

Women Representatives on Municipal Councils and Band Councils in Nova Scotia as of June, 2006

Municipal:

There are 55 towns and municipalities in NS with a total of 35 mayors and 20 wardens. Currently there are 92 women elected in municipal governments in Nova Scotia (including mayors, deputy mayors, wardens, deputy wardens, and councillors) out of a total of 441 positions which works out to 21%. Of these, only 4 women out of 55 (7.3%) are in lead elected positions (ie., mayors and wardens) with 2 female mayors and 2 female wardens.

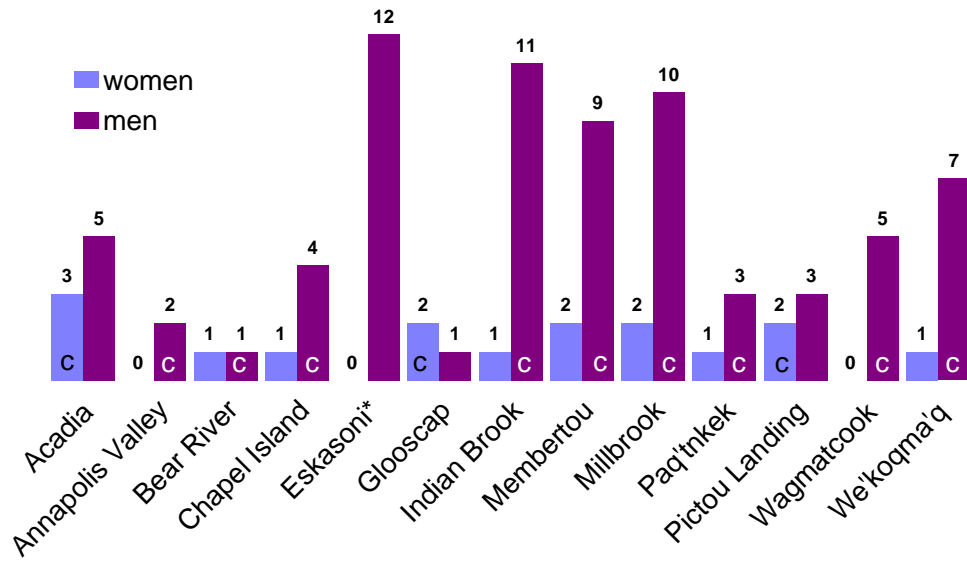
In the same election (October 2004), 53 women were elected as school board members in the province. Women now comprise 48% of the 111 members* of Nova Scotia's eight regional school boards.

* 6 of these members are Mi'kmaq representatives who are appointed by the Minister of Education rather than elected. Of these 6 members, 3 are women.

Mi'kmaq First Nations Band Councils:

There are 13 Band Councils in Nova Scotia with a total of 13* chiefs and 89 councillors. Of these, 3 chiefs (23%) and 16 councillors (18%) are women. Several Band Councils will be having elections this summer and fall and statistics will be updated as elections happen. As you will see on the chart below, there is considerable variation among the Band Councils in relation to the representation of women. Three band councils have no women members at all, others, eg., Glooscap First Nation, Pictou Landing First Nation and Acadia First Nation have good representation (40% or more), albeit with small numbers.

First Nations Chiefs and Councillors by Gender Nova Scotia (as of June 20, 2006)



* Currently no Chief

Source: Individual Band Council offices.

Note: Placement of "C" at bottom of either light or dark purple vertical bars indicates gender of Chief for each Band Council.