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*Effective November 28, 2023, subsection 3(6) of the *Regulations Act* was replaced. (See subsection 3(5) of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2022, *An Act to Amend Chapter 393 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Regulations Act*.)

N.S. Reg. 55/2025

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Designation of Reportable Disease Order for Avian Influenza

Order dated March 11, 2025

Designation made by the Minister of Agriculture
pursuant to Section 15 of the *Animal Health and Protection Act*
and subsection 6(1) of the *Animal Health and Protection Regulations*

**Designation of Reportable Disease made by the Minister of Agriculture
under Section 4 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Animal Health and Protection Act* and
subsection 6(1) of the *Animal Health and Protection Regulations***

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture is authorized to designate a disease as a provincially reportable disease under subsection 6(1) of the *Animal Health and Protection Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 67/2021;

And whereas the Chief Veterinary Officer, having considered recent incidents of Avian Influenza in the Province and elsewhere, and having reviewed other factors relating to this disease, has recommended that this disease be designated and that the designation is in the public interest;

Therefore, I, Greg Morrow, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Nova Scotia, hereby order that the following is designated as a provincially reportable disease:

Avian Influenza

This order is effective on and after the date it is filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

Dated and made March 11, 2025, ~~2025~~, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *Greg Morrow*
Honourable Greg Morrow
Minister of Agriculture
Province of Nova Scotia

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated March 13, 2025
made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

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Arborist Trade Regulations

Order dated March 5, 2025
Regulations made by the Apprenticeship Board
pursuant to subsection 17A(1) of the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*

Apprenticeship Board

Arborist Trade Regulations
made under subsection 17A(1) of the
Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act

I, Trent Soholt, Chair of the Apprenticeship Board for the Province of Nova Scotia, certify that at a meeting on March 5, 2025, the Apprenticeship Board, pursuant to subsection 17A(1) of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2003, the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*, carried a motion to make regulations respecting the arborist trade in the form set forth in the attached Schedule "A".

This order is effective on and after the date it is filed.

Dated and signed March 5, 2025, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *Trent Soholt*
Trent Soholt
Chair, Apprenticeship Board

Schedule “A”**Regulations Respecting the Arborist Trade
made by the Apprenticeship Board under subsection 17A(1)
of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2003,
the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*****Citation**

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Arborist Trade Regulations*.

Definitions

2 (1) In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*;

“arboriculture” means the science of cultivating and managing individual trees, shrubs, vines and woody plants;

“arborist” means a professional who specializes in the care, management and study of trees, shrubs, vines and woody plants;

“arborist trade” means the occupation of an arborist, consisting of implementing the knowledge of arboriculture and the skills necessary to do the following:

- (i) transplant, maintain and remove trees, shrubs, vines and woody plants using ropes, climbing systems, pruning tools, diagnostic tools and mechanized equipment,
- (ii) carry out treatments for optimal tree health, including managing pests, diseases, wounds and defects that impact trees, shrubs, vines and woody plants;

“General Regulations” means the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act General Regulations* made under the Act.

(2) A term defined in the General Regulations has the same meaning when used in these regulations.

Term of apprenticeship for arborist trade

3 (1) The term of apprenticeship for the arborist trade consists of all of the following:

- (a) 5400 documented hours of the combination of practical experience and the portion of technical training spent learning the skills of the designated trade as described in clause 26(1A)(a) of the General Regulations and as approved by the Director;
- (b) related technical training as described in clause 26(1A)(b) of the General Regulations and as approved by the Director;
- (c) a certification examination.

(2) Any probationary period included in a term of apprenticeship for the arborist trade as permitted by subsection 12(2) of the General Regulations must be no longer than 3 months.

Arborist certificate through trade qualification

4 The period of employment in the designated trade that is required by paragraph 30(1)(a)(ii)(B) of the

General Regulations for a person who does not hold a certificate of apprenticeship and is applying for a certificate of qualification in [the] arborist trade is 8100 hours.

