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Federation calls on Premier to immediately release details of economic stimulus plan

Halifax, N.S. - Although on first blush, the recently announced Nova Scotia stimulus plan of \$1.9 billion to be invested or spent over three years may sound encouraging; but the lack of details and clear direction leaves us wondering just what is in store for us and will we see progressive measures and actions to flush out the announced plan to make a difference for Nova Scotians and Nova Scotia?

“The lack of substance is worrisome,” said Nova Scotia Federation of Labour President Rick Clarke, “This announcement is more like an economic statement.

“A group of representatives of unions across Nova Scotia and our Federation met with the Premier and we made numerous suggestions about what is needed in training and economic development—one issue we made very clear is that if the Premier intends to use private/public partnerships (P3s) for any projects, it will add a year and costs onto each project and delay even further the progress we so desperately need, Clarke said.

“Training is an immediate issue and we were hoping to see the Premier give an indication that the Stakeholder Advisory Council would be appointed immediately to ensure training meets today’s and tomorrow’s needs, but unfortunately this was also missing.

“The best way to get these much-needed details to Nova Scotians is for the Premier to call the Legislature back in session,” Clarke said in conclusion

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