



## **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Fourth Session, 58<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly**

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**ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 38  
Thursday, March 15, 2018**

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Bill 45, Loan Act 2018 – Hon. Ms. Rogers

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**

Bill 41, An Act to Incorporate the Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors – Dr. Doherty

### **BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT**

Bill 11, Transparency in Election Commitments Act – Hon. Ms. Harris

Bill 16, Cannabis Control Act – Hon. Mr. Bourque

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Bill 20, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act – Hon. Ms. Rogers

Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Insurance Act – Hon. Ms. Rogers

Bill 31, An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act  
– Hon. Mr. Gallant

Bill 34, Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act – Hon. Ms. Harris

Bill 35, An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998 – Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

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Bill 39, Climate Change Act – Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

Bill 42, Government Advertising Act – Hon. Mr. Melanson

Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act – Hon. Mr. Landry

Bill 44, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act – Hon. Mr. LePage

Bill 46, Appropriations Act 2018-2019 – Hon. Ms. Rogers

Bill 47, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1) – Hon. Mr. Melanson

### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

**Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Doucet**, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, October 31, 2017:

THAT unless otherwise provided by Standing Rule or Special Order of the House, the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional calendar for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-Eighth Legislature:

Tuesday, October 24 to Friday, October 27, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, October 31 to Friday, November 3, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, November 7 to Friday, November 10, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, November 14 to Friday, November 17, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, December 5 to Friday, December 8, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, December 12 to Friday, December 15, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, December 19 to Friday, December 22, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, January 30 to Friday, February 2, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, February 6 to Friday, February 9, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, March 13 to Friday, March 16, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, March 20 to Friday, March 23, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, March 27 to Thursday, March 29, 2018, inclusive;

THAT during certain weeks in which the Assembly is adjourned, the following dates are available for committees to meet:

Tuesday, November 21 to Friday, November 24, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, November 28 to Friday, December 1, 2017, inclusive;

Tuesday, January 9 to Friday, January 12, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, January 16 to Friday, January 19, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, January 23 to Friday, January 26, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, February 13 to Friday, February 16, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, February 20 to Friday, February 23, 2018, inclusive;

Tuesday, February 27 to Friday, March 2, 2018, inclusive;

THAT notwithstanding the above dates available to committees, the chairs of committees may continue to call meetings with appropriate notice on dates of their choosing;

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 29, 2018, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 6, 2018;

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during any period of adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

**Motion 36 by Hon. Mr. Melanson**, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman to propose the following resolution on Friday, March 16, 2018:

WHEREAS the government provides public funds to support New Brunswick's independently operated universities;

WHEREAS representatives of these publicly funded universities have agreed to appear before a committee of the House to answer questions related to how these funds are administered and related issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Public Universities to be charged with the responsibility of inviting representatives of New Brunswick's publicly funded universities to appear before the committee to discuss and provide insight into university administration, programming, performance measurement, accountability and transparency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said committee be composed of Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Boudreau, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Coon and two members from the Official Opposition whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly prior to the commencement of the first committee meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the two names of members from the Official Opposition are not submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the commencement of the first committee meeting, the committee shall remain duly appointed and solely composed of the six members named in this resolution.

## CONCLUDED

**Motion 7 by Hon. Mr. Doucet.** Carried October 25, 2017.

**Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. Doucet.** Carried October 25, 2017.

**Motion 13 by Hon. Ms. Rogers.** Debated and carried November 8, 2017.

**Motion 14 by Hon. Mr. Bourque.** Carried November 2, 2017.

**Motion 19 by Hon. Mr. Doucet.** Carried November 15, 2017.

**Motion 28 by Hon. Ms. Rogers.** Debated January 30, February 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and carried February 9, 2018.

**Motion 35 by Hon. Mr. Horsman.** Debated and carried March 14, 2018.

**Motion 37 by Hon. Ms. Harris.** Debated and carried March 14, 2018.

**Motion 38 by Hon. Ms. Harris.** Debated and carried March 14, 2018.

**Motion 39 by Hon. Mr. Doucet.** Carried March 14, 2018.

## GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

**Motion 24 by Mr. Boudreau,** seconded by Dr. Doherty to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 7, 2017:

WHEREAS the 25 year Canaport LNG property tax break that slashed millions of dollars from property taxes was passed by the Conservative Government in 2005;

WHEREAS a full page advertisement placed in the Telegraph Journal on March 19, 2005 by Irving Oil entitled "To Everyone in Saint John" contains an open letter to the citizens of Saint John in an attempt to explain why the LNG Property Tax deal is such a good deal for the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislature urge the Opposition to answer the following questions:

1) Do they still believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was a good deal for the people of Saint John;

2) Do they believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was rushed and the process should have provided for consultation with and input from the citizens of Saint John;

3) Can the Official Opposition explain what role they had in urging the people of Saint John to accept the Canaport LNG tax deal.