Compliance with identity card requirements of General Regulations

- 5 For the purposes of subsections 34(2) and (3) of the General Regulations, which require an apprentice or journeyman to keep their identity card in their possession when practising the designated trade and produce it on request, a person is practising the arborist trade while the person is doing any of the following:
- (a) for an apprentice,
 - (i) acquiring practical experience in the trade, or
 - (ii) learning the skills of the trade during the technical training portion of apprenticeship training;
 - (b) for a journeyman, performing the duties of the trade as defined in these regulations or their duties as set out in the General Regulations.

N.S. Reg. 58/2025

Made: March 13, 2025

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Summary Offence Tickets Regulations—amendment

Order dated March 13, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice pursuant to Section 8 of the *Summary Proceedings Act*

Order

**Made under Section 8 of Chapter 450
of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Summary Proceedings Act***

I, Becky Druhan, Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Summary Proceedings Act*, hereby

- (a) amend Schedule M-15 to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, made by order of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice dated October 4, 2011, to designate certain offences under the Town of Antigonish's Nuisance Party By-law as summary offence ticket offences, in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule "A"; and
- (b) order and direct that the penalty to be entered on a summons in respect of an offence set out in amendments to the schedules to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, as set forth in the attached Schedule "A", is the out-of-court settlement amount listed in the out-of-court settlement column set out opposite the description for the offence, and includes the charge provided for in, and in accordance with, Sections 8 and 9 of the Act.

This order is effective on and after the date it is filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

Dated and made March 13, 2025, at Halifax, Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *Becky Druhan*
Honourable Becky Druhan
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*
made by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice pursuant to Section 8
of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Summary Proceedings Act***

Schedule M-15 to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, made by Order of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice dated October 4, 2011, is amended by adding the following heading and items immediately before the heading “Solid Waste Resources Management By-law”:

Nuisance Party By-law:

1	Sponsoring, conducting, continuing, hosting, creating or attending (specify) nuisance party	4.1	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
2	Owner, occupant or person having rightful possessory control of property causing or permitting nuisance party	4.2	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
3	Non-resident failing to leave property after directed by order	4.3	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
4	Urinating or defecating in public place	4.4	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
5	Occupying roof of building without legitimate maintenance or construction purpose	4.5	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
6	Damaging public or private property in connection with nuisance party	4.6	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
7	Causing a public disturbance in connection with nuisance party	4.6	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50

8	Wilfully interfering with enforcement officer in performance of their duties	4.7	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50
9	Hanging or installing signage containing offensive language in public place	4.8	
	first offence		\$582.50
	second offence		\$812.50
	third offence		\$1157.50

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated March 20, 2025
made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

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N.S. Reg. 60/2025

Made: March 20, 2025

Filed: March 20, 2025

Fire Safety Regulations—amendment

Order in Council 2025-77 dated March 20, 2025
Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 51 of the *Fire Safety Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated February 28, 2025, and pursuant to Section 51 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002, the *Fire Safety Act*, is pleased to amend the *Fire Safety Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 48/2003, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2003-83 dated February 28, 2003, to adopt the 2020 edition of the *National Fire Code* and to perform some housekeeping amendments, in the manner set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after April 1, 2025.

Schedule "A"

**Amendment to the *Fire Safety Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 51
of Chapter 6 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 2002,
the *Fire Safety Act***

