



## Potential Government, Non-profit and Other Partners in Active Transportation (AT)

### Provincial Government Partners:

#### *Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR)*

This department holds the responsibility for roads and highways throughout most of Nova Scotia, especially in rural municipalities. Therefore, this department is a key strategic partner in building AT infrastructure. Ensure that TIR is a part of your AT process early. Ideally this will mean that a TIR representative sits on your AT committee but even regular meetings with local, senior TIR staff can help move the AT agenda forward. Increasingly, TIR is open to supporting AT processes and is starting to consider AT in their planning.

<http://novascotia.ca/tran/>

#### *Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness (DHW)*

In almost all municipal AT plans and AT committees, regional representatives from this department and the Regional Physical Activity Coordinators have provided essential support, funding, and guidance. DHW provides leadership in the community and within government in addressing issues from a “determinants of health” perspective. They can also help work to influence policy decisions in other departments and across sectors. If you would like to know who the Physical Activity Coordinators are in your area check out this link: <http://novascotia.ca/hpp/pasr/regions.asp>.

<http://novascotia.ca/dhw/>

#### *Nova Scotia Department of Energy*

This Department is the lead on the provincial Sustainable Transportation Strategy released in 2013. The Strategy is about providing all Nova Scotians with accessible, affordable, safe and convenient choices that support our personal and environmental well-being. Active Transportation is one of seven key elements of the strategy. This department also administers the Nova Scotia Moves funding program.

<http://novascotia.ca/sustainabletransportation/>

#### *Nova Scotia Department of Seniors*

This department collaborates with many other organizations and government departments to promote the importance of active living and physical activity among seniors.

\*In 2011, the Minister of Health and Wellness established an inter-departmental committee on AT. The rationale for the committee is to bring together all of the government departments working on AT and begin to lay the ground work for a provincial AT policy\*

<http://novascotia.ca/seniors/>

### Other Potential Partners:

#### *Ecology Action Centre (EAC)*

Since 1971, the EAC has been working to build a healthier, more sustainable Nova Scotia. Today, our volunteers and staff work primarily through seven active, issues-based teams and committees, supported by over 2500 members. The Transportation Issues Committee works to improve sustainable transportation options in Nova Scotia, including AT. Through various child/youth-focused initiatives, EAC encourages more children, youth and their families to use active transportation – such as walking and cycling – for the environment, physical activity and traffic safety. In addition to its child/youth AT

initiatives, EAC has a suite of projects and resources to help communities further AT in Nova Scotia. They range from the Active Transportation 101 document and AT Workshops, Bike Again!, the Active Transportation NS newsletter, ADAPT and lots of resources.

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/transportation-issues-committee-projects>

#### *Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM)*

The UNSM made AT a priority in 2008 when it resolved to promote strategies among its membership and with other government agencies. The UNSM AT Committee is housed in the UNSM Municipal Sustainability Office. Members of the AT Committee include municipal and UNSM staff, various provincial department staff, and several not-for-profit organization staff. The AT Committee has advanced several AT projects in recent years including an AT Video – AT-Human Powered Solutions made in Nova Scotia, and an AT Report – Where it's AT: Exploring Issues to Advance Active Transportation in Nova Scotia, which identifies opportunities and barriers. Copies of both the DVD and Report were sent to all municipalities, and are also available on the UNSM Municipal Sustainability Office website. The UNSM AT Committee is now focusing its efforts on education, awareness, and policy.

<http://www.sustainability-unsm.ca/>

#### *Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia*

One of the priorities of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia is physical activity, which greatly reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke. This organization provides healthy living information and supports policies and programs to help Nova Scotians be healthy and active. They have also developed a toolkit to help individuals and organizations who are interested in making their communities more supportive of physical activity through active, healthy community design. A specific AT-related project is the Heart&Stroke Walkabout. It is focused on putting feet back on the street and walking back in the hearts and minds of Nova Scotians. Supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection and the Ecology Action Centre, Walkabout provides support for walkers including motivational and online-tracking resources and access to pedometers.

[www.walkaboutns.ca](http://www.walkaboutns.ca)

#### *Bicycle Nova Scotia (BNS)*

Bicycle Nova Scotia is the not-for-profit provincial cycling association that administers athletic development and race schedules. BNS also has information pertaining to advocacy/education and recreational cycling. If you would like to know what is happening within the provincial cycling community check out its website.

[www.bicycle.ns.ca](http://www.bicycle.ns.ca)

#### *Chamber of Commerce*

Your local Chamber of Commerce or Business Association acts as the advocacy organization, and is the voice of business in your community. Contact them to see if they have a sustainable transportation committee.

<http://www.nschamber.ca/>

#### *Nova Scotia Trails Federation*

The Nova Scotia Trails Federation is a not-for-profit organization that represents the interests of trail users and community-based recreational trail groups in Nova Scotia. NS Trails supports the work of community groups in the planning, building, maintenance, and management stages of recreational trails. As the provincial trail organization, the primary goals of NS Trails are to promote the development



and responsible use of recreational trails for the benefit and enjoyment of all Nova Scotians and visitors to our province.

[www.novascotiatrails.com](http://www.novascotiatrails.com)

#### *Hike Nova Scotia*

Hike Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit society that encourages and promotes hiking, walking and snowshoeing throughout Nova Scotia. It imagines more Nova Scotians and visitors enjoying a broad network of places for hiking, walking and snowshoeing and doing so in a responsible manner. Its strategic directions are: Advocacy; Promotion (Communication, Awareness and Education); Leadership; Strong Organizational Presence (Recognition, Partnerships and Collaboration).

[www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca)

#### *Canoe/Kayak Nova Scotia*

Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia (CKNS) is a provincial association involved in the promotion of safe recreational canoeing and kayaking. It is a non-for-profit volunteer organization offering information, training, and products.

[www.ckns.ca](http://www.ckns.ca)