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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Motion 15 by Hon. Ms. Holt. Debated and carried November 7, 2025.

Motion 16 by Hon. Mr. Legacy. Debated and carried December 2, 2025.

Motion 17 by Hon. Ms. Holt. Carried November 19, 2025.

Motion 20 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Carried December 2, 2025.

Motion 24 by Hon. Mr. Legacy. Debated March 17, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 27 and carried March 27, 2026.

Motion 31 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Carried March 18, 2026.

Motion 44 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Debated and carried May 29, 2026.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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Debatable Motions

Motion 5 by Mr. Monahan, seconded by Ms. Scott-Wallace to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 30, 2025:

WHEREAS so-called “safe injection sites” have proven to be a public policy failure;

WHEREAS there is no actual “safe injection” of illicit drugs;

WHEREAS “safe injection sites” are not designed to help individuals suffering from addictions reach recovery but instead keep them suffering in their addiction;

WHEREAS where these injection sites are found, crime rises and community standards fall;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to close any and all “safe injection sites” that are operating in the province.

Motion 6 by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Russell to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 30, 2025:

WHEREAS every person deserves the dignity of a safe place to call home, yet too many New Brunswickers living with mental illness, cognitive challenges, or addictions are caught between two extremes — struggling alone without adequate supports or being institutionalized in settings that are not designed to foster independence or community connection;

WHEREAS research consistently shows that supportive housing with integrated services reduces hospital admissions, lowers emergency room visits by up to 50%, and improves recovery outcomes, giving people the stability they need to rebuild their lives;

WHEREAS in New Brunswick, a shortage of community-based housing options has left many individuals with moderate mental health or cognitive support needs in inappropriate settings — including hospitals, shelters, or correctional facilities — with no clear path to stable housing, leading to a revolving door between crisis and care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to establish small-scale, supportive community living units with on-site staff for those who cannot live fully independently but do not require institutionalization, ensuring dignity, stability, and meaningful pathways to recovery and community participation.

Motion 7 by Ms. Conroy, seconded by Ms. Bockus to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 30, 2025:

WHEREAS aftercare and transitional supports have been shown to reduce relapse;

WHEREAS all Horizon-operated mobile crisis units in the province close by 11 pm;

WHEREAS the only in-person option for after-hours treatment for overdose and other acute substance use related emergencies are often busy and crowded emergency rooms;

WHEREAS long-term stays in dedicated addiction rehabilitation facilities have been replaced by repeated short-term stays, emergency room visits, and calls for emergency services in a phenomenon called “the Revolving Door”;

WHEREAS overdoses present a critical opportunity for addiction intervention and connection to recovery services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to extend mobile care unit hours in all areas of the province to 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and provide transitional supports, including follow-up consultations with addiction counsellors, to addicted patients leaving hospital care to stop the revolving door of substance use related emergencies and hospitalization.

Motion 8 by Mr. Cullins, seconded by Mr. Oliver to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 30, 2025:

WHEREAS New Brunswick continues to face significant mental health and addictions challenges, with growing wait times and limited access to services across the province;

WHEREAS while these positions represent a positive step forward, ten trainers are not sufficient to meet the training and capacity-building needs of an entire provincial mental health and addictions system;

WHEREAS effective and compassionate recovery care requires a well-supported workforce that includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counsellors, and peer support workers — all adequately trained and confident in addressing the complexities of addiction and mental health recovery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to:

Expand workforce development initiatives beyond the ten current trainer positions to ensure adequate coverage across all health zones;

Implement a comprehensive recruitment and retention strategy for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and peer support workers to address ongoing staffing shortages;

Ensure all mental health and addictions professionals receive continuous, evidence-based training to build confidence, consistency, and recovery-oriented care across the province.

Motion 12 by Ms. M. Wilson, seconded by Ms. S. Wilson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 30, 2025:

WHEREAS New Brunswick homeowners have experienced significant and unsustainable increases in property assessment rates since the pandemic;

WHEREAS 30 percent of New Brunswickers cited housing affordability as a top issue of concern in an Angus Reid poll conducted in September 2025;

WHEREAS the 2021 census found that nearly eight percent of New Brunswick homeowners were spending over 30 percent of their income on shelter;

WHEREAS the existing 10 percent spike protection limit still did not protect 37 percent of New Brunswick properties from receiving assessment increases in 2025 and the one-year

assessment freeze for 2025-26 is not a long-term answer to providing tax relief or sustainable and predictable costs to homeowners;

WHEREAS New Brunswick tenants benefit from a three percent cap in annual rent fees that is denied to homeowners;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reduce the spike protection mechanism from ten percent per year to three percent per year.

