

**CANADA–NOVA SCOTIA AGREEMENT ON
MINORITY-LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND
SECOND OFFICIAL-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION
2024–25 TO 2027–28**

THIS AGREEMENT was concluded in English and French
on this 28th day of February 2025,

BETWEEN: HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, represented by the Minister
of State (Official Languages), hereinafter called “Canada,”

AND: HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF NOVA SCOTIA, represented by the
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development of Nova Scotia, hereinafter
called “Nova Scotia,”

Hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS English and French are the official languages of Canada, as recognized by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, as well as by the *Official Languages Act*, and whereas Canada recognizes its responsibilities and undertakings with respect to those languages;

WHEREAS section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* recognizes the right of Canadian citizens (1) whose first language learned and still understood is the minority language of the province or territory in which they reside, or (2) who have received their primary education in Canada in the language that is the minority language of the province or territory in which they reside; or (3) whose children have received or are receiving primary or secondary education in Canada in the minority language of the province or territory where they reside, to have their children educated in that language, at the elementary and secondary levels, where numbers of students warrant, and that this right includes, where the number of those children so warrants, the right to have them receive that instruction in minority-language educational facilities provided out of public funds;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *Official Languages Act*, Canada can undertake such measures, in particular, to encourage and assist Nova Scotia to provide members of the official-language minority communities with quality education in their own language throughout their lives and to provide opportunities for everyone to learn both English and French as a second language;

WHEREAS Canada recognizes the importance of encouraging and helping provincial and territorial governments to advance the equality of status and use of English and French in Canadian society by, among other things, providing children of rights-holders with programs aimed at achieving results equal to those of the majority;

WHEREAS a Protocol for Agreements between Canada and the provincial and territorial governments for minority-language education and second-language instruction from 2024–25 to 2027–28, hereinafter referred to as the “Protocol,” was concluded on December 3, 2024, and an Agreement between Canada and Nova Scotia must be established for the 2024–25 to 2027–28 period;

WHEREAS education is under the jurisdiction of the provinces and territories and Nova Scotia is responsible for establishing plans, determining the objectives, defining the contents, setting priorities and evaluating its programs in education, including programs in minority-language education and second-language instruction;

WHEREAS the Parties recognize the importance of supporting the education continuum in Nova Scotia to foster the vitality of official-language minority communities;

WHEREAS the Parties acknowledge the importance of learning French as a second language, and Nova Scotia, within its jurisdiction over education, agrees to foster this learning through the second official-language instruction programs it provides in Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS the Parties recognize the right of individuals to equal opportunity for personal development;

WHEREAS the Parties acknowledge that the purpose of this Agreement is to support English and French without prejudice to Indigenous languages. The Parties may take measures aimed at the reappropriation, revitalization, strengthening and protection of Indigenous languages, as well as intercultural understanding and mutual respect with the Indigenous peoples of Canada;

THEREFORE, this Agreement confirms that the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Agreement.

“Action plan” refers to a provincial/territorial action plan based on the minority-language education and second-language instruction needs and priorities on which it focuses.

“Actual expenditures” refers to all accounting operations related to the activities at the time they take place. Expenditures are presented in the annual reports for the fiscal years to which the activities relate, regardless of when funds are deposited or withdrawn.

“Bilateral Agreement” refers to any Agreement signed by the Parties, which determines the objectives, initiatives and education levels described in an action plan that receives Canada’s financial support for minority-language education and second-language instruction, and set out the commitments, obligations and financial contributions of both Parties.

“Education” and “instruction”, unless otherwise specified, refer to the compulsory levels of the education system of the province. Although not compulsory, preschool and postsecondary are also included.

“Fiscal year” refers to the period beginning April 1st of a calendar year and ending March 31st of the following calendar year.

“Key stakeholders” refer to stakeholders who play a key role in minority-language education and second-language instruction, including representatives of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), Regional Centres for Education and postsecondary institutions.

“Minority language”, “second official-language” and “second language” refer to the two official languages of Canada: English and French. In the context of Nova Scotia, minority language refers to French, and second language refers to French.

“Postsecondary” refers to the college and university education levels that follow compulsory education under the responsibility of the ministries/departments of Education or Higher Education in the provinces and territories.

“Preschool” refers to the education levels that precede compulsory education under the responsibility of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development of Nova Scotia, but does not create any additional obligations for Nova Scotia.

A “program”, with respect to minority-language education, refers to all activities or initiatives to support teaching and learning at a given level provided in the minority language by a minority-language school or postsecondary institution.

A “program”, with respect to second-language instruction, refers to all activities or initiatives to support teaching and learning of the second language at a given level provided by a school or postsecondary institution.

“School year”, unless otherwise specified, refers to the period beginning August 1st of a calendar year and ending July 31st of the following calendar year.

2. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a new cooperation framework between the Parties on minority-language education and second-language instruction for fiscal years 2024–25 to 2027–28. The linguistic objectives for which Canada provides Nova Scotia with a financial contribution are set out as follows:

- 2.1.1 To help provide members of the French-language minority in Nova Scotia with the opportunity to be educated in their own language with programs that aim to achieve results equal to those of the majority and to experience cultural enrichment associated with their community;
- 2.1.2 To help provide English-majority learners in Nova Scotia with the opportunity to learn French as a second language and in so doing benefit from cultural enrichment.
- 2.2 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, Canada is prepared to contribute to part of the additional costs that Nova Scotia must assume to implement the initiatives included in the multi-year Action Plan (Schedule 4).
- 2.3 Further to the linguistic objectives set out in subsection 2.1, Canada's support for Nova Scotia is based on an education continuum support framework made up of four education levels for each linguistic objective: preschool, primary and secondary, postsecondary, educational staff.
- 2.4 The Parties may also fund, in addition to the initiatives of the Action Plan (Schedule 4), initiatives that address emerging priorities as part of this Agreement, as described in subsection 4.12 of this Agreement. The terms and conditions governing these projects or initiatives shall be subject to prior arrangements between the Parties.
- 2.5 In the interests of increasing interprovincial/territorial cooperation, the Parties recognize the importance of undertaking projects or initiatives of an interprovincial/territorial or pan-Canadian scope. For this purpose, the Parties agree that these may be coordinated by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), by Nova Scotia, or by other provinces and territories. The terms and conditions governing these projects or initiatives shall be subject to prior arrangements between Canada, Nova Scotia and/or the CMEC.

