

## **Media Release: Change in Leadership at Nourish Nova Scotia, Continued Focus on School Food**

The founding Executive Director of Nourish Nova Scotia, Margo Riebe-Butt, is preparing to “pass the carrot” to a new leader, former MLA Lisa Roberts. Nourish Nova Scotia is a non-profit charity, founded in 2013, to support healthy food environments where children and youth live, learn and play.

Riebe-Butt studied nutrition and became a champion of food literacy and school food early in her career. She led the development of Nourish Nova Scotia alongside public health, education, and community champions. Under her leadership, Nourish became a sought-out partner for food system actors trying to create healthy food environments in schools and community, with legacy programs like Nourish Your Roots and school breakfast. The Nourish website is a treasure trove of recipes, program ideas and facilitator guides for empowering youth to build food literacy skills.

All the while, Riebe-Butt has also been pushing for a national school food program in Canada, the only G7 country without one. On Wednesday, June 1, Riebe-Butt is appearing as a witness at the Public Accounts Committee of the Nova Scotia legislature to address the impact of rising food costs on school food programs.

Lisa Roberts was the MLA for Halifax Needham from 2016 to 2021. Previously, she worked as a journalist for more than 10 years, as well as intermittently in the non-profit sector. Food has been a constant interest, whether as agriculture critic for her caucus, as a community organizer organizing a new garden and food safety training, or as a mom scrambling to pack lunches while preparing breakfast.

Riebe-Butt will be available in-person at Province House after 11AM on June 1. To arrange for any other interview or for photos, please contact:

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### About Nourish

*Nourish Nova Scotia is a provincial non-profit organization providing support for school and community based healthy food programs through resources, advocacy and food education. Nourish receives core funding from the Province of Nova Scotia along with individual and corporate donations to fulfill its mandate.*

*Nourish is located in Kwipek (so-called Bedford), part of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq peoples. While this is where our offices are located, we support food work from Unama'ki to Kespukwitk. As Treaty people, we strive to work under the Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1752 by incorporating Mi'kmaw values, like cooperation, stewardship of nature and sharing, into what we do, but recognize that we have much learning and unlearning still to do. If we can improve upon this statement, please contact us.*