Motion 14 by Mr. Ames, seconded by Ms. Scott-Wallace to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 6, 2025:

WHEREAS the current drought has severely affected water availability for households, livestock, and agricultural production;

WHEREAS many communities and individual farmers are experiencing extreme hardship due to dried-up water sources and cannot afford the high costs of drilling new wells or rehabilitating existing ones;

WHEREAS access to clean, reliable water is essential for sustaining livelihoods, protecting public health, and ensuring food security;

WHEREAS the Department of Public Safety's Disaster Financial Assistance Program provides recovery support for natural disasters that result in sudden, unexpected, and uninsurable losses, such as flooding, but currently does not address the impacts of drought, which represent a crisis of too little water rather than too much;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to:

Establish an emergency financial assistance program to subsidize or fully fund the drilling, equipping, and rehabilitation of wells in drought-affected areas;

Prioritize support for farmers, small business owners, and residents of rural communities who are most severely impacted by the drought;

Partner with licensed water drilling contractors, local authorities, and community organizations to ensure transparent, efficient, and equitable implementation of the assistance program; and

Develop long-term water management strategies, including sustainable water conservation education, improved groundwater management, and rainwater harvesting initiatives, to mitigate the impacts of future droughts.

Motion 18 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2025:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers struggling with addiction and mental health issues often have trouble finding a way to get the treatment they need;

WHEREAS the Department of Health only funds 67 detox beds and 34 rehab beds for adults, youth, and children with substance use disorders through the Regional Health Authorities;

WHEREAS the limited availability of public treatment options in New Brunswick has resulted in prolonged waiting times, leaving vulnerable individuals without timely access to essential care and support;

WHEREAS privately run rehab centres have proliferated to fill in the gap created by the overstretched publicly funded facilities;

WHEREAS private addiction treatment centres are unregulated in New Brunswick, which raises concerns about the quality of care and treatment provided, potentially jeopardizing the well-being of those seeking assistance;

WHEREAS a comprehensive and compassionate approach to addressing addiction and mental health issues requires increased investment in public detox and rehab facilities, coupled with robust regulation to ensure the highest standards of care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to establish and enforce regulations for all private rehab centres, ensuring transparency, accountability, and the provision of high-quality care for individuals seeking treatment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to increase its investment in public detox and rehab facilities to reduce the waiting list for those seeking treatment.

Motion 19 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2025:

WHEREAS the conservation of New Brunswick's Crown forests and waters is essential to the well-being of our environment, biodiversity, and the overall health of our communities;

WHEREAS the April 2014 forest management deal signed with JD Irving under Premier David Alward significantly increased the annual allowable cut and broadly deregulated conservation measures;

WHEREAS the Department of Natural Resources is projecting a 20% increase in annual allowable cut between 2027 and 2031;

WHEREAS JD Irving's License 7 represents a third of the Crown land in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS JDI is proposing that the area of forest converted to tree plantations on Licence 7 increase by 33% in 2027 and every year thereafter through 2031;

WHEREAS JDI is requesting to increase the annual volume of spruce and fir to be logged by 34%, which will mean a 17% increase in the area of conservation forest being logged;

WHEREAS the dramatic increase in conversion of forest to plantations and the replanting of harvested plantations will increase the spraying of glyphosate and decrease forest biodiversity;

WHEREAS there is increasing scientific evidence of the risk glyphosate poses to the health of our forest ecosystems and wildlife;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to replace clearcut logging of Crown land with ecologically-based harvesting practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to ban the spraying of herbicides, including glyphosate, on Crown land.

Motion 21 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2025:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers facing serious illnesses, such as cancer, should not have to choose between seeking life-saving treatment and job security;

WHEREAS the current length of job-protected leave in New Brunswick is insufficient to cover the average treatment and recovery period for many common cancers, which can last over 36 weeks;

WHEREAS the federal government has extended the EI sickness benefit to 26 weeks, yet New Brunswick workers risk losing their jobs if provincial job protection is not extended accordingly;

WHEREAS other provinces, including Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba, British Columbia, and Ontario, have extended job-protected leave to at least 26 weeks, aligning with the federal EI sickness benefit;

WHEREAS 85% of New Brunswickers support extending job-protected leave to 26 weeks;

WHEREAS extending job protection would ensure New Brunswick workers can focus on recovery without the fear of losing employment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce legislation extending unpaid job-protected leave for serious illness from the current 5 days to at least 26 weeks.