3. DURATION

- 3.1 This Agreement will take effect on the date that appears on the first page when the Parties have signed it and will cease, subject to its termination on a prior date, one year (365 days) after the expiration of the activity period as indicated in subsection 3.2 of this Agreement.
- 3.2 Subject to termination, this Agreement covers the activities described in Schedule 4 of this Agreement for the period commencing on April 1st, 2024, and ending on March 31st, 2028. Unless otherwise pre-authorized by Canada, only goods and services rendered within this time period shall be considered for funding as eligible expenditures.
- 3.3 All the obligations of the Parties shall, expressly or by their nature, survive termination or expiry of this Agreement, until and unless they are fulfilled or by their nature expire.

4. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CANADA'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- 4.1 Subject to all terms and conditions indicated in this Agreement being met, Canada agrees to contribute to the actual eligible expenditures by Nova Scotia for the purposes described in section 2 of this Agreement. Canada's total base financial contribution shall be the lesser of thirty million six hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$30,632,320) or 50 percent of the total actual eligible expenditures during the term of this Agreement.
- 4.2 Solely for the 2024–25 to 2027–28 period, and subject to all terms and conditions indicated in this Agreement being met, Canada agrees to make available to Nova Scotia an additional financial contribution totalling the lesser of four million one hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred thirty-two dollars (\$4,142,732) or 50 percent of the total actual eligible expenditures during the term of this Agreement to increase support for minority-language education.
- 4.3 Solely for the 2024–25 to 2027–28 period, and subject to all terms and conditions indicated in this Agreement being met, Canada agrees to make available to Nova Scotia an additional financial contribution totalling the lesser of nine million nine hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty-six dollars (\$9,920,936) or 50 percent of the total actual eligible expenditures during the term of this Agreement to increase support for French second-language instruction.
- 4.4 Solely for the 2024–25 to 2027–28 period, and subject to all terms and conditions indicated in this Agreement being met, Canada agrees to make available to Nova Scotia an additional

financial contribution totalling the lesser of one million eight hundred fifty-six thousand four dollars (\$1,856,004) or 50 percent of the total actual eligible expenditures during the term of this Agreement to increase support for postsecondary minority-language education.

- 4.5 Solely for the 2024–25 to 2027–28 period, and subject to all terms and conditions indicated in this Agreement being met, Canada agrees to make available to Nova Scotia an additional financial contribution totalling the lesser of two million thirty-nine thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$2,039,861) or 50 percent of the total actual eligible expenditures during the term of this Agreement to increase support for teacher recruitment and retention in minority French-language schools and in French immersion and French second-language programs.
- 4.6 Payment of the additional contributions described in subsections 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of this Agreement does not result in any adjustment to the funding provided for within the budgetary limits described in subsection 4.1.
- 4.7 In the event that Canada provides an increase in federal funding as provided for in section 4 for minority-language education or second-language instruction during the implementation of this Agreement, the Agreement may be amended accordingly. In the interest of transparency, Canada shall advise the provincial and territorial governments of the breakdown of additional funding paid.

4.8 Breakdown of the Maximum Amount

- 4.8.1 Subject to subsection 4.1 of this Agreement and from within Canada’s base financial contribution described therein, Canada shall make the following annual contributions to Nova Scotia for the implementation of the measures described in its Action Plan (Schedule 4):

Fiscal Year	Minority Language	Second Language	Total
2024–25	\$3,896,725	\$3,761,355	\$7,658,080
2025–26	\$3,896,725	\$3,761,355	\$7,658,080
2026–27	\$3,896,725	\$3,761,355	\$7,658,080
2027–28	\$3,896,725	\$3,761,355	\$7,658,080
Total	\$15,586,900	\$15,045,420	\$30,632,320

- 4.8.2 Subject to subsection 4.2 and 4.3 of this Agreement and from within Canada’s additional financial contribution described therein, Canada shall make the following additional contributions to Nova Scotia annually to increase support for minority-language education and French second-language instruction:

Fiscal Year	Minority Language	French Second-Language	Total
2024–25	\$1,033,457	\$2,480,234	\$3,513,691
2025–26	\$1,036,425	\$2,480,234	\$3,516,659
2026–27	\$1,036,425	\$2,480,234	\$3,516,659
2027–28	\$1,036,425	\$2,480,234	\$3,516,659
Total	\$4,142,732	\$9,920,936 \$	\$14,063,668

- 4.8.3 Subject to subsection 4.4 of this Agreement and from within Canada’s additional financial contribution described therein, Canada shall make the following additional contributions to Nova Scotia annually to increase support for postsecondary minority-language education:

Fiscal Year	Postsecondary Minority Language	Total
2024–25	\$464,001	\$464,001
2025–26	\$464,001	\$464,001
2026–27	\$464,001	\$464,001
2027–28	\$464,001	\$464,001
Total	\$1,856,004	\$1,856,004

- 4.8.4 Subject to subsection 4.5 of this Agreement and from within Canada’s additional financial contribution described therein, Canada shall make the following additional contributions to Nova Scotia annually to increase support for teacher recruitment and retention in minority French-language schools and in French immersion and French second-language programs:

Fiscal Year	Recruitment and Retention – Minority Language	Recruitment and Retention – French Second-Language	Total
2024–25	\$238,585	\$271,516	\$510,101
2025–26	\$238,405	\$271,515	\$509,920
2026–27	\$238,405	\$271,515	\$509,920
2027–28	\$238,405	\$271,515	\$509,920
Total	\$953,800	\$1,086,061	\$2,039,861

- 4.9 Canada’s financial contributions described in paragraphs 4.8.1 and 4.8.2 are conditional on Nova Scotia providing, for each linguistic objective, an annual financial contribution equivalent to or greater than that of Canada for the implementation of its Action Plan (Schedule 4).
- 4.10 Canada’s additional financial contributions described in paragraphs 4.8.3 and 4.8.4 are conditional on Nova Scotia providing, for each education level and each linguistic objective, an additional annual financial contribution equivalent to or greater than that of Canada for the implementation of its Action Plan (Schedule 4).
- 4.11 Subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia and the maintenance of current and forecasted budgetary levels Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Nova Scotia shall contribute to the actual eligible expenditures under the terms of its Action Plan (Schedule 4) for the period covered by this Agreement.