- 1 The definition of "National Fire Code" in subsection 2(1) of the *Fire Safety Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 48/2003, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2003-83 dated February 28, 2003, is amended by
 - (a) striking out "2015" and substituting "2020"; and
 - (b) striking out ", including all revisions, errata and corrections to the errata made by that body on or before March 1, 2019".
- 2 Clause 3(1)(c) of the regulations is amended by striking out "Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities" and substituting "Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities".
- 3 Clause 5(1)(b) of the regulations is amended by adding "the Department of" immediately after "from".
- 4 (1) Subsection 12(1) of the regulations is amended by
 - (a) adding "sealed" immediately after "provide"; and
 - (b) striking out "stories" wherever it appears and substituting "storeys".(2) Subsection 12(2) of the regulations is repealed and the following subsection is substituted:
 - (2) The Fire Marshal may, at the request of a professional engineer or architect, review plans for changes to a building or facility not listed in subsection (1), and the fee for the review of the sealed building plans is \$96.50 per hour plus any expenditures related to the performance of the plan review.
- 5 Section 13 of the regulations is repealed.
- 6 (1) Section 14 of the regulations is amended by adding the heading "Responsibility of municipality to inspect" immediately before subsection (1).
 - (2) Subsection 14(1) of the regulations is amended by striking out "after the inspection under Section 13".
 - (3) Section 14 of the regulations is further amended by adding the following clause immediately after clause (2)(a):
 - (aa) a residential occupancy (Group C) that meets all of the following conditions:
 - (i) it has 3 or fewer units,
 - (ii) is not regulated under the *Homes for Special Care Act*,
 - (iii) the municipal fire inspection office has received a complaint that a fire or life safety

issue exists in the building from a representative of one of the following:

- (A) a Provincial government department or agency,
- (B) a fire department with jurisdiction over the property,
- (C) a police agency with jurisdiction over the property;

7 Section 15 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) striking out “13 or”; and
- (b) adding “plus any expenditures related to the performance of the inspection” immediately after “per hour”.

8 Section 15A of the regulations is amended by striking out “\$2000” and substituting “\$5000”.

9 (1) Subsection 17(3) of the regulations is amended by striking out “All” and substituting “Except as permitted by subsection (4), all”.

(2) Section 17 of the regulations is further amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (3):

(4) A fire hose coupling may be a nonthreaded connection if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the nonthreaded connection is listed for fire department use;
- (b) the coupling is a minimum of 100 mm in diameter;
- (c) the coupling is used for a high-volume supply;
- (d) the coupling is used to supply an apparatus or distribution device that is listed for fire department use.

10 Subsection 18(2) of the regulations is amended by striking out “stand pipe” and substituting “standpipe”.

11 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Sections immediately after Section 28 and the centred heading “Modifications to the National Fire Code”:

Defined terms

28A (1) Sentence 1.4.1.2.(1) (Part 1 of Division A) of the National Fire Code is modified by repealing all of the following defined terms:

“Agricultural occupancy (Group G)”

“Agricultural occupancy with no human occupants”

“Farm building”

“Greenhouse agricultural occupancy”

“High-hazard agricultural occupancy”

- (2) The definition of “Major occupancy” in Sentence 1.4.1.2.(1) (Part 1 of Division A) of the National Fire Code is modified by striking out “G1–High-hazard agricultural occupancies, G2–Agricultural occupancies not elsewhere classified in Group G, G3–Greenhouse agricultural occupancies, G4–Agricultural occupancies with no human occupants”.

Applicable editions

28B Article 1.3.1.2. (Part 1 of Division B) of the National Fire Code, except Table 1.3.1.2., is replaced by the following article:

1.3.1.2. Applicable Editions

- 1) Except as provided under Sentence (2), where documents are referenced in this Code, they shall be the editions designated in Table 1.3.1.2. except those documents identified in Section 66 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations* in the replacement Sentence 1.3.1.2.(1) (Part 1 of Division B) of the National Building Code as designated under an Act or regulation of the Province of Nova Scotia as listed, in which case the edition so referenced shall apply.
- 2) Where amendments to documents adopted by this Code apply, these amendments shall apply to the particular provisions of those documents adopted by the above Acts and regulations unless amended by the *Nova Scotia Fire Safety Regulations*.

Sentences 2.1.2.2.(3) and 2.1.2.2.(4) repealed

28C Sentences 2.1.2.2.(3) and 2.1.2.2.(4) (Part 2 of Division B) of the National Fire Code are repealed.

