for major event investments, execution and advice – guidance through the pandemic
- Providing advice, support and guidance to event industry



Stacey Oxner



Mike MacSween





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NOVA SCOTIA EVENT STRATEGY Government's **Proactive Plan for**

Major Events

Legacy

Positioning

Nova Scotia

Funding Themes

Create a diverse calendar of authentic NS events, harnessing our natural assets and unique culture, leaving legacy of growth for culture and sport – to benefit all Nova Scotians. Event Environment

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Education and Capacity Building

Measurement



Government Working Group-Event Planning





- Labour, Skills & Immigration
- Environment & Climate Change
- Public Health
- Service Nova Scotia (Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division)
- Natural Resources and Renewables
- Gaming Corporation
- Develop Nova Scotia
- Tourism Nova Scotia

Priority: Understand the Event Tourism Landscape

- Understand the health of the event industry
- Understanding travel motivation and how events can be a motivator
- Bolstering event reputation, by leveraging and supporting upcoming major events through coordination and support
- **Community consultation** to understand challenges/opportunities for major event attraction, development and support
- Volunteer engagement using VolunteerNS Major Event database
- Confidence Building Campaign
- Public Health practices to keep us safe

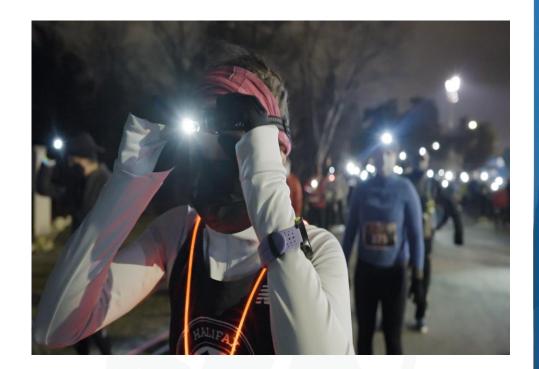


WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Priority: Investing in future Event Hosting helping us rebound and bounce back better

- Targeted investment based on Events NS Strategy's funding pillars, using research as our guide
- Analysis and streamlining of event investment, ensuring a consistent evaluation of opportunities
- Strategic support for **signature events**, identifying opportunities for expansion and growth
- Form long term sport hosting planning group to better align sport hosting opportunities and coordinate Sport Congress representation



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Priority: Partner Engagement with a focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Cultural competency program for volunteers
- Development of online education tools, capitalizing on the success of webinars, newsletters
- Ensuring equitable representation on Advisory Group
- Helping events understand what it means to be inclusive, equitable and embracing diversity
- Using our communication platforms to increase collaboration, success for event industry.



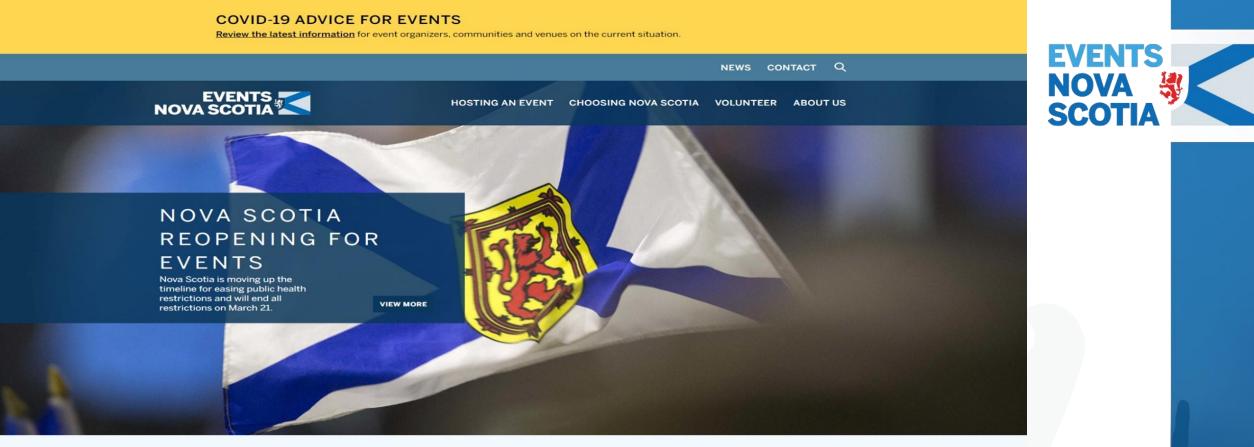


Event Investment Programs



- Secure funding for Major Events that fit with the strategy, pre-bid or pre-development. For example, the North American Indigenous Games
- Major Event Hosting Fund and associated policy
- Festival and Community event development fund





Discover what Nova Scotia has to offer.

Hosting an event in Nova Scotia feels like you've got the entire province behind you. Because you do. Our people are secondto-none for their energy and enthusiasm as fans, volunteers and hosts. Nova Scotia is made for original experiences and exceptional good times.

Events Nova Scotia staff are here to help communities attract, develop and fund major events. Our work is guided by the <u>Nova</u> <u>Scotia Event Strategy</u>, the first of its kind in Nova Scotia. If you're thinking about creating, attracting or bidding on a major event, we're here to help.





Thank you!

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