

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /  
Form 6-K  
May 23, 2012

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**Form 6-K**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: May, 2012 Commission File Number: 002-09048

**THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA**

(Name of registrant)

**44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza, 8th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1**

Attention: Secretary's Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F o Form 40-F x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes o No x

If "Yes" is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Date: May 22, 2012 By: /s/ Sue Graham-Parker

Name: Sue Graham-Parker

Title: Senior Vice-President Public, Corporate and Government Affairs

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 News Release Dated May 22, 2012 - Scotiabank Enters Into Agreement for the Sale of Scotia Plaza