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Many Canadian Provinces Refuse To Participate

In Firearms Buyback Program

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USPA NEWS - BREAKING - Nova Scotia will not participate in the Federal Gun Buyback program, according to Premier Tim Houston. In an appearance on Power & Politics, Houston stated: "I think we're staying out of that one. There are numerous tasks police can undertake... and I'd rather they focus on those."

Regardless of whether gun owners choose to participate, the federal government says individuals must comply by either handing over their weapons to police or have them deactivated by the time an amnesty period expires at the end of October, 2026.

The federal gun buyback program is experiencing considerable challenges. As of today, February 4th, 2026, most provinces and territories are opting not to participate in the Liberals' Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program. Premier Tim Houston has confirmed that Nova Scotia will not be taking part, indicating that law enforcement have more critical issues to focus on.

The Cape Breton pilot was unsuccessful in achieving its objectives, with only 25 guns collected, a significant shortfall from the 200 anticipated. The declaration deadline is March 31, 2026, and the amnesty period will expire on October 30, 2026, after which risks will be associated with non-compliance. Nevertheless, without provincial cooperation, how can this initiative be successfully implemented?

The actions of leaders like Tim Houston, who are standing up for lawful firearms owners against this ineffective and wasteful program, are commendable. It's not about safety, it's politics targeting legal firearms.

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