



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

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

March 14, 2018

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	
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March 14, 2018

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 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 28, March 1, 2, and 13, 2018, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House adopted February 9 and March 13, 2018.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all 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, 2018-2019

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, 2019:

Voted (\$)

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries 37,196,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Education Services 51,741,000

School Districts 1,088,363,000

Early Childhood Development 117,903,000

Less amounts authorized by law 47,000

Voted..... 1,257,960,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Administration 8,453,000

Natural Resources 83,147,000

Energy and Mines 6,598,000

Land Management 3,622,000

Less amounts authorized by law 94,000

Voted..... 101,726,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Corporate Services and Community Funding..... 2,070,000

Local Government 128,115,000

Authorizations and Compliance..... 6,935,000

Environmental Science and Protection 3,401,000

Policy, Climate Change, First Nations and Public Engagement..... 1,134,000

Assessment and Planning Appeal Board 380,000

Less amounts authorized by law 47,000

Voted..... 141,988,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Executive Council Secretariat..... 2,682,000

Corporate Communications 4,128,000

Office of the Lieutenant-Governor 341,000

Women’s Equality Branch..... 3,029,000

Intergovernmental Affairs..... 2,366,000

Voted..... 12,546,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management.....	10,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	10,750,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	3,530,000
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	144,584,000
Less amounts authorized by law	167,000
Voted.....	144,417,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	2,068,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	323,847,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted.....	323,845,000
Provision for Losses.....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	55,200,000
Service New Brunswick.....	186,759,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	62,284,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	160,449,000
Medicare	665,229,000
Drug Programs	203,876,000
Part III Health Services	1,723,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	2,753,304,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Corporate Services	6,459,000
Community Safety Division	53,834,000
Law Enforcement and Inspections Division.....	116,556,000
Justice Services	34,597,000
Legal Aid	8,401,000
Security and Emergencies Division.....	12,038,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	231,838,000

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	3,641,000
Office of the Auditor General.....	2,275,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties	1,631,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted.....	1,541,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	11,286,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted.....	10,618,000
Office of the Ombud	975,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	1,122,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	544,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	484,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner	747,000
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Attorney General.....	20,256,000
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	17,002,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,184,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	47,139,000
OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	380,547,000
Less amounts authorized by law	380,547,000
Voted.....	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,808,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	635,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	363,000
New Brunswick Women's Council	821,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities	292,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Corporate Services	3,093,000
NB Public Libraries	15,834,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	171,153,000
Adult Learning	10,052,000
Labour and Policy	10,181,000
Employment Development	27,890,000
Canada-New Brunswick Workforce Development Agreement.....	18,218,000
Labour Market Development.....	97,755,000
Population Growth	8,254,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	362,383,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	282,328,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	70,148,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	675,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	667,600,000
Voted.....	7,400,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	9,845,000
Seniors and Long Term Care	529,784,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	283,450,000
Income Security	239,177,000
Housing Services	92,429,000
Wellness	6,662,000
Other Benefits	33,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law	94,000
Voted.....	1,194,453,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration	2,430,000
Parks and Attractions	15,703,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,904,000
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology	16,810,000
Tourism.....	20,786,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	62,586,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	12,713,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,151,000
Maintenance	70,876,000
Winter Maintenance	69,067,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	3,025,000
Buildings Group.....	129,927,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	20,645,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,888,000
Voted.....	287,516,000

TREASURY BOARD	
Budget and Financial Management	899,000
Enterprise Information, Technology, Risk and Office of the Chief Information Officer	7,680,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	2,989,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	2,707,000
Strategic Services.....	2,067,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	16,295,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Capital Equipment	500,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	500,000
Voted.....	1,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,055,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement	1,250,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements.....	250,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	1,050,000
Land Purchase.....	1,500,000
Voted.....	4,050,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Local Service Districts	1,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	15,000,000

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 Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	21,255,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund.....	7,000,000
Canada-New Brunswick Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund.....	9,700,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	39,500,000
Voted.....	77,455,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	9,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance	3,000,000
Voted.....	12,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements.....	3,915,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	8,675,000
Voted.....	12,590,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	55,290,000
Highways	217,660,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	114,110,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	16,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	260,090,000
Less amounts authorized by law	41,360,000
Voted.....	646,790,000

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	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	5,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted.....	6,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing	3,224,000

**WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2018-2019**

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
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000
Treasury Board.....	750,000

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)	4,000

INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Energy and Resource Development.....	510,000
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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2016-2017, 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, 2017:

	Voted (\$)
ORDINARY ACCOUNT	
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Energy and Mines	4,702,000.00
Land Management	343,500.00
Voted.....	5,045,500.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	53,901.24
Provision for Losses.....	1,644,203.83
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	6,221,788.35
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Medicare	12,575,329.88
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Public Security	7,598,351.45
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Office of the Auditor General.....	200,904.67
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	13,258.84
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	2,331.60
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner	16,391.80
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Attorney General.....	634,563.34
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services	2,763,260.82
Financial Assistance.....	3,640,139.79
Voted.....	6,403,400.61
OTHER AGENCIES	
New Brunswick Police Commission	91,878.67
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour Market Development.....	557,557.86

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations	9,479,427.03
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing Services	10,575,120.43
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance	4,190,878.41