Motion 22 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2025:

WHEREAS US President Donald Trump has repeatedly stated his desire to annex Canada to become the 51st state;

WHEREAS there has been an overwhelming response from Canadians to stand up to President Trump, including by avoiding American products and US-based corporations;

WHEREAS the US Department of War has invested \$20.7 million in the Sisson Mine;

WHEREAS ProEnergy, a Missouri-based company, has been given a contract by NB Power to build a new fossil fuel power plant fuelled by diesel and American fracked gas;

WHEREAS VoltaGrid, a Texas-based company, is seeking to build a new fossil fuel power plant powered by American fracked gas to power an AI data centre that is proposed to be built on land owned by the Regional Development Corporation in Lorneville;

WHEREAS VoltaGrid is 20% owned by Halliburton;

WHEREAS these projects will bind our economy to the US even more tightly while Trump batters our softwood lumber sector in his ongoing effort to make Canada the 51st state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to end its efforts to facilitate investments in New Brunswick by American corporations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to instead invest in local economic development that will create prosperity here in New Brunswick while strengthening our sovereignty, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, public transportation, and local food production.

Motion 23 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2025:

WHEREAS NB Power has announced plans to build a new fossil fuel power plant owned by American company ProEnergy to burn diesel and American fracked gas;

WHEREAS this project would lock us into expensive fossil fuels for at least the next 25 years;

WHEREAS a recent UN report found that solar power now is 41% cheaper and wind power is 53% cheaper globally than the lowest-cost fossil fuel;

WHEREAS a new battery project in Ontario will deliver the same 400MW capacity as this proposed plant and will be online by 2027;

WHEREAS ProEnergy and NB Power have misrepresented an Indigenous equity partnership and excluded key information from their EIA submission, such as the presence of pileated woodpeckers in Centre Village;

WHEREAS this project would put people's well water at risk and harm wildlife and their habitat in this ecologically significant area;

WHEREAS the Premier has repeatedly said she has many questions about the project;

WHEREAS the Environment Minister has suggested that this project will not be required to undergo a rigorous, comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge NB Power to halt plans to build a fracked gas plant in Tantramar;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge NB Power to instead invest in proven and affordable green options, such as improved energy efficiency, wind and solar energy, and battery storage technology.

Motion 25 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 19, 2026:

WHEREAS the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, also known as the Whistleblower Act, has not been updated since 2011;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's whistleblower protection does not protect former employees, consultants, contractors, summer students, or co-op workers;

WHEREAS conflicts of interest, abuse of authority, gross waste, and efforts to cover up any of the actions comprising protected disclosures are not covered by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*;

WHEREAS the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* does not prevent non-disclosure agreements from being used to prevent disclosures of wrongdoing;

WHEREAS Transparency International recommends an independent whistleblower complaints authority to be tasked with examining both improperly conducted investigations of disclosure and reports of reprisal;

WHEREAS, in the 2024 throne speech, the Holt government committed to strengthening the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* and employment protections for whistleblowers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to update the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* to, among other things, provide broader protections to whistleblowers and expand who is protected;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to create an independent whistleblower complaints authority and support services to assist individuals before, during, and after disclosure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide training on whistleblower laws and procedures to all staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff and management involved in disclosure be required to consider the applicability of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* as the primary disclosure framework.

Motion 26 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 19, 2026:

WHEREAS the widespread and systemic use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) has been found to suppress information about unlawful activities, including but not limited to sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination;

WHEREAS NDAs are routinely used to cover up abuse in schools, youth clubs, universities, organizations, public and private sector workplaces, and religious institutions, where revealing the details of the settlement may result in reputational risk or criminal charges against the perpetrator;

WHEREAS victims and survivors of harassment and discrimination are frequently compelled to sign NDAs without understanding or advice on alternative ways to protect their own confidentiality without protecting the perpetrator in exchange;

WHEREAS the use of NDAs undermines the principles of transparency and accountability that are fundamental to a just society;

WHEREAS NDAs typically prevent victims and survivors of discrimination and harassment from reporting or discussing their experiences and concerns with family, friends, co-workers, or therapists;

WHEREAS Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Prince Edward Island have introduced legislation restricting or banning the use of NDAs in cases of sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination, demonstrating a growing recognition of their detrimental effects;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of NDAs that serve to conceal details and evidence of harassment, discrimination, and other forms of misconduct.

