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**Sent:** April 14, 2022 6:33 PM  
**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** FW: Non resident property surtax for Nova Scotia



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Dear Mr. Hebb,

The attached email was sent to Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin today regarding the outrageous plan of the Nova Scotia government to impose an additional \$2 per 100 assessment on out of province property owners. I listened in today at the committee meeting and many of the presentations made by concerned property owners. The points made were all well thought out and well presented. As many pointed out, the cottages being assessed this additional tax could not possibly be occupied for more than three seasons since they are not insulated and water supply would not be possible in cold weather. It would seem that those who drafted this bill have not thought it out very well. Assuming that some would swallow the tax because of their love for their province, you would because many are on fixed income, be diverting money from local economies to the provincial treasury. Not a wise idea. So please listen to those who have communicated to you and rethink this decision.

Regards

Bud Greene

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bud Greene [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Non resident property surtax for Nova Scotia  
**Date:** April 13, 2022 at 10:40:06 AM EDT  
**To:** [Elizabeth.Smith-McCrossin@novascotia.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith-McCrossin@novascotia.ca)

Hi Elizabeth,

Like many other From Away Nova Scotians I have become aware of the shocking decision to impose an additional 2% property tax on those of us who have property in the province. I'm sure you will find that a significant segment of this group are cottage owners who are coming back home for the summer. Maritimers always come back home as you know. Both my wife and I are Nova Scotians having moved away in 1960 when I graduated from Dal. I grew up in Springhill and as a kid spent summers at my grandmothers cottage at Heather Beach and my wife grew up in Musquodoboit. My cottage life started when I was a small child and as I am now in my 85th year you can see that I have a long history of being in the province and supporting the local economy. We purchased our cottage at Heather's in 1983 so have been property owners for 39 years and have returned there every year since then. For the past 29 years that I have been retired we are in the province from May until October supporting the local economy. So you can imagine our shock when we realized that we will be penalized with an extra property tax. This is particularly shocking when we realize that resident Nova Scotian millionaires are exempt from this tax in addition to being under a regular tax increases being controlled to no higher than the cost of living. We come from away Nova Scotians have seen annual tax increases of as much as 20%.

I am hoping that during the budget deliberations you will go to bat for those of us who love coming back home in the summer. On another topic I really enjoy getting your regular updates on what is happening in the legislature and around the area. Keep up the good work.

Regards,  
Bud Greene