4.12 Complementary Contributions

- 4.12.1 Canada reserves the right to approve complementary contributions in addition to the amounts described in subsections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of this Agreement for the duration of this Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, the complementary contributions include the funding available to provincial and territorial governments, in particular for:
- 4.12.1.1 one-time and non-recurring projects in minority-language education or second-language instruction through the Complementary Fund under the Development of Official-Language Communities Program;
- 4.12.1.2 infrastructure projects related to schools or postsecondary institutions.
- 4.12.2 Unless otherwise specified, any complementary contributions from Canada are conditional on Nova Scotia making a financial contribution equivalent to or greater than that of Canada during the project period in question.
- 4.12.3 Canada agrees to honour multi-year commitments made for specific projects with Nova Scotia during the term of this Agreement but expiring after the years covered by this Agreement. The payment terms described in this Agreement will continue to apply unless the Parties mutually agree to amend them in the subsequent bilateral Agreement with Nova Scotia. Any payment for these projects shall be conditional on a bilateral Agreement with Nova Scotia being in place, covering the period targeted by the payment.
- 4.12.4 Canada agrees to honour the multi-year commitments contracted under specific Agreements with Nova Scotia before 2024–25 that shall be completed during the years covered by this Agreement. The contributions provided for in those Agreements shall be made from the complementary contributions for the 2024–25 to 2027–28 period. The terms of payment described in *Canada–Nova Scotia Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official-Language Instruction 2020-2021 to 2023-2024* shall continue to apply unless both Parties mutually agree to amend or terminate them.
- 4.12.5 The provision of complementary contributions as described in subsection 4.12 shall not result in any adjustment to the funding provided for and within the budgets described in subsections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of this Agreement.
- 4.12.6 In the interest of transparency, Canada shall provide Nova Scotia annually with the breakdown of the amounts paid and information about complementary contributions made to provincial and territorial governments for the duration of this Agreement.

5. NOVA SCOTIA’S ACTION PLAN – 2024–25 TO 2027–28

- 5.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, Nova Scotia agrees to provide a multi-year action plan for each linguistic objective, in accordance with the objectives described in section 2 of this Agreement. Nova Scotia’s Action Plan (Schedule 4) is preceded by a preamble. The preamble is an integral part of Schedule 4.
- 5.2 The preamble describes Nova Scotia’s specific context by providing the following information:
 - 5.2.1 a report on the status of Nova Scotia’s minority-language education programs and second-language instruction programs, a summary description of advancements made under the previous Agreement, an overview of the key challenges and priorities for this Agreement and the initiatives proposed to address them, including the priorities identified by the key stakeholders;
 - 5.2.2 a description of the consultations held with key stakeholders for the development of the action plan and the consultation process that is established for the implementation of the action plan.
- 5.3 The Action Plan (Schedule 4) provides, for each linguistic objective, and for the duration of this Agreement, the following information:
 - 5.3.1 a description of the initiatives for each education level funded (preschool, elementary and secondary, postsecondary and educational staff);
 - 5.3.2 at least one performance indicator and one target for each education level funded, baseline (reference) data for the performance indicators and targets, as well as a timeline for achieving those targets. The indicators enable the measurement of the academic achievement of learners enrolled in the minority school system and second language programs;
 - 5.3.3 for each education level funded and by fiscal year, Canada’s and Nova Scotia’s contributions with respect to the planned eligible expenditures; and
 - 5.3.4 for each initiative and by fiscal year, Canada’s and Nova Scotia’s contributions with respect to the planned eligible expenditures and, where applicable, the share of Canada’s funding to be paid to key stakeholders.
 - 5.3.5 an indication of the initiatives funded by Canada’s additional financial contributions as described in subsections 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.
- 5.4 Nova Scotia develops and submits their Action Plan (Schedule 4) in the manner Nova Scotia deems to be most appropriate to its particular circumstances. If there is a need, in Canada’s opinion, to clarify and determine the relevance of the information provided, Nova Scotia agrees to hold discussions with Canada.
- 5.5 Nova Scotia may, with Canada’s prior agreement, make annual updates to its Action Plan (Schedule 4) in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Agreement.

6. COMPLEMENTARY PROJECTS

- 6.1 Complementary projects approved by Canada shall constitute an addendum to the multi-year Action Plan (Schedule 4) and shall form an integral part thereof.
- 6.2 Each addendum shall include a preamble describing the project, the intended education levels, targets, performance indicators, timeline and a description of the key activities to achieve the targets. Canada’s and Nova Scotia’s contributions shall be broken down as described in subsection 5.3 of this Agreement.
- 6.3 Each complementary project shall identify the targets of the Action Plan (Schedule 4) to which the complementary project contributes or new performance indicators and new targets specific to the project.

7. COORDINATION

7.1 The representatives of the Parties agree to hold an annual bilateral meeting at a time mutually agreed upon, to review the implementation of the Action Plan (Schedule 4).

8. AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION

8.1 The Parties may, with mutual written consent, amend or terminate this Agreement during its term. To be valid, any amendment to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Parties hereto or by their duly authorized representatives, while this Agreement is in effect.

