

Basic Income

Guarantee

DISCUSSION

“The Feds have the money, the province has the jurisdiction and the city has the problem.”

Mike Savage, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

Poverty is a condition where individuals lack the resources, means, choices, and power to maintain a basic standard of living and participate fully in society.

Market Basket Measure of Poverty (Gross Earnings, \$)

	Rural N.S.	Halifax
Single person	29,500	31,800
Single parent	36,500	39,400
Family of four	54,000	58,300

Is Poverty a BIG deal?

What percentage of Nova Scotians live in poverty?

a. 9.1%

c. 10.2%

b. 12.9%

d. 13.6%

What is a Basic Income Guarantee (BIG)?

A Basic Income Guarantee is a regular cash payment made by government to everyone who needs it.

That the Board of Directors, based on the recommendation from the Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee, request that an all-party committee of the provincial legislature study the feasibility of a basic income guarantee program and that this be communicated to the Province.

**Opportunities, Challenges,
Considerations**

Opportunity – Economic

Challenges – Manufacturing political will, Building the
“walls and roof”

Consideration – Be the interface for implementation

Thank You