LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
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ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 15
Thursday, November 19, 2026

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act – Hon. Ms. Townsend
Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Université de Moncton Act – Hon. Mr. D'Amours

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. Legacy, seconded by Hon. Ms. Holt to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 1, 2026:

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

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Hon. Ms. Holt. Carried October 21, 2026.
Motion 5 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Debated and carried October 27, 2026.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 7 by Ms. Bockus, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 19, 2026:

WHEREAS seniors living in New Brunswick's nursing homes deserve access to a level of direct care that reflects their needs, dignity, and safety;

WHEREAS residents in these facilities are increasingly living with complex medical, mobility, and cognitive needs, requiring greater levels of hands-on assistance and supervision;

WHEREAS New Brunswick currently lacks province-wide transparency standards regarding the establishment of the number of direct-care hours each resident should receive each day;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia has established a standard of 4.1 hours of direct care per resident per day, Ontario has committed to 4.0 hours of direct care, and PEI provides between 3.5 and 4.6 hours of direct care;

WHEREAS the federal government recommends a minimum benchmark of 4.1 hours of direct care per patient per day;

WHEREAS adequate direct-care hours are essential to ensuring residents receive timely assistance with bathing, toileting, meals, medications, mobility, personal care, socialization, and other daily needs;

WHEREAS insufficient staffing and direct-care hours can contribute to staff burnout, unfilled beds, increased pressure on hospitals and nursing homes, and reduced ability to safely care for residents with increasingly complex needs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to increase the funded hours of direct care provided to residents of New Brunswick nursing homes to a minimum of 4.1 hours per resident per day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to establish a transparent province-wide standard for direct-care hours in special care homes, based upon resident acuity and informed by comparable standards in other Atlantic provinces;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to conduct a province-wide assessment of actual versus funded direct-care hours in nursing homes, including the impact of staff vacancies, absenteeism, and turnover.

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.

Amendment moved by Hon. Ms. Thériault, seconded by Mr. Bourque that Motion 3 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause, striking out all the words after "the government to" and substituting: "examine options to reduce financial barriers to participation in sport, physical activity, recreation, and cultural activities for New Brunswick children and youth."

Sub-amendment moved by Mr. Cullins, seconded by Mr. Ames that the amendment to Motion 3 be amended as follows:

By adding after the word "youth", "and report back to the House by the end of this fiscal year the progress of the examination"

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 8 by Ms. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lee to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 19, 2026:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's young people and young families are facing increasing costs associated with housing, childcare, transportation, food, and other necessities;

WHEREAS the decision to start or grow a family should not be limited by whether young New Brunswickers can afford the basic costs of raising children;

WHEREAS the cost of essential goods for infants and children, including diapers, children's clothing, footwear, and car seats, represents a significant financial burden for young families;

WHEREAS other Canadian provinces have taken steps to reduce the tax burden on families purchasing essential children's goods, including Ontario, which provides a point-of-sale rebate on the provincial portion of the HST for qualifying children's clothing and diapers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick must remain competitive in attracting and retaining young people by creating an environment where they can establish careers, purchase homes, and build families;

WHEREAS supporting young families today is an investment in the long-term economic, social, and demographic future of New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to develop a comprehensive family affordability strategy that reduces the financial barriers facing young families, including examining opportunities to provide provincial tax relief on essential children's goods and measures to make housing, childcare, and other necessities more affordable for New Brunswick families.

Motion 10 by Mr. Monahan, seconded by Mr. Lee to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3, 2026:

WHEREAS New Brunswick continues to face significant demographic and workforce challenges, including an aging population and the loss of young New Brunswickers who leave the province in search of employment and greater economic opportunities;

WHEREAS providing targeted provincial income tax relief to young workers would put more money directly into the hands of New Brunswickers at the beginning of their careers, helping them manage the rising costs of housing, transportation, education, and everyday living while creating an additional incentive to remain in the province;

WHEREAS Ontario has introduced legislation proposing to eliminate provincial income tax on income within the lowest tax bracket for workers under the age of 27, demonstrating that targeted income tax relief for young workers is a policy worthy of consideration in addressing workforce attraction and retention;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to explore and introduce legislation to eliminate provincial income tax on the first $60,000 of taxable income earned by New Brunswick residents under the age of 25, as a

measure to attract and retain young workers, strengthen New Brunswick's workforce, and encourage young New Brunswickers to build their futures in the province.

Motion 11 by Mr. Monahan, seconded by Ms. Scott-Wallace to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3, 2026:

WHEREAS agriculture is a vital part of New Brunswick's economy and a 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 these fairs and exhibitions contribute to building a sense of belonging and community in rural New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a study conducted by the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions estimates that the local economic impact of the average small agricultural fair in Canada is $750,000;

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 and 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 the government of Nova Scotia 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 10 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;
- and establish a mechanism in the agreement for the review and renegotiation of the amount, terms, and conditions of the grant every 10 years.

Motion 12 by Ms. Scott-Wallace, seconded by Mr. Hogan to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3, 2026:

WHEREAS home care provides seniors who can live at home with greater freedom and dignity, and home care costs less to provide than a hospital bed or nursing home;

WHEREAS failing to provide home care to a senior who is capable of living at home can lead to further age-related decline, hospital visits, and a need for placement in a long-term care facility;

WHEREAS this failure puts strain on hospitals by forcing them to accommodate alternate level of care patients while they wait for admission to a long-term care facility;

WHEREAS, despite a 10% increase, New Brunswick's thresholds for subsidized home care of $27,500 for single people and $38,500 for couples still leave patients living below or near the poverty line paying significant out-of-pocket costs for home care;

WHEREAS other provinces have lower financial barriers to home care, like Ontario, where home care is provided free of charge after a patient's needs are assessed;

WHEREAS removing financial barriers to home care supports seniors and by extension long-term care facilities and hospitals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to further increase the income thresholds for home care subsidies to reflect the current cost of living and to support seniors and reduce pressure on hospitals by removing financial barriers to receiving care at home.

CONCLUDED

Motion 2 by Mr. Savoie. Debated and carried as amended November 5, 2026.
Motion 4 by Ms. Bockus. Debated and carried as amended October 29, 2026.

WITHDRAWN

Motion 6 by Ms. Bockus. Withdrawn November 4, 2026.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Hon. Ms. Landry, October 28, 2026. (Response, November 18, 2026)
Petition 2: Mr. Lee, October 29, 2026. (Response, November 13, 2026)
Petition 3: Mr. Coon, November 4, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Economic Policy — First Report, November 5, 2026
Second Report, November 17, 2026
Third Report, November 18, 2026

Shayne Davies
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly