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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549 Form 6-K

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

For the month of: May, 2008 Commission File Number: 001-31316

### 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 b

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

Yes o No b

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

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### **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, 2008 By: /s/ Nives Gaiotto

Name: Nives Gaiotto
Title: Assistant Secretary

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Exhibit Description of Exhibit 99.1 Terms of Series 18 and Series 19 Preferred Shares