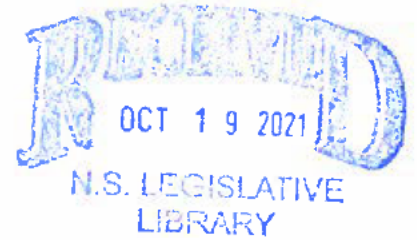


From: [REDACTED]
Sent: October 17, 2021 8:01 PM
To: gordonhebb@novascotia.ca
Subject: Bill regarding fixed election dates in Nova Scotia



Sir; to the Chairperson of the Law Amendments Committee and members;
I wish to advise that while I have very little problem with a fixed date for provincial elections in Nova Scotia, I do have significant concern in the choosing of a summer date. If you want a greater voter turnout, which would be a healthy wish, then posing a summer time vote will not produce that result. The summer vacation period is not the time to hold the election. People are away on holiday, either in their own province or elsewhere and there is little opportunity to study the election platforms when vacationing, nor to pay much attention to the election in general terms. Is that what you want? It appears on the surface that your intention is to see a low voter turn out, and surely in the name of a healthy democracy, that is not your idea of a good election. The summer time can also be a period when extremes of heat are present and that, in turn, can be a deterrent to turn out, to say nothing of storm and hurricane season also having an impact. The other consideration is of course the hiring and training of poll workers to conduct the vote. It is a challenge at best to hire enough workers, and trying to do so in the summer period will bring with it more issues. I expect that a mechanism will be in place in the event of a lost vote of confidence, or a minority government scenario, in which the four year fixed date would be altered.

I encourage you to reconsider the date of the election and to choose a fall date after school and university students are back in class.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my view by email. Sincerely, Francene Cosman, [REDACTED]

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