The Bank of Nova Scotia Callable Accrual Notes (Bail-inable Notes)

Final Term Sheet

Issuer: The Bank of Nova Scotia (the "Bank")

Issue: The Bank of Nova Scotia Callable Accrual Notes (Bail-inable Notes),

with a term of 5 years, callable semi-annually at the Bank's option

starting March 31, 2022 (the "Notes").

The Notes will be direct senior unsecured and unsubordinated liabilities of the Bank ranking *pari passu* with all other senior unsecured and

unsubordinated debt of the Bank.

Issue Price: C\$100.00 per Note.

Minimum Subscription: C\$1,000.00 and integral multiples thereof.

Principal Amount: C\$100.00 per Note

Issue Size: C\$10,000,000.00

Senior Debt¹ Ratings: DBRS: AA (low) Moody's: A2 S&P: A-

The Notes have not been specifically rated by any credit rating organization and there is no assurance that if the Notes were specifically rated by these rating agencies that they would have the same rating as the Bank's senior unsecured and unsubordinated obligations with a term to maturity of one year or more. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold investments, and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at

any time by the relevant rating agency.

Trade Date: March 19, 2021

Settlement Date: March 31, 2021

Maturity Date: March 31, 2026 or if that day is not a Business Day the immediately

succeeding Business Day, subject to the Notes being called by the Bank on a relevant Call Date pursuant to the terms of the Call Option below.

Call Provision: The Notes are redeemable at the option of the Bank, in whole, but not in

part, on any Call Date upon notice by the Bank to CDS on or before the Call Notice Date, at an amount equal to the Principal Amount per Note, together with any accrued and unpaid interest to the applicable Call Date (the "Call Option"). If the applicable Call Date is not a Business Day, the Principal Amount per Note, together with any accrued and unpaid interest to the applicable Call Date, shall be paid on the immediately succeeding Business Day. If the Notes are called prior to the Maturity Date, a noteholder will lose the opportunity to continue to accrue and be

paid interest on the Notes after such Call Date.

¹ Subject to conversion under the bank recapitalization "bail-in" regime.

Call Notice Date:

The Bank will provide at least fifteen Business Days notice prior to the corresponding Call Date of the exercise of the Call Option. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the redemption of the Notes pursuant to the Call Option will be subject to the prior approval of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) (the "Superintendent") if such redemption would lead to a breach of the Bank's Total Loss Absorbing Capacity ("TLAC") requirements.

There is no certainty as to the term to maturity of the Notes because whether or not the Bank exercises the Call Option embedded in the Notes will be dependent on, among other things, future interest rates and market volatility. If the Bank does not exercise the Call Option on any Call Date, the term of the Notes will be approximately 5 years.

Call Dates:

March 31, 2022 September 30, 2022 March 31, 2023 September 30, 2023 March 31, 2024 September 30, 2024 March 31, 2025 September 30, 2025

Selling Agents' Commission:

C\$0.50 per Note.

Principal Repayment Amount:

The Principal Amount of C\$100.00 per Note will be repaid on the Maturity Date, or on a Call Date if the Bank exercises the Call Option, and the Principal Amount of C\$100.00 per Note will form part of the Redemption Price to be paid on the applicable Redemption Date.

Coupon Rate:

1.56% annual interest rate (the "Coupon Rate"), per Note, compounded semi-annually. Interest accrues and compounds at the Coupon Rate semi-annually and is payable once on either of: (i) a Call Date on which the Bank exercises the Call Option (as part of the Redemption Price), or (ii) the Maturity Date (as part of the Redemption Price), whichever occurs first.

The Redemption Price includes interest accrued from and excluding the Settlement Date to and including the applicable Call Date or Maturity Date, as the case may be.

Redemption Price Schedule:

| Redemption Date | Redemption Price per Note (CAD \$) (each a "Redemption Price") |
|--------------------|--|
| March 31, 2022 | 101.57 |
| September 30, 2022 | 102.36 |
| March 31, 2023 | 103.16 |
| September 30, 2023 | 103.96 |
| March 31, 2024 | 104.77 |
| September 30, 2024 | 105.59 |
| March 31, 2025 | 106.41 |
| September 30, 2025 | 107.24 |
| March 31, 2026 | 108.08 |

Yield to Noteholder:

To first Call Date (if redeemed) **1.56**% effective annual rate, or approximately **139 basis points** over the 1 year Government of Canada benchmark bond maturing March 3, 2022.

To Maturity Date (if not redeemed) **1.56**% effective annual rate, or approximately **56 basis points** over the 5 year Government of Canada benchmark bond maturing March 1, 2026.

Day Count Fraction:

30/360 unadjusted.

Business Day:

Days (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for business in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Form and Denomination:

Book entry only through participants in CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. ("CDS").

Book Entry Only System:

The Notes will be issued by way of a single global certificate registered in the name of a nominee of CDS and deposited with CDS. Registration of interests in and transfers of the Notes will be made only through the Book Entry Only (BEO) system of CDS. The Notes must be purchased either directly or indirectly through a participant in the CDS BEO system. No holder will be entitled to any Note or other instrument from the Bank or CDS evidencing the ownership thereof, and no holder will be shown on the records maintained by CDS except through an agent who is a participant of CDS.