Motion 27 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 19, 2026:

WHEREAS the lobbyist registry remains the same temporary registry that was created eight years ago;

WHEREAS the lobbyist registry contains out-of-date information and is missing government departments covered by the Act;

WHEREAS the lobbyist registry does not show complete information, including what subjects Cabinet ministers are being lobbied on;

WHEREAS the lobbyist registry is not user-friendly;

WHEREAS there is a lack of enforcement of the lobbyist registry, as evidenced by the corporate lobbyists that the Premier has confirmed she has met with who do not appear on the registry;

WHEREAS, in its first throne speech a year ago, the Holt government promised to modernize and strengthen the lobbyist registry to enhance transparency and accountability;

WHEREAS, in her 2025 State of the Province speech, the Premier said her government is “committed to being the most accountable and transparent government New Brunswick has ever seen”;

WHEREAS transparency and accountability remain shrouded in mystery when it comes to those lobbying this government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to update the *Lobbyists’ Registration Act* so that New Brunswickers know who is lobbying whom for what;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Integrity Commissioner to ensure that the online lobbyist registry is updated to include all current information and be more user-friendly.

Motion 28 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 19, 2026:

WHEREAS access to affordable solar energy can significantly lower household energy costs, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and create local jobs in New Brunswick’s growing renewable energy sector;

WHEREAS Premier Holt has committed to establishing a provincial solar retrofit program to make solar energy more accessible and affordable for New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS high upfront costs remain a significant barrier to installing solar power systems, preventing many New Brunswickers from benefiting from clean, renewable energy;

WHEREAS innovative and affordable solar solutions, such as plug-in solar panels widely available in European countries, enable tenants to reduce their power costs with free energy from the sun;

WHEREAS expanding access to solar energy will empower New Brunswickers to save money, strengthen energy resilience, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to implement a comprehensive and accessible solar retrofit program that removes financial barriers and expands access to solar energy for all New Brunswickers.

Motion 29 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 19, 2026:

WHEREAS New Brunswick only produces 9% of the vegetables and 3% of all of the food that New Brunswickers eat;

WHEREAS the threat of US tariffs has underscored the importance of creating a resilient local food economy;

WHEREAS New Brunswick lost 20% of its farms between 2016 and 2021;

WHEREAS only 6.7% of New Brunswick farmers are under 35 years old;

WHEREAS encouraging local non-industrial agriculture constitutes a way to fight climate change;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately set ambitious local purchasing targets for public institutions in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to ensure stable government funding for local food contracts to enable more of our food to be produced locally.

Motion 30 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 19, 2026:

WHEREAS transportation is the second-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in New Brunswick, contributing approximately 26% of total emissions;

WHEREAS achieving New Brunswick's 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas reduction targets requires lowering transportation emissions by reducing the reliance on personal vehicles and improving access to public transportation options;

WHEREAS there is currently no government department responsible for coordinating public transportation development, resulting in service gaps, inadequate frequency, and poor integration of transportation modes, leaving many New Brunswickers without reliable public transportation alternatives;

WHEREAS the 2017 *From Surfaces to Services* report identified the critical need for a comprehensive, coordinated approach to improving public transportation across the province, yet no meaningful action has been taken;

WHEREAS appointing a Minister responsible for public transportation would provide the necessary leadership, coordination, and accountability to ensure the effective development, funding, and integration of public transportation services throughout New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to give the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure a mandate for public transportation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to allocate the necessary resources and funding to support the New Brunswick Transportation Authority to create and implement a public transportation strategy.

Motion 34 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 7, 2026:

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick has not expanded midwifery care beyond the demonstration site in Fredericton since its inception in October 2017;

WHEREAS it has been consistently reported that midwives in New Brunswick are unable to meet the demand for care;

WHEREAS the recruitment and retention of midwives has been a key challenge in the expansion of care in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there are not currently financial incentives for midwifery students from New Brunswick to return following their schooling;

WHEREAS there are currently no opportunities for students interested in midwifery to pursue their studies in Atlantic Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to expand the midwifery program across New Brunswick with a unique approach based on each community's needs and resources, as recommended in the 2022 Fredericton Midwifery Demonstration Site Summary Evaluation Report;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to work with midwifery education programs in other provinces, such as Ontario, to purchase seats to make the program more accessible to New Brunswick students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide financial incentives for New Brunswick midwifery students to return to the province upon completion of their training.

