



The Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness

# TAKING ACTION AND DELIVERING RESULTS

## 2016 - 2017 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

ELIMINATION OF VIDEO RETAIL LICENSE SAVES **\$47,000** EVERY YEAR

REDUCTION IN RETAIL SALES MARK-UP ALLOCATION HAS SAVED NOVA SCOTIA CRAFT BREWERS **\$800,000**

IN THE MARITIMES, **1 IN 6 JOBS** IS TIED TO INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE

FIRST OF ITS KIND IN CANADA, **BUSINESS NAVIGATION SERVICE LAUNCHED** TO HELP BUSINESS NAVIGATE REGULATION

**A 10% REDUCTION** IN UNNECESSARY BARRIERS BETWEEN THE MARITIME PROVINCES COULD RESULT IN **\$543 MILLION GDP GAIN** IN NOVA SCOTIA

**COSTING TOOL** DEVELOPED AND ROLLED OUT TO ASSESS AND ESTIMATE IMPACT OF REGULATION ON NOVA SCOTIA BUSINESS

DOLLARS SAVED TO BUSINESS TO DATE: **\$5.3 MILLION**

THE OFFICE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

BUSINESS NAVIGATORS HAVE HELPED OVER **400** BUSINESSES SINCE JANUARY 2017

*“The Office estimates we’ve reduced undue burden on Nova Scotia business by more than \$5 million. These are annual savings and represent only a portion of the work that’s been done to date.”*

Honourable Stephen McNeil,  
Premier of Nova Scotia



## WHAT'S NEXT OUR FUTURE PRIORITIES

### Reducing burden on Nova Scotia business by \$25 million by 2018

**Stabilizing current regulatory burden:** \$1-in; \$1-out. To ensure the business community saves \$25 million in regulatory burden, the current regulatory burden must be stabilized. That means for every \$1 in new regulatory costs added, \$1 in savings (offsets) will be identified and implemented.

### Net reduction in burden of \$25 million by end of 2018.

In addition to stabilizing the burden, actions will be taken across government to reduce the burden. This includes reducing or eliminating costly, outdated, duplicative or overly onerous regulatory requirements, service and process improvements to reduce the administrative burden associated with compliance.

### Improving Service to Business

- Actively measuring and evaluating the Business Navigation Service to ensure it meets the needs of the business community.
- Evaluating opportunities to enhance the service experience of provincial government Inspectors.

### Regional Regulatory Efficiency

- To capitalize on the significant economic opportunity associated with aligning our regulatory systems, which APEC estimated to be in the billions of dollars, our Office will continue to work on aligning additional regulatory opportunities.
- Explore other ways the region can strengthen its collaboration that both complements the Canada Free Trade Agreement and takes full advantage of the opportunities that exist within the region to bolster interprovincial commerce and trade.

*“Regulatory burden is one of the top issues on the minds of manufacturers within our province. We applaud the efforts of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness in reducing/streamlining regulations and ensuring new ones are assessed for its potential impacts to business. Well done!”*

**MICHEL RAYMOND, VICE PRESIDENT**  
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

NOVA SCOTIA WILL REDUCE  
REGULATORY BURDEN BY  
**\$25 MILLION**  
BY THE END OF 2018.

THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF  
**1.1 MILLION**  
HOURS OF BUSINESS TIME SAVED.