

1999 Election Q & A

Q: What is the Recreation Nova Scotia platform?

To convey the importance of recreation as preventive health care and to lobby for additional funding for recreation programs and services.

Q: What other issues are important to Recreation Nova Scotia?

- Continuing to have a Senior Minister for the Recreation & Sport Portfolio
- Support for the Volunteer sector
- Recreation being recognized as an essential service
- Access to Community schools
- Universal access to recreation opportunities
- An increase in the physical activity of youth and children
- For recreation to be addressed within the Municipal Roles and Responsibilities
- Use of the Casino profits and the Lottery revenue to support recreation and sport

Q: Does Recreation Nova Scotia support one political party?

No, some members of RNS may be card carrying members of a Party, but it is of their own volition.

Q: What will Recreation Nova Scotia be doing the election?

We will be undertaking a public awareness campaign; actively lobbying political candidates to make recreation a priority, and asking them to commit to increase funding for our programs.

Q: How will Recreation Nova Scotia evaluate its success with the election strategy?

We would feel like we succeeded if we saw some of the following outcomes: 1) After the election there was a Senior Minister responsible for Sport and Recreation appointed; 2) If there was increased funding to the Commission over the next three years, and; 3) If there was a visible increase in the amount of community support shown for recreation as preventive health care.

Q: What is Recreation Nova Scotia's long term goal?

RNS wants to see recreation recognized as an essential service.

Q: What would Recreation Nova Scotia do with increased funding?

RNS would use this money in the following ways: 1) Support the development of community grants and funding for the recreation delivery system, 2) Support professionals and volunteers, 3) Special projects for seniors, youth at risk, children in poverty, and: 4) Establish a provincial fund that would ensure universal access to recreational opportunities.

Q: Would Recreation Nova Scotia be prepared to support a specific party?

Yes, if that political party had a clear vision and a plan for recreation, and was prepared to back our Advocacy Plan goals.