- 12 Section 30 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section is substituted:

Occupant load

30 Article 2.7.1.3. of the National Fire Code is replaced by the following Article:

2.7.1.3. Occupant Load

- 1) The maximum permissible occupant load for any room shall be calculated on the basis of the least of
- a) 0.4 m² of net floor space per occupant,
 - b) the occupant load for which means of egress are provided, and
 - c) in a room used for dining, serving alcoholic beverages or as a cafeteria, 1.2 m² of gross floor space per occupant.
(See Note A-2.7.1.3.(1), NFC)
- 2) The number of occupants permitted to enter a room shall not exceed the maximum occupant load calculated in conformance with Sentence (1).

- 13 Section 30A of the regulations is repealed and the following Sections are substituted:

Posting of fire emergency procedures

30A Article 2.8.2.14. (Part 2 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is modified by adding the following sentence immediately after Sentence 2.8.2.14.(4):

- 5) The floor plan diagram required in Sentence 3.8.2.10.(5) of Schedule “C” to the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations* shall be maintained in conformance with the requirements of Sentence 3.8.3.9.(4) of Schedule “C” to the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations* if that was required at the time of construction.

Boarding and lodging houses

30B Article 2.11.1.1. (Part 2 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is replaced by the following article:

2.11.1.1. Boarding and Lodging Houses, Construction

- 1) Buildings altered or occupied for purposes of providing accommodation for boarders, lodgers or roomers shall conform to either
- a) the NBC, or
 - b) Part 8 of the *Fire Safety Regulations*.

Farm buildings

30C Section 2.14. (Part 2 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is replaced with the word “RESERVED”.

Additional functional statements and objectives for Table 2.15.1.1.

30D Article 2.15.1.1. (Part 2 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is modified by adding the following rows containing functional statements and objectives to Table 2.15.1.1. immediately after the rows containing functional statements and objectives for Article 2.14.3.1.:

2.16.1.1. Appointment	
(1)	[F12-OP1.2]
	[F12-OS1.2, OS1.5]
2.16.1.2. Inspection	
(1)	[F82-OS1.2, OS1.5]
(2)	[F12-OP1.2]
	[F12-OS1.5, OS1.2]

14 Section 31 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) striking out “Article 2.14.1.1.” and substituting “Article 2.15.1.1.”;
- (b) striking out “2.15 Chief Fire Wardens” and substituting “Section 2.16 Chief Fire Wardens”;
- (c) striking out “2.15.1. Chief Fire Wardens” and substituting “2.16.1. Chief Fire Wardens”;
- (d) striking out “2.15.1.1. Appointment” and substituting “2.16.1.1. Appointment”;
- (e) striking out “2.15.1.2 Inspection” and substituting “2.16.1.2. Inspection”;
- (f) striking out “Sentence 2.15.1.1.(1)” in added Sentence 2.15.1.2(1) and substituting “Sentence 2.16.1.1.(1)”; and
- (g) striking out “Sentence 2.15.1.1.” in added Clause 2.15.1.2(1)(a) and substituting “Article 2.16.1.1.”.

15 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Sections immediately after Section 31:

Clause 4.1.1.1.(3)(c) modified

31A Clause 4.1.1.1.(3)(c) (Part 4 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is modified by striking out “except as provided in Sentence (4).”.

Sentence 4.1.1.1.(4) repealed

31B Sentence 4.1.1.1.(4) (Part 4 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is repealed.

Section 4.12. repealed

31C Section 4.12. (Part 4 of Division B) of the National Fire Code is replaced with the word “RESERVED”.

16 Section 34 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section is substituted:

Lightning protection systems

34 Part 6 of Division B of the National Fire Code is amended by adding the following Section immediately after Section 6.8:

Section 6.8A. Lightning Protection Systems**6.8A.1. Lightning Protection Systems****6.8A.1.1. Inspection**

- 1) The owner of a building with an installed lightning protection system shall have the system inspected by a qualified person for signs of deterioration and mechanical damage every 5 years and after changes have been made to the structure or roof.
- 2) The owner of a building described in Sentence 6.8A.1.1.(1) shall keep inspection records for at least 7 years from the inspection date and provide those records if requested by the authority having jurisdiction.

