



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

First Session
Sixtieth Legislative Assembly
of the
Province of New Brunswick

May 11, 2021

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May 11, 2021

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 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 26, 2021.

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.

Hon. Glen Savoie, MLA
Chair

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

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2021-2022

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, 2022:

Voted (\$)

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	45,455,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	45,408,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Education Services	72,635,000
School Districts	1,192,270,000
Early Childhood Development	115,937,000
COVID-19 Pandemic.....	30,100,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,410,895,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Corporate Services and Community Funding.....	2,176,000
Policy, First Nations and Public Engagement.....	1,216,000
Local Government	137,042,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	316,000
Authorizations and Compliance.....	6,857,000
Environmental Science and Protection	4,590,000
Climate Change Secretariat.....	1,579,000
Less amounts authorized by law	94,000
Voted.....	153,682,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the Public Service and Executive Council Secretariat	3,363,000
Corporate Communications	6,181,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	453,000
Women’s Equality Branch.....	3,219,000
Voted.....	13,216,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD	
Budget and Financial Management	846,000
Corporate Services	5,488,000
Treasury Management and Fiscal Policy	2,677,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	4,840,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	7,233,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,055,000
Revenue Administration	5,431,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	29,523,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs	5,440,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	5,393,000
Climate and Economic Development Initiatives with First Nations ..	9,000,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes	455,000
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)	21,699,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	688,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	8,513,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	8,466,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	124,227,000
Less amounts authorized by law	177,000
Voted.....	124,050,000
Natural Gas Distribution Program	12,000,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	339,268,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted.....	339,266,000
Provision for Losses.....	14,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	50,500,000
Service New Brunswick.....	181,575,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	181,528,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	162,624,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	190,633,000
Medicare	714,053,000
Drug Programs	233,403,000
Part III Health Services	1,868,068,000
COVID-19 Pandemic	64,781,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	3,070,891,000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Technical Safety & Corporate Services Division	15,274,000
Community Safety Division	173,668,000
Office of the Attorney General	21,154,000
Justice Services Division	25,754,000
Legal Aid	10,354,000
Security and Emergencies Division	41,799,000
COVID-19 Pandemic	22,091,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	310,047,000

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	3,799,000
Office of the Auditor General	3,377,000

Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties	2,234,000
Less amounts authorized by law	95,000
Voted.....	2,139,000

Elections New Brunswick.....	9,330,000
Office of the Ombud	1,712,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	1,307,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	729,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	500,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner	369,000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	
Administration	8,186,000
Natural Resources	84,424,000
Energy and Mines	5,636,000
Land Management	3,038,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	101,237,000

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,507,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted.....	1,440,000
 OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services	14,384,000
Financial Assistance.....	25,000,000
Population Growth.....	8,628,000
COVID-19 Pandemic.....	5,000,000
Voted.....	53,012,000
 OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	364,530,000
Less amounts authorized by law	364,530,000
Voted.....	0
 Council of Atlantic Premiers	 642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,825,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	653,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	672,000
New Brunswick Women’s Council	467,000
Premier’s Council on Disabilities	302,000
 DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour and Strategic Services	11,626,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	464,094,000
WorkingNB.....	171,253,000
New Brunswick Public Library Service	15,560,000
Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification.....	6,067,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	668,553,000
 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	65,153,000
 SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	655,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	649,100,000
Voted.....	5,900,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Services	10,259,000
Seniors and Long Term Care	794,022,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	143,432,000
Income Security	239,054,000
Housing Services	114,059,000
Other Benefits	53,183,000
COVID-19 Pandemic.....	12,600,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,366,562,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Administration	2,934,000
Parks and Attractions	13,052,000
Culture, Heritage and Sport	27,053,000
Tourism.....	11,531,000
COVID-19 Pandemic.....	7,265,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	61,788,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Administration	14,937,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,214,000
Maintenance	77,346,000
Winter Maintenance.....	69,483,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	3,128,000
Buildings Group.....	137,072,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	24,220,000
COVID-19 Pandemic.....	2,800,000
Less amounts authorized by law	23,728,000
Voted.....	306,472,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment	140,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	200,000
Voted.....	340,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	500,000
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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	25,850,000
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	
Mine Reclamation	250,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements.....	3,100,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	750,000
Voted.....	4,100,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Deferred Maintenance Program.....	2,286,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Canada – New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement	15,000,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	26,250,000
Voted.....	41,250,000

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	6,425,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	4,275,000
Voted.....	10,700,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	46,820,000
Highways	180,240,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	10,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	70,670,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	18,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	249,658,000
Less amounts authorized by law	63,387,000
Voted.....	512,001,000

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	69,900,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Financial assistance under the Development Loans Program.....	5,000,000
Financial assistance under the New Brunswick Small Business Emergency Working Capital Loan Program	8,000,000
Voted.....	13,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing.....	3,224,000

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2019-2020, Volume I

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ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
School Districts.....	1,807,089.72
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	58,199.01
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Drug Programs	14,726,829.86
Medicare	10,552,984.68
Part III Health Services	17,823,754.98
Voted.....	43,103,569.52
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Employment Development	42,308,038.35
NB Public Libraries	447,917.14
Post-Secondary Affairs	14,197,675.45
Voted.....	56,953,630.94
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community Safety Division	501,658.72
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	23,144,307.52
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance.....	7,610,949.97

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Local Service Districts	300,106.63
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	117,352.76

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances	29,616.12