

# The Atlantica Party Association of Nova Scotia

## Party Principles

Version 1.00

### Preamble

We look to the continuing evolution of our rights (based on 'The Rights of English People'). These Rights are inherent not granted and so cannot be rescinded. These Rights has been disclosed through English history in foundational documents such as Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights 1689, the United States Bill of Rights and is informed by classic liberalism thinkers such as Hobbes, Locke, Hume, Jefferson, Hamilton, Smith, Madison, Paine, Mill and Rorty.

We see politics as a problem-solving tool used by individuals who have come together to enhance their lives with progress coming from pragmatic incremental change in open and free democratic debate amongst citizens.

### Vision

To help each Nova Scotian achieve their unbounded potential.

### Basic Tenets

- The primary role of government is to maximize the freedom, liberty and opportunities of the individual.
- The right to trial by jury of peers.
- Security in one's home from unlawful entry.
- Security of one's property from unlawful seizure.
- No taxation without representation.
- Democratic discussion.
- Political equality.
- Free markets.
- No cruel and unusual punishments.
- The right to rebel.
- Strict separation of church and state.

### Macro policies

- A reformed voting system where every vote counts and every vote is equal.
- A political system with full separation of political powers making it policy forward, rooted in, answerable to, focused on and involving citizens.
- Respecting the diversity of Atlantica Canadians while recognizing our strength through economic and political unity.
- Economic growth and job creation through the private sector and free markets as the engine of the economy.
- Steady, gradual reduction in government spending and taxation while maintaining a firm commitment to balanced budgets.
- Government must ensure high-quality infrastructure, health care and education for citizens.
- A social safety net that focuses on those who truly require it, one that does not promote unnecessary dependency.
- Laws must respect individual freedom while holding the individual responsible for his or her behavior.
- The constant improvement of Nova Scotia's economic, environmental and social conditions within a strong and united Canada.

Version History

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