9. NOTICE

9.1 Any notice, request, information or any other document required under this Agreement shall be deemed given if it is delivered or sent by email or mail. Any notice delivered in person shall be deemed to have been received upon delivery; any notice sent by email shall be deemed to have been received one (1) working day after it is sent; any notice that is mailed shall be deemed to have been received eight (8) working days after being mailed.

9.2 All notices shall be sent to the following addresses:

To Nova Scotia:

Deputy Minister
Department of Education and Early
Childhood Development
2021 Brunswick Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2S9

To Canada:

Official Languages Branch
Department of Canadian Heritage
15 Eddy Street, 7th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec
J8X 4B3

10. CONTENT OF THE AGREEMENT

10.1 This Agreement, including the following schedules that form an integral part of it and subsequent formal amendments to them, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous and future documents, negotiations, understandings and undertakings related to its subject matter. The Parties acknowledge having read this Agreement and agree with its content.

- SCHEDULE 1 – General Terms and Conditions
- SCHEDULE 2 – General Terms and Conditions – Infrastructure Projects
- SCHEDULE 3 – Communications
- SCHEDULE 4 – Nova Scotia Action Plan – 2024–25 to 2027–28


11. SIGNATURES

11.1 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which, taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Agreement on the date that appears on the first page.

ON BEHALF CANADA

ON BEHALF OF NOVA SCOTIA



The Honourable Rachel Bendayan
Minister of State (Official Languages)

The Honourable Brendan Maguire
Minister of Education and Early Childhood
Development

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. TERMS OF PAYMENT

1.1 Action Plan

1.1.1 Canada's annual financial contribution to Nova Scotia's Action Plan (Schedule 4) referred to in paragraphs 4.8.1, 4.8.2, 4.8.3 and 4.8.4 of this Agreement shall be made as follows:

First payments

1.1.2 for the first fiscal year (2024–25) of this Agreement, a first payment representing eighty percent (80%) of Canada's financial contribution shall be made after the signing of this Agreement and provided that the requirements for previous payments related to the *Canada–Nova Scotia Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official-Language Instruction 2020–21 to 2023–24* have been met;

1.1.3 for each subsequent fiscal year, a first payment representing eighty percent (80%) of Canada's financial contribution shall be made following the production, if necessary, of an updated Action Plan (Schedule 4) and provided that the requirements for previous payments have been met;

Second and final payments

1.1.4 for the first fiscal year (2024–25) of this Agreement, a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution, shall be made following the production of an annual report for the fiscal year in question;

1.1.5 for the second fiscal year (2025–26) of this Agreement, a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution, shall be made following the production of:

1.1.5.1 an annual report for the fiscal year in question; and

1.1.5.2 a mid-term report covering fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26;

1.1.6 for the third fiscal year (2026–27) of this Agreement, a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution, shall be made following the production of an annual report for the fiscal year in question;

1.1.7 for the fourth fiscal year (2027–28) of this Agreement, a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution, shall be made following the production of:

1.1.7.1 an annual report for the fiscal year in question; and

1.1.7.2 a final report on results covering fiscal years 2026–27 and 2027–28.

1.2 Complementary Projects

1.2.1 Canada's financial contribution to Nova Scotia for infrastructure projects funded under this Agreement shall be made in accordance with the administrative procedures set out in Schedule 2 of this Agreement. Canada's complementary contributions to Nova Scotia for projects funded under the provisions of subsection 4.12 of this Agreement shall be made as follows:

1.2.2 For One-Year Projects

1.2.2.1 a first payment representing eighty percent (80%) of Canada's financial contribution for the fiscal year in question shall be made after Canada's approval of the project and the Parties' approval of the addendum to the multi-year Action Plan (Schedule 4);

- 1.2.2.2 a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution, shall be made following the production of an annual report for the fiscal year in question and a final report on results.

1.2.3 For Multi-Year Projects

First payments

- 1.2.3.1 a first payment representing eighty percent (80%) of Canada's financial contribution for the fiscal year in question shall be made after Canada's approval of the project and the Parties' approval of the addendum to the multi-year Action Plan (Schedule 4);
- 1.2.3.2 for subsequent fiscal years, a first payment representing eighty percent (80%) of Canada's financial contribution for that fiscal year shall be made following the production, if necessary, of an updated addendum to the Action Plan (Schedule 4) and provided that the requirements for previous payments have been met;

Second and final payments

- 1.2.3.3 for each fiscal year, a second and final payment not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution for that fiscal year shall be made following the production of an annual report for the fiscal year in question.
- 1.2.3.4 for the last fiscal year, a second and final payment not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution for that fiscal year shall be made following the production of an annual report for the fiscal year in question and a final report on results.

- 1.3 The first payments made by Canada to Nova Scotia as part of this Agreement shall be made within approximately ninety (90) working days following acceptance by Canada of the documents referred to in section 1 of this Schedule.

- 1.4 Except for the first payments, all payments made by Canada to Nova Scotia as part of this Agreement shall be made approximately thirty (30) working days following acceptance by Canada of the documents referred to in section 1 of this Schedule.

2. REPORTING

- 2.1 The Parties agree that they must be accountable to Parliament, the provincial legislature and the general public for the proper use of funds provided under this Agreement and for the results achieved by these investments. Reporting under this Agreement is guided by the principles of transparency, consistency, accuracy, timeliness and clarity.
- 2.2 Reports made by Nova Scotia shall be in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and with provincial legislation and policies, including those related to the protection of privacy and access to information.
- 2.3 Reports shall be certified by a person duly authorized by Nova Scotia.
- 2.4 Nova Scotia shall provide its reporting in the manner it deems most appropriate in its particular circumstances. If, once the information has been submitted, Canada believes that there is a need to clarify and determine the relevance of the information presented in the financial statements and reports, Nova Scotia agrees to hold discussions with Canada to ensure compliance with the terms of the Agreement. Nova Scotia shall update the relevant documents, if necessary.
- 2.5 For each reference period, the financial statements in the annual reports shall separately present the budget established in the province's Action Plan (Schedule 4), and all actual expenditures by Nova Scotia, including those incurred since the effective date of this Agreement, that is, April 1st, 2024. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 2.6 Nova Scotia shall keep accounts and documents up to date and in due form on all revenues and expenditures related to this Agreement in accordance with the laws, regulations, policies and directives applicable to Nova Scotia.

