



# Prosperity Shared

The Commission for Economic Equality in Nova Scotia

Imagine a province where prosperity is shared by everyone.

Imagine what you could do if you didn't have to spend so much energy on the basics, but instead could focus on thriving.

**In Nova Scotia there is enough to go around. We can do things differently.**

**Today, Nova Scotia has the lowest incomes in the country, the highest tuition fees, and the fastest rising food bank use.**

While costs for communications services like cell and internet have gone down across the country, Nova Scotians are paying more. We are the only province in Canada that had an increase in the number of children living in poverty, which means more children are going to school hungry. And with most of us living pay cheque to pay cheque, it is harder to pay our power bills and maintain our homes.

## What that means for Nova Scotians:



Beth works in the public service. Jill is an elementary school teacher. They both have good jobs but have spent years paying down student loans. Beth and Jill can't afford a down payment on a home or the rising rent on their apartment in their community.



Tom was injured at work and receives a monthly disability cheque. After he pays for his rent, utilities and prescriptions he has about \$20 a week left for groceries.



Melissa has worked in a university cafeteria for the past 41 years. She makes \$14.32 per hour. Melissa will not be able to retire and still afford to stay in her home, pay her heating bill or make her home more efficient.

What Beth, Jill, Tom and Melissa all have in common is that they are being denied access to health and prosperity by policies that have made things better for big companies and the very rich. **The wealthiest people in our province have seen their incomes increase, while the rest of us are more and more worried about staying afloat.**

This person has  
**\$26**

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**In Nova Scotia  
there is enough  
for everyone.**

to make sure Nova Scotia is a province  
where prosperity is shared.

A stylized illustration featuring several bright orange fruits and green leaves scattered across the frame. In the center, two construction workers in hard hats and safety vests are looking at a set of plans. To their right, two women are walking and talking. In the upper right corner, a flock of small black birds is flying. The overall style is clean and modern, using simple outlines and flat colors.

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