



# Engage Nova Scotia Board Application Package

## **A Message from Engage Nova Scotia's Board Chair**

Engage Nova Scotia has a small team of people who do big things. Staff and board members alike are committed to Engage Nova Scotia's vision of a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient province.

Each person applies their experience, perspective, and skills to help bring that vision to life. The guidance of an enthusiastic and knowledgeable board is indispensable to this work.

Engage's board provides governance oversight and important input and direction on our activities, ideas and critical decision points. As board members of a dynamic organization, the role is consistently challenging and fulfilling.

If Engage's vision and approach cause you to light up with possibility, please consider contributing to our shared work.

Thank you for your interest and support,

Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed

## **About Engage Nova Scotia**

Engage Nova Scotia is an independent charitable non-profit whose vision is a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient province.

Engage has been driving the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Initiative since 2017. The purpose of the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Initiative is to prompt fresh perspectives and new action – by all of us – that better balances our social, environmental, cultural, and economic priorities.

Engage also works to foster a more connected province by supporting community engagement activities and undertaking projects that cultivate relationship-building and promote social cohesion.



## Overview of the board

What are the key details I should know to start off?

- **Composition:** The board is composed of up to 14 members. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer make up the 'Executive' and have duties unique to those roles.
- **Board Meetings:** Meetings are typically held 4 times per year for 3-4 hours. In-person meetings may require travel and at least once a year there is a 1.5-day gathering that focuses on strategic direction. Additional board meetings are held as needed to support Engage Nova Scotia's activities.
- **Terms:** Board members' terms are typically three years and are renewable. Board members cannot serve more than a total of seven years in a row.

What would I do as an Engage Board Member?

- Oversee the activities of the Society
- Establish broad policies, strategies and objectives
- Oversee the proper governance of the society, and
- Uphold its vision and values

Board members' responsibilities include email correspondence, attending meetings, taking part in the organization's activities, occasionally representing Engage Nova Scotia publicly, and staying informed about the discourse and advancement of similar and related work in Nova Scotia and elsewhere.

### How can I apply to join the Engage Nova Scotia board?

1. Apply to become a board member by completing the application form from page 5-9 and submit it to us by email: [info@engagenovascotia.ca](mailto:info@engagenovascotia.ca) or by mail:

1525 Birmingham Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J0B5

2. The Executive reviews applications on an ongoing basis

3. Members are elected to the board at the Annual General Meeting, usually held in June of each year. The board has the authority to elect members at other times of the year as well, depending on vacancies, needs, and opportunities.



## Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Practices

**Towards a better Nova Scotia for all of us.**

**To belong here is to be you.**

The vision for a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient Nova Scotia takes all of us. We are committed to including every Nova Scotian as their whole self; across gender, race, age, ability, sexual orientation, religion, cultures, communities, identities, and perspectives.

Engage Nova Scotia recognizes the paradigms of prejudice, racism, colonialism, and oppression built into our society. We actively look to address ongoing harm and inequities through (un)learning and action that dismantles those paradigms and the structures that uphold and reinforce them.

## Application form

Please submit your application by email to Engage Nova Scotia:  
info@engagenovascotia.ca or by mail:

**1525 Birmingham Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J0B5**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What's the best way for us to contact you and when? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Work and volunteer experience

It is not a prerequisite to be currently employed or to have already served on a board to be considered for Engage Nova Scotia's board. We have created space for that to be described, but it might not be applicable to all.

**Current Position and Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Previous Positions and Employers:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Boards (include term dates):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Previous Boards (include term dates):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community/Volunteer Roles (include duration):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other Relevant Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Use of information

Engage NS will not share your information with anyone other than the staff or board of Engage NS, and only for the purpose of board recruitment.

I consent to the receipt, use, and disclosure of what I have shared in this form. This is a full and accurate representation of my relevant qualifications to be a member of the Engage Nova Scotia board.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

