



2026 EVERGREEN MARKET VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

WHAT IS THE EVERGREEN FESTIVAL

The Evergreen Festival is a 4-week-long outdoor winter showcase of Nova Scotia's culture, food, spirits, craft, art, music, and performance. This Festival uniquely and intentionally embraces Nova Scotia's approaching winter and holiday season.

Local retailers, restaurants, hotels, attractions, and public spaces throughout the Halifax region will offer holiday light displays and festive programming to celebrate the season.

Dispersed along the Halifax waterfront and downtown Halifax, Evergreen Festival features a walkable, safe collection of outdoor experiences linked together through a series of illuminated installations and activations encompassing both businesses and public spaces. The festival is an invitation to Haligonians, Nova Scotians, and visitors to dress for the weather and gather outside to enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the festive season as they savor time with friends and family, by day and night.

The Evergreen Festival has become the signature regional attraction of the Holiday season supporting a meaningful impact on season extension for the business community and Tourism industry. 2025's event saw pedestrian counts of over 120,000 people.

November 27 - December 20, 2026
Halifax Waterfront/Downtown Halifax



FESTIVAL VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

Nestled within the Festival is the Evergreen Market, intended to showcase Nova Scotian artists, crafters, producers and creators. Evergreen Festival is seeking vendors interested in operating one of Build Nova Scotia's twenty-two (22) chalets for the duration of the festival, or a portion thereof, as outlined in the four options noted below.

While existing businesses and organizations are encouraged to respond to this call for submissions, so too are independent artists and producers along with cooperatives or collections of producers.

LOCATION

Vendor chalets will be located within the Foundation Place Parking Lot (1549 Lower Water Street) on the Halifax waterfront, within the Evergreen Village, a focal point of the Evergreen Festival. This area is surrounded by entertainment, music, lights and fun for kids.

MARKETING SUPPORT

Participating vendors will benefit from Evergreen Festival schedule of events and be integrated within Festival marketing and promotions which will include but not limited to:

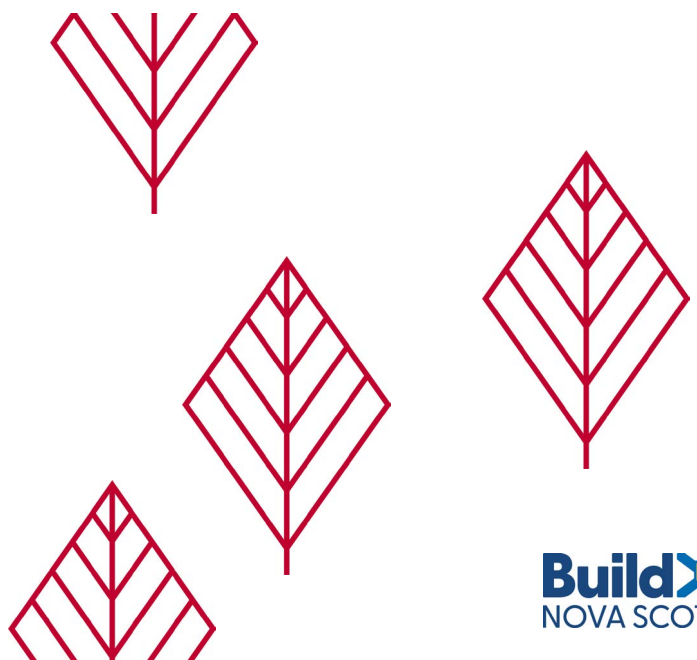
- Complimentary listing within Evergreen Market on the Festival website;
- Access to festival logos and marketing assets;
- Promotion on the Evergreen social media channels.

CHALET STRUCTURE

These weather tight wooden structure chalets are 2.87m x 2.24m (see License Agreement for specifications) and equipped with two 15-amp electrical circuits (one for an interior light and heater, the other for use by the vendor). Vendors requiring an additional electrical circuit must identify this in their proposal, and a third circuit can be provided (subject to availability) for a fee.

Build Nova Scotia will supply each vendor with a 2x4 sign that includes a logo and business name. Vendors can add their own shelving and product display and are encouraged to add accents, illumination and more to the interior of the chalets to reflect their brand and offering.

Anything affixed to the interior or exterior of the chalets must be done without penetrating into the walls or framing of the chalet, and instead must be done using products such as 3M Command Strips, or similar.



EVERGREEN MARKET HOURS OF OPERATION

It is expected that the vendors will operate within the Evergreen Market hours of operation at a minimum as indicated in this document, noting that they may be subject to change.

NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 20, 2026

- Thursdays and Fridays: 4 - 9 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Sundays: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

*Hours may be subject to change.

