



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

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

May 14, 2019

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May 14, 2019

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 April 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, and May 7, 8 and 10, 2019, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 29, 2019.

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.

Glen Savoie, MLA
Chair

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

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2019-2020

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, 2020:

Voted (\$)

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	40,197,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	40,150,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Education Services	57,976,000
School Districts	1,121,881,000
Early Childhood Development	114,849,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,294,659,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Administration	7,931,000
Natural Resources	79,063,000
Energy and Mines	5,853,000
Land Management	3,724,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	96,524,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Corporate Services and Community Funding.....	1,919,000
Local Government	137,005,000
Authorizations and Compliance.....	7,004,000
Environmental Science and Protection	3,602,000
Policy, Climate Change, First Nations and Public Engagement.....	2,764,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	327,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	152,574,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat.....	2,756,000
Corporate Communications	4,301,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	346,000
Women's Equality Branch.....	3,199,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	2,630,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	13,185,000
 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD	
Budget and Financial Management	914,000
Financial Resource Management.....	10,740,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	12,398,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	6,670,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,104,000
Strategic Services.....	2,099,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	35,878,000
 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	3,778,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	3,731,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	688,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	147,970,000
Less amounts authorized by law	170,000
Voted.....	147,800,000
Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the Public Service	2,015,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	334,359,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted.....	334,357,000
Provision for Losses.....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	61,000,000
Service New Brunswick.....	179,580,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	179,533,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	115,765,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	163,899,000
Medicare	671,880,000
Drug Programs	205,379,000
Part III Health Services	1,762,281,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	2,803,392,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Administration	1,301,000
Attorney General.....	20,452,000
Justice Services	25,432,000
Legal Aid	8,552,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	55,690,000
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....	9,137,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,272,000
Voted.....	4,865,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,740,000
Office of the Auditor General	3,322,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties	2,184,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted.....	2,094,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	6,560,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted.....	5,892,000
Office of the Ombud	1,067,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	1,250,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	680,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	493,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner	740,000
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,492,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted.....	1,425,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services	15,033,000
Financial Assistance.....	25,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	39,986,000

OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	398,274,000
Less amounts authorized by law	398,274,000
Voted.....	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,819,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	647,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	368,000
New Brunswick Women's Council	429,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities	298,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour and Strategic Services	11,015,000
NB Public Libraries	15,574,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	180,347,000
Adult Learning	9,452,000
Employment Development	13,584,000
Canada-New Brunswick Workforce Development Agreement.....	18,883,000
Labour Market Development.....	100,768,000
Population Growth.....	9,547,000
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	276,886,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	636,009,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Corporate Services	5,702,000
Community Safety Division	53,186,000
Law Enforcement and Inspections Division.....	124,395,000
Security and Emergencies Division	44,172,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	227,408,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	70,090,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	677,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	669,900,000
Voted.....	7,100,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	9,880,000
Seniors and Long Term Care	547,011,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	313,858,000
Income Security	229,800,000
Housing Services	91,423,000

Wellness	5,400,000
Other Benefits	37,783,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,235,108,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Administration	2,656,000
Parks and Attractions	15,393,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,614,000
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology	16,315,000
Tourism	12,753,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	53,684,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Administration	12,860,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,190,000
Maintenance.....	70,877,000
Winter Maintenance.....	68,725,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	3,002,000
Buildings Group.....	132,364,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	22,482,000
Less amounts authorized by law	21,647,000
Voted.....	289,853,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	200,000
Voted.....	300,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	1,599,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement	325,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements.....	4,000,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	750,000
Land Purchase.....	1,500,000
Voted.....	6,575,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts	1,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	23,000,000
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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 Integrated Bilateral Agreement.....	5,000,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund-	
Small Communities Fund.....	4,500,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	38,300,000
Voted.....	47,800,000

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.....	2,590,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	10,355,000
Voted.....	12,945,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	43,960,000
Highways	168,550,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	10,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	52,575,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	204,292,000
Less amounts authorized by law	45,053,000
Voted.....	448,324,000

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	50,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances	65,000,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
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.....	5,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing	3,224,000

**WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2019-2020**

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 Office of the Attorney General	15,000
Social Development	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000

WorkSafeNB

Finance and Treasury Board	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	24,000
Environment and Local Government	3,000
Health	2,000
Justice and Office of the Attorney General	12,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	15,000
Public Safety	28,000
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
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Public Safety	700,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000