2.7 Nova Scotia shall also provide Canada, before March 31st of each fiscal year, with confirmation that the anticipated expenditures for the current fiscal year, for the Action Plan (Schedule 4) and complementary projects, have in fact been incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The attestation form, to be provided by Canada, shall be signed by a person duly authorized by Nova Scotia.

2.8 Annual Reports

2.8.1 Annual reports comprise, for each linguistic objective, the following elements:

2.8.1.1 a final financial statement of contributions and actual expenditures based on the initiatives included in the Action Plan (Schedule 4) for the fiscal year in question, by education level, including an indication of the initiatives funded at fifty percent (50%) or more by Canada's additional financial contributions and the share of Canada's funding that was paid to key stakeholders;

2.8.1.2 the status of implementation of the Action Plan (Schedule 4) initiatives, including an explanation of any changes to the planned activities, schedule or budget; and

2.8.2 For the purposes of paragraph 2.8.1 of this Schedule, Nova Scotia may use the following legend for implementation status:

2.8.2.1 "1" for an initiative completed or under way according to the planned activities, schedule and budget;

2.8.2.2 "2", with an explanatory note, for a delayed initiative or an initiative that has undergone significant revision in the planned activities, schedule or budget for the fiscal year in question;

2.8.2.3 "3", with an explanatory note, for an initiative that is no longer being considered as part of the Action Plan (Schedule 4).

2.8.3 Nova Scotia shall submit its annual reports to Canada on or about September 30th following the fiscal year in question.

2.9 Mid-Term Report

2.9.1 The mid-term report, produced at the end of fiscal year 2025–26 contains, for each linguistic objective, the following elements:

2.9.1.1 a statement of the progress made on the basis of the indicators, targets and timelines identified in the Action Plan (Schedule 4), including an explanation of any significant variations in the pace of anticipated progress in achieving the targets set by Nova Scotia;

2.9.1.2 a summary of the main activities carried out to implement each of the initiatives included in the Action Plan (Schedule 4), including an indication of their impact on the targets and the targeted education levels; and

2.9.1.3 a summary of the exchanges undertaken with the key stakeholders on the implementation of the Action Plan (Schedule 4).

2.9.2 Nova Scotia shall submit its mid-term report to Canada on or about September 30th following the last fiscal year in question.

2.10 Final Report on Results

2.10.1 The final report on results, produced at the end 2027–28, contains, for each linguistic objective, the following elements:

2.10.1.1 a statement of the results achieved on the basis of indicators, targets and timelines identified in the Action Plan (Schedule 4) and in complementary projects, where applicable, including an explanation of any significant variation in achieving the targets set by Nova Scotia; and

- 2.10.1.2 a summary of the main activities carried out to implement each of the initiatives of the Action Plan (Schedule 4), including an indication of their impact on the targets and the targeted education levels.
- 2.10.1.3 a summary of the exchanges undertaken with the key stakeholders on the implementation of the Action Plan (Schedule 4).
- 2.10.2 Nova Scotia shall submit its final report on results to Canada on or about September 30th following the last fiscal year in question.

3. REDUCTION/TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 3.1 Notwithstanding Canada's obligation to make any payment made under this Agreement, this obligation is subject to the appropriation of funds by the Parliament of Canada and to the maintenance of current and forecasted budget levels for the Development of Official-Language Communities and the Enhancement of Official Languages programs.
- 3.2 In the event of a reduction or termination of the funding of these programs as evidenced by any appropriation act or the federal Crown's main and supplementary estimates expenditures, Canada may, upon giving Nova Scotia written notice of ninety (90) days, reduce the funding or terminate this Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in the event that funding is terminated under these programs, Canada shall reimburse Nova Scotia for any eligible costs incurred up to the end date of that notice period. Notwithstanding any other section under this Agreement, the financial obligations of Canada shall cease at the end of the notice period.

4. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- 4.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, eligible expenditures for each initiative described in the Action Plan (Schedule 4) may include, among others, salaries and benefits, professional fees, administrative costs, expenditures related to the purchase or rental of essential supplies and equipment, the purchase and production of educational materials, as well as training.
- 4.2 Nova Scotia may also allocate funds to the Explore, Destination Clic and Odyssey programs of the CMEC, through Canada's financial contribution received under subsections 4.1 and 4.2 of this Agreement for the same linguistic objective. Where applicable, Nova Scotia shall reflect this funding in its Action Plan (Schedule 4).
- 4.3 Only those actual expenditures incurred during a fiscal year for initiatives described in the Action Plan (Schedule 4) shall be deemed eligible expenditures for the fiscal year in question.
- 4.4 The Parties agree that, in general, the expenditures related to Canada's financial contribution shall be incurred from April 1st to March 31st of the fiscal year in question. Canada agrees that the period during which expenditures may be charged against the contributions for a given fiscal year may be extended to June 30th. In that case, Nova Scotia shall undertake to ensure that the expenditures it reports in the financial statements submitted to Canada for actual expenditures between April 1st and June 30th, and charged to the previous fiscal year, are not reported in the following fiscal year.

5. NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- 5.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, activities with an international scope, such as travel costs, shall not be considered as eligible expenditures for Canada's or Nova Scotia's contributions, with the exception of activities related to teacher recruitment and retention in minority French-language schools and in French second-language programs.