Optional Redemption:

The Notes are not subject to redemption at the option of the holder or the Bank, except by the Bank pursuant to the Call Option.

Redemption for any reason (including, without limitation, on any Call Date) will be subject to the prior approval of the Superintendent if such redemption would lead to a breach of the Bank's minimum TLAC requirements.

CDIC:

The Notes do not constitute deposits that are insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* (the "*CDIC Act*") or under any other deposit insurance regime.

Bail-in Status:

The Notes are bail-inable notes subject to conversion in whole or in part – by means of a transaction or series of transactions and in one or more

steps – into common shares of the Bank or any of its affiliates under subsection 39.2(2.3) of the *CDIC Act* and to variation or extinguishment in consequence, and subject to the application of the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein in respect of the operation of the *CDIC Act* with respect to the Notes. For a description of Canadian bank resolution powers and the consequent risk factors attaching to the Notes reference is made to "Canadian Bank Resolution Powers including Bail-in" at

http://www.scotiabank.com/ca/en/about/investors-

<u>shareholders/regulatory-disclosures.html</u> which information is hereby incorporated by reference.

Subsequent Holders:

Each holder or beneficial owner of a Note that acquires an interest in the Notes in the secondary market and any successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy and legal representatives of any such holder or beneficial owner shall be deemed to acknowledge, accept, agree to be bound by and consent to the same provisions specified in the Notes to the same extent as the holders or beneficial owners that acquire an interest in the Notes upon its initial issuance, including, without limitation, with respect to the acknowledgement and agreement to be bound by and consent to the terms of the Notes related to the bail-in regime.

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Set-Off:

No holder or beneficial owner of bail-inable notes may exercise, or direct the exercise of, claim or plead any right of set-off, netting, compensation or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Bank arising under, or in connection with, the bail-inable notes, and each holder or beneficial owner of bail-inable notes shall, by virtue of its acquisition of an interest in any bail-inable note, be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally waived all such rights of set-off, netting, compensation or retention. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amounts due and payable to any holder or beneficial owner of the bail-inable notes by the Bank in respect of, or arising under, the bail-inable notes are purportedly discharged by set-off, netting, compensation or retention, without limitation to any other rights and remedies of the Bank under applicable law, such holder or beneficial owner shall pay to the Bank an amount equal to the amount of such discharge and, until such time as payment is made, shall hold an amount equal to such amount in trust for the Bank and, accordingly, any such discharge shall be deemed not to have taken place.

Governing Law:

Attornment:

The Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

Courts of the Province of Ontario.

Agent:

Scotia Capital Inc. ("SCI")

Calculation Agent:

SCI

Secondary Market:

SCI will endeavor to maintain a secondary market for the Notes under normal market conditions, but reserves the right not to do so at any time in the future in its sole and absolute discretion, without providing notice to noteholders. The secondary market price of the Notes will be dependent on a number of factors, in particular prevailing interest rates and the Call Option. A holder who sells a Note prior to the Maturity Date may receive sale proceeds that are less than the Principal Amount. The Notes will not be listed on any stock exchange.

Income Tax Considerations:

An investor should consider the income tax consequences of an investment in the Notes, including those arising from a disposition of the Notes prior to the Maturity Date. This summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any investor. Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors for advice with respect to the potential income tax consequences to them of an investment in the Notes having regard to their particular circumstances.

An individual investor will be required to include in computing income for each taxation year the amount of interest that accrued to the end of any "anniversary day" in respect of a Note that falls during such year. An investor who holds a Note to a Call Date on which the Bank exercises the Call Option or the Maturity Date, as the case may be, will generally be required to include the full amount of the interest paid on the Note in computing income for the taxation year that includes such date, except to the extent that such interest has already been included in income for that or a preceding taxation year.

US Selling Restrictions:

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") and should not be offered or sold within the United States. SCI agrees that neither it, nor its affiliates(s), nor any persons acting on its behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts (within the meaning of Regulation S of the 1933 Act) in the United States with respect to the Notes.

EU Selling Restrictions:

No prospectus (as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "Prospectus Regulation")) will be prepared in connection with the Notes. Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered to the public in any member state of the European Economic Area (the "EEA") or in the United Kingdom, and any purchaser of the Notes who subsequently sells any of the Notes in any EEA member state or in the United Kingdom must do so only in accordance with the requirements of the Prospectus Regulation, as implemented in that member state.

Additional Information to Investors about the Notes:

Investors in the Notes should be aware that they are subject to certain risk factors. Potential investors in the Notes are urged to consult their own legal, accounting and tax advisors in order to determine the consequences of an investment in the Notes and to make an independent evaluation of such investment. Specific risk factors include, but are not limited to:

Non-Standard Investments:

The Notes have certain investment characteristics that differ from traditional fixed income securities and do not provide a return or an income stream over the term of the Notes. Specifically, the performance of the Notes will not track the same price movements as traditional interest rate products. An investor should reach a decision to invest in the Notes after carefully considering, with his or her advisors, the suitability of the Notes in light of his or her investment objectives and the information set out in the above terms of the offering. Neither the Bank nor SCI makes any recommendation as to whether the Notes are a suitable investment for any person.

