

# A Natural Balance

*Working Toward Nova Scotia's Natural Resources Strategy  
Report of the Steering Panel, Phase 2*

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# Why we're here

- Environment by 2020
  - Cleanest, most sustainable
  - Parks, forests, minerals, biodiversity
  - New process: citizen values > expertise > strategy
- Minister's request
  - Integrity: only Cabinet sees report before public, DNR
- New, balanced approach

## 2007 "EGSPA"

**BILL NO. 146**

(as passed, with amendments)



*1st Session, 60th General Assembly  
Nova Scotia  
56 Elizabeth II, 2007*

Government Bill

**Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act**

CHAPTER 7 OF THE ACTS OF 2007

The Honourable Mark Parent  
Minister of Environment and Labour

# Phase 2 Report

- 6 strategic priorities
  - Citizen, stakeholder engagement
  - Leadership readiness
  - Legislative renewal, compliance improvement
  - Research capacity, knowledge sharing
  - Education
  - Collaboration, co-ordination, co-operation
- Endorsed recommendations
  - Panels of Expertise: Minerals, Parks, Biodiversity

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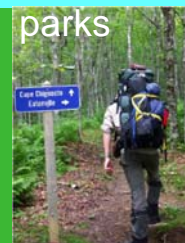
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# Citizen, stakeholder engagement

- Establish practices, structures, policies that commit participants to engagement
- Develop public scorecard

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# Leadership readiness

- Examine DNR role, structure
- Readiness for implementation
  - Attitude, behaviour changes
  - Align with values, professionalism, respect
  - Pursue collaboration: internally, externally

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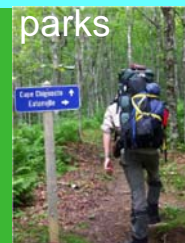
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# Legislative renewal, compliance improvement

- New legislative relationship with nature
- Renew/create legislation to reflect priorities
  - Develop, adopt, implement biodiversity legislation
  - Consider cross-boundary issues
- Review, update acts:
  - Provincial Parks, Trails, Beaches, Mineral Resources, Crown Land, Environment, Forests, Wildlife

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# Education

- Education at all levels
  - Students to stewards
- Historic connection
  - Informed decisions
- Physical, social, economic benefits

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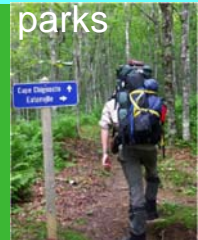
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## Research capacity, knowledge sharing

- Build research capacity, share knowledge, collect/manage data
  - Information sharing policy, promotion
  - External inter-disciplinary scientific advisory panel
  - Virtual science institute

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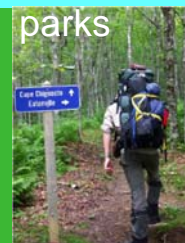
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# Collaboration, co-ordination, co-operation

- Throne Speech
  - Sharpen dept effectiveness, efficiency
- Break down govt silos
- *Recommended strategic priority*
  - Require DNR to foster collaboration, co-ordination, co-operation among all players

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# Recommendations: 4 Panels of Expertise

- Forests
  - Steering Panel presents own recommendations
    - Integrated Resource Management
    - Code of Forest Practices
    - Regulations (public, private lands)
    - Lead by example
    - Biomass for power generation – caution
- Biodiversity, Minerals, Parks
  - Endorse key Panels of Expertise recommendations

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# Looking ahead

- Phase 2 report:
  - Phase 3 strategy framework
- Balanced debate
  - Parks, biodiversity, minerals, forests
- DNR can't realize 2020 vision alone
  - Read reports
  - “What will I do?”

