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SPEAKER

Hon. Kevin Murphy

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Keith Irving

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We'll begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Justice, I am directed to report that the Committee on Law Amendments has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 55 - Municipal and Other Authorities Pension Plan Transfer Act.

Bill No. 62 - Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

and the committee recommends these bills to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that these bills be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Minister of Gaelic Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 412

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Trueman Matheson ran Siol Cultural Enterprises, a Gaelic language and cultural materials publishing business from 1998 to 2016, providing Gaelic resource materials to Gaels, Gaelic language learners, and cultural enthusiasts to Nova Scotia, nationally and internationally; and

Whereas Trueman Matheson has worked in a professional and volunteer capacity to support Gaelic language, culture, and identity in Nova Scotia, attending Gaelic development meetings for over more than two decades, supporting Gaelic-related events and gatherings, and republishing many valued Gaelic language books to the benefit of new generations of Gaels; and

Whereas Truman Matheson has worked to become a Gaelic speaker, and over the years he, along with his wife and children, have promoted the use of Gaelic language in the Antigonish area and have, through publishing in Gaelic, raised greater awareness of the Gaels' rich cultural expression in the Antigonish area through Gaelic Nova Scotia and internationally;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize and thank Trueman Matheson for his years of dedication, determination, and commitment to Gaelic publishing in the province, providing valuable language and cultural resources to Nova Scotia's Gaelic community.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

RESOLUTION NO. 413

HON. TONY INCE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Hope Blooms is a youth-driven organization creating innovative ecosystems for brighter futures through youth-centred, hands-on, and culturally-relevant education; and (Interruption)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage has the floor.

Whereas this organization has long-term impact on generational change; and

Whereas this year Hope Blooms received the Governor General's Meritorius Service Medal for helping Canada be a better country and the top award for their Ernst & Young social entrepreneur of the year of Atlantic Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly express our congratulations to Hope Blooms on receiving two prestigious awards and wish them luck in all their future endeavours.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Lunenburg on an introduction.

HON. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to make an introduction.

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MS. LOHNES-CROFT: I'd like to have everyone's attention to the east gallery. I'd like to introduce my constituency president, Mr. Bill Bruhm. Would you rise? (Applause)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NOTICES OF MOTION

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

BRETON BREWING/BIG SPRUCE BREWING - CDN. BEER AWARDS

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: It is with great honour that I rise today to celebrate the success of two craft breweries from Cape Breton. Over the weekend, the annual Atlantic Canadian Beer Awards were held in Halifax at the Stubborn Goat Gastropub, and Cape Breton excellence in brewing was clear.

Breton Brewing, from my constituency, took silver in stout and porters, and although they're not in my constituency, I'm nonetheless thrilled to congratulate Big Spruce Brewing on taking gold and bronze in the barrel-aged beer, silver in the field beer category, bronze in the pale ale category, and Beer of the Year 2016 for Atlantic Canada.

It's important to recognize the hard work of these local businesses that create jobs in their communities and applaud them on their achievements. I ask the members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Breton Brewing and Big Spruce on a job well done. Cheers.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

TIR - HWY. NO. 103: UPGRADING - QUESTIONS

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: The people of Port Mouton are raising questions about the process of upgrading Highway No. 103. They are concerned that at the moment the west end of Highway No. 3 is blocked by boulders; therefore, anyone living west of the new Exit 21 could be trapped should there be an incident west of that exit. Given that these upgrades have been in the making for years, it is disappointing to hear that the Department of TIR is only now considering other options to address this concern.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the minister to consider installing a gate that could be opened and closed, which would allow emergency access if needed.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton-Richmond.

RCL BR. 50 (ARICHAT): WORK - THANK

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: On Friday, October 21st, I was honoured to attend an event at Legion Branch 150 in Arichat, celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the branch, as well as the 50th Anniversary of the branch's Ladies' Auxiliary. It was a wonderful event attended by more than 200 people, including veterans, legionnaires, and their families and friends. Special awards were presented, including plaques recognizing 60 years of membership to veterans Mr. Alcide Landry, Mr. Freddie Martel, Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau, and Mr. Morton McGrath. A lifetime membership was presented to former president Mr. Paul Samson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the hard-working men and women of Legion Branch 150 and, indeed, branches across Canada for everything they do to honour all of those who served and sacrificed for our country and our freedom.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

TEACHERS - GOV'T. LISTEN

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Speaking of the teacher situation, the Premier said he didn't understand how we got here. Mr. Speaker, I believe it; I believe he doesn't understand how we got here. Then I saw a Liberal member take to Twitter saying that he, too, wants to understand, and urging teachers to contact him. Imagine, a member of this government, at this stage in the game, feigning interest and asking teachers to reach out to him. That will only happen when this government goes away from their talking points and starts to actually focus on the real classroom issues - issues like the class cap, which this Liberal Government likes to brag about. Ultimately, the way they do it, it ends up in so many mixed classrooms, and there are no class caps at the high school level.

Mr. Speaker, the issues are real, and I do hope that this government starts to take notice of them before it's too late.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

POOLE, RAY - ADMIRATION EXPRESS

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: I do just want to bring the attention of the House to a dear friend of our family in Yarmouth, Mr. Ray Poole, who recently lost both of his limbs. They needed to be amputated because of health complications. To watch that man, in his

80s, go through physiotherapy at a record rate, get back to his home and begin to start focusing his energies on ensuring his house was prepared for him and to help him be as mobile as he could be in his home - he's actually even got his workshop back to a place where he can fully work in there.

I just wanted to express my sincere admiration for Mr. Ray Poole and just let him know, and this House know, how inspiring he is to a lot of people. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

BRUCE, CORA: TERRY FOX FDN. - SERV.

