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Tuesday, October 25, 2022

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

We have gathered this morning for the prorogation of the first session of the 60th Legislative Assembly. With the closure of this session comes the appreciation of all that has been accomplished over the past two years to overcome the challenges arising from the global pandemic.

I encourage you to continue your efforts on behalf of all New Brunswickers during the session that begins this afternoon.

I would like to start by thanking you for your public service and dedication to the well-being of the people of our province. Political life pushes you to make a number of sacrifices in your personal lives. As sitting members of the Legislative Assembly, you are often separated from your loved ones for long periods.

Despite being members of different political parties, you have a number of common goals. Most notably, you are all here to improve our province and the quality of life of those who live in it. I urge you to put aside partisanship when you debate important issues and make decisions that affect New Brunswickers. Do not forget that they are the ones who have chosen you to represent them in this Assembly.

The people who have chosen you to be here to make decisions on their behalf have high expectations that you will serve them well, and having assumed these positions, you now also serve as role models. Trust in our democratic institutions and in our elected leaders is key to a healthy and prosperous society.

I urge you to take the time to listen to each other; to respect different points of view and debate those views with an open mind. Collaboration and compromise are often needed to achieve substantive and sustainable progress. Combined, your 49 voices represent all New Brunswickers. You have the ability to be actors of change and difference-makers for your constituents.

As community builders and community leaders, we must continue to push for more inclusion and equity in all aspects of society. You have been given great responsibility to look after the best interests of New Brunswick. You are stewards of the land, the resources, and, most importantly, the welfare of people from all walks of life.

The decisions you make here will have effects on the quality of life for New Brunswickers, not only for today, but for generations to come. Do not take this responsibility lightly. I am confident that, as we open the second session of the 60th Legislative Assembly, you will reflect the dignity of this historic Chamber in your actions, your decisions, and your decorum.

Now, with the completion of the business of the first session of this 60th Legislative Assembly, it is my responsibility – and my privilege – to issue the command of His Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada, that this Legislature stand prorogued.

May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick.

The Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly, John-Patrick McCleave, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 1 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.12 a.m.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan 2020-2025, Progress Report, October 2022	October 17, 2022
Annual Report 2021-2022 New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	October 18, 2022