**Motion 33 by Mr. Boudreau,** seconded by Mr. Guitard to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 13, 2018:

WHEREAS the budget includes an additional \$73 million in new targeted investments to support economic competitiveness, youth employment, and seniors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly commend the government for these investments.

**Motion 34 by Mr. Boudreau,** seconded by Mr. Guitard to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 13, 2018:

WHEREAS the budget proposes increases to the budgets of the Department of Health by 3.7%, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by 6.1%, the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour by 4.1%, and the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture by 4.1%;

WHEREAS these investments represent the priorities of New Brunswickers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick commend the government for these investments.

## CONCLUDED

**Motion 27 by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc.** Debated and carried as amended December 15, 2017.

**Motion 29 by Mr. Guitard.** Debated and carried December 20, 2017.

**Motion 32 by Mr. Roussel.** Debated and carried February 8, 2018.

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

*[Order in accordance with notice provided pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4)]*

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

### *Adjourned Debates*

Bill 40, An Act to Amend the Education Act – Mr. Holder

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

### *Debatable Motions*

**Motion 22 by Mr. K. MacDonald,** seconded by Ms. Shephard to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 7, 2017:

WHEREAS successive governments have stressed the importance of New Brunswickers to have access to quality child care in all regions of our province;

WHEREAS access to child care allows both single parent and two parent families to pursue the career goals to which they aspire;

WHEREAS the economic realities of our modern society often require that both parents must work to sustain the household;

WHEREAS the population size of daycares is on the rise, requiring that the daycares often physically be located closer to larger often more urban centers to maximize their customer potential;

WHEREAS access to daycare services is equally important in urban and rural New Brunswick, but rural communities often lack the required population base to make a daycare financially viable;

WHEREAS the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development already has a transportation system that covers the entire province on a daily basis, both morning and returning in the afternoon, however, they are not allowed to travel outside of their respective school catchment areas;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to grant an exemption, in elementary school catchment areas where no daycare infrastructure exists, of up to 10 kilometers per day round trip to allow bussing of students; both for morning pickup and after school drop-off to daycare facilities outside the established school boundaries of the respective elementary school.

**Motion 31 by Mr. Steeves,** seconded by Mr. Urquhart to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 8, 2018:

WHEREAS first responders work hard to keep the citizens of New Brunswick and our roads safe;

WHEREAS amendments made to the *Motor Vehicle Act* in January 2013 made it a requirement for New Brunswickers to slow down upon approaching emergency vehicles and safely pull over to ensure the safety of the emergency workers on the road;

WHEREAS the Canadian Automobile Association reports more than 100 tow truck drivers lose their life every year in North America while they are roadside assisting emergency vehicles;

WHEREAS Constable Francis Deschênes, a 35-year-old RCMP officer from Nova Scotia, was killed near Memramcook on September 12, 2017, while he was assisting a motorist with a flat tire, tragically highlighting the need for more public education on the “slow down move over” law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to add tow trucks to the list of emergency vehicles included in the “slow down move over” law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to fund a public safety education campaign, including billboards, to ensure New Brunswickers know and do their part to keep our first responders safe on our roads.

**Motion 23 by Mr. K. MacDonald**, seconded by Ms. Shephard to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 7, 2017:

WHEREAS firefighters provide a valuable service to the population of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick has acknowledged that heart conditions and certain cancers can be linked to the act of firefighting, by becoming the seventh province in Canada to enact presumptive legislation for professional firefighters in 2009;

WHEREAS we now have some 500 female firefighters in Canada;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba was the first province to enact presumptive legislation for professional firefighters and has now elected to grow its presumptive cancer coverage to include breast cancer;

WHEREAS the inclusion of breast cancer in presumptive legislation for professional firefighters has been supported by the New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly follow Manitoba’s lead and include breast cancer in the existing presumptive legislation coverages for professional firefighters in our province.