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, Cora Bruce, 90 years young, is a resident of Pembroke, Hants County, and an avid fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation. She has been recognized by the organization for her 30 years of dedication. Cora raises between \$2,000 and \$3,300, a year. Cora, a cancer survivor, has no plans of stopping her ongoing support for the organization. Cora's commitment to the Terry Fox Foundation reminds us to volunteer our time and effort for an organization that we hold dear to us. It's a great honour to congratulate Cora Bruce for her service and dedication to the Terry Fox Foundation, and I wish her all the best in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

ENVIRON.: ADAPTATION FUND PROG. - DETAILS TABLE

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Mr. Speaker. I want to express my disappointment with the non-answers provided by the Minister of Environment to my questions about the climate change Adaptation Fund program. Twice, I asked the minister if she would table in this House the work that this program has done over the last two years. However, twice, the minister talked around my question and remained noncommittal. It is so important for the province to help municipalities identify potential threats associated with climate change. I call on the minister to reconsider her non-answers and table this in the House. The work of this program is so important so that Nova Scotians can assess what work this government is doing to prepare for climate change.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

MCGEE, ROBIN - GOV.-GEN.'S AWARD

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to offer congratulations to Robin McGee on being awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada. The award recognizes her volunteer work with Cancer Care Nova Scotia, Cancer Knowledge Network, and Patients for Patient Safety Canada. Her book, *The Cancer Olympics*, has now received six literacy awards for her story that chronicled her fight for

survival, medical justice, and fair chemotherapy policy in Nova Scotia. The two most recent awards are the 2016 Book Excellence Award finalist and also the winner of the 2016 Pinnacle Book Achievement Award in the inspiration category.

Robin is now a five-year survivor of stage four colon cancer and lives each day in gratitude to those who saved and sustained her life and have been steadfast champions, colleagues, supporters, and friends.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

**DREW, MEGHAN/MACLEAN, ADELE:
VIA VITA ACAD. - OPENING CONGRATS.**

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Meghan Drew and Adele MacLean for opening their own private school in Lower Sackville called Via Vita Academy. Education is a key component to children's development and all children learn differently. Meghan and Adele recognized the absence of a tailored education system and took initiative to open the academy. They've added life skills, money management, sustainability to the curriculum. Some of their highlighted classes are how to grow a garden, cooking, and sewing.

Their mission is to provide a welcoming and safe educational experience and offers integrated daily physical education, arts, and life-skills education, inquiry-based themed curriculum. It is a small family-focused school dedicated to low student-teacher ratios. I want to acknowledge and congratulate Meghan and Adele for all their hard work and dedication to teaching kids.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

FIRST NATIONS: RECONCILIATION - COMMIT

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I was delighted to accept an invitation to participate in the Fall convocation at Mount Saint Vincent University yesterday. The graduates in their great majority received a Master of Education degree, and the honorary doctorate degree recipient, Dr. Cindy Blackstock of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, shared a lesson with all of us. She told the story of Shannen Koostachin who effectively advocated for a safe and comfortable school for her home in Attawapiskat before she died at age 15. Dr. Blackstock reminded the hundreds of us gathered that children understand what is fair, what is right with clarity that they are born with. It is up to all of us to reconnect with our childhood selves, recognize how our society is unfair and inequitable, in particular as a result of our colonial legacy, and commit ourselves to reconciliation.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House would you please revert to the order of business, Government Notices of Motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, may I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, joining us in the gallery today, and if he would rise on the introduction is Dr. David Martell - I believe his family is with him as well - from Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg. Dr. Martell is the recipient of the Family Physician of the Year Award from the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

I would ask members of the House to join me in giving Dr. Martell a warm welcome. (Applause)

[GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

RESOLUTION NO. 414

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution

Whereas Dr. David Martell of the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, in Lunenburg, received a Family Physician of the Year Award in honour of Dr. Reg L. Perkin from the College of Family Physicians of Canada; and

Whereas Dr. Martell uses psychotherapy counselling along with medication to treat addictions, and believes social stigma and judgment holds patients back from getting the care they need; and

Whereas addictions affect many Nova Scotians, including 40 of Dr. Martell's patients that he treats for morphine and other opioid addictions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House join me in congratulating Dr. David Martell on this national recognition of his exceptional patient care, and thank him for continuing to improve outcomes for Nova Scotians with addictions.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried

[STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic

QUEENS-SHELBURNE MLA: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

MR. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, in 2006, a lighter and less grey-haired member for Queens-Shelburne was elected to the Nova Scotia Legislature. A lifelong fisherman, he went on to be the Minister of Environment, and the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture; quite a distinguished career. The native of Woods Harbour announced recently that he would not reoffer and he would finally enjoy some downtime. We will miss your firm handshake and your great personal advice.

Enjoy your well-earned time off and retirement. Mr. Speaker, to be continued.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West

BROWN, LT. ROGER: CDN. FORCES - SERV. THANK

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, as Remembrance Day approaches I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a friend and former Navy Lieutenant, Douglas Roger Brown.

Roger served with dedication and pride in the Canadian Forces and the Cadets for 46 years. He held many positions over the years and his retirement in 2011 was a great loss to the Cadets and Navy, but a gain to Pictou West. He is a tireless volunteer for the Pictou West Progressive Conservative Association, and I can attest to his dedication, perseverance, and generosity of spirit.

I am honoured to recognized Lieutenant Roger Brown, and thank him for his many years of service to our country with the Canadian Forces.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish

MILNER, ANDREW/TEAM CAN. - U-17 BASKETBALL CAN. CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RANDY DELOREY: This past August, Andrew Milner of Antigonish led Team Nova Scotia to defend their championship title at Basketball Canada Men's U-17 Championship in Winnipeg. This is Mr. Milner's third medal in basketball at the national level, and fifth year playing on a provincial team.

In 2014 Mr. Milner was part of the U-15 effort that resulted in a bronze medal for Nova Scotia. The next he moved to the U-17 category, where he played a key role in winning gold, putting in 12 points with a tough defensive assignment as point guard.

This year as captain, Mr. Milner put up an impressive performance on the court, but even a more impressive performance as a leader. He truly led and inspired the new team members who made up a large contingent of the group. Mr. Milner is entering Grade 12 this year and I am excited to see him continue to improve upon his already sharpened playing and leadership ability in the years to come.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Andrew Milner in leading Team Nova Scotia to the championship title at Basketball Canada Men's U-17.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank

HANNIGAN, BARBARA - ORDER OF CAN.

