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Daily sitting 49

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

*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:

*Members of the Legislative Assembly, good morning.*

*As we gather this morning for the prorogation of the second session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, I think it is important to acknowledge the global turbulence that we are experiencing, from the war in Ukraine to the horror in the Middle East. Even here in North America, where we have the privilege of living in peace and freedom, we are feeling the impacts of growing polarization and division. We are very fortunate to live in New Brunswick, in Canada, where we pride ourselves in espousing equality, diversity, inclusion, and acceptance. We cannot, however, take these things for granted. Upholding these values needs to remain a priority. If those are the values we believe in, it becomes our shared responsibility to safeguard them.*

*It is our shared responsibility to uphold Canadian values such as diversity, inclusion, and equity, and we must remain vigilant in safeguarding them. We have a great deal to be proud of as New Brunswickers and Canadians.*

*We are also fortunate in having stable democratic institutions. Whatever your political persuasion, it is up to you, as elected representatives, to safeguard them and to ensure that our system works for everyone in our province. I invite you to set aside party politics when you debate important issues and make decisions that affect New Brunswickers. Do not forget that they are the ones who chose you to represent them in this Assembly.*

*Combined, your 49 voices represent all New Brunswickers. The people who have chosen you to make decisions on their behalf have high expectations that this Legislative Assembly will model respect, compromise, and empathy. Trust in our democratic institutions and in our elected leaders is key to a healthy and prosperous society, especially at a time when misinformation can spread so easily. By maintaining a higher level of discourse, you will prove yourselves to be worthy of that trust. You will be strong role models for all New Brunswickers.*

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*I urge you to take the time to understand different perspectives, to debate your points of view honourably, and to find common ground that will lead to substantive and sustainable progress. You have the power to be actors of change and difference makers for your constituents. You can demonstrate leadership through social cohesion and harmony. Ultimately, you are the stewards of the land, the resources, and most importantly, the welfare of people from all walks of life.*

*The decisions you make here have an impact on New Brunswickers' quality of life, not only today, but also for generations to come. Do not take this responsibility lightly. I am sure that, when we move on to the opening of the third session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly in this historic Chamber, the actions you take, the decisions you make, and the decorum you maintain will be worthy of it.*

*Now, with the completion of the business of the second session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, it is my responsibility and my privilege to issue the command of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Canada, that this legislature stand prorogued.*

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

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Shayne Davies, 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.*

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The House prorogued at 11.13 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:

**Annual Reports**

2022-2023 Office of the Public Intervener, A Unit of the Office of the Attorney General	June 20, 2023
2022 Recycle NB	June 29, 2023
2022 WorkSafe NB	July 17, 2023

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2022 New Brunswick <i>Firefighters' Compensation Act</i> Disability Fund	July 17, 2023
2022-2023 Horizon Health Network	July 20, 2023
2021-2022 Extra Mural/Ambulance New Brunswick	July 26, 2023
2022-2023 Vitalité Health Network	August 2, 2023
2022-2023 New Brunswick Health Council	August 3, 2023
2022-2023 New Brunswick Power Corporation	August 8, 2023
2022-2023 Elections New Brunswick	August 15, 2023
2022-2023 Midwifery Council of New Brunswick	August 22, 2023
2022-2023 New Brunswick Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation	September 5, 2023
2022-2023 Financial and Consumer Services Commission	September 5, 2023
2021-2022 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	September 13, 2023
2021 New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation	September 14, 2023
2021-2022 Cannabis Management Corporation	September 14, 2023
2020-2021 New Brunswick Police Commission	September 18, 2023
2020-2021 Regional Development Corporation	September 26, 2023
2022-2023 Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	September 28, 2023
2022-2023 New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	September 29, 2023
2022 New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation	October 16, 2023

### Other

Under the provisions of the <i>Fees Act</i> , Information regarding two new fees under the <i>Hunting Regulation – Fish and Wildlife Act</i>	June 23, 2023
He Deserved Better, A review of the progress of recommendations from the Advocate's report, New Brunswick Child, Youth and Senior Advocate, July 2023	July 13, 2023
New Brunswick Power Holding Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2023	July 21, 2023
New Brunswick Power Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2023	July 21, 2023
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, By-elections in Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore, Dieppe and Restigouche-Chaleur, April 24, 2023	August 8, 2023

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, On Balance, Choose Kindness: The Advocate's Review of Changes to Policy 713 and Recommendations for a Fair and Compassionate Policy	August 15, 2023
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume I, Performance Audit, 2023	September 7, 2023
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, Volume 1, Consolidated Financial Statements	September 27, 2023
<b>Motions</b>	
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 48	June 21, 2023
<b>Petitions</b>	
Response to Petitions 14, 16	June 22, 2023
Response to Petitions 15, 17	July 4, 2023