## **OPPOSITION MEMBERS’ PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act – Mr. Coon

Bill 36, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act – Mr. Fitch

## **OPPOSITION MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

### ***Debatable Motions***

**Motion 3 by Mr. Northrup**, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the tourism sector in New Brunswick is an important part of our fabric;

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of tourists visit our province each year;

WHEREAS camping enthusiasts make up a significant portion of the tourists each year;

WHEREAS some of those camping enthusiasts like to travel with multiple vehicles and trailers in order to have the vastest experience to explore all the beautiful parts of our province;

WHEREAS other provinces in Canada allow for the towing combination of more than two vehicles on their highways and roads;

WHEREAS New Brunswick does not currently allow a combination of more than two vehicles, which creates a barrier to interprovincial travel;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to change acts and regulations to allow combinations of two or more vehicles, for recreational purposes, on main highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to maintain a length limit as well as other safety precautions, to account for the safety of all those travelling on the roads.

**Motion 5 by Mr. Wetmore**, seconded by Mr. Oliver to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists has stated that research shows eighty percent of a child's learning is visual;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists has also stated that studies show only fourteen percent of Canadian children entering the primary school system receive professional eye care;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Optometrists state that studies show the earlier a vision problem is diagnosed and treated, the less negative impact it will have on a child's development;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Optometrists also state that an important component of early detection and treatment of eye and vision problems is for all children to receive a professional vision examination before entering school;

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick's program, "Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision" already offers a vision program to children of low income families;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to offer free professional eye exams for all children before they become of school age, and that it become mandatory to be tested before entering elementary school.

**Motion 10 by Mr. Coon**, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the Legislature is accountable to the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important for a legislative committee to have the power to question witnesses and obtain expert advice;

WHEREAS the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation recommended that Public Accounts Committees should have the power to subpoena witnesses if they refuse to appear, and call for the production of documents;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Public Accounts Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

WHEREAS the standing committees of the Parliament of Canada have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

WHEREAS the House can authorize a committee to call for persons, papers and records;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Public Accounts Committee, Crown Corporations Committee, Economic Policy Committee and Social Policy Committee be authorized by the Legislative Assembly to call for persons, papers and documents.

**Motion 12 by Mr. Coon**, seconded by Mr. K. MacDonald to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 9, 2017:

WHEREAS alcohol is the leading cause of injury and death in Canada;

WHEREAS a 2012 Statistics Canada survey found that 20% of New Brunswickers were heavy drinkers;

WHEREAS excessive drinking bears numerous known health risks including cancer and cardiovascular disease;

WHEREAS the availability and visibility of alcohol has increased with the increase in agency stores and the introduction of wine in grocery stores;

WHEREAS increased availability and visibility of alcohol result in greater consumption rates;

WHEREAS NB Liquor is neither tracking the effects of nor implementing public awareness campaigns along with this increased availability;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's tobacco control strategy has reduced smoking prevalence and lung cancer mortality;

WHEREAS a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing alcohol consumption can help to reduce alcohol harm;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol related injuries and deaths in the province.

**Motion 30 by Mr. Fitch**, seconded by Ms. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 1, 2018:

WHEREAS the President of the Treasury Board and the Member for Dieppe presented Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*, to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy on December 1, 2017;

WHEREAS the President of the Treasury Board and the Member for Dieppe presented information that New Brunswick and Saskatchewan are leaders in Canada with this form of legislation; however no such legislation in Saskatchewan has been found to exist;

WHEREAS extensive searches done by the staff of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library, the Saskatchewan Department of Financial Services and the Saskatchewan Department of Human Resources were unable to verify the information provided by the Member for Dieppe;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to table the Saskatchewan legislation referred to in the defense of Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

### ***Motion for Returns***

**Motion 16 by Mr. Flemming, Q.C.**, seconded by Mr. Savoie to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 16, 2017:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any letter written to the Member for Campbellton-Dalhousie regarding his recusal or removal from, and the reassignment of his



duties as Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in whole or in part, including copies of the letters sent electronically or otherwise to Judy Wagner, Jean-Marc Dupuis and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, including the dates the letters were written, sent and received by the parties involved.