6. TRANSFERS

6.1 Transfers Within the Action Plan (Schedule 4)

- 6.1.1 For each fiscal year covered, and subject to the provisions set out in paragraphs 4.8.1 and 4.8.2 of this Agreement, Nova Scotia may transfer a portion of the funds provided for in the multi-year Action Plan (Schedule 4) as follows:

- 6.1.1.1 Nova Scotia may, at its discretion, transfer a portion of the funds between the initiatives and education levels under the same linguistic objective, informing Canada in annual reports, if applicable.
- 6.1.1.2 The Parties may agree in writing, no later than February 15th of the fiscal year in question, to transfer a portion of the funds between the linguistic objectives.
- 6.1.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 6.1.1.2 of this Schedule, Nova Scotia agrees that the additional financial contributions provided for in paragraph 4.8.2 of this Agreement for minority-language education and French second-language instruction will not be transferred between linguistic objectives with the Action Plan (Schedule 4).
- 6.1.3 Nova Scotia recognizes the importance of respecting, for the duration of this Agreement, the overall distribution of funding between the linguistic objectives provided in paragraphs 4.8.1 and 4.8.2 of this Agreement.
- 6.1.4 The Parties agree that the additional financial contributions provided for in paragraphs 4.8.3 and 4.8.4 of this Agreement for postsecondary minority-language education and the recruitment and retention of teachers in minority French-language schools and in French second-language and French immersion programs will not be transferred within the Action Plan (Schedule 4).

6.2 Transfers Between the Action Plan (Schedule 4) and Complementary Contributions

- 6.2.1 Nova Scotia agrees to make no transfer between the funding provided in subsections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of this Agreement for the multi-year Action Plan (Schedule 4) and the complementary contributions provided by Canada as part of the provisions of subsection 4.12 of this Agreement.
- 6.2.2 Nova Scotia agrees to make no transfer between the projects funded through the complementary contributions referred to in subsection 4.12 of this Agreement.

7. CARRY FORWARD

- 7.1 Nova Scotia may retain and carry forward to the next fiscal year an amount up to ten percent (10%) of the portion of the contribution paid to Nova Scotia for a fiscal year that exceeds the eligible costs actually incurred by Nova Scotia for the given fiscal year, and use the amount carried forward for expenditures related to eligible activities for the subsequent fiscal year. Any request by Nova Scotia will be discussed and mutually agreed upon by the Parties and confirmed in writing by an exchange of letters.
- 7.2 The amount carried forward from one fiscal year to the subsequent fiscal year will be added to the maximum amount payable to Nova Scotia for the given subsequent fiscal year.
- 7.3 Nova Scotia shall not retain any remaining amount of Canada's contribution for the last fiscal year of this Agreement that has not been spent by the end of the fiscal year.

8. OVERPAYMENT

- 8.1 The Parties agree that, if payments made to Nova Scotia exceed the amounts to which Nova Scotia is entitled, the overpayment shall be returned to Canada, failing which Canada may reduce its future contributions to Nova Scotia by an equivalent amount.

9. AVAILABILITY OF MATERIAL

- 9.1 Nova Scotia shall take all reasonable measures to make available to any researcher, institution, provincial or territorial government, Canada and the general public any audio-visual aids, curriculum material, films, research, studies or other material developed and owned by Nova Scotia through financial support provided by Canada under this Agreement. For this purpose, Nova Scotia may catalogue this material and make it available to the public. All the costs of providing such documents shall be calculated in light of Canada's financial contribution. Wherever possible, such costs shall be calculated solely on the basis of the costs associated with the provision of the said documents but not with the preparation thereof.

10. FINANCIAL AUDITS

- 10.1 In the event a financial audit is deemed necessary within a period of up to five (5) years after the end of this Agreement, Canada and Nova Scotia agree that it would be conducted by the Auditor General of Nova Scotia in accordance with the *Auditor General Act*, SNS 2020, c. 33.

11. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- 11.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the legislation and regulations applicable in Nova Scotia.

12. LIABILITY OF CANADA AND NOVA SCOTIA

- 12.1 Neither of the Parties shall be liable for any injury, including death, or for any loss or damage to the property of the other Party or anyone else, that occurs through the implementation of this Agreement by Nova Scotia unless such injury, loss or damage is caused by the negligence, wilful misconduct or bad faith of one of the Parties, their minister(s), or their employees, officers or agents.
- 12.2 Canada disclaims itself from any liability in the event that Nova Scotia concludes a loan, rent-to-own contract or other long-term contract as part of the initiatives funded under this Agreement's Action Plan (Schedule 4).

13. INDEMNIFICATION

- 13.1 Nova Scotia shall indemnify Canada, the federal minister and their employees, officers or agents, and release them from any liability for claims, losses, damages, expenditures and costs related to any injury or death, or loss or damage to property caused by Nova Scotia or its employees, officers or agents in carrying out the activities described in this Agreement.
- 13.2 Canada shall indemnify Nova Scotia, the provincial ministers and their employees, officers or agents, and release them from any liability for claims, losses, damages, expenditures and costs related to any injury or death, or loss or damage to property caused by Canada or its employees, officers or agents in carrying out the activities described in this Agreement.

14. BREACH OF COMMITMENTS AND RECOURSE

- 14.1 The following constitute breach of commitments:
- 14.1.1 The Parties, directly or through their representatives, make or made, otherwise than in good faith, a false declaration, or a misrepresentation; or
- 14.1.2 One of the conditions or commitments included in this Agreement has not been fulfilled; or
- 14.1.3 Canada suspends or withholds for no legitimate reason payments of its contribution with respect to amounts already owing or future payments.
- 14.2 In the event of a breach of commitments by either Party, if a Party determines that other Party's default can be cured and that a delay for these purposes is appropriate, a written notice of default will be sent to the defaulting Party specifying a cure period of no fewer than ninety (90) days from the date of deemed receipt of the notice. Proof that the breach of commitments has been cured within this period shall be provided and shall be to the satisfaction of the other Party.