17 The table in Section 34A of the regulations is amended by repealing the row beginning with “6.8A.1.1. Installation” and the four rows immediately following it.

18 Section 35 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) adding “retrofits of” immediately before “boarding” in added Sentence 8.1.1.1.(1);
- (b) striking out “and” immediately after “both,” in added Clause 8.1.1.1.(1)(b);
- (c) striking out the period at the end of added Clause 8.1.1.1.(1)(c) and substituting “, and”;
- (d) striking out “(See Note A-8.1.1.1.(1))” at the end of added Sentence 8.1.1.1.(1);
- (e) adding the following clause immediately after added Clause 8.1.1.1.(1)(c):
 - (d) the fire official is satisfied that, before April 1, 2025, the building was occupied for the purpose of providing accommodations for boarders, lodgers or roomers.
- (f) striking out “30-minute fire-resistance rating” in added Clause 8.1.1.3.(1)(b) and substituting “fire-resistance rating of not less than 30 minutes”;
- (g) striking out “Walls Separating Bedrooms” in the heading to added Article 8.1.1.5. and substituting

“Sleeping Areas and Bedroom Fire Separations”;

- (h) in added Sentence 8.1.1.5.(1),
 - (i) striking out “guest room” and substituting “sleeping area, bedroom”, and
 - (ii) adding “constructed as fire separations” immediately after “walls”;
- (i) striking out “guest rooms” in added Sentence 8.1.1.5.(2) and substituting “sleeping areas, bedrooms”;
- (j) adding the following sentences immediately after added Sentence 8.1.1.5.(2):
 - 3) Except as provided in Sentence (4), a closure between sleeping area or bedrooms and the corridor providing access to exit shall have a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes.
 - 4) A solid core wood door that is 45 mm thick together with a solid door frame that is 42 mm thick with no approved listed fire-protection rating shall be deemed to be in compliance with Sentence (3).
 - 5) A door referred to in Sentences (3) and (4) shall be equipped with approved self-closing devices and positive latching devices.
- (k) repealing added Sentence 8.1.1.6.(4) and substituting the following sentence:
 - 4) Except as provided in Sentence (5), a door or other opening in a fire separation for a furnace room shall be protected with a closure having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes.
- (l) striking out “fire-resistance” in added Sentence 8.1.1.6.(5) and substituting “fire-protection”;
- (m) striking out “self closures” in added Sentence 8.1.1.6.(6) and substituting “self-closing devices”;
- (n) adding “required to have a fire-resistance rating” immediately after “fire separations” in added Sentence 8.1.1.6.(7);
- (o) striking out “accommodations” in added Sentence 8.1.1.8.(3) and substituting “areas or bedrooms”;
- (p) striking out “room” in added Sentence 8.1.1.8.(4) and substituting “area or bedroom”;
- (q) adding the following sentence immediately after added Sentence 8.1.1.8.(4):
 - 5) Except where the building is sprinklered, each bedroom, sleeping area or combination bedroom shall have at least one outside window or exterior door openable from the inside without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge and without requiring the removal of sashes or hardware in conformance with the bedroom window egress requirements in the Building Code.
- (r) adding the following article and heading immediately after added Article 8.1.1.8.:

8.1.1.8A. Handrails and Guards

 - 1) Handrails and guards shall be installed on stairs and ramps in accordance with the Building

Code.