MR. BILL HORNE: I am proud and honoured to announce Waverley-born and highly talented Barbara Hannigan was recently awarded the Order of Canada for her achievements as an internationally renowned opera singer and cultural ambassador for Canada. Hannigan is known worldwide as a soprano, but she is now bringing her musical energy to conducting, her talent extends to contemporary opera, with over 80 world premieres.

Barbara credits her music and art teaching from her hometown Waverley, Nova Scotia, for her strong musical foundation. Upon receiving her award, Barbara stated that she was proud to be a Canadian artist out there gigging in the international world, keeping Nova Scotia roots and values close to her heart.

I would like to congratulate Barbara Hannigan on her being awarded the Order of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

**MACNEIL, SGT. TREVOR/BROWN, INSP. DARRYL
- POLICE EXEMPLARY SERV. MEDAL**

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, the Police Exemplary Service Medal was created on August 12, 1983. It recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry, and efficiency. Recipients must have completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces.

Mr. Speaker, two members of the Kentville Police Service were honoured with this award on June 20, 2016, at a ceremony held at the residence of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, the Honourable J.J. Grant. Sergeant Trevor MacNeil received his 20-year medal and Inspector Darryl Brown was awarded his 30-year Bar.

Mr. Speaker, I rise from my seat today to commend these men and thank them for their years of service.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

**HARVEST HOOTENANNY/CREATIVE N.S. AWARDS GALA:
ORGANIZERS - CONGRATS.**

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my appreciation for two wonderful events that I participated in this weekend. One was the Harvest Hootenanny and Pumpkin Smash at Common Roots Urban Farm, the other was the Creative Nova Scotia Awards Gala at the Halifax Central Library.

At first glance, these events seemed to have little in common. For one, I arrived in rubber boots and arrived with a pumpkin in my bicycle pannier, for the other I attempted to dress up a little, but both were open to the public at no cost. Both were opportunities to engage in culture with strangers who could become new friends or colleagues, in a public space.

We live in a highly inequitable society, and yet we all need social interaction opportunities to experience beauty, and learn new things, and food. I congratulate the organizers of both events for welcoming all.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

LINDSAY, MARJORIE: PHILANTHROPY - CONGRATS.

MR. JOACHIM STROINK: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to acknowledge and honour one of my constituents in Halifax Chebucto - Marjorie Lindsay, who was bestowed an honorary degree this past weekend at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Ms. Lindsay is a lifetime philanthropist and a community-builder. Her involvement in support of community organization is impressive. She is a long-time board member for Victoria Hall, lifelong member of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, and a philanthropist to many other organizations throughout Nova Scotia, including Brigadoon.

Of special interest is her involvement with mental health advocacy. Mrs. Lindsay is the founding member of the Northwood Foundation Board and in 2012 was bestowed the Hedley G. Ivany Award for her lasting contribution to the community and in 2013 she was named outstanding individual philanthropist by the Nova Scotia Chapter of Associations of Fundraising Professionals.

Marjorie Lindsay has spent a lifetime improving the lives of those around her and I want to once again thank and congratulate her on all her incredible accomplishments and contributions.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

**ROBSON, JIM/HOLLINGSWORTH, AL:
CIOE 97.5 FM - FOUNDING CONGRATS.**

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, when community members gather together to work on a grassroots project they truly deserve recognition. I would like to congratulate Jim Robson and Al Hollingworth for spearheading the CIOE 97.5FM community radio initiative and turning it into a reality. CIOE 97.5 FM's primary mission is to deliver a top-quality broadcast service dedicated to informing, educating, stimulating, and entertaining listeners of all ages, through inclusive, community-driven spoken-word initiatives, special music-based programs, and hybrid music format.

The station also provides small businesses with an affordable, cost-effective alternative advertising vehicle, and promotes the talents of East Coast artists throughout Atlantic Canada nationally and beyond. CIOE 97.5 FM streams within the Cobequid region, and live over the Internet. We wish them many more years of continued success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

DOCTOR SHORTAGE: GOV'T. (N.S.) PROMISES - CLARIFY

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, the Premier promised a family doctor for every Nova Scotian during the 2013 election campaign. However, a couple of weeks ago, the member for Clare-Digby announced that this goal has been pushed down the road until 2026. This trial balloon - or should I say a lead balloon - is not going over very well with Nova Scotians.

Mr. Speaker, 100,000 residents are without a family doctor and perhaps the member for Bedford may wish to clarify the statement made by the member for Clare-Digby. If not, this must result in a new Liberal slogan because 2026 is too long for 100,000 Nova Scotians to wait for a family doctor. To be continued.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie.

FARRIS, CATHY: COMMUN. DEDICATION - THANK

HON. LLOYD HINES: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Cathy Farris. Mrs. Ferris has been a teacher since 1977 and a lifelong resident of Sheet Harbour. She and her husband Anthony have been long-time volunteers who have kept the MacPhee House Information Centre open to tourists and residents alike.

Cathy, on a yearly basis, writes the grants for summer students, sits on the hiring committee, and helps train the students who are hired to work at the MacPhee House Information Centre for the summer. She also oversees the property and grounds, ensuring that they are well maintained.

But that's not all this amazing woman does for her community. She sits as a director of the Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs. She is also the chairperson for the Sheet Harbour Marina Committee. Along with her many volunteer activities, she also takes part in the annual Terry Fox Run and helps raise thousands of dollars for the cause.

I want to thank Cathy for her unrelenting dedication to and love for her community. It's truly an inspiration. It's folks like her who volunteer who make their communities and our province a better place to live.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle-Barrington.

DOUCETTE, TIM: ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT - CONGRATS.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Astronomer Tim Doucette of Quinan in my constituency was born with vision problems and is now legally blind. But through an odd twist of fate, he can now perceive ultraviolet light.

Astronomy has been a lifelong passion for him. This led to him deciding to take advantage of the region's UNESCO Starlight designation and build an observatory in his backyard, named the Deep Sky Eye Observatory. The building is 20x12 feet, with a 9-foot dome. It is perched on the highest elevation in Quinan, with a 360-degree view using four high-powered telescopes.

This year Tim took part in the yearly Starlight Festival, which ran from September 27th to October 3rd, offering telescope and binocular observation sessions on site.

