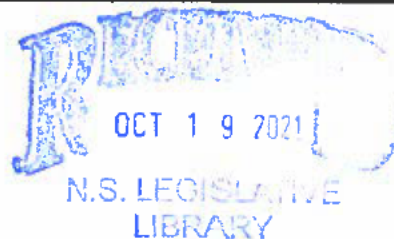


**From:** Laurie A. Macdonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 18, 2021 9:15 AM  
**To:** Hebb, Gordon  
**Subject:** Bill No. 1 - Elections Act



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Good morning,

I am writing to protest the introduction and passing of *Bill No. 1 - Elections Act*.

While I agree that a fixed election date for the province of Nova Scotia is a good idea, I am strongly opposed to a date set in the summer. Getting people out to vote is challenging enough at the best of times, but in the summer, as we saw this year, it is even more challenging. As I am sure you will agree, people are less engaged in politics in the summer. In a province with over 200 beaches, there are too many other distractions when the weather is warm.

As an elementary school teacher, I am opposed to a fixed election date set in the summer for another reason. For the past 5 years, my classes have participated in federal, provincial, and municipal elections through the CIVIX programme. They were very engaged in the process and this, in turn, encouraged their parents to be more engaged. Many went to watch their parents vote, parents that might not have voted otherwise.

We missed that opportunity this summer.

If provincial elections are set for July, that opportunity will be lost to a generation of our students. Civic and Social Responsibility will be lost concepts, even more so than they are now.

Please do not allow the date to be set for July.

Sincerely,

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