



Nova Scotia Infrastructure that Grows with World Demand

Nova Scotia Business Inc.'s (NSBI) domestic and international initiatives are solidly supported by a backbone of world-class infrastructure. From massive land and sea-based facilities, to advanced applications for computer networking on the fibre-optic highway, Nova Scotia has a sophisticated hold on its growing share of world trade.

Long known as a major shipping and distribution hub for North America, Nova Scotia's capital city of Halifax has many competitive advantages.

Anchored by the ice-free Port of Halifax, this Atlantic gateway is the preferred connection to Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia via the Suez Canal for more than 20 direct services, including companies such as Hapag Lloyd, China Shipping, Maersk Line and the National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia.

Intermodal transportation infrastructure connects air, rail and road to major centres of commerce on the Eastern Seaboard and the heartland of the U.S. On-dock, double-stack rail service, excellent highway systems and the Halifax International Airport, with its newly approved Canada-U.S. preclearance program, all mean shorter waiting times for the goods and services sector.

With upcoming projects like the refurbishment of port terminals, to accommodate fully-loaded post-Panamax and future 9,000 – 12,000 TEU vessels being built by China Shipping, and the construction of a state-of-the-art cargo distribution and warehouse facility, Nova Scotia's infrastructure continues to grow in step with world demand.

Fast Facts

- » The Port of Halifax is a full day closer to southeast Asia than any other North American port.
- » A high-speed CAT ferry runs daily between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and Bar Harbor, Maine.
- » Hibernia Atlantic's state-of-the-art network offers direct trans-Atlantic connectivity from the U.S. and Canada to Ireland and the U.K. Cable landing stations are located in Dublin, Halifax, Boston and Liverpool.
- » The Port of Halifax is the first inbound and last outbound port on the North American continent.
- » The Halifax International Airport is home to 16 airlines and sees 3.2 million passengers pass through its gates annually.
- » Nova Scotia has a fully digital telecommunications system and a robust province-wide broadband network.
- » Consolidated Fastfrate, a national transportation company that operates 17 shipping distribution terminals across Canada, is currently building a state-of-the-art transload, distribution and warehouse facility that will process about 70 marine containers daily.
- » Nova Scotia's two full-service telephone companies offer end-to-end redundant fibre networks.



Nova Scotia Business Inc. is Nova Scotia's private sector-led business development agency. NSBI is the investment attraction arm of the province and helps businesses in Nova Scotia meet growth potential through advisory services, trade development, business financing and venture capital.

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