



Response from Joachim Stroink, Liberal Candidate

Question #3

Affordable space is a real problem, what could be done to help smaller enterprises get started?

Our Liberal government also created the Office of Regulatory Affairs to help eliminate unnecessary red tape. This initiative has resulted in bundles for Hotels/Restaurants and Convenience stores. These bundles bring together permitting information, available government services and forms that these types of businesses use (including those that are needed to start these types of businesses) and puts them in a single web portal.

Although not specifically targeted to getting new businesses started, a Liberal government will increase the income threshold for the 3% small business tax rate from \$350,000 to \$500,000. This will enable new and existing businesses to retain more of their earnings and reinvest them into the business.

We will also establish an accessible Innovation Rebate Program for small and medium sized businesses focused on job growth and Nova Scotia investment. If re-elected, we will create a rebate of up to 15% of eligible capital investments between \$3 million and \$15 million.