Please join me in congratulating Tim Doucette's entrepreneurial spirit and wishing him continued success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

HOLOCAUST EDUC. WK.: TOLERANCE/INCLUSION - IMPORTANCE

MS. MARIAN MANCINI: This week is Holocaust Education Week. There are a number of events and lectures, including a showing of The Mitzvah Project at the Halifax library. That's taking place today and tomorrow.

These events and lectures provide important opportunities to learn about the death of six million Jews, including 1.5 million children, across Europe. The deadliest genocide in history was undertaken by the Nazi regime between 1941 and 1945. Other ethnic and political groups were also oppressed and killed under this regime.

This week reminds us of the importance of tolerance and inclusion and of ensuring strong protection of human rights in countries around the world.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island.

HALLORAN, JACOB: DUKE & DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE - MEETING

HON. LABI KOUSOULIS: A university student in our community had the chance of a lifetime a few weeks ago. Jacob Halloran is a student at Dalhousie University and also a mental health advocate for Jack.org. He was recently given the honour of meeting the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge during their visit to Canada.

Jack.org is the only national non-profit organization comprised of young leaders focused on ending mental health stigma. Jacob has represented the organization at different events, giving a youth perspective on mental health. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge themselves have been outspoken advocates of children's mental health.

This opportunity for Jacob and Jack.org to meet with them will only strengthen the public discussion of mental health awareness and help in fighting against the stigma tied to it.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

LEBLANC, DENISE: A-Z PLAYSCHOOL - CARE THANK

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: For 27 years, Denise LeBlanc of Fordview in Margaree Valley has made a difference in the lives of preschoolers. Her three- and four-year-old students know her as “Miss Dee,” and they enjoy special experiences close to home. This includes visits to her family farm so that they can see the cattle, sheep, laying hens, and Belgian horses. It also includes visits from police officers, dental hygienists, recycling experts, and other professionals in the community who speak to the children about their careers.

Let us thank Denise for the love and care she provides to the next generation of our province at the A-Z Playschool.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

DAL. AGRIC. CAMPUS: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES - INCLUSIVENESS

MS. LENORE ZANN: The Dalhousie Agricultural Campus has officially renamed River Road “Sipu Awti,” reflecting the literal Mi’kmaq translation of its name. This gesture was made in the spirit of acknowledging the resilience of the indigenous Mi’kmaq people and their language. This signifies a commitment by the university to become a welcoming community for indigenous peoples as well as all students.

Additionally, in June 2016, the Mi’kmaq Grand Council flag was permanently installed on the AC Campus, acknowledging that the campus sits on traditional territory of the indigenous Mi’kmaq people. I wish to congratulate Dalhousie Agricultural Campus and also in particular Dean David Gray and Assistant Dean Keltie Jones. Thank you, merci, and wela’lin for your inclusive and compassionate leadership.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

OPERATION GIRL GUIDE COOKIES - HMCS FREDERICTON

HON. MARK FUREY: Being away from home is never easy, so when the opportunity to participate in a top secret mission to get a little taste of home aboard the HMCS Fredericton presented itself, we couldn’t resist. Operation Girl Guide Cookies commenced, securing two cases of Girl Guide Cookies from local Guider Stella Bowles.

Next steps required packaging and shipping to the HMCS Fredericton while they were on tour in the Mediterranean. I’m happy to report, Mr. Speaker, that the mission was a success. Cookies were distributed, and the milk machine on board the HMCS Fredericton received a great workout.

A sincere thank you to Bridgewater resident Leading Seaman Chris West and his shipmates for their service and sacrifice. Operation Girl Guide Cookies was just a small way for your community to express our gratitude and appreciation.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

**ZUETHOFF, TONY/PICTONIAN FARMS:
HORSE BREEDING/HARNESS RACING - CONGRATS.**

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: I am pleased to rise today and acknowledge Tony Zuethoff, of Pictonian Farms in Pictou, who was recently honoured for his long-time work in harness racing.

Mr. Zuethoff was recognized by his peers with the Glen Kennedy Memorial Award for his contribution to the breeding of standardbred horses and Atlantic Canadian harness racing. Under the leadership of Mr. Zuethoff, Pictonian Farms has raised more than 100 yearlings with the Pictonian prefix, with many of them becoming Atlantic Sires Stakes participants as well as championship-calibre horses.

I congratulate Tony Zuethoff and Pictonian Farms for his outstanding accomplishments in horse breeding and harness racing.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

ENVIRON. STANDARDS: MIN. - APPROACH RETHINK

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: I was concerned to learn that this government has revised the rules for the waste-to-energy facilities.

In a letter sent in September to stakeholders, the executive director for sustainability and applied science advised stakeholders that the waste-to-energy technology will now be subject to less-onerous Class 1 environmental assessment. This seems to be a backwards approach to improving environmental standards and fighting climate change. Now if someone wants to burn tires for energy, they will go through a less-stringent environmental assessment process.

This is cause for concern. I call on the minister to rethink her government's approach to improving environmental standards in this province.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

**FORT MCMURRAY FIRE VICTIMS:
WINDSOR CITIZENS/ORGANIZATIONS - ASSISTANCE THANK**

MR. CHUCK PORTER: I would like to recognize the efforts of several organizations that gathered together on Father's Day, June 19, 2016, to lend a helping hand to victims of the Fort McMurray fire.

VanEssa Roberts, the recreation director with the Town of Windsor, assisted in organizing a ticket auction, barbecue, musical acts, and the children's events for the day. Members of the Windsor Fire Department, RCMP Victim Services, the Windsor Lions Club, and musical acts like the John Geddes Band and the Fret Notes all volunteered their time for the event.

In 1897, when the Town of Windsor experienced a fire that burned through the entire town, relief efforts came in from all over. It was a natural thing for the community to come together to assist others in their time of need.

I would like to thank all the organizations that participated that day and the members of the community who dropped by to show their support.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

MARSON, MARY/MONROE, CLEVELAND: RELAY FOR LIFE - THANK

HON. PAT DUNN: It is important to recognize those key community members who take the time to plan and coordinate large-scale events. I would like to acknowledge Mary Marson and Cleveland Monroe for leading the Sackville Relay for Life.

