# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
## Third Session, 61st Legislative Assembly

**ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 5**
**Tuesday, October 27, 2026**

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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 interrupted due to expiration of time.***
***Debate to resume on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.***

## GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

### *Bills Ordered for Second Reading*

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act – Hon. Mr. Dornan
Bill 3, An Act Respecting the Child, Youth, Senior and Mental Health Advocate
– Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.

## GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

## CONCLUDED

**Motion 1 by Hon. Ms. Holt**. Carried October 21, 2026.

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

### *Debatable Motions*

**Motion 2 by Mr. Savoie**, seconded by Mr. Hogan to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 29, 2026:

WHEREAS mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders can be as high as $400;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers may encounter these fees multiple times over the amortization period of their mortgage when changing lenders or paying their balance in full;

WHEREAS lenders have no right to maintain a lien on a property when all debts backed by that property have been paid or transferred to a new lender;

WHEREAS providing a mortgage discharge document is a simple administrative task for lenders analogous to providing a receipt and does not warrant these high administrative fees;

WHEREAS British Columbia and Manitoba have limited the amount lenders can charge to produce a discharge document;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to eliminate mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders.

**Motion 3 by Ms. Scott-Wallace**, seconded by Mr. Ames to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 29, 2026:

WHEREAS Canada has had several active living credits in the past to support families, including the $500 per child Children's Fitness Tax Credit which supported and encouraged families to make active living a priority;

WHEREAS the Children's Fitness Tax Credit was eliminated by the federal Liberals in 2017;

WHEREAS the Active Families Benefit in Saskatchewan is seeing success for eligible families with children who participate in sports, cultural, and recreational activities;

WHEREAS the high cost of living often means families cannot afford to enroll their children in activities that will benefit their health;

WHEREAS the latest Statistics Canada numbers show that 70% of New Brunswickers are overweight or obese;

WHEREAS the NB Medical Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation of New Brunswick, and Diabetes Canada have called obesity an epidemic in New Brunswick and have called on the Department of Health to develop an obesity strategy in the past;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to develop the NB Active Families Benefit to provide families in New Brunswick earning less than $80,000 a year with a benefit of $200 per child to cover registration costs for sports, cultural, and recreational activities.

**Motion 4 by Ms. Bockus**, seconded by Ms. M. Wilson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 29, 2026:

WHEREAS there is a projected shortage of optometrists in Canada to treat the 5.5 million Canadians living with an eye condition;

WHEREAS approximately half of Canadian optometrists are receiving their training in the United States at a significant personal cost because of a shortage of seats in Canada's two existing optometry programs;

WHEREAS the University of Waterloo currently delivers the only English-language optometry program in Canada, holds the blueprint for an optometry program in Atlantic Canada, and requires a financial commitment to proceed with development;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick at Saint John and the University of Waterloo have already signed a memorandum of understanding expressing a desire to partner in developing the first school of optometry in Atlantic Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to answer the call from the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists and to support the development of a satellite school of optometry at the University of New Brunswick at Saint John in partnership with the University of Waterloo;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide support to the University of New Brunswick at Saint John and encourage the university to invest any initial financial outlay required to begin development of the program.

## REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

### *Tabled in the House*

Independent auditor's report for the Office of the Auditor General of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026

(Tabled by Hon. Ms. Landry October 23, 2026)

### *Filed in the Clerk's Office*

Annual Report 2025-2026, Service New Brunswick

(Filed October 22, 2026)

Shayne Davies
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly