



## Premier's Message

On behalf of the government of Nova Scotia, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Course here in Nova Scotia.

The work done by the SRPC to support rural doctors and communities is vital to the health care sector. Your diligence in promoting, educating and facilitating research of rural health issues is invaluable. It's something we should all take seriously, nationwide.

This government appreciates the importance of rural health care and are ensuring our family medicine residents have an opportunity to learn in smaller communities across our province. Six of the 10 new family medicine residency spaces we are adding to Dalhousie University's training program will be at a new training site in Northern Nova Scotia. This will give residents a range of opportunities while experiencing life in rural Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia is renowned for its warm hospitality, breathtaking scenery and unique visitor experiences. I encourage you to take time to discover our beautiful port city and consider exploring other parts of our wonderful province. We would be thrilled if you considered career opportunities here.

We have full-time practice and locum opportunities available throughout the province in both family practice settings and specialties. We also offer a range of incentive programs to help you get settled such as our site visit program, relocation allowance, debt assistance, and our physician tuition relief program.

I would like to thank those of you who worked hard to make this event possible. I wish you a successful and productive course and a memorable stay in Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.  
Premier