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life gives communities the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors and remember and honour loved ones lost. The Sackville event took place on June 10th at Acadia Park and raised more than \$35,000. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Relay for Life. I wish them many more years of continued success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

BREAST CANCER ACTION N.S. - FUNDRAISER

HON. KELLY REGAN: I would like to take a moment today to talk about a recent event in Bedford that raised money and underwear for some good causes. On October 14th, Silken Lingerie in Sunnyside Mall, hosted their 2nd annual fundraiser for Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia, or BCANS.

The event included a fashion show featuring styles from Sunnyside Mall stores Silken Lingerie, Poppy and Olive, and Bedazzled. Many of the other shops in the mall, including the Middle Spoon, Davids Tea, Newfoundland Chocolate Company, The Body Shop, Cristall, Pete's, Shoppers, Hallmark, Brain Candy, Shades Salon, Blossoms, Stokes, and Indigo all participated as well. There was wine and cheese, a silent auction, and lots of giveaways.

The event was organized by Silken Lingerie store manager Adele Hallal and store owner Morva Castellina. The silent auction raised \$678. Morva matched that, so together with donations at the door, the event raised \$1,796 for BCANS.

Mr. Speaker, to make the event even nicer, a Silken Lingerie supplier, Wacoal Bra, stepped in as a main sponsor and presented Adsum House and Alice Housing with 300 bras and panties for the residents. Congratulations to all.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

TIBBETTS ELECTRICAL - ANNA. VALLEY C OF C AWARD

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, at the recent Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, Outstanding Small Business of the Year was awarded to Tibbetts Electrical.

Tibbetts Electrical Contracting has specialized in the design, installation, and maintenance of residential, commercial, and industrial electrical systems since 1989. The business has recently expanded to the Kentville Business Park and has been presented with the 20-year Better Business Bureau A+ rating award.

Mr. Speaker, they believe trust is an essential component to operating a business - trust in the contractor, the staff, and the suppliers. I would like to congratulate Dawna and Eric Tibbetts for their years of success and wish them many more.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

NATL. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMN. - CALL TO ACTION 26

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, the 26th call to action from last year's national Truth and Reconciliation Commission report reads as follows: "We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to review and amend their respective statutes of limitations to ensure that they conform to the principle that governments and other entities cannot rely on limitation defences to defend legal actions of historical abuse brought by Aboriginal people."

If we are to fully redress the legacy of residential schools and advance reconciliation in this province, we must acknowledge past injustices and allow them to go through the courts. I look forward to hearing how this government intends to fulfill this call to action. With the Premier as the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, there is simply no excuse to just sit on our hands. Together we must act to fulfill every recommendation of the TRC, and I expect the Premier to do so.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

DEMOND, KATHERINE: ACCOMPLISHMENTS - CONGRATS.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, it takes a lot of commitment to move to another part of the country, away from friends and family, to pursue a dream. For Katherine Demond of Parkdale-Maplewood, that commitment has been paying off. The 17-year-old has been training in Quebec City as part of a sports and study program, immersed in her daily synchronized swimming training, since she was 13 years old. This summer, Catherine placed fifth in a field of 65 swimmers in the United States Open in California. She was competing against other countries such as the United States, Great Britain, and Mexico. She told the local newspaper it has been hard at times but it is what she loves to do.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Katherine for all she has accomplished and wish her the best in her future. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

CELTIC COLOURS (20th ANL.): VOLTS./PERFORMERS - SALUTE

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the army of volunteers and performers who made the 20th annual Celtic Colours Festival the best one yet. One of Canada's premier musical events takes place nine days in October, during our most spectacular season of changing colours. Hundreds of events and activities take place all over Cape Breton Island, and some of the world's finest musicians share the stage with Cape Breton's best artists.

Tens of thousands of visitors, from more than two dozen countries, have experienced Celtic Colours. I encourage all members to join in next year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

FAIRN, HUGH: WOLFVILLE - SERV. THANK

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Hugh Fairn for 54 years of membership in the Rotary Club of Wolfville. With more than half a century of service,

Mr. Fairn was instrumental in projects that have become legacies to the residents of Wolfville. His efforts saw the creation of Stile Park, which offers several public walking trails, and Rotary Field, which provides public recreation space for tennis and soccer. He was also instrumental in maintaining the Sunken Lake Scout Camp and is known as a very talented live auctioneer, a role he took on to raise funds for the club's projects in the early years. In 1990 Mr. Fairn received the Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his substantial contribution to Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, I'd like to thank Mr. Hugh Fairn for over half a century of service to the community of Wolfville.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

DUEY, ALICE - HANTS CO. EX. AWARDS

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Alice Duey, a persistent nine-year-old, not only won the top Junior Dairy Showman at the Hants County Exhibition but was named the grand champion at the dairy show for all of Hants County. Alice is a proud member of the Avon 4-H Club and parents Cynthia and Ian, dairy farm operators in Upper Falmouth, are extremely proud of their daughter.

I congratulate Alice for all of her accomplishments and wish her all the best.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Beaver Bank.

VEHICLES - WINTERIZE

MR. STEPHEN GOUGH: Mr. Speaker, we have been really spoiled by the mild temperatures we have been experiencing this Fall. As the colder temperatures are now slowly coming, I am reminded there are already those who have had their car batteries quit, not allowing them to start their vehicles, usually in the mornings. That should really tell us that we need to be thinking about winterizing our vehicles while the weather is still co-operating.

I am sure we all know that the weather in Nova Scotia can change very quickly, often leaving us unprepared. Some winter preparation is getting winter tires installed, windshield wipers replaced, and any vehicle maintenance that we have been putting off.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

GILLIS, GEORGIE: CAN. SEN. GAMES - CONGRATS.

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, congratulations of Georgie Gillis of Inverness who won six gold medals at this year's Canadian Senior Games. For her

achievements, she was chosen to be Nova Scotia's flagbearer. Georgie is a retired school teacher who started running when she was 39 years old and has since run in 31 marathons.

Inverness has benefited from her passion for the sport, through the Learn to Run program, which she started a few years back. Let us acknowledge Ms. Gillis on her success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

HOARE, GEOFF: BMX PUMP & JUMP PARK - CONGRATS.