14.3 If Nova Scotia does not act accordingly to the notice of breach of commitments, Canada may avail itself of the following remedies:

14.3.1 Reduce Canada's financial contribution to Nova Scotia and notify Nova Scotia of the reduction;

14.3.2 Suspend the payment of any amount in respect of Canada's financial contribution, regardless of whether the amount is owing prior to or after the date of such suspension or future payments and inform Nova Scotia accordingly; and

14.3.3 Terminate this Agreement by means of a written notice of termination given to Nova Scotia and thereby terminate any financial obligation under this Agreement.

14.4 If Canada does not act accordingly to the notice of breach of commitments, Nova Scotia may avail itself of the following remedies:

14.4.1 Suspend some activities provided for in the Action Plan (Schedule 4) of this Agreement and inform Canada; and

14.4.2 Terminate this Agreement by means of a written notice of termination given to Canada and thereby terminate any financial obligation under this Agreement

14.5 The fact that either of the Parties refrains from exercising a remedy it is entitled to exercise under this Agreement shall not be considered as a waiver of such right and, furthermore, partial or limited exercise of a right conferred on it shall not prevent it in any way in the future from exercising any other right or remedy under this Agreement or other applicable law.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1 In the event of a dispute arising under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree to make a good faith attempt to settle the dispute through negotiation or through another mechanism agreed upon by the Parties and/or its delegates.

16. EVALUATION

16.1 Nova Scotia is responsible for the evaluation of the education programs and initiatives under its jurisdiction, which are included in its Action Plan (Schedule 4). Nova Scotia shall share with Canada the results of an evaluation of its Action Plan.

16.2 Canada's programs, including the Development of Official-Language Communities Program, Minority-Language Education Component, and the Enhancement of Official Languages Program, Second-Language Learning Component, are routinely evaluated. Canada agrees to consult Nova Scotia on any future evaluation of its programs and to seek its opinion on such evaluations. Canada shall share with Nova Scotia the results of those evaluations.

17. ASSIGNMENT

17.1 This Agreement, and any benefit thereunder, may not be assigned without prior written approval from Canada.

18. CONSULTATION

18.1 The Parties recognize the importance of collaboration with stakeholders who play a key role in minority-language education and second-language instruction. The Parties agree that this collaboration allows for the successful implementation of the Action Plan (Schedule 4). Nova Scotia determines its appropriate consultation process.

18.2 Nova Scotia shall regularly consult with these stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the bilateral Agreement and any changes that may be made to it, for instance, transfers of funding or the replacement of one initiative with another.

18.3 Canada shall consult with Nova Scotia prior to engaging in any formal consultations with key stakeholders directly related to initiatives funded under this Agreement and shall share with Nova Scotia the information obtained, in a timely manner.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS – INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEDULE

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, Canada may contribute financially to infrastructure projects through the Action Plan (Schedule 4) or as complementary contributions. The Parties agree that the funding of these projects shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and to the terms and conditions described in this Schedule.
- 1.2 The provisions set out in Schedule 1 of this Agreement, not mentioned in this Schedule, also govern infrastructure projects.

2. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- 2.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, infrastructure project expenditures may include, among others, expenditures regarding the preparation of construction plans and blueprints, environmental assessments, site development, professional fees, construction, renovation, and acquisition of essential furniture and equipment.
- 2.2 For the purposes of this Agreement, “essential furniture and equipment” means the furniture and equipment needed for the operation and maintenance of the building and the lands that are usually and reasonably provided for in such an institution, except perishables.
- 2.3 For infrastructure projects relating to the elementary and secondary levels, Canada’s participation is conditional on Nova Scotia demonstrating that the portion of the infrastructure project(s) funded by Canada are over and above existing school standards, as applicable, for each space concerned.

3. NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- 3.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, feasibility studies as well as land acquisition and development shall not be considered as eligible expenditures.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 For Canada’s approval of a financial contribution for an infrastructure project under this Agreement, Nova Scotia shall provide a detailed description for each infrastructure project containing the following information:
 - 4.1.1 a description of the current situation;
 - 4.1.2 the project targets and indicators;
 - 4.1.3 the project phases, type and scope;
 - 4.1.4 the planned school, community and shared spaces; and
 - 4.1.5 a summary of the budget categories and anticipated investments.
- 4.2 The project shall be submitted to Canada by a person duly authorized by Nova Scotia.

5. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 Canada's financial contribution to Nova Scotia for infrastructure projects shall be made as follows:

5.2 For One-Year Projects

5.2.1 a first payment representing half (50%) of Canada's financial contribution for the fiscal year in question shall be made following approval of the project by Canada and approval of the Addendum to the Action Plan (Schedule 4) by the Parties;

5.2.2 a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution for that fiscal year, shall be made following the production of:

5.2.2.1 a work completion report for the fiscal year in question;

5.2.2.2 a final financial statement for the fiscal year in question; and

5.2.2.3 where applicable, confirmation of environmental mitigation measures.

5.3 For Multi-Year Projects

First payments

5.3.1 for the first fiscal year, a first payment representing half (50%) of Canada's financial contribution for the fiscal year in question shall be made following approval of the project by Canada and approval of the Addendum to the Action Plan (Schedule 4) by the Parties;

5.3.2 for subsequent fiscal years, a first payment representing half (50%) of Canada's financial contribution shall be made following the production, if necessary, of an update on the Addendum to the Action Plan (Schedule 4) and provided that the requirements for previous payments have been met;

Second and final payments

5.3.3 for each fiscal year excluding the final fiscal year, a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution for that fiscal year, shall be made following the production of:

5.3.3.1 a final financial statement for the fiscal year in question; and

5.3.3.2 a work progress report for the fiscal year in question;

5.3.4 for the final fiscal year, a second and final payment, not exceeding the balance of Canada's financial contribution, shall be made following the production of:

5.3.4.1 a work completion report for the duration of the project;

5.3.4.2 a final financial statement for the project; and

5.3.4.3 where applicable, confirmation of environmental mitigation measures.

