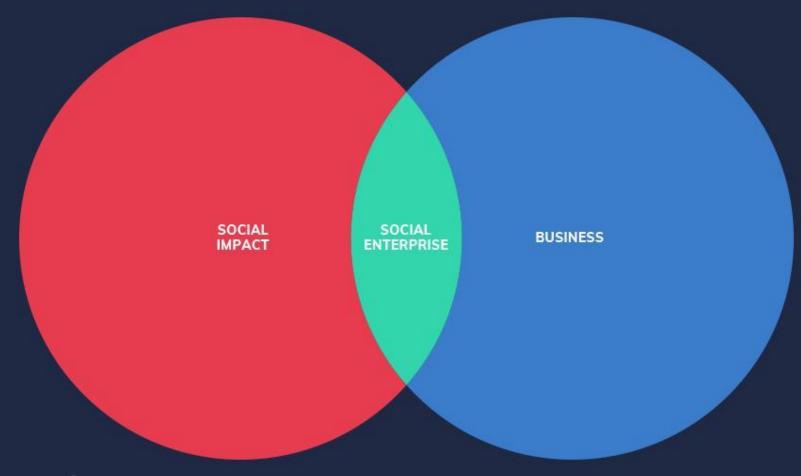
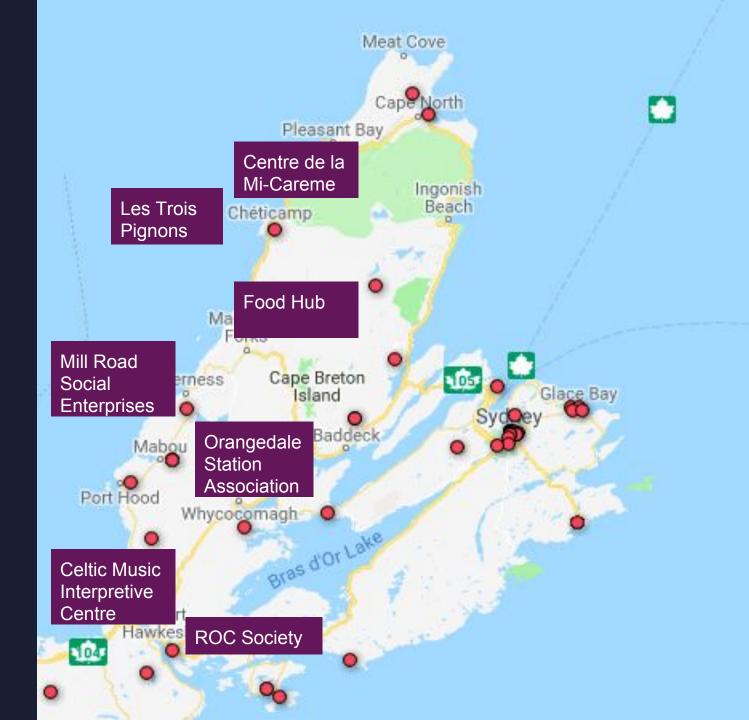
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# Across Nova Scotia

- **Mission-driven** 41% social, 33% cultural, 14% economic, and 11% environmental
- **Businesses** 3330 full-time equivalent positions & \$179 million in revenue in 2017
- **Established in community** Median age of operation was 30 years & >75% operated at the local/community scale
- Plan to Grow 66% plan to grow in the next year; strongest area of need is gaining access to new customer markets.

#### What is Social Procurement?

Leveraging a social value from your existing procurement.

### Why Social Procurement?

When we focus on 'best value for money' procurement is much more than a financial transaction, it is a tool for building healthy and vibrant communities.

# Social Procurement

By shifting some existing purchasing to social enterprises or by requiring a social value component in large projects we can create local economic, and social benefit without increasing costs.

Social value procurement can take two main forms:

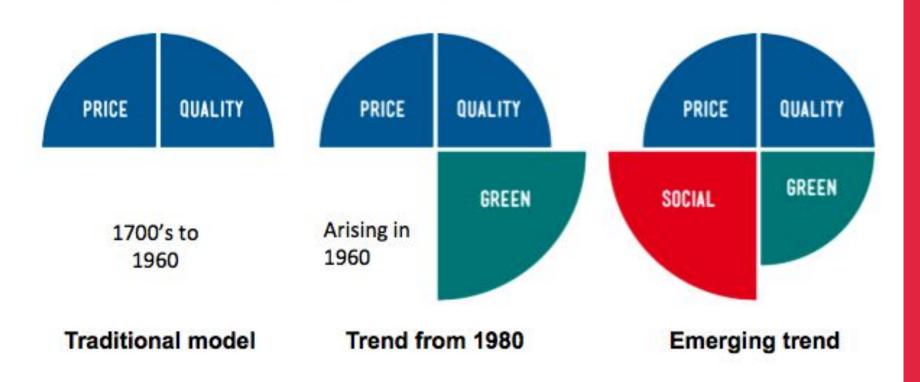
- 1. Direct procurement from a social enterprise
- 2. Incorporating social value criteria into tender documents

#### Purchasing From Social Enterprises Can Help Support Your Own Mandate Without Spending Any Additional Budget Dollars

Goods and services at competitive prices plus added value in the community (e.g.)

- Public health
- Food security
- Newcomer settlement
- Poverty reduction
- Employment for individuals with barriers
- Provide/support needed services (e.g., fire, seniors services, access to food/grocery, housing, transportation)
- Environmental issues
- Employment for youth, new entrants and newcomers

#### **Evolution of Procurement**



## Provincial

- British Columbia Social Purchasing Guidelines
- Nova Scotia Social Enterprise Framework
- Ontario Social Procurement
  & Infrastructure Policies
- Quebec Social Economy Policy
- Manitoba Housing & BC Housing Social Purchasing

# Municipal

- Victoria
- Vancouver
- Toronto
- Montreal
- Cumberland
- Fort McMurray
- Qualicum Beach

# Thanks! Questions?