- (s) in added Sentence 8.1.1.9.(1),
 - (i) striking out “Article 8.1.1.8.” and substituting “Sentences 8.1.1.8.(1), (2) and (3)”, and
 - (ii) striking out “Article 9.9.2.1.” and substituting “Articles 9.9.2.1. and 9.9.2.2.”;
- (t) repealing added Sentence 8.1.1.9.(3) and substituting the following sentence:
 - 3)** In a building with sleeping accommodations for 10 persons or fewer, corridors that are connected to an interior stairway may form part of the stairway enclosure, and fire separations between floors shall be maintained with a minimum 30-minute fire-resistance rating in conformance with Article 8.1.1.3. and openings in fire separations protected in conformance with Sentence 8.1.1.14.(1).
- (u) adding “interior” immediately after “one” in added Sentence 8.1.1.9.(4);
- (v) striking out “the remainder of the building” in added Sentence 8.1.1.12.(1) and substituting “each adjacent floor area”;
- (w) in added Sentence 8.1.1.12.(2),
 - (i) striking out “exit stairway” and substituting “interior stairway exit, fire-”, and
 - (ii) adding a comma immediately after “wallboard”;
- (x) adding “fire” immediately after “existing” in added Sentence 8.1.1.12.(3);
- (y) adding “fire” immediately after “floor” wherever it appears in added Article 8.1.1.13.;
- (z) repealing added Sentence 8.1.1.14.(1) and substituting the following sentence:
 - 1)** Except as provided in Sentences (2) to (5), openings in fire separations required by this Part shall be protected by closures in conformance with Subsection 9.10.13. of the Building Code with a minimum 20-minute fire-protection rating.
- (aa) adding “with a required fire-resistance rating” immediately after “separation” in added Sentence 8.1.1.14.(2).
- (ab) in added Sentence 8.1.1.18.(1),
 - (i) adding “or where a fire alarm is required by this Part,” immediately after “persons,” and
 - (ii) adding “, exits” immediately after “corridors”;
- (ac) adding “and Smoke” immediately after “Fire” in the heading to added Article 8.1.1.19.;
- (ad) repealing added Sentences 8.1.1.19.(1) and (2) and substituting the following sentences:
 - 1)** A fire alarm system complying with Subsection 9.10.18. of the Building Code shall be installed in a building if it does not have both

- a) floor assemblies having a minimum 45-minute fire-resistance rating, and
 - b) public corridors or corridors serving sleeping rooms that are separated from the remainder of the building by a fire separation with a minimum 30-minute fire-resistance rating.
- 2) A fire alarm system complying with Subsection 9.10.18. of the Building Code shall be installed in a building that has sleeping accommodations for more than 10 persons.
- (ae) repealing added Sentences 8.1.1.19.(5) and (6) and substituting the following sentences:
- 5) Where a fire alarm is not required by this Part, smoke alarms shall be installed in conformance with Subsection 9.10.19. and installed so there is at least one in all of the following locations
 - a) on each storey, including basements,
 - b) in each sleeping room,
 - c) in each ancillary spaces and common spaces, and
 - d) in a location between the sleeping rooms or suite and the remainder of the storey, and if the sleeping rooms are served by a corridor, the smoke alarm shall be located in the corridor.
 - 6) Except as permitted by Sentence (9), smoke alarms shall be interconnected so that the activation of any one alarm causes all alarms within the building to sound.
 - 7) Smoke alarms may be wirelessly interconnected or interconnected by hard-wiring in conformance with Article 9.10.19.4. (Part 9 of Division B) of the Building Code as modified by Section 84 of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations*.
 - 8) Smoke alarms shall be installed in conformance with CAN/ULC S553, “Standard for the Installation of Smoke Alarms”.
 - 9) Smoke alarms installed in sleeping rooms may be battery-operated and are permitted to sound localized alarms within individual suites, and need not sound an alarm throughout the rest of the building.
- (af) adding the following article and heading immediately after added Article 8.1.1.19.:

8.1.1.19A. Emergency Planning

- 1) In every bedroom and sleeping area, the fire safety rules for occupants shall be posted showing the locations of exits and the paths of travel to exits.
- 2) Fire emergency procedures shall be provided in accordance with Section 2.8. of the National Fire Code where a fire alarm is required by this Part.