MS. JOYCE TREEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell you about the new BMX Pump and Jump Park in Eastern Passage that opened on October 16, 2016. While walking his dog on the Eastern Passage commons and seeing an area of unused land, Geoff Hoare thought it would be a great location for a BMX park. Geoff started his mission back in 2011. He realized early on he did not have the skill set to complete this project alone so he enlisted the help of others, along with his partner Wendy. Geoff and the group were able to raise \$9,000 with the help of the community. Some of the key sponsors were Bicycle Nova Scotia, NTT Data Canada Incorporated and sponsorships from Bikes Halifax and Gaudet Building Contract Limited.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this House of Assembly to congratulate Geoff and his team on bringing this amazing park to the community for all ages to enjoy.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Whitney Pier.

SALVATION ARMY/UNITED WAY OF C.B.: WORK - RECOGNIZE

MR. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two great organizations in my community, the Salvation Army and the United Way of Cape Breton. During the recent floods that took place in my community both organizations worked tirelessly to ensure that the money raised made it to the families that needed it the most. They worked day in and day out to ensure that if people wanted to donate, they could do so and that the families that needed support with immediate assistance - whether it was clothes or power or food - both organizations were there to support our entire community.

I rise in my place, Mr. Speaker, to recognize both the Salvation Army and the United Way for the tremendous work they did in the last number of weeks but also the work they do every day for the residents of the CBRM and Cape Breton Island.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

PAYNE, NIKKI - COMEDY AWARDS

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to rise today to recognize the talented and funny Nikki Payne. Nikki is from Lower Sackville and has gained international recognition over the years. Nikki was born with a cleft palate and is well known for incorporating her lisp into her act. She works with the AboutFace organization which supports children with facial differences. She has been the recipient of three Canadian Comedy Awards for Best Stand-up Newcomer and Best Female Stand-up.

I ask the members of the House to join me in congratulating Nikki Payne on making people laugh, and wish her continued success in all her endeavours.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare-Digby.

CREIGHTON, RACHEL - LT.-GOV.'S AWARD

MR. GORDON WILSON: Mr. Speaker, the Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizen award recognizes students who are making a positive difference in their schools, their communities and their province. It recognizes young people who take initiative to make positive changes and address the difficult issues facing their schools and their communities. Given the stigma around mental health it is one of the most difficult and most isolating issues facing young people, especially our youth.

Rachel Creighton knew that there were a number of students in her high school facing mental health issues and, instead of denying or avoiding the issue, she decided to try to help. She believed that students need a support system and she organized biweekly meetings where they could all meet. It was a safe place for students to talk about mental health and meet with professionals from the community.

Congratulations, Rachel, both on receiving this award and on being a positive example to your peers and your community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

ADLER, DAVID/HOOKED HFX. - SUCCESS WISH

MR. IAIN RANKIN: I would like to congratulate Dave Adler on his latest business adventure, Hooked Halifax, located on Charles Street.

Dave has worked for a number of years with the Ecology Action Centre's Off the Hook, a community-supported fisheries program that works to connect consumers with local small-scale fishers and Slow Fish Canada.

Hooked Halifax, which opened mid-October, is part of a network of similar shops in Ontario started by his friends from Slow Fish. Through the Hooked network, fresh products from all across the country will be available to Hooked Halifax, and fresh seafood from the East Coast will be available across the country.

I would like the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in commending Hooked Halifax for its fair and sustainable practices, and wish Dave and his family much success with this latest venture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll move to Government Business.

The honourable Government House Leader

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, there are more Members' Statements before you move to that.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton-Richmond.

LT.-GOV.'S MEDAL: STRAIT AREA STUDENTS - CONGRATS.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: The Lieutenant-Governor's Education Medal is awarded annually to Grade 11 students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in school and community and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled, and once again last Spring the Strait Area celebrated the awarding of the medals to some extremely deserving recipients.

At the awards ceremony held at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School, in Antigonish, His Honour Brigadier General J. J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia presented medals to Richmond Education Centre/Academy's Selena Marie DeWolf, and Kelzie Claire Gionet, and to the Strait Area Education Recreation Centre's Janine Grace Lock and Megan Eileen MacNeil.

Please join me in congratulating these hard-working students and in wishing them nothing but success in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

TIR EMPLOYEES: THANKSGIVING FLOOD - ASSISTANCE THANK

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take time today to offer a huge thank you to the employees of TIR who look after the needs of the people of Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg. As you know, Cape Breton was hard hit by flooding on Thanksgiving weekend. There were millions of dollars of damage to our public infrastructure, roads were closed, bridges were washed out, culverts washed away, and

shoulders of the road disappeared. Employees and private contractors under the capable supervision of operation supervisor Mike Boudreau, Danny Laffin, and Paul Whalen have worked every day since the flood event repairing the damage knowing that winter is around the corner.

I would ask all the members of this Legislature join me and the residents of Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg to extend our sincere thanks to all these individuals for their hard work and dedication.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare-Digby.

**DOELLE, GILBERTE & SIEGMAR:
SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES - TEACHING**

MR. GORDON WILSON: When going through Gilberts Cove you come upon the Wild Rose Farm, the certified organic farm of Gilberte and Siegmur Doelle. In addition to growing vegetables, flowers and herbs, and raising livestock, the Doelles have taken on a mission to teach the rest of us about sustainable farming practices and caring for the land.

