
Background on Ecology Action Centre Engagement on Carbon Pricing

Nova Scotia has made great strides in greenhouse gas emissions reductions through world-class environmental regulations, community renewable energy and efficiency programs. Our prosperous green economy is growing, and is helping to support Nova Scotians in the 21st century. We believe this success is reason to strengthen and expand our efforts toward the justice-based transition to a carbon-neutral economy. Instead, these successes are often being used as the reason to abandon these successful policies and frameworks and lessen ambition and support for the prosperous green economy in Nova Scotia. We feel that carbon pricing, if done properly, can be a truly important piece of our policy future than can help support a strong vision for our province.

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) has been working with stakeholders and allies to encourage Nova Scotia to develop a system of carbon pricing for the last few years. The EAC, along with our partners and co-sponsors hosted two Carbon Pricing Forums in May and July 2016, and engaged directly with the provincial government to call on Nova Scotia to participate in the federal carbon pricing framework discussions through 2016. Below are the two key Outcomes Documents from those Carbon Pricing Forums, with recommended principles and design features for a Nova Scotia system.

The EAC also partnered with twelve anti-poverty, fair economy, and environmental advocates, in 2016, to release an open letter on Carbon Pricing principles, these principles can be found below.

1. [Outcomes Document](#) From May 9th, 2016 Carbon Pricing Forum
2. [Outcomes Document](#) From July 22nd, 2016 Carbon Pricing Forum
3. [Open Letter](#) from Anti-poverty, fair economy and environmental advocates from April 2016

It is from this work and these partnerships that the EAC draws the belief that it is critical to create a carbon pricing framework that is *effective* and that is *equitable*.

The Ecology Action Centre continues to engage with a diversity of stakeholders in Nova Scotia on the cap-and-trade system design, through its “Capping Carbon | Trading Talk” six-part panel series exploring topics of equity, best practices and ideas from specific sectors like transportation, building management and natural resources. The series is running from March through May, 2017 in Halifax and Wolfville.

The Ecology Action Centre plans to release its findings and an update to this position statement after the panel series has completed in June.

All information about this panel series [can be found at this link](#).