



**FIRST REPORT
OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ESTIMATES AND FISCAL POLICY**

Second Session
Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly
of the
Province of New Brunswick

May 17, 2016

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	
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May 17, 2016

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, March 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 23, April 20 and 21, 2016, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 12, 2016.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all remaining estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

Bernard LeBlanc, MLA
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2016-2017

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2017:

	Voted (\$)
ORDINARY ACCOUNT	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Management Services	3,254,000
Industry Programs and Policy	19,360,000
Regional Development.....	14,595,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	37,162,000
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services	65,624,000
School Districts	987,663,000
Early Childhood Development	84,599,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,137,839,000
 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINES	
Administration	616,000
Policy Management and Business Development.....	2,646,000
Resource Exploration, Development and Management.....	5,057,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	8,272,000
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services	3,950,000
Local Government	121,134,000
Environment.....	12,927,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	318,000
Community Funding.....	152,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	138,434,000
 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat.....	2,437,000
Corporate Communications	3,974,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	340,000
Women’s Equality Branch.....	2,818,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	2,381,000
Voted.....	11,950,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management.....	13,887,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,106,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	16,946,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	2,538,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	363,000
Jobs Board Secretariat.....	1,030,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	153,263,000
Less amounts authorized by law	164,000
Voted.....	153,099,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	6,668,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	314,563,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted.....	314,561,000
Provision for Losses.....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	47,200,000
Service New Brunswick.....	141,505,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	110,063,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	267,084,000
Medicare	606,956,000
Drug Programs	198,935,000
Regional Health Authorities	1,507,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	2,580,725,000
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	
Human Resource Management.....	3,594,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Administration and Planning	3,369,000
Court Services.....	33,758,000
Legal Aid	7,830,000
Voted.....	44,957,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....	8,012,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,272,000
Voted.....	3,740,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,564,000
Office of the Auditor General	2,109,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties	1,603,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted.....	1,513,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	7,313,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted.....	6,645,000
Office of the Ombudsman.....	917,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	916,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	514,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	476,000
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner	606,000
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
Administration	6,663,000
Forest Management and Protection	60,872,000
Fish and Wildlife Management.....	2,229,000
Land Management	4,590,000
Regional Operations.....	17,343,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	91,650,000
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Attorney General.....	17,641,000
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,598,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted.....	1,531,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services	16,308,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,184,000
Voted.....	46,492,000

OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	258,455,000
Less amounts authorized by law	258,455,000
Voted.....	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,799,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	629,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	361,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons.....	287,000
Voices of New Brunswick Women Consensus-Building Forum	421,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Corporate Services	5,591,000
NB Public Libraries	17,201,000
Post-Secondary Education	161,636,000
Adult Learning	11,125,000
Labour and Policy	7,891,000
Employment Development	27,712,000
Canada-New Brunswick Job Fund Agreement.....	10,682,000
Labour Market Development	89,148,000
Population Growth.....	5,775,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	336,714,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	273,224,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community, Corrections and Corporate Services	49,258,000
Public Security and Emergency Services	99,851,000
Safety Services.....	30,075,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	179,137,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	79,922,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	700,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	694,474,000
Voted.....	5,526,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	11,695,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	123,483,000
Long Term Care	656,891,000

Income Security	241,127,000
Housing Services	88,220,000
Wellness.....	7,307,000
Other Benefits	35,700,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,164,376,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Administration	2,829,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,583,000
Culture.....	16,154,000
Tourism and Parks	25,948,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	51,467,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Administration	14,360,000
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development.....	1,709,000
Maintenance.....	59,395,000
Winter Maintenance.....	69,069,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	1,628,000
Buildings Group.....	127,020,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	19,719,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,101,000
Voted.....	273,799,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	1,000,000
Voted.....	1,100,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,060,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts	1,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	19,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	
Deferred Maintenance Program	2,000,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund	9,500,000
Economic Development, Innovation and Infrastructure	2,707,000
Strategic Economic Infrastructure Fund	35,000,000
Voted.....	47,207,000

SERVICE NEW BRUNSWICK	
Laundry Services – Capital Equipment	3,411,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements	2,295,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	75,910,000
Highways	227,540,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	48,860,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	186,717,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,236,000
Voted.....	510,791,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loan Programs	9,500,000
Voted.....	11,100,000

OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Financial Assistance to Industry	60,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances	62,900,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Financial assistance to community based infrastructure.....	8,400,000
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	4,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted.....	13,400,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing.....	3,224,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	350,000
General Government	100,000
Health	1,225,000
Justice	10,000
Office of the Attorney General	5,000
Social Development	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000

WorkSafeNB

Finance	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	160,000
Health	515,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	30,000
Voted	1,065,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
Environment and Local Government	5,000
Health	2,000
Justice	20,000
Natural Resources	26,000
Office of the Attorney General	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000
Public Safety	22,000
Social Development	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
Other (small advances)	40,000

INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
General Government	2,000,000
Health	8,830,000
Natural Resources	510,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Public Safety	575,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2014-2015, VOLUME I

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

	Voted (\$)
ORDINARY ACCOUNT	
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Regional Development Corporation	32,929,181.22
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Elementary and Secondary Education	26,301,037.66
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	211,769,213.06
New Brunswick Police Commission	81,904.97
Provision for Losses.....	662,844.09
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES	
New Brunswick Internal Services Agency (NBISA).....	3,084,381.30
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Elections New Brunswick.....	1,021,909.16
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Post-Secondary Education	11,958,736.47
Adult Learning.....	144,241.95
Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Agreement	4,186,993.16
Voted.....	16,289,971.58
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Safety Services.....	1,071,572.27
Public Security and Corrections.....	21,814,613.32
Voted.....	22,886,185.59
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Long Term Care.....	1,399,188.00
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	108,937.40
Maintenance.....	3,303,424.45
Winter Maintenance.....	20,210,317.47
Voted.....	23,622,679.32

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Permanent Highways	17,182,081.43

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Loans and Advances Program	313.73