



House of Assembly
Nova Scotia

Province House Illumination Policy

Province House has an external lighting system which allows the building to be illuminated in a variety of standard colours to a maximum of two colours at a time which illuminate the east and west portions of the front of the building. The lighting system is overseen by House of Assembly Operations under the authority of the Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly.

Illumination Requests

Illuminations highlight official national and provincial celebrations, community-led commemorations or cultural events, charitable campaigns by registered charities operating in Canada, and not-for-profit awareness campaigns organized by not-for-profit organizations operating in Canada. We do not accept illumination requests from outside of Canada.

Approval for special lighting will be granted only when such lighting is in connection with one or more of the following:

- An event of municipal, provincial, national, or international significance and/or achievement.
- An event of constitutional or democratic significance.
- An event that is considered by the Speaker as being of significant benefit to Nova Scotia from a promotional, reputational or engagement perspective.
- An event hosted or organized by the Nova Scotia Legislature.
- An event hosted or organized by the Government of Nova Scotia.

Legislative and government-led illumination requests such as for public holidays or special commemorations, take precedence over all other requests.

Illumination requests from the private sector will be rejected.

Illumination requests connected to a political party issue, a political party campaign or an issue that is contentious or politically sensitive will be rejected. This may include any issue which may damage the reputation of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly.

The use of spotlights or projection systems onto Province House is not permitted without permission from the Speaker. The lighting system at Province House does not have the capability to project images onto the building.

House of Assembly Operations under the authority of the Speaker has absolute discretion, and with or without notice, may cancel any approved requests for special lighting.

Duration of illumination

The building will be lit for no longer than seven consecutive days, subject to availability. On any day, the illumination normally commences before sunset and ends in the early morning.

Elections

For the duration of a General Election in the Province of Nova Scotia, Province House will not be illuminated in colours affiliated with provincial political parties registered with Elections Nova Scotia.

The duration will commence with the date the proclamation is issued that fixes the date of writ, and the date of the election, and seven days following the election date.

Submitting an illumination request

Requests for illumination must be received by House of Assembly Operations a minimum of two-weeks prior to the date of the desired illumination date or period.

The requestor is asked to submit a detailed description for the purpose and scope of the request.

Each request will be evaluated to ensure it adheres with the Province House Illumination Policy.

If the illumination request is approved, House of Assembly Operations will contact the requestor to confirm if the requested date or period is available, and if not, will suggest an alternative date or period.

Province House's lighting system has capability restrictions. If the requestor is requesting a specific shade of colour, House of Assembly Operations will try to illuminate in that shade. If the shade is not available, a colour close to the shade will be substituted.

Please send your illumination request in writing by email to the House of Assembly Operations Coordinator, Kyle Connolly, at kyle.connolly@novascotia.ca