N.S. Reg. 61/2025 to 64/2025

Made: March 21, 2025

Filed: March 21, 2025

House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations—amendment

Order dated March 21, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the House of Assembly Management Commission pursuant to subsection 27(1) of the *House of Assembly Management Commission Act***House of Assembly Management Commission****Amendment to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations***

I certify that the House of Assembly Management Commission, pursuant to subsection 27(1) of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2010, the *House of Assembly Management Commission Act*, at a meeting held on March 19, 2025, amended the *House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 43/2013, in the manner set forth in the attached Schedules “A”, effective on filing, and “B”, “C” and “D”, effective on April 1, 2025.

Signed at Halifax, in Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia on March 21, 2025.

per: sgd. *James Charlton*
James Charlton
Chief Clerk, House of Assembly

N.S. Reg. 61/2025

House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations—amendment

Schedule “A”**Proposed amendments to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations*****Automatic Adjustment**

- 1 (1) Subsection 52(1) of the regulations is amended by
 - (a) striking out “Subject to the approval of the Commission, the” and substituting “The”;
 - (b) striking out “core”; and
 - (c) adding “calendar” immediately after “previous”.
- (2) Section 52 of the regulations is further amended by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following subsection:
 - (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the fixed amounts set out in these regulations are not increased on April 1, 2025.

N.S. Reg. 62/2025

House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations—amendment

Schedule “B”**Proposed amendment to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations*****Accommodation Expenses**

- 1 Subsection 27(1) of the regulations is amended by striking out “\$1,499.00” and substituting “\$2,100.00”.
- 2 This regulation has effect on and after April 1, 2025.

N.S. Reg. 63/2025

House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations—amendment

Schedule “C”**Proposed amendments to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations*****Constituency Office Budgets**

- 1 (1) Subsection 43(3) of the regulations is amended by striking out “\$5,454.00” and substituting “\$6,375.50”.
- (2) Subsection 43(6) of the regulations is amended by striking out “\$4,282.00” and substituting “\$6,375.50”.
- 2 Section 43A of the regulations is repealed.
- 3 The regulations are further amended by striking out “Sections 43 and 43A” wherever it appears and substituting “Section 43” in each case.
- 4 These regulations have effect on and after April 1, 2025.

N.S. Reg. 64/2025

House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations—amendment

Schedule “D”**Proposed amendment to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Regulations*****Vendor Identity**

- 1 The regulations are amended by adding immediately after Section 11 the following Section:
 - 12 A statement prepared under Section 11 must not include the identity of a vendor in respect of any transaction that relates to a claim for payment for accommodation expenses under subsection 27(1), subsection 42(5) of the *House of Assembly Act* or Section 8 of the *Executive Council Act*.
- 2 This regulation has effect on and after April 1, 2025.

N.S. Reg. 65/2025

Made: March 25, 2025

Filed: March 25, 2025

Prescribed Generation Facilities and Energy-Storage Projects Regulations—amendment

Order in Council 2025-91 dated March 25, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to subsections 4AA(8) and 4D(9) of the *Electricity Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Energy, dated March 7, 2025, and pursuant to subsections 4AA(2), (2A) and (8) of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the *Electricity Act*, is pleased to amend the *Prescribed Generation Facilities and Energy-Storage Projects Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 160/2024, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2024-304 dated August 6, 2024, to prescribe two new projects which are eligible to receive a power purchase agreement and associated power sales agreement, if necessary, and to amend the nameplate capacities of two existing prescribed projects, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after March 25, 2025.