Motion 36 by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 14, 2026:

WHEREAS the healthcare system in New Brunswick is a cornerstone of public welfare, contributing significantly to the overall health and well-being of our citizens;

WHEREAS, as of the current year, it is estimated that 238,000 individuals, representing 28.5% of the population, are without a primary care provider;

WHEREAS this figure reflects an increase of 40,000 individuals without a family doctor compared to the previous year;

WHEREAS the claim made during the Liberal campaign asserted that 180,000 individuals lacked access to a primary care provider, highlighting a significant discrepancy in numbers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick faces unprecedented challenges in delivering timely and accessible healthcare, exacerbated by the increasing demands of a growing and aging population;

WHEREAS the lack of family doctors not only affects individuals' access to primary care but also places a burden on emergency services and hospital resources, leading to increased healthcare costs and systemic inefficiencies;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Government of New Brunswick take decisive action to recruit, retain, and support family physicians in order to reduce the wait list and ensure that all citizens have access to essential healthcare services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to implement a comprehensive strategy aimed at increasing the number of practicing family doctors, including but not limited to enhanced incentives for new graduates, improved working conditions, and targeted outreach programs that address the unique needs of underserved communities.

Motion 37 by Ms. M. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hogan to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 14, 2026:

WHEREAS hospital staff make a valuable contribution to our collective health and well-being;

WHEREAS the increasing cost of living continues to be a burden for New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS parking fees represent an additional cost for hospital staff, patients, and visitors;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only Maritime province that does not provide free parking at all hospitals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to eliminate the charging of parking fees for staff, patients, and visitors at all

hospitals in the province and to compensate Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks for the loss of any funds collected via said fees.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 39 by Ms. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Oliver to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 28, 2026:

WHEREAS approximately one-third of Canadians will develop shingles in their lifetime;

WHEREAS people over 50 years of age have a higher incidence rate of shingles, with two out of three cases occurring within that age group, and experience greater severity of shingles;

WHEREAS a study released by the National Institute on Ageing in 2022 estimated that shingles cases cost the Canadian healthcare system between \$67 to \$82 million annually;

WHEREAS a study published by the Adult Vaccines Alliance in 2024 found that for every dollar invested in adult vaccination, there is more than three times (341%) value returned in health and economic benefits;

WHEREAS only 27% of Canadians aged 50 years and over report having a shingles vaccine, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada;

WHEREAS the Shingrix vaccine currently authorized for use in Canada against shingles is over 90% effective at preventing shingles and postherpetic neuralgia in adults 50 years and older with healthy immune systems and is found to be more effective among those vaccinated before age 65 rather than after;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia offers free shingles vaccinations to all adults age 65 and over and Newfoundland & Labrador and Prince Edward Island offer free shingles vaccination to all adults age 50 and over;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to make the shingles vaccination free to all adults age 50 years and over who wish to receive it.

Motion 40 by Mr. Monahan, seconded by Mr. Cullins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 28, 2026:

WHEREAS agriculture is a vital part of New Brunswick's economy and 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 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 & 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 Nova Scotia's Government 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 ten 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;
- Establish a mechanism in the agreement for the review and renegotiation of the amount, terms, and conditions of the grant every ten years.

Motion 41 by Ms. Conroy, seconded by Mr. Weir to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 28, 2026:

WHEREAS the government has faced criticism from the public for a lack of consultation with residents in the vicinity of proposed and constructed homeless shelters and transitional housing;

WHEREAS the government's December 2025 strategy on homelessness makes only vague reference to engagement with "community partners," "stakeholders," and "municipal governments," yet lacks specific criteria and processes by which residents within the vicinity of a proposed shelter are to be engaged and consulted;

WHEREAS residents have legitimate concerns around the placement of shelters in their neighbourhoods and in the proximity of facilities such as schools and playgrounds;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to develop and adopt a concrete set of criteria by which the residents of an area in the vicinity of a proposed homeless shelter or transitional housing project are to be informed of such proposals before any further development of said proposal can continue, which criteria should include that:

- The period in which public consultation regarding a shelter proposal be no less than 90 days long;
- News of the proposal be communicated through all communication channels used by the Government of New Brunswick; and
- The public consultation include informing homeowners of such a proposal by mail should they reside within a contiguous land radius of 500 metres from the proposed shelter site.