Call Provision:

The Call Option of the Notes is unique. As a result of the Call Option, the price movement of the Notes will be quite different from that of other notes, bonds, and similar debt instruments with the same credit risk and term to maturity. For example, if prevailing interest rates fall, the market price of the Notes may be limited to the price applicable to the applicable Call Date. Investors are compensated for the uncertainty caused by the Call Option by receiving a higher yield compared to other debt instruments with a similar credit risk and term to maturity.

The Bank is more likely to exercise its right to call the Notes during periods of relatively low interest rates, or otherwise where it determines that its borrowing cost under the Notes is, or might be, higher than from other available sources. The decision to call (or not to call) the Notes will be made solely by the Bank and may occur at a point in time that is not advantageous to investors.

Suitability:

An investment in the Notes may not be suitable for all investors. An investor should reach a decision to invest in the Notes after carefully considering the suitability of the Notes and his or her investment objectives. Neither the Bank nor SCI makes any recommendation as to the suitability of the Notes for an investor's investment purposes. Investors should consult with their investment advisor before making a decision regarding an investment in Notes.

Potential Conflicts of Interest:

The Bank and its affiliates may engage in activities and perform functions that could adversely impact the value of the Notes, the ability of the holder to resell their Notes or the amount or timing of receipt of payments under the Notes. Consequently, potential conflicts between the interests of holders and the Bank's interests may arise.

COVID-19 may have an adverse impact on the Bank:

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19, a global pandemic. Governments and regulatory bodies in affected areas have imposed a number of measures designed to contain the outbreak, including government-mandated social distancing measures,

travel restrictions, quarantines and stay-at-home directives. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a sharp decline in global economic growth as well as causing increased volatility, disruptions and declines in financial markets. The disruptive effects of the pandemic have contributed to economic slowdowns both domestically and globally, leading to lower GDP growth, and concerns about a prolonged recession in Canada or other countries worldwide. The depth and breadth of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets continues to evolve. If the COVID-19 pandemic is prolonged, or further diseases emerge that give rise to similar effects, the adverse impact on the global economy could deepen and result in further declines in global economic growth and financial markets. Accordingly, the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets is uncertain and may have an adverse effect on the return on the Notes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had disruptive effects in Canada and other countries and jurisdictions in which the Bank operates, has materially impacted and continues to materially impact the markets in which the Bank operates and has led to concerns about the sustainability of Canadian household indebtedness. A substantial amount of the Bank's business involves making loans or otherwise committing resources to specific companies, industries or countries. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on such borrowers, industries and countries could have significant adverse effects on the Bank's financial results, businesses, financial condition or liquidity, including as a result of the inability of borrowers to repay their loans to the Bank. The COVID-19 pandemic has and may continue to result in disruptions to the Bank's customers and the way in which the Bank conducts business, including the closure of certain branches, increased staff working off premises, and changes to operations due to higher volumes of client requests, as well as disruptions to key suppliers of the Bank's goods and services. As a result, the COVID-19 pandemic could adversely impact the quality and continuity of service to customers of the Bank, as well as, the business, results of operations, corporate reputation and financial condition of the Bank for a substantial period of time. Moreover, it remains uncertain how the macroeconomic environment, societal and business norms will be impacted following the COVID-19 pandemic. The post-COVID-19 environment may undergo unexpected developments or changes in financial markets, the fiscal, tax and regulatory environments, and consumer behavior which could adversely impact the Bank's operations, businesses, prospects, financial performance and financial condition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Notes will only be sold to an investor with such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment. This term sheet is for discussion purposes and contains indications only. This proposal does not constitute an offer to sell or any solicitation to purchase securities or any other instrument described herein. The information contained herein is provided on a confidential basis.

The information contained herein is issued for information purposes only to provide an overview of the Notes, contains indications only, and does not constitute investment advice or an offer to sell or a solicitation to purchase. The Notes may not be suitable for all types of investors. This document does not purport to identify

or suggest all of the risks (direct or indirect) which may be associated with an investment in the Notes. Noteholders should contact their financial advisors and consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of annual interest in the Notes in their particular circumstances, including if they plan to sell the Notes prior to maturity.

The Bank of Nova Scotia makes no recommendations concerning fixed income investments as an asset class or the suitability of investing in securities generally or the Notes in particular. In connection with the issue and sales of Notes by The Bank of Nova Scotia, no person has been authorized to give any information or make any representation not contained herein relating to the Notes and The Bank of Nova Scotia does not accept any responsibility for any information not contained herein.

Prospective investors may enquire about the terms and conditions of the Notes by contacting their investment advisor or Scotiabank Global Banking and Markets at 1-866-416-7891. During the term of the Notes, investors may obtain the interest rate applicable to their investment by contacting their investment advisor or Scotiabank Global Banking and Markets at the telephone number referenced above.