Schedule “A”**Amendment to the *Prescribed Generation Facilities and Energy-Storage Projects Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under subsections 4AA(8) and 4D(9)
of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004,
the *Electricity Act***

- 1 Subsection 5(2) of the *Prescribed Generation Facilities and Energy-Storage Projects Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 160/2024, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2024-304 dated August 6, 2024, is amended by striking out “450 MW” and substituting “360 MW”.
- 2 Subsection 6(2) of the regulations is amended by striking out “120 MW” and substituting “176 MW”.
- 3 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Sections immediately after Section 7:

Minas Highlands Wind Limited project and Minas Energy

- 7A (1)** The Minas Highlands Wind Limited project, located in East Hants County, is prescribed as a generation facility under Section 4AA of the Act.
- (2) The Minas Highlands Wind Limited project has a maximum nameplate capacity of 12.6 MW.
 - (3) The Minister must ensure that the purchase agreement issued to the owner of the Minas Highlands Wind Limited project under subsection 4AA(2) of the Act contains all of the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) the term of the purchase agreement is 25 years;
 - (b) the energy rate must not exceed \$89.00/MWh during the term of the purchase agreement;
 - (c) the Minister may incorporate an escalation rate in the purchase agreement, but the total energy rate must not exceed the maximum amount specified in clause (b);
 - (d) Nova Scotia Power Incorporated must purchase all of the output of the Minas Highlands

- Wind Limited project during the term of the purchase agreement;
- (e) the Minas Highlands Wind Limited project is not required to provide pre-commercial-operation performance security;
 - (f) if the associated sale agreement has been terminated or is not in effect, the Minas Highlands Wind Limited project must provide post-commercial-operation performance security.
- (4) The sale agreement issued to Minas Highlands Wind Limited under subsection 4AA(2A) of the Act must contain all of the following terms and conditions:
- (a) the customer is Minas Energy, which is located at St Croix, East Hants County;
 - (b) the sale agreement must come into effect no earlier than the date the Minas Highlands Wind Limited project's purchase agreement comes into effect and must end on or before the date the purchase agreement is terminated or ends;
 - (c) the customer must pay all of the following amounts:
 - (i) the energy rate in effect at the time for the output of the Minas Highlands Wind Limited project generation facility,
 - (ii) an administration fee of \$2.00/MWh on the energy rate in effect at the time for the output of the Minas Highlands Wind Limited project generation facility.
- (5) Nova Scotia Power Incorporated must use the proceeds of the administration fee charged under subclause (4)(c)(ii) to recover any costs associated with administering the purchase and sale agreements, and any remaining amounts must be applied to the fixed costs of the electricity system.
- (6) If the customer defaults in payments to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated under this agreement, Nova Scotia Power Incorporated may terminate the sale agreement in accordance with the terms of the sale agreement.
- (7) The customer must not transfer the sale agreement to another party without prior approval from the Minister.

Mersey River Wind Inc. Project

- 7B** (1) The Mersey River Wind Inc. Project, located in Queens County, is prescribed as a generation facility under Section 4AA of the Act.
- (2) The Mersey River Wind Inc. Project has a maximum nameplate capacity of 148.5 MW.
- (3) The Minister must ensure that the purchase agreement issued to the owner of the Mersey River Wind Inc. Project under subsection 4AA(2) of the Act contains all of the following terms and conditions:
- (a) the term of the purchase agreement must not exceed 25 years and must begin on the commercial operations date as defined in the Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement between the Mersey River Wind Inc. Project and Nova Scotia Power Incorporated;

- (b) the energy rate must not exceed \$75.00/MWh during the term of the purchase agreement;
- (c) as of the date of the termination of the original purchase agreement between Mersey River Wind Inc. and the original purchaser of its output energy, the purchase agreement issued under subsection 4AA(2) is in effect;
- (d) if the purchase agreement under subsection 4AA(2) is in effect in accordance with clause (c), Nova Scotia Power Incorporated must purchase all of the output of the Mersey River Wind Inc. Project during the term of the purchase agreement;
- (e) the Mersey River Wind Inc. Project is not required to provide pre-commercial-operation performance security;
- (f) if the purchase agreement under subsection 4AA(2) is in effect in accordance with clause (c), the Mersey River Wind Inc. Project must provide post-commercial-operation performance security.