When the Envirothon Team from Annapolis West Education Centre needed a place to learn about soil and land use they went on a field trip to Wild Rose Farm. The team met with the Doelles and then were sent out with probes to gather soil samples to be tested. The Doelles willingness to teach others is not unusual; they regularly open their farm on public Open Farm Day, host workshops, and participate on various projects. They have given workshops at Festival de Clare-te for the last three years, including one on Gardening 101 and Healthy Gardening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Doelles for teaching the rest of us about gardening while still respecting the land. Thank you

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

EAST. PASSAGE-COW BAY FD: OPEN HOUSE - THANK

MS. JOYCE TREEN: I rise today to tell you about the Eastern Passage-Cow Bay Fire Hall annual open house. Every year the local fire hall holds an open house to start off Fire Prevention Week. This year they had a beautiful Saturday for their event with lots of people in attendance. They did a great job educating everyone on the importance of fire prevention and how to take precautions against house fires. There was face painting, hot dogs, and drinks and games for the kids. The children and the adults took tours of all the fire trucks in the fire hall, and I was also permitted to put on all the fire gear that weighed a ton. The community looks forward to this day every year and it is always such a great time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this House of Assembly to thank all the firemen and women, and everyone involved in arranging this important annual event. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

**QUINN, TRACEY/MACDONALD, LISA:
STRONG GIRLS LEADERSHIP ASSOC. - CONGRATS.**

MR. IAIN RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Tracey Quinn, vice-principal at Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Senior Elementary School and co-founder of Strong Girls Leadership Association, a grassroots project designed to help young women explore and enhance their self-esteem, self-image, social relationships, and personal growth. The program, which runs throughout the school year, is making a strong and positive difference in the lives of many young girls. Tracey wrote the curriculum collaboratively with Lisa MacDonald, her fellow co-founder, also a vice principal in an HRSB Elementary School, so that participants learned how to empower themselves from the inside out, which really shifts some of their mindsets. "It's teaching them how to use their inner qualities to be at their own best. Not the best. But their best."

I would like the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Tracey and Lisa on this wonderful and powerful initiative, and wish them well in the future. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

**BRIDGEWATER BULLDOGS PEEWEE BASEBALL TEAM
- PROV. CHAMPIONS**

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, the Bridgewater Bulldogs Pee Wee baseball team had quite a summer. Coaches Chris Zinck, Jamie Randall and Steven Risser pulled a team of young up and coming baseball stars from Chester, Bridgewater, and surrounding areas together, and coaxed them to the provincial finals on September 4th, that went long into the night. The Bulldogs came out of this game provincial champions, bringing the banner home to their association. This success would not have been possible if not for the dedicated coaches who took the time to coach and develop the skills of these young players.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Bridgewater Bulldog Pee Wee baseball team for the successful season, and wish them good luck next year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

MAYNARD, PAUL - PREMIER'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Paul Maynard, who is Deputy Fire Chief with the Hantsport Fire Department and serves as the volunteer coordinator with the Public Safety and Field Communication department. On June 7, 2016, Mr. Maynard was one of 12 public servants who received the Premier's Award of Excellence. The award is the most prestigious award a public servant can receive from the province, and recognizes outstanding on-the-job contributions of employees and teams of employees. Paul was part of a seven-member team that worked on the Nova Scotia Trunked Mobile Radio 2 project. The project, which took about two years to implement, is a state-of-the-art mobile radio communications platform that connects all emergency service providers.

I'd like to congratulate Paul on receiving the Premier's Award of Excellence and thank him for his service in the community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

ROMKEY, DARREN: PARAMEDIC SERV. (25 YRS.) - CONGRATS.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, the life of a paramedic isn't an easy one, they are subject to scenes and situations that most of us are fortunate enough not to have to experience. Most importantly, they are there when we need them, and they save lives.

Darren Romkey of Lunenburg is one of those paramedics. He has been recognized by the Minister of Health and Wellness, and the province, for having reached 25 years of service as a paramedic. It seems that keeping us safe is somewhat of a priority for Darren, as he has also been with the Lunenburg Fire Department for 29 years, and is currently serving as their chief.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Darren for his 25 years of service as a paramedic and wish him all the best for the rest of his career. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

LYNCH, SHANE: ARTISTIC VOCATION - PERSEVERANCE

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, at the age of 16, Mr. Shane Lynch of North Alton was in a car accident and sustained a spinal cord injury that left him quadriplegic. During his rehabilitation, he met a fellow patient who tried to teach him to paint with a strap tied to his hand. That didn't work. Mr. Lynch didn't give up. He persevered and taught himself how to paint with his mouth. Today he is a member of the Association of Mouth

and Foot Painting Artists and sells his work internationally. His beautiful paintings depict country and wildlife scenes that remind him of the places he used to go.

On behalf of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, I would like to recognize and congratulate Mr. Shane Lynch for his perseverance, ingenuity, creativity, and dedication to his vocation as an artist. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Beaver Bank.

NATL. CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MO. (10/16) - PROTECTION

MR. STEPHEN GOUGH: Mr. Speaker, October was National Cyber Security Awareness Month. This annual campaign is to raise awareness about cyber security not only at home on our personal computers, but also at our offices, as we are more inclined to open emails that we're not familiar with.

There are a few things we can do to protect ourselves. First, make our passwords creative, beware when opening email we are not familiar with, not to open attachments unless we are absolutely sure about their origins, and finally, report anything suspicious. We need to be mindful at home as well, and keep our families from becoming a target. The world is more connected than ever before, and the Internet touches almost all aspects of our daily lives, whether we realize it or not.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

ASH LEE JEFFERSON ELEM. SCH. - FORT MCMURRAY FUNDRAISING

MR. BILL HORNE: Mr. Speaker, I want to draw your attention to our charity-minded students at Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School in Fall River. On hearing about the devastation caused by wildfires this summer in Fort McMurray, student Parker Hall donated her birthday money to the Red Cross appeal. The school, as a whole, raised \$1,255. Another group of local children from Laura's Sewing Studio in Fall River came up with an enterprising way to raise money by creating magic bags to sell. Fall River Sobeys and Walmart in Bedford graciously donated the rice to fill the bags.

Through sales of the bags, and revenue matched by our local Credit Union and government, a total of \$3,050 was raised. I'm proud to be part of a community that is so gracious in helping others across Canada. Congratulations to all the young people who worked hard in raising funds for Fort McMurray.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

HARVEST HOOTENANNY: ORGANIZERS - CONGRATS.

MR. JOACHIM STROINK: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jayme Melrose and Nicola Parker and the team at the Common Roots Urban Farm for another successful Harvest Hootenanny and Pumpkin Smash event held this past weekend. This weekend's events wrapped up Common Roots Urban Farm's fifth season, with families from across the Halifax peninsula gathering for good food, good company, music, and of course, lots of pumpkin smashing. From all accounts, a record number of pumpkins and derelict jack-o-lanterns were smashed to be used as compost for the next year's gardens.

