

Daily sitting 40

Friday, May 15, 2026

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. M. Johnson gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, May 28, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS approximately one-third of Canadians will develop shingles in their lifetime;

WHEREAS people over 50 years of age have a higher incidence rate of shingles, with two out of three cases occurring within that age group, and experience greater severity of shingles;

WHEREAS a study released by the National Institute on Ageing in 2022 estimated that shingles cases cost the Canadian healthcare system between \$67 to \$82 million annually;

WHEREAS a study published by the Adult Vaccines Alliance in 2024 found that for every dollar invested in adult vaccination, there is more than three times (341%) value returned in health and economic benefits;

WHEREAS only 27% of Canadians aged 50 years and over report having a shingles vaccine, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada;

WHEREAS the Shingrix vaccine currently authorized for use in Canada against shingles is over 90% effective at preventing shingles and postherpetic neuralgia in adults 50 years and older with healthy immune systems and is found to be more effective among those vaccinated before age 65 rather than after;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia offers free shingles vaccinations to all adults age 65 and over and Newfoundland & Labrador and Prince Edward Island offer free shingles vaccination to all adults age 50 and over;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to make the shingles vaccination free to all adults age 50 years and over who wish to receive it.

Mr. Monahan gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Thursday, May 28, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cullins:

WHEREAS agriculture is a vital part of New Brunswick's economy and source of food security and self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS agricultural fairs and exhibitions provide a venue for the showcasing of existing agricultural producers and the encouragement and promotion of agriculture as a career for young people;

WHEREAS there are currently 13 agricultural fairs and exhibitions held annually throughout the width and breadth of New Brunswick, all represented by the New Brunswick Fairs & Exhibitions Association (NBFEA);

WHEREAS the Agricultural Awareness Grant provided by the Government of New Brunswick to the NBFEA to support these fairs has not increased in over 20 years;

WHEREAS the annual Agricultural Awareness Grant currently totals only \$15,000 for the NBFEA and \$5,000 per fair, while Nova Scotia's Government provides over \$22,000 to each large agricultural fair and over \$11,000 to each small agricultural fair;

WHEREAS the Agricultural Awareness Grant cannot be used for infrastructure upgrades, while the Nova Scotia grant does allow for such upgrades;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia grant amount, terms, and conditions are renegotiated with the Exhibition Association of Nova Scotia every ten years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to:

Adopt the grant funding recommendations of the NBFEA, which would increase the total of the Agricultural Awareness Grant from \$80,000 per year to \$410,000 per year (\$30,000 per fair and \$20,000 to NBFEA);

Change the structure of the grant to allow for funds to be spent on infrastructure needs;

Establish a mechanism in the agreement for the review and renegotiation of the amount, terms, and conditions of the grant every ten years.

Ms. Conroy gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Thursday, May 28, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Weir:

WHEREAS the government has faced criticism from the public for a lack of consultation with residents in the vicinity of proposed and constructed homeless shelters and transitional housing;

WHEREAS the government's December 2025 strategy on homelessness makes only vague reference to engagement with "community partners," "stakeholders," and "municipal governments," yet lacks specific criteria and processes by which residents within the vicinity of a proposed shelter are to be engaged and consulted;

WHEREAS residents have legitimate concerns around the placement of shelters in their neighbourhoods and in the proximity of facilities such as schools and playgrounds;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to develop and adopt a concrete set of criteria by which the residents of an area in the vicinity of a proposed homeless shelter or transitional housing project are to be informed of such proposals before any further development of said proposal can continue, which criteria should include that:

The period in which public consultation regarding a shelter proposal be no less than 90 days long;

News of the proposal be communicated through all communication channels used by the Government of New Brunswick; and

The public consultation include informing homeowners of such a proposal by mail should they reside within a contiguous land radius of 500 metres from the proposed shelter site.

Ms. M. Wilson gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, May 28, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Bockus:

WHEREAS the Victoria Cross is the British Commonwealth's highest medal for valour, created in 1856 by Queen Victoria, and awarded 99 times to Canadian soldiers between 1854 and 1945;

WHEREAS, in 1993, Queen Elizabeth II established the Canadian Victoria Cross, making it the highest award in the Canadian Honours System, to be awarded for most conspicuous bravery, a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice, or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy;

WHEREAS members of the Canadian Armed Forces have served in battle and in conflict zones on numerous occasions in the 81 years since the awarding of the last Victoria Cross in 1945, from Korea to Cyprus to the Balkans to Afghanistan;

WHEREAS, although many members of the Canadian Armed Forces have displayed uncommon acts of bravery and valour in the 33 years since the creation of the Canadian Victoria Cross, none have yet been awarded;

WHEREAS the non-profit group Valour in the Presence of the Enemy, led by their Chair, retired General Rick Hillier, former Chief of the Defence Staff, has been working on an initiative to see deserving members of the Canadian Armed Forces considered for this honour;

WHEREAS the Legislatures of Alberta, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, along with the Senate of Canada, have already passed motions addressing the lack of any Canadian Victoria Crosses having yet been awarded;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to establish an independent military honours review board to review veterans' cases where evidence suggests Victoria Cross criteria were met.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 be called for second reading.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Probate Court Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Income Tax Act and the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Mallet
Mr. M. LeBlanc	Hon. Ms. Boudreau	Mr. Arseneault
Hon. Ms. Holt	Hon. Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Legacy	Hon. Mr. Finnigan	Mr. J. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Miles	Hon. Ms. Townsend	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. Dornan	Hon. Mr. Randall	Ms. Vautour
Hon. Mr. LePage	Hon. Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. D'Amours	Hon. Mr. Hickey	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. McKee	Ms. Wilcott	Ms. Mitton

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Ms. M. Johnson	Mr. Weir	Mr. Cullins
Ms. Scott-Wallace	Ms. Conroy	Ms. Bockus
Mr. Austin	Mr. Oliver	
Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Russell	

Accordingly, Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Income Tax Act and the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, after requesting that Madam Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Health Quality and Patient Safety*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Arseneault, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Oliver, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Health Quality and Patient Safety*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 12.18 p.m. the House recessed. At 12.25 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Madam Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Madam Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 2 p.m., the House adjourned.