

Dear Climb Nova Scotia Community,

As climbers, we know that every strong ascent begins with a solid foundation. The same is true for our community. At Climb Nova Scotia (CNS), we strive to support initiatives that strengthen connection, access, and growth for climbers across our province. Our shared commitment to these values continues to inspire the work we do on behalf of our members - and today, I'm excited to share some important updates about the future of CNS membership.

As our climbing community grows, CNS is working to expand its membership to better reflect and serve that growth.

We currently have 45 active memberships for CNS. The annual funding we receive from Sport Nova Scotia is not always sufficient to fully support our organizational goals or provide meaningful financial assistance to local climbing initiatives. To continue strengthening our community and promoting climbing across the province, we would love your support. By growing our membership, we can increase options to deliver common-good outcomes and ensure CNS reflects the size, passion, and commitment of Nova Scotia's climbing community.

## Revitalizing CNS Membership

To better serve our community, we are revitalizing the CNS membership structure. Beginning this year, all memberships will follow a new annual cycle running from **September 1 to August 31**. This change will help us plan more effectively, deliver programming consistently, and ensure that services and benefits are accessible year-round.

Additionally, **a current CNS membership will be required to attend any CNS ticketed climbing event**. This ensures consistent liability coverage for CNS, and will allow us to reinvest directly in the climbers, spaces, and initiatives that make our community vibrant.

## Why Your Membership Matters

Your membership directly fuels the projects and opportunities that keep our climbing community thriving. With your support, CNS is able to:

- Advance **development of new routes and crags** across the province
- Improve **access to both existing and emerging cliffs**
- Maintain current development projects and conduct **trail maintenance** to ensure safe, sustainable access
- Support local initiatives including **guidebook development** and **community engagement events**
- Provide **athlete and coaching support** for competitive climbing
- Develop programs that help Nova Scotian athletes on the **pathway to the Canada Games**

These are just a few of the ways your involvement strengthens climbing for everyone - from beginners tying in for the first time to seasoned athletes representing Nova Scotia on the national stage.

## **Expanding Events and Community Connections**

As part of our renewed commitment to community, we're excited to offer an expanded lineup of events throughout the year, including:

- **Spring Clean and Climb** (Rope Area)
- **Fall Clean and Climb** (Bouldering)
- **Spring Community Climb & Camp**
- **Boulderfest**
- **Ice Fest**
- **Reel Rock Film Fest**

We are also exploring partnerships with local businesses interested in offering **discounts and perks** to current CNS members - more details on that coming soon.

Keep your eyes out for a CNS survey in the new year to tailor our membership outcomes to the needs of the community. This will seek out non-members input as well.

## **Looking Ahead - Together**

For CNS to succeed in supporting climbers across Nova Scotia, we depend on the strength of our membership. By renewing your membership, you help build a more sustainable, inclusive, and engaged climbing community - one that reflects the passion and dedication we see every day on our cliffs, trails, and boulders.

Thank you for your continued support, your enthusiasm, and your belief in what we can accomplish together. I'm excited for the year ahead and grateful to share this journey with each of you.

Warm regards,

*Will Sarty*

President, Climb Nova Scotia