



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

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

April 27, 2017

<b>MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE</b>	
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April 27, 2017

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 21, 22, 23, 24, and 28, March 1, 2, 3, 15, and 17, April 12, 25 and 26, 2017, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 17, 2017.

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.

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Bernard LeBlanc, MLA  
Chair

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

**MAIN ESTIMATES, 2017-2018**

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 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018:

Voted (\$)

**ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES**

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries ..... 33,532,000

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Corporate and Other Education Services ..... 59,978,000

School Districts ..... 1,036,289,000

Early Childhood Development ..... 92,167,000

Less amounts authorized by law ..... 47,000

Voted..... 1,188,387,000

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Administration ..... 10,016,000

Natural Resources ..... 78,235,000

Energy and Mines ..... 8,988,000

Land Management ..... 5,183,000

Less amounts authorized by law ..... 47,000

Voted..... 102,375,000

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Corporate Services ..... 3,005,000

Local Government ..... 125,828,000

Environment..... 10,979,000

Assessment and Planning Appeal Board ..... 321,000

Community Funding ..... 165,000

Less amounts authorized by law ..... 47,000

Voted..... 140,251,000

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE**

Executive Council Secretariat..... 2,402,000

Corporate Communications ..... 4,005,000

Office of the Lieutenant-Governor ..... 342,000

Women’s Equality Branch..... 2,831,000

Intergovernmental Affairs..... 2,358,000

Voted..... 11,938,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management.....	10,514,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	10,467,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	2,565,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....	688,000
Jobs Board Secretariat.....	1,037,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances .....	128,327,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	162,000
Voted.....	128,165,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	2,154,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan .....	321,361,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	2,000
Voted.....	321,359,000
Provision for Losses.....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	54,000,000
Service New Brunswick.....	174,053,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	174,006,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	95,660,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services .....	260,651,000
Medicare .....	629,735,000
Drug Programs .....	203,870,000
Regional Health Authorities .....	1,562,929,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	2,657,138,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Corporate Services .....	5,517,000
Public Security .....	150,553,000
Safety Services and Accountability .....	29,739,000
Justice Services .....	34,557,000
Legal Aid .....	8,215,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	228,534,000

<b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
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 .....	3,445,000
Office of the Auditor General .....	2,129,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties .....	1,616,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	90,000
Voted.....	1,526,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	2,884,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	668,000
Voted.....	2,216,000
Office of the Ombudsman.....	926,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	1,074,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	519,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance .....	480,000
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner .....	611,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Attorney General.....	18,293,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE PREMIER</b>	
Administration .....	1,598,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	67,000
Voted.....	1,531,000
<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Administration and Business Development Services .....	15,037,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,384,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	45,374,000
<b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	
Consolidated Entities .....	364,031,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	364,031,000
Voted.....	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers .....	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation .....	2,805,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	634,000
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	364,000
New Brunswick Women's Council .....	423,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons.....	289,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Corporate Services .....	3,601,000
NB Public Libraries .....	15,935,000
Post-Secondary Education .....	170,379,000
Adult Learning .....	12,688,000
Labour and Policy .....	8,342,000
Employment Development .....	23,108,000
Canada-New Brunswick Job Fund Agreement.....	10,382,000
Labour Market Development.....	89,154,000
Population Growth.....	8,250,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	341,792,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission .....	277,800,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	64,355,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt .....	701,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	690,660,000
Voted.....	10,340,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services .....	9,839,000
Seniors and Long Term Care .....	510,207,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services .....	274,548,000
Income Security .....	239,862,000
Housing Services .....	91,714,000
Wellness.....	7,048,000
Other Benefits .....	35,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	94,000
Voted.....	1,168,324,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration .....	2,591,000
Parks and Attractions .....	15,108,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,729,000
Culture.....	15,923,000
Tourism.....	14,833,000
Canada 150.....	5,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	60,137,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Administration .....	13,103,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs .....	1,222,000
Maintenance .....	68,087,000
Winter Maintenance .....	68,904,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	2,987,000
Buildings Group.....	127,952,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	19,854,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	19,480,000
Voted.....	282,629,000

<b>TREASURY BOARD</b>	
Budget and Financial Management .....	906,000
Enterprise Information, Technology, Risk and Office of the Chief Information Officer .....	7,559,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer .....	3,060,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,109,000
Strategic Services.....	1,783,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	16,370,000

### **CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>	
Capital Equipment .....	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	500,000
Voted.....	600,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,135,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement .....	1,500,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements.....	650,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure .....	750,000
Voted.....	2,900,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Local Service Districts .....	1,225,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	20,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Deferred Maintenance Program .....	2,000,000

<b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Canada-New Brunswick Clean Water and Wastewater Fund .....	17,870,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund.....	12,500,000
Canada-New Brunswick Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund .....	20,500,000
Economic Development, Innovation and Infrastructure .....	1,600,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative .....	40,000,000
Voted.....	92,470,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Capital Improvements .....	9,100,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Bridges .....	76,980,000
Highways .....	217,750,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program .....	78,655,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	16,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure .....	213,072,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	36,539,000
Voted.....	590,918,000

**LOANS AND ADVANCES**

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

<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Financial Assistance to Industry .....	60,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Student Loan Advances .....	62,900,000

<b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program .....	11,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program .....	1,000,000
Voted.....	12,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Housing.....	3,224,000



**WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES  
2017-2018**

Voted

**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 and Public Safety .....	10,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	5,000
Social Development .....	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture .....	500,000

**WorkSafeNB**

Finance .....	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	160,000
Health .....	515,000
Voted .....	1,035,000

**PETTY CASH ADVANCES**

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	122,000
Energy and Resource Development .....	27,000
Environment and Local Government .....	4,000
Health .....	2,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	38,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour .....	20,000
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
Energy and Resource Development .....	510,000
General Government .....	2,000,000
Health .....	8,830,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	650,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour .....	200,000
Social Development .....	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture .....	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure .....	23,000,000

**SUPPLEMENT TO CAPITAL ESTIMATES, 2017-2018**

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 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018:

	Voted (\$)
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Construction .....	1,200,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	1,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance .....	3,000,000
Voted.....	5,200,000
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Capital Improvements .....	1,470,000
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Public Works and Infrastructure .....	11,000,000

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2015-2016, 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 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2016:

	Voted (\$)
<b>ORDINARY ACCOUNT</b>	
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes .....	41,713.02
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations .....	3,201,741.18
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b>	
General Services .....	1,090,964.19
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Medicare .....	9,412,925.63
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>	
Court Services .....	71,617.76
 <b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Elections New Brunswick.....	404,382.34
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance .....	21,602.65
 <b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	161,826.48

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour Market Development .....	4,882,072.62
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community, Corrections and Corporate Services .....	177,151.09
Public Security and Emergency Services .....	33,173,533.69
Safety Services .....	239,510.10
Voted.....	33,590,194.88
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Long Term Care .....	3,130,521.13
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance .....	555,495.89