5.4 Notwithstanding the terms and conditions set out in subsections 5.2 and 5.3 of this Schedule, for multiyear infrastructure projects, if Canada's contribution does not extend to the final fiscal year(s) of the project, the final payment of Canada's financial contribution for the project shall be withheld until Canada obtains the work completion report and final financial statement for the duration of the project. The conditions and reports for subsequent years must be provided in accordance with the requirements of the years in question.

6. REPORTING

6.1 Final Financial Statements

- 6.1.1 Final financial statements separately present the budget established for the fiscal year in question, the federal and provincial contributions and the actual expenditures incurred by Nova Scotia.
- 6.1.2 The final financial statement for the final fiscal year in question also separately presents the total budget for each expenditure categories funded, provincial and federal contributions, and all actual expenditures incurred by the province for the duration of the project.
- 6.1.3 Nova Scotia shall provide Canada with the final financial statements on or about September 30th following the fiscal year in question.

6.2 Work Progress Reports

- 6.2.1 Work progress reports provide an update on how far work has advanced and an explanation of any deviations from the planned implementation schedule.
- 6.2.2 Work progress reports are not required for one-year projects or for the final fiscal year of multi-year projects.
- 6.2.3 Nova Scotia shall provide Canada with the work progress reports on or about September 30th of the current fiscal year.

6.3 Work Completion Reports

- 6.3.1 Work completion reports provide the status of work carried out with contributions from Canada and Nova Scotia for the duration of the project. Work completion reports also confirm the spaces built and the equipment acquired.
- 6.3.2 Nova Scotia shall provide Canada with the work completion reports on or about September 30th following the fiscal year in question.

7. TRANSFERS

- 7.1 For each fiscal year covered by this Agreement, Nova Scotia may transfer a portion of the funds provided for funding infrastructure projects as follows:

7.1.1 Transfers Within the Action Plan (Schedule 4)

- 7.1.1.1 The Parties agree that a portion of the funds provided for each project within the Action Plan (Schedule 4) may be transferred from one project to another. The Parties may agree in writing, no later than February 15th of the fiscal year in question, to transfer a portion of the funds between such projects.

7.1.2 Transfers Between Expenditures Categories

- 7.1.2.1 Nova Scotia may, at its discretion, transfer a portion of the funds from one expenditures category to another within the same project, ensuring to inform Canada of the transfer. These transfers must be made within expenditures categories eligible for a contribution from Canada.

8. TENDERS

- 8.1 All calls for public tenders to carry out infrastructure projects funded by Canada under this Agreement must be issued in keeping with the regulations applicable to Nova Scotia in the award of public contracts.

9. ACCESS TO FACILITIES

- 9.1 Nova Scotia shall allow the federal minister or his representatives to visit the premises where the activities funded under this Agreement are being carried out.

- 9.2 Nova Scotia shall ensure that the new facilities funded under this Agreement are accessible to persons with disabilities.

10. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

- 10.1 For any asset purchase (furniture, equipment, wheeled equipment, buildings, etc.) that has a cost of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), Nova Scotia shall preserve and maintain the assets acquired with the contribution funds of this Agreement and use them for the purposes of the funded activities for a period of five (5) years following the expiry or termination of this Agreement, unless:

10.1.1 written exemption from this requirement is obtained from Canada;

10.1.2 Canada authorizes the disposal of the assets; or

10.1.3 the assets must be replaced on account of wear or obsolescence.

11. CONTINUED PURPOSE

- 11.1 Nova Scotia shall ensure that any other recipient of Canada's financial contribution preserve the community spaces funded under this Agreement for the purposes for which they were funded by Canada.

- 11.2 Nova Scotia agrees to respect this commitment throughout the existence of the school component unless written exemption from this requirement is obtained from Canada.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 12.1 Nova Scotia shall ensure that all activities and objectives subject to this Agreement comply with all federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations and related laws and guidelines with respect to environmental matters. All other applicable legislative, regulatory and constitutional requirements must still be fulfilled.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Parties agree that once signed, this Agreement, Nova Scotia's Action Plan (Schedule 4), the related reports, including evaluations, audits and other reviews regarding this agreement, may be made available to the public by any Party.

2. JOINT COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The Parties shall designate communications contacts who will be responsible for overseeing coordinated communications to the Canadian public.
- 2.2 Any joint announcement of the approved funding as well as subsequent public communications on this Agreement, or projects arising from it, shall be agreed to by both Parties.
- 2.3 Nova Scotia shall allow Canadian representatives to participate in milestone events related to this Agreement, including official inauguration ceremonies, and shall inform Canada of the proposed activities planned for these events.
- 2.4 The Parties agree that joint communications and publications relating to this Agreement shall be available in English and French in separate formats.
- 2.5 All joint communications material must provide equal recognition of both Parties' financial contributions.
- 2.6 Joint communications products must be written in both official languages and include the "Canada" wordmark as well as the logo of the other Party.

3. INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notwithstanding section 2 of this Schedule, the Parties retain the right to communicate information to the public about this Agreement and the use of funds through their own communications processes.
- 3.2 The Parties shall recognize each other's financial contribution to this Agreement when conducting public communications, including, without being limited to, speeches, news releases, public announcements, websites and provincial/territorial departmental and agency reports.
- 3.3 Nova Scotia shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that any other recipient of Canada's financial contribution, including school boards, school service centres and postsecondary institutions, acknowledge the contributions of Canada, where appropriate, in the publicity relating to this Agreement.

4. MEDIA RELATIONS

- 4.1 The Parties will share information promptly should significant media inquiries be received or emerging media or stakeholder issues arise regarding this Agreement.

5. SIGNAGE

- 5.1 Upon completion of the infrastructure work, in the event that Nova Scotia installs a permanent plaque on the sites covered by this Agreement, the plaque shall recognize the participation of Canada and Nova Scotia in the projects. The design, text and specifications shall be approved by both Parties, as applicable.
- 5.2 For infrastructure projects, signage will be provided in accordance with the Guidelines for Public Acknowledgement of Canada's Support for Projects established for Government of Canada infrastructure programs.

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