

Daily sitting 37

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Madam Speaker laid upon the table of the House the return of votes polled in the electoral district of Miramichi West in the by-election held October 6, 2025.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Mr. M. LeBlanc:

RESOLVED, that the return be entered in the Journals of the House.

And it is as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE RETURN OF THE BY-ELECTION FOR A
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD ON
THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

Subsection 96(5) of the *Elections Act*

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Hannah Fulton Johnston	L	2047
Kevin E. Russell	PC	3008 E
Christopher Rosser	LPNB	25
Genevieve MacRae	PVNBGP	98
Richard (Hoss) Sutherland	IND	62

Mr. Russell, member-elect for the electoral district of Miramichi West, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by Mr. Savoie and took his seat in the House.

The Honourable Louise Imbeault, Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Good morning.

We gather this morning for the prorogation of the first session of the 61st Legislative Assembly.

I'd like to congratulate you on the completion of your first session together and I look forward to following your progress throughout the upcoming legislative session.

I have a lot of admiration for those of you who choose to enter the world of elected politics. It's a difficult, often thankless position in which you and your loved ones face significant scrutiny. Although you rely on public opinion to remain in office every election cycle, I urge you to stay true to the values that have brought you here—the values that represent New Brunswickers of all walks of life.

As we are faced with increasing polarization and misinformation, members must be the first to set an example of healthy discussion. Your debates are often challenging, but they must remain respectful and constructive. I invite you to set party politics aside when you make decisions that have an impact on New Brunswickers' quality of life today and over the next seven generations, as the wisdom of Indigenous peoples reminds us so well.

Combined, your 49 voices represent all New Brunswickers. The people who have chosen you to make decisions on their behalf have high expectations that this Legislative Assembly will model respect, compromise, and empathy. Change can take time—especially in our democratic system where we try to understand different perspectives; debate our points of view honourably; and reach common ground. I believe it's important to focus on change that will improve New Brunswickers' quality of life rather than change simply for the sake of change.

Whatever your political persuasion, it is up to you, as elected representatives, to ensure that our system works for New Brunswickers of all walks of life. I encourage you to continue debating the issues that matter to them with enthusiasm, courage, determination, and patience. I am confident that, as we open the second session of the 61st Legislative Assembly, your actions, your decisions, and your respect for decorum will be worthy of this historic House.

Now, with the completion of the business of the first session of this 61st Legislative Assembly, it is my responsibility—and my privilege—to issue the command of His Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada, that this Legislature stand prorogued.

May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Shayne Davies, then said:

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 1 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.15 a.m.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Reports

2023-2024 Labour and Employment Board	June 20, 2025
2024-2025 Horizon Health Network	June 24, 2025
2024 New Brunswick <i>Firefighters' Compensation Act</i> Disability Fund	June 26, 2025
2024 WorkSafe NB	June 30, 2025
2023-2024 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	July 21, 2025
2023-2024 Vitalité Health Network	July 21, 2025
2020-2021 New Brunswick Women's Council	July 24, 2025
2024-2025 Financial and Consumer Services Commission	July 31, 2025
2024-2025 New Brunswick Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation	July 31, 2025
2022-2023 New Brunswick Forest Products Commission	August 5, 2025
2024-2025 New Brunswick Health Council	August 11, 2025
2024-2025 Elections New Brunswick	August 15, 2025
2024-2025 New Brunswick Power Corporation	September 5, 2025
2024-2025 Vitalité Health Network	September 15, 2025
2024-2025 Local Governance Commission	September 16, 2025
2023-2024 New Brunswick Forest Products Commission	September 17, 2025
2024-2025 Office of the Public Intervener, A Unit of the Office of the Attorney General	September 18, 2025
2024-2025 Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	September 19, 2025
2023-2024 New Brunswick Housing Corporation	September 24, 2025
2024-2025 New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	September 29, 2025
2024-2025 Cannabis NB	October 3, 2025
2024-2025 New Brunswick Liquor Corporation	October 3, 2025

Other

Forty-first Provincial General Election, October 21, 2024, Elections New Brunswick	June 10, 2025
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume I, Performance Audit, 2025	June 10, 2025
Under the provision of the <i>Fees Act</i> , information regarding a new fee associated with special permits for the operation of non-standard vehicles on specified segments of Crown forest roads, under the <i>Special Permit Fees Regulation – Motor Vehicle Act</i>	June 26, 2025
New Brunswick Power Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2025	July 15, 2025
New Brunswick Power Holding Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2025	July 15, 2025
Local Government By-Elections 2024-2025 Report of the Chief Electoral Officer	July 25, 2025
Under the provision of the <i>Coroners Act</i> , recommendations of the report of the Child Death Review Committee, February 3, 2025	September 2, 2025
Update to the Legislative Assembly, Department of Social Development, Child Welfare Spending, September 2025 Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	September 4, 2025
Wake Up Call: Learning from the Education Budgeting Saga, Installment #2 of the Advocate's Review of the 2025-2026 Budget, September 2025 Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	September 15, 2025
Help! A special investigation into the use of restraints in adult psychiatric facilities in New Brunswick, September 2025 Ombud New Brunswick	September 23, 2025
A companion document to the special investigation into the use of restraints in adult psychiatric facilities in New Brunswick, September 2025 Ombud New Brunswick	September 23, 2025
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025 Volume 1, Consolidated Financial Statements	September 29, 2025

What We All Want: A Review and an Urgent
Proposal for Change in New Brunswick’s
Long-Term Care System, October 2025
Child, Youth and Senior Advocate

October 2, 2025

Petitions
Response to Petitions 15, 16, 17
Response to Petitions 12, 14
Response to Petition 13
Response to Petition 18

June 19, 2025
July 11, 2025
July 21, 2025
July 23, 2025