Motion 43 by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Monahan to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 4, 2026:

WHEREAS, in May 2022, the Liberal caucus presented a motion to eliminate the provincial excise tax on gasoline, declaring that "New Brunswickers need and deserve relief to cope with high gas prices" and that the provincial government had clear authority to act;

WHEREAS the Premier and the Liberal Party campaigned on affordability in 2024 and promised New Brunswickers relief at the pumps;

WHEREAS, because of global supply-chain instability, regular unleaded gasoline surpassed \$2.00 per litre in New Brunswick for the second time in history on May 15, 2026, and the price has since remained near the \$2.00 mark;

WHEREAS the federal government has already taken action by suspending its own excise tax on fuel from April 20 until Labour Day, while the Holt Liberals have done nothing;

WHEREAS the provincial government collects 10.87¢ per litre on gasoline and 15.45¢ per litre on diesel in excise taxes of its own;

WHEREAS the Holt Liberal government is currently benefiting from high fuel prices through the provincial portion of HST, charged on top of the excise taxes, while families struggle to afford basic necessities and businesses struggle to keep their prices affordable;

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of New Brunswickers living in rural, suburban, and smaller urban communities cannot opt for public transportation and must bear the high cost of

fuel to commute, work their farms, and run the businesses that feed, heat, and supply the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to follow the federal government's example and immediately suspend the provincial excise tax of 10.87¢ per litre on gasoline and 15.45¢ per litre on diesel.

Motions for Returns

Motion 32 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 7, 2026:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed expenditure plans for each provincial department and agency for 2026-2027.

Motion 38 by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Ms. Scott-Wallace to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 28, 2026:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the agreement between the Government of New Brunswick and Agropur Cooperative where Opportunities New Brunswick is providing up to \$2.4 million in the form of a non-repayable contribution for Agropur Cooperative to support modernization of its Miramichi facility and the expansion of milk processing capacity.

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Ames. Debated and carried as amended December 4, 2025.

Motion 2 by Mr. Weir. Debated and carried as amended October 30, 2025.

Motion 3 by Mr. Weir. Debated and carried as amended November 20, 2025.

Motion 4 by Ms. M. Johnson. Debated and carried as amended November 20, 2025.

Motion 9 by Mr. Austin. Debated and carried as amended December 11, 2025.

Motion 10 by Mr. Austin. Debated and defeated March 26, 2026.

Motion 11 by Ms. S. Wilson. Debated and defeated November 6, 2025.

Motion 13 by Ms. M. Wilson. Debated and defeated May 14, 2026.

Motion 33 by Mr. Lee. Debated and carried as amended May 7, 2026.

Motion 35 by Ms. Scott-Wallace. Debated and defeated May 14, 2026.

Motion 42 by Ms. M. Wilson. Debated and carried as amended May 28, 2026.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Ms. Mitton, October 22, 2025.	(Response, November 6, 2025)
Petition 2: Ms. Conroy, October 24, 2025.	(Response, November 14, 2025)
Petition 3: Hon. Ms. Landry, October 29, 2025.	(Response, November 17, 2025)
Petition 4: Ms. Mitton, November 5, 2025.	(Response, November 24, 2025)
Petition 5: Mr. Weir, December 3, 2025.	(Response, December 18, 2025)
Petition 6: Hon. Mr. D'Amours, December 4, 2025.	(Response, December 19, 2025)
Petition 7: Mr. Mallet, December 10, 2025.	(Response, January 6, 2026)
Petition 8: Mr. Monahan, March 18, 2026.	(Response, April 1, 2026)
Petition 9: Mr. Coon, March 24, 2026.	(Response, April 9, 2026)
Petition 10: Ms. S. Wilson, March 25, 2026.	(Response, April 8, 2026)
Petition 11: Ms. S. Wilson, March 25, 2026.	(Response, April 14, 2026)
Petition 12: Mr. Savoie, March 25, 2026.	(Response, April 7, 2026)

Petition 13: Mr. Ames, March 26, 2026.	(Response, April 9, 2026)
Petition 14: Ms. Scott-Wallace, March 26, 2026.	(Response, April 23, 2026)
Petition 15: Mr. Coon, March 26, 2026.	(Response, April 13, 2026)
Petition 16: Ms. Mitton, May 6, 2026.	(Response, May 20, 2026)
Petition 17: Ms. Scott-Wallace, May 12, 2026.	(Response, May 27, 2026)

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