



**FIRST REPORT  
OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
ESTIMATES AND FISCAL POLICY**

Second Session  
Sixtieth Legislative Assembly  
of the  
Province of New Brunswick

May 9, 2023

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May 9, 2023

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 27, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 31, 2023.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

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Mr. Greg Turner, MLA  
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

**MAIN ESTIMATES, 2023-2024**

RESOLVED, that there be granted to His Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2024:

Voted (\$)

**ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES**

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	48,876,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	48,822,000

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Corporate and Other Education Services .....	94,211,000
School Districts .....	1,356,719,000
Early Childhood Development .....	269,644,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	1,720,520,000

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Corporate Services and Community Funding.....	2,864,000
Policy, Public Education and Engagement .....	1,313,000
Local Government and Local Governance Reform .....	110,374,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board .....	335,000
Authorizations and Compliance.....	8,167,000
Environmental Science and Protection .....	4,845,000
Climate Change Secretariat.....	1,652,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	108,000
Voted.....	129,442,000

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE**

Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the Public Service and Executive Council Secretariat .....	3,677,000
Corporate Communications .....	7,427,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....	567,000
Voted.....	11,671,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD</b>	
Budget and Financial Management .....	907,000
Corporate Services .....	6,039,000
Treasury Management and Fiscal Policy .....	2,865,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer .....	5,040,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	8,168,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,237,000
Revenue Administration .....	5,719,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	31,921,000
 <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Aboriginal Affairs .....	7,420,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	7,366,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes .....	455,000
Enterprise Resource Planning .....	40,959,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....	688,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	8,850,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	8,796,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances .....	90,034,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	184,000
Voted.....	89,850,000
Natural Gas Distribution Program .....	3,000,000
New Brunswick Advantage Savings Fund .....	13,000,000
New Brunswick Housing Corporation.....	2,000,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plans.....	362,524,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	2,000
Voted.....	362,522,000
Provision for Losses.....	14,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations .....	33,405,000
Service New Brunswick.....	225,948,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	225,894,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	237,687,000
Women's Equality .....	6,380,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Corporate and Other Health Services .....	220,009,000
Medicare .....	823,931,000
Drug Programs .....	264,772,000
Part III Health Services .....	2,221,788,000
Provincial Health Plan .....	53,596,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	3,584,042,000
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Technical Safety and Corporate Services Division .....	20,256,000
Community Safety Division .....	234,477,000
Security and Emergencies Division .....	42,464,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	28,796,000
Justice Services Division .....	27,739,000
Legal Aid .....	12,986,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	108,000
Voted.....	366,610,000
 <b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....	10,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	4,357,000
Voted.....	6,440,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly .....	4,333,000
Office of the Auditor General .....	3,628,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties .....	2,045,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	77,000
Voted.....	1,968,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	5,867,000
Office of the Ombud .....	2,841,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	1,685,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	837,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance .....	678,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner .....	351,000
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Administration .....	9,006,000
Natural Resources .....	93,091,000
Energy and Mines .....	17,476,000
Land Management .....	3,157,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	122,676,000

<b>OFFICE OF THE PREMIER</b>	
Administration .....	1,727,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	81,000
Voted.....	1,646,000
 <b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Administration and Business Development Services .....	21,173,000
Financial Assistance.....	25,000,000
Immigration Related Financial Support.....	5,925,000
Strategic Investments - Productivity / Global competitiveness .....	5,000,000
Voted.....	57,098,000
 <b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	
Consolidated Entities .....	416,192,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	416,192,000
Voted.....	0
 Council of Atlantic Premiers .....	 642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation .....	2,834,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	691,000
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	687,000
New Brunswick Women's Council .....	484,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities .....	335,000
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Labour and Strategic Services .....	12,791,000
Post-Secondary Affairs .....	505,865,000
WorkingNB.....	122,668,000
New Brunswick Public Library Service .....	18,778,000
Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification.....	8,849,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	668,897,000
 <b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Development Projects and Operations.....	50,841,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	50,787,000
 <b>SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT</b>	
Service of the Public Debt .....	627,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	622,300,000
Voted.....	4,700,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Corporate and Other Services .....	13,010,000
Seniors and Long Term Care .....	1,004,864,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services .....	165,708,000
Income Security .....	268,906,000
Housing Services .....	128,781,000
Other Benefits .....	52,434,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	1,633,649,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Administration .....	3,280,000
Provincial Parks .....	14,203,000
Culture, Archaeology, Heritage and Sport.....	37,503,000
Tourism.....	20,143,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	54,000
Voted.....	75,075,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Administration .....	20,059,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs, Strategic Partnerships and Trade Corridors.....	1,832,000
Maintenance .....	104,343,000
Winter Maintenance.....	78,252,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	3,443,000
Buildings Group.....	143,797,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	27,185,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	27,056,000
Voted.....	351,855,000

### **CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>	
Capital Equipment .....	65,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	400,000
Voted.....	465,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	893,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Rural Districts .....	1,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	39,137,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Mine Reclamation .....	250,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements.....	791,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure .....	4,930,000
Voted.....	5,971,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Deferred Maintenance Program.....	2,200,000

<b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Canada – New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement .....	49,500,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative .....	8,000,000
Voted.....	57,500,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	9,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance .....	3,000,000
Public Housing – Capital Construction.....	33,000,000
Public Housing – Capital Maintenance.....	5,000,000
Voted.....	50,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Capital Improvements .....	5,167,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	4,347,000
Voted.....	9,514,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Bridges .....	84,520,000
Highways .....	278,650,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	20,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program .....	94,240,000
Vehicle Management Agency .....	30,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure .....	342,951,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	71,420,000
Voted.....	778,941,000

**LOANS AND ADVANCES**

<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>	
New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission .....	1,600,000
Loan Programs .....	7,000,000
Voted.....	8,600,000

<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Financial Assistance to Industry .....	50,000,000



DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances .....	90,500,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Financial assistance under the Development Loans Program.....	5,000,000
Financial assistance under the New Brunswick Small Business Emergency Working Capital Loan Program .....	0
Voted.....	5,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing .....	3,224,000

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2021-2022, Volume I**

RESOLVED, that there be granted to His Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2022:

**ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services .....	5,440,542.12
COVID-19 Pandemic .....	5,921,293.64
Voted.....	11,361,835.76
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs .....	70,000.00
Provision for Losses.....	461,858.81
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
COVID-19 Pandemic.....	20,680,200.39
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	
Energy and Mines .....	2,557,667.37

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	2,554,957.77