

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK First Session, 61st Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 8 Friday, November 29, 2024

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Debate adjourned by Mr. M. LeBlanc on behalf of the Honourable the Premier. Debate to resume on Friday, November 29, 2024.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Adjourned Debates

Bill 4, An Act Respecting Petroleum Products Pricing – Hon. Mr. Legacy

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act – Hon. Ms. Holt Bill 3, An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act – Hon. Mr. Hickey

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 1 by Mr. M. LeBlanc, seconded by Hon. Mr. K. Chiasson to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, November 26, 2024:

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is focused on strengthening relationships with First Nations communities that are built on trust and collaboration;

WHEREAS recognizing and paying respect to the First Nations on whose territories we live and work is an important part of the ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2024, the Government of New Brunswick invited government employees to use a land acknowledgement at formal meetings, at events, in publications, and in other government venues and settings;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick acknowledge that the Province of New Brunswick is situated on the unceded and unsurrendered territories of the Wolastoqey, Mi'gmaw and Peskotomuhkati peoples and that the Members of the Legislative Assembly seek to repair and rebuild meaningful relationships with Indigenous peoples and honour these lands which hold the hopes of future generations.

Motion 3 by Hon. Mr. Legacy, seconded by Hon. Ms. Holt to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 10, 2024:

THAT this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

CONCLUDED

Motion 2 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Carried November 20, 2024. Motion 4 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Carried November 20, 2024. Motion 9 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Carried November 28, 2024. Motion 10 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Carried November 28, 2024.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 5 by Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Cullins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 28, 2024:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the second-highest Crime Severity Index east of Manitoba;

WHEREAS New Brunswick communities are experiencing significant struggles under the burden of theft, violent crime, and growing public safety concerns;

WHEREAS local police forces are overwhelmed with calls and investigations related to drug-related offences;

WHEREAS the rise in overall crime rates is directly linked to the widespread use of illicit drugs;

WHEREAS a majority of convicted inmates have a history of addiction to illicit drugs;

WHEREAS our youth are increasingly vulnerable to exploitation by drug dealers operating within our communities;

WHEREAS the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) program has been highly effective in identifying and shutting down over 250 drug houses in the past two years, contributing to safer communities and reduced drug availability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to:

- 1. Increase public awareness of the SCAN program and its impact on reducing drug-related crime;
- 2. Invest in additional officers and resources to expand the program's reach and further support the closure of illegal drug operations; and
- 3. Commit to a sustained effort in reducing the supply of illicit drugs and tackling the root causes of drug-related crime in our communities.

Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Hon. Mr. McKee that Motion 5 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause:

By replacing "Increase" with "Promote", and

By deleting "Invest in additional officers and resources to expand the program's reach and further" and replacing it with "Further".

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 7 by Ms. Scott-Wallace, seconded by Mr. Savoie to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 12, 2024:

WHEREAS farm solid waste is currently not collected and disposed of by all municipal or local garbage collection services;

WHEREAS solid waste disposal represents a cost and logistical burden for farmers;

WHEREAS farmers pay property taxes for access to public services like everyone else;

WHEREAS farmers and their livelihood are essential to our health, well being, and quality of life;

WHEREAS farmers and their businesses are vital to the larger success of our economy; WHEREAS some local governments provide solid waste collection and disposal services now, including silage wrap, and others had done so previously; WHEREAS provincial regulations once stipulated the Minister of Local Government must provide collection and disposal service for farm properties in rural communities, regional municipalities and local service districts, including silage wrap;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to remove clauses that allow local governments to opt out of providing collection and disposal services for farm solid waste.

Motion 8 by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Ames to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 12, 2024:

WHEREAS the Premier has openly mused about reviewing the Central NB Correctional Facility Project;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's current correctional facilities are over capacity, leading to repeat offenders being released on house arrest before they have completed their full sentence;

WHEREAS the Province has already invested over 5 million dollars into the Project, as well as a significant financial contribution from the local municipality;

WHEREAS the people of Grand Lake are relying on the facility for increased public safety and the betterment of their economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to continue with the Central NB Correctional Facility located in the Minto Industrial Park.

CONCLUDED

Motion 6 by Mr. Hogan. Debated and carried as amended November 28, 2024.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Coon, November 26, 2024.

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Filed in the Clerk's Office

Annual Report 2023-2024, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

(Filed November 28, 2024)

Annual Report 2023-2024, Service New Brunswick

(Filed November 28, 2024)

Shayne Davies Clerk of the Legislative Assembly