Daily sitting 53 Tuesday, October 20, 2026

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable Louise Imbeault, 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:

Good morning.

We gather this morning for the prorogation of the second session of the 61st Legislative Assembly. I look forward to following your progress throughout the upcoming legislative session.

I would first like to congratulate the new leaders of the opposition parties, Daniel Allain of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick and Megan Mitton of the Green Party of New Brunswick.

New Brunswickers look forward to learning about your perspectives and your propositions. I also recognize the sustained contributions of outgoing leaders Mr. Savoie and Mr. Coon. Thank you for serving your province with conviction. Through constructive and productive debates, I invite all 49 of you to try to find common ground. Even as New Brunswick and Canada seek to establish new partnerships on the world stage, we must remain united in our shared values: inclusion, compassion, integrity, and respect.

Let us stand together unwaveringly. I encourage you to continue working together in the best interests of all New Brunswickers*. You have gained their trust. In turn, your fellow citizens deserve constructive, fruitful exchanges of ideas.*

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. Your actions shape policy. Your voice influences public perception. Please use the platform you've been given by New Brunswickers to safeguard the legitimacy of our democratic institutions.

It is now up to you to ensure that our democratic system works for New Brunswickers from all walks of life. I encourage you to continue debating the issues that matter to them with enthusiasm, courage, determination, and patience. I am confident that, as we open the third session of the 61st Legislative Assembly, your actions, your decisions, and your respect for decorum will be worthy of this historic House.

Now, with the completion of the business of the second session of this 61st 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.

Thank you.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Shayne Davies, then said:

Madam 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 11.15 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

2025-2026 Horizon Health Network	June 24, 2026
2024-2025 New Brunswick Housing Corporation	June 24, 2026
2025 New Brunswick *Firefighters' Compensation Act* Disability Fund	July 8, 2026
2025 WorkSafe NB	July 8, 2026
2025-2026 New Brunswick Health Council	July 28, 2026
2025-2026 Office of the Public Intervener, A Unit of the Office of the Attorney General	July 28, 2026
2022-2023 New Brunswick Farm Products Commission	July 30, 2026
2023-2024 New Brunswick Farm Products Commission	July 30, 2026

2024-2025 New Brunswick Farm Products Commission	July 30, 2026
2025-2026 Financial and Consumer Services Commission of New Brunswick	August 12, 2026
2025-2026 New Brunswick Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation	August 12, 2026
2025-2026 Elections New Brunswick	August 18, 2026
2025 New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation	August 24, 2026
2025-2026 New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	September 4, 2026
2025-2026 Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	September 10, 2026
2025-2026 Local Governance Commission	September 15, 2026
2025-2026 New Brunswick Power Corporation	September 23, 2026
2024 Recycle NB	September 25, 2026
2025 Recycle NB	September 25, 2026
2025-2026 New Brunswick Farm Products Commission	October 2, 2026

Others

Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Report, June 2026, Department of Finance and Treasury Board	June 18, 2026
Certain Members' Public Disclosure Statements 2025, filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to subsection 20(7) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*	June 26, 2026
Under the provision of the *Coroners Act*, recommendations of the report of the Child Death Review Committee, March 2026	July 13, 2026
New Brunswick Power Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2026	July 15, 2026
New Brunswick Power Holding Corporation, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2026	July 15, 2026
Under the provision of the *Fees Act,* information regarding fee changes for Crown Timber Royalty Rates under the *Crown Lands and Forests Act*	August 12, 2026

Certain Members' Public Disclosure Statements 2023, 2024 and 2025, filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to subsection 20(7) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*	August 31, 2026
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026, Volume 1, Consolidated Financial Statements	September 25, 2026
Under the provision of the *Fees Act,* information regarding a proposed fee change for tariff charges under the *Archives Act*	September 28, 2026
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume II, Performance Audit, 2026	September 29, 2026
Under the provision of the *Fees Act*, information regarding proposed changes to fees associated with regulations administered by the Department of Health	October 5, 2026
Under the provision of the *Fees Act*, information regarding a new fee under the *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Act*	October 14, 2026

Petition

Response to Petition 18	July 7, 2026