

Council of Atlantic Premiers

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Atlantic Premiers head to Washington, D.C., to defend economic partnership

FEBRUARY 7, 2025 – Atlantic Canada’s Premiers will travel to Washington, D.C., next week to highlight the significant value of our important trade relationship in meetings with U.S. political and business leaders.

New Brunswick Premier Susan Holt hosted a virtual meeting of the Council of Atlantic Premiers yesterday to discuss the upcoming mission and ways they can continue to work together to strengthen the region’s economy and mitigate the threat of an uncertain trade climate with the United States. She was joined by Premier Dennis King of Prince Edward Island and Premier Tim Houston of Nova Scotia.

Atlantic Premiers will be part of the Council of the Federation mission to Washington, D.C. on February 12, 2025. All 13 provincial and territorial leaders will be in the U.S. capital to directly demonstrate to American leaders the benefits of a stable North American economic partnership.

Premiers will emphasize the importance of Canada to the security of the United States, and the benefits that the continental economic partnership has brought to both countries. They will stress Atlantic Canada’s deep historical ties with New England and the northeastern U.S. states and the significant integration of their economies.

As the threat of U.S. tariffs is paused, but not removed, Premiers discussed ways they can collaborate to bolster the resilience of Atlantic Canada’s economy. Premiers will continue to urge Atlantic Canadians to support Canadian businesses and buy Canadian-made products whenever possible. They also pledged to continue working together to make Atlantic Canada a leader in the removal of barriers and irritants to trade and labour mobility within the Atlantic region and across Canada.



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