

WE ARE NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!

The RRSP season is underway and so is the sale of shares in our Black Business Community Investment Fund. We are open for business till **February 29, 2012**.

Over the last seven years, **we have raised a total of \$555,500** from 99 investors. After adjusting for redemptions, the capital base is currently \$535,000 with 93 investors.

To date **we have invested a total of \$1.02 Million**. This represents 13 different investments in 7 different companies. Last year we paid our first dividend of 1.5% to shareholders. This offering would enable us continue to build on these successes.

Investing in the Fund is excellent for you, excellent for the business community, and excellent for the tax return.

As an investor, you should expect returns from your investment and at the same time take pride in the fact that you are investing directly in Black Nova Scotia businesses. **Additionally, if you invest in this current offering, you will receive 35% tax credit immediately upon investing. This credit increases to a total of 65% over a 15 year holding period.** Against a backdrop of today's volatile financial markets, this return is significant!

The shares are also RRSP eligible, so you can invest as part of a registered plan and receive the RRSP tax deduction benefit in addition to the above.

For the business community, the Fund would continue to make investment capital available for businesses to undertake projects. These businesses in turn employ Nova Scotians who are able to take care of their families.

So investing in the Black Business Community Investment Fund transmits funds from you to businesses and ultimately back to you. In the process, both you and the businesses benefit, and over the long-term our community is enriched. Put another way, the virtuous cycle of wealth creation continues when you invest in the Fund.

We hope you will invest in the Fund this season and also encourage others in your circle of influence to do so. You have from now until **February 29, 2012** to do so. Call Gordon Doe at (902) 426-6985 now or email doe.gordon@bbi.ns.ca to invest, if you have any questions, or to schedule for a presentation on the Fund for a group of your colleagues.