CHALET VENDOR OPTIONS AND LICENSE FEES

	BASE LICENSE FEE	PERCENTAGE OF SALES IN ADDITION TO BASE LICENSE FEE	MARKETING LEVY	CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE PER DAY	TOTAL LICENCE FEE (ASSUMING FULL ATTENDANCE)
Option 1 November 27 - December 20 (15 operating days)	\$2,500	3% of onsite sales	0.5% of onsite sales	\$40 for every day open during official Festival Days	\$1,900
Option 2 November 27 - December 6 (7 operating days)	\$1,200	3% of onsite sales	0.5% of onsite sales	\$40 for every day open during official Festival Days	\$920
Option 3 December 10 - December 20 (8 operating days)	\$1,500	3% of onsite sales	0.5% of onsite sales	\$40 for every day open during official Festival Days	\$1,180
Option 4 (4 operating days) Week 1: Nov 27 - 29 (\$516, discount \$40/day = \$396) Week 2: Dec 3 - 6 Week 3: Dec 10 - 13 Week 4: Dec 17 - 20	\$860	3% of onsite sales	0.5% of onsite sales	\$40 for every day open during official Festival Days	\$700

ADDITIONAL VENDOR CONSIDERATIONS

For clarity, vendors who do not open during the minimum Evergreen Market hours will not receive the attendance credit as noted above.

Failure to open for 3 days during any week may result in termination of your license. Build Nova Scotia reserves the right to cancel Festival activities on any day due to weather. Vendors will earn the attendance credit on these days but there will be no further reduction to licence fees.

Build Nova Scotia requires that vendors provide a weekly sales report based on weekly gross sales, by the Tuesday immediately following the week in which sales were recorded.

Selected vendors will be required to sign a license agreement, please refer to the [Licensing Agreement](#) for more details.



SELECTION OF VENDORS

In keeping with Build Nova Scotia's Business Development Guidelines and festival intent, interested market chalet vendors are invited to submit short proposals (no more than four pages in length) electronically by email (only) to BDO@buildns.ca by August 3, 2026.

NOTE: Once the deadline for proposals has passed, the balance of remaining and available chalet vending opportunities will be on a first come, first served basis until October 2, 2026, subject to scoring noted below.

Build Nova Scotia, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to select vendors based on Evergreen Market curation and strategic alignment, and extend additional calls for submissions. Questions related to the submission can be addressed to the same email noted above. Referring to the scoring matrix below, please ensure your proposal includes the following information as it will be referenced in the review and scoring process:

- **Experience and Capacity:** Operators should provide an overview of their business story and relevant experience to this opportunity. Potential operators should include a description of their operational capacity to proceed with operating a kiosk during the festival, including staff, infrastructure and other available resources.
- **Chalet Offering:** Describe your clear vision for your chalet from what is to be sold to how your offering will celebrate Nova Scotia's culture, food, spirits, craft, and or art.

*You must include which vendor option dates you seek to be considered for;

Option 1: Nov. 27 - Dec. 20 (15 days)

Option 2: Nov. 27 - Dec. 6 (7 days)

Option 3: Dec. 10 - 20 (8 days)

Option 4: 4 days

Week 1: Nov. 27 - 29

Week 2: Dec 3 - 6

Week 3: Dec. 10 - 13

Week 4: Dec. 17 - 20

*Preference will be given to vendors selecting Option 1.

SELECTION OF VENDORS CONTINUED

- **Strategic Alignment:** Describe why your offering fits with the intent of Evergreen Market which is to provide market access for producers, crafters and makers from across Nova Scotia and attract visitors to the Festival. It is expected that the final mix of vendors will reflect a broad cross section of vendors from across the province, highlighting our cultural diversity and the breadth of quality, and Nova Scotian produced goods available; and
- **Added Value:** What unique value would you bring to the festival market? This could include but is not limited to special partnerships, charitable connections, public accessibility, promotion of cultural and supplier diversity, and or a focus on environmental stewardship.

VENDOR SELECTION SCORING MATRIX

Experience and Capacity	/25
Chalet Offering	/30
Strategic Alignment	/30
Added Value	/15
Proposal Score	/100

BRING SOMETHING NEW TO EVERGREEN!

Have an idea for a way to bring more magic, fun, and excitement to Evergreen Festival? We're open to your suggestions and could likely even provide some funding to support. Activations that engage the public, give them reasons to come visit

and stay, include families, and are fun are highly encouraged. We're always looking for ways to make this event and the public space on the waterfront more engaging, welcoming, and accessible, so if you have ideas, we'd LOVE to hear them!