**[Documents requested filed December 1, 2017]**

**Motion 26 by Mr. Flemming, Q.C.**, seconded by Mr. Savoie to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 21, 2017:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any correspondence, however sent, to the former Member from Campbellton-Dalhousie regarding his recusal or removal from, and the reassignment of his duties as Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in whole or in part, including copies of correspondence sent electronically or otherwise to Judy Wagner and Jean-Marc Dupuis, and in addition the correspondence logs showing dates sent and received.

**CONCLUDED**

**Motion 1 by Mr. Wetmore.** Debated and carried as amended November 2, 2017.

**Motion 2 by Mr. K. MacDonald.** Debated and carried as amended November 9, 2017.

**Motion 4 by Mr. Urquhart.** Debated and carried November 9, 2017.

**Motion 6 by Mr. Jeff Carr.** Debated and carried as amended November 16, 2017.

**Motion 11 by Mr. Coon.** Debated and carried as amended December 14, 2017.

**Motion 17 by Mr. Steeves.** Debated and carried as amended November 16, 2017.

**Motion 18 by Mr. Jeff Carr.** Debated and carried as amended December 7, 2017.

**Motion 20 by Mr. Steeves.** Debated and carried as amended December 14, 2017.

**Motion 21 by Mr. K. MacDonald.** Debated and defeated February 8, 2018.

**Motion 25 by Mr. Higgs.** Debated and defeated December 14, 2017.

**PETITIONS**

Petition 1: Mr. Oliver, October 27, 2017.	(Response, November 10, 2017)
Petition 2: Mr. Holder, October 27, 2017.	(Response, November 10, 2017)
Petition 3: Ms. Shephard, October 27, 2017.	(Response, November 10, 2017)
Petition 4: Mr. Fairgrieve, October 31, 2017.	(Response, November 15, 2017)
Petition 5: Ms. Shephard, November 1, 2017.	(Response, November 10, 2017)
Petition 6: Mr. Coon, November 2, 2017.	(Response, January 3, 2018)
Petition 7: Ms. Shephard, November 7, 2017.	(Response, November 21, 2017)
Petition 8: Mr. Coon, November 7, 2017.	(Response, December 1, 2017)
Petition 9: Mr. B. Macdonald, December 15, 2017.	(Response, January 30, 2018)
Petition 10: Mr. Coon, December 20, 2017.	(Response, January 23, 2018)
Petition 11: Mr. Coon, January 31, 2018.	(Response, February 27, 2018)
Petition 12: Mr. Fairgrieve, February 7, 2018.	
Petition 13: Mr. Fairgrieve, February 8, 2018.	
Petition 14: Mr. Coon, February 8, 2018.	
Petition 15: Mr. Coon, March 13, 2018.	

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Economic Policy	First Report, November 10, 2017 Second Report, November 15, 2017 Third Report, December 5, 2017 Fourth Report, December 7, 2017 Fifth Report, December 15, 2017 Sixth Report, December 20, 2017 Seventh Report, December 20, 2017 Eighth Report, January 31, 2018 Ninth Report, March 13, 2018
Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy	First Report, March 14, 2018
Standing Committee on Law Amendments	First Report, December 5, 2017
Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers	First Report, December 5, 2017
Standing Committee on Public Accounts	First Report, November 17, 2017

## REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

### *Tabled in the House*

Overcoming Poverty Together: 2014-2019 Progress Report, February 2018, New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation  
(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Ames March 14, 2018)

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS (see Appendix A)

Donald J. Forestell  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

**APPENDIX A****WRITTEN QUESTIONS****Question No. 1 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

Will the Premier share with the House the expected impact of the carbon tax on New Brunswickers and the economy?

**Question No. 2 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

Will the Premier share with the House the economic impact studies on cannabis for New Brunswick?

**Question No. 3 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

Which other provinces have invested in cannabis producers in Canada, and how much have they invested?

**Question No. 4 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

Does the Premier know why Dr. Cleary was fired and will he share all available information with the Legislature, does he agree with her dismissal?

**Question No. 5 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

Will the Premier confirm the Statistics Canada figures that indicate no job growth and a shrinking labour force since he has taken office?

**Question No. 6 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

It was learned at Crown Corporations Committee that WorksafeNB was urged to hurry their announcement regarding the premium hike and to make the announcement before the studies were completed. Did the instructions to fast track the announcement regarding premium hikes come from the Premier's Office?

**Question No. 7 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant  
Premier of New Brunswick

Has any taxpayer money been given to Sears, whether from ONB, or from any other department, from any program from the Government of the Province of New Brunswick?