Like the crops, the success of Common Roots Urban Farm gardens continue to grow, and this past season saw 175 plots rented and a waiting list of 150 more. It's clear there is an appetite for this type of initiative in our urban centres. Food security is an important issue, and one that Common Roots Urban Farm helps to address by donating excess or leftover crops to local food banks.

Once again, I'd like to acknowledge and congratulate the organizers of the successful Harvest Hootenanny and Pumpkin Smash, and I look forward to another bountiful season at Common Roots Urban Farm in 2017.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle-Barrington.

ACADIAN MAPLE PRODUCTS: SUCCESS - CONGRATS.

HON. CHRISOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, thriving local businesses represent vision, dedication, and persistence. Therefore, it's my honour to rise and congratulate the success that Acadian Maple Products has had.

Acadian Maple Products is owned by the Allaway family of Upper Tantallon. Acadian Maple Products started as a hobby in the family basement, and turned into a product that is distributed worldwide. They have been in the maple industry in our province for over 30 years, and are the largest purchasers and processors of Nova Scotia-produced maple syrup. They are consistently developing new products and growing in sales. They have over 30,000 visitors a year at their retail shop in Tantallon.

I'd like to ask the House to join me in congratulating Acadian Maple Products and wish them many more years of success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

DAVISON, PETER: *GIFT OF THE HIT* - CONGRATS.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues here in the House have spoken about the events that changed their lives forever. There is a man in my riding

who faces a similar challenge. Peter Davison had a career as a motivational speaker when he discovered he had Parkinson's disease. Peter calls that discovery the hit - that moment when his life changed forever. But as Peter says, "life happens, then you get to choose." He notes it's how he handled life's hits that determines whether those hard knocks become gifts.

So, since that time, Peter has married and become a father to two children, and he's co-written a book, *Gift of the Hit*. In it, people tell their stories of the hit and how that life-changing moment became a gift for them. I read it recently, and found it completely engrossing - I couldn't put it down. I wanted to bring this book to the attention of the House so I could congratulate Peter, but also because my colleagues may know of those who are going through tough times, and they might find it helpful too.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

ST. F.X. WOMEN'S RUGBY/SOCCER TEAMS: AWARDS - CONGRATS.

HON. RANDY DELOREY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the St. F.X. Women's Rugby team which has won their fifth national university rugby title this past weekend. I would also like to congratulate the St. F.X. X-Women's Soccer Team, which took home the AUS banner this weekend.

I guess, Mr. Speaker, you could say 2016 has been a banner year for St. F.X. women's athletics.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: That concludes the government's business for this evening. There are a couple of items for tomorrow.

Law Amendments will be meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Bill No. 52, Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, will be considered, as well as Bill No. 61, the Construction Projects Labour Relations Act.

I should point out that Bill No. 59, the Accessibility Act, will not be considered tomorrow morning, just so that there's no confusion caused at Law Amendments tomorrow.

The House will sit tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Following the Daily Routine, there will be Committee of the Whole House on Bill Nos. 55 and 62, third reading of Bill No. 22, any other business that may arise from those bills, and as well possibly, Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now rise to meet again from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8th.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for the House to rise to meet again tomorrow, November 8th, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The House now stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

[The House rose at 5:06 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**RESOLUTION NO. 415**

By: Mr. Andrew Younger (Dartmouth East)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the \$19 million Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre is an exciting new facility led by the Membertou Council and serving Cape Breton, featuring two ice surfaces; and

Whereas Paul Carroll has long been an advocate and supporter of sports and recreation in the community, particularly as it relates to hockey; and

Whereas Paul Carroll has been appointed the general manager for the facility;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Paul Carroll on his appointment as general manager of the Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre and wish him every success in his new career.

RESOLUTION NO. 416

By: Hon. Kevin Murphy (The Speaker)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nathan Lloyd Smith grew up in the community of Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia, the son of Lloyd and Charlotte and brother to Karen; and

Whereas Nathan graduated from Eastern Shore District High School and Seneca College with high honours and subsequently joined the Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas Private Nathan Smith of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry proudly served his country in Afghanistan, where in the pursuit of freedom and democracy, he laid his life down in the theatre of operations on April 17, 2002;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in posthumously thanking Private Nathan Lloyd Smith for his sacrifice in the name of our country and all that we stand for.

RESOLUTION NO. 417

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of the many volunteers who work to make Bedford a terrific place in which to live; and

Whereas father and daughter duo Mike Baker and Jessica Andrus have each spent 17 years as basketball coaches, working for and on the board of the Bedford Minor Basketball Association, with Jessica spending six hours per week on her duties since age 13, and with Mike's coaching resulting in several provincial championships and in team members becoming university players; and

Whereas Mike has also coached and served on the board of the Bedford Soccer Association for 11 years, and both he and Jessica have worked for many years with the Thunder Selects Elite Training program, whose mandate is to provide an opportunity for every player to achieve their highest level of competitive play in an environment that is positive, fun, challenging, and rewarding;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mike Baker and Jessica Andrus, who, through basketball, have taught many good and lasting life lessons to young girls and who embody the best in examples of great coaching.

RESOLUTION NO. 418

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of the many volunteers who work to make Bedford a terrific place in which to live; and

Whereas Aline Bond has participated in the outreach and activities of the Bedford Leisure Club, taking on the role of president, managing the kitchen for events and meetings, ensuring that all Ivany Place seniors received wrapped Christmas gifts purchased by the club, and participating in Elderobics and music nights; and

Whereas Aline has made a difference in her community since her children were very young, assisting for 11 years with Bedford Ringette, working as a leader with Brownies and Guides, serving her church since 1984 and for 10 years as the president of the parish ladies' guild, and currently also volunteers with activities and projects at Ivany Place in the Continuing Care Unit;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Aline Bond on being honoured at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for her continuing role as a highly-valued volunteer in her community, her church, and the activities of the Bedford Leisure Club.

RESOLUTION NO. 419

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of the many volunteers who work to make Bedford a terrific place in which to live; and

Whereas Albert Tanguay has volunteered with the Bedford Lawn Bowls Club as a greens keeper and has implemented a plan for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility without needing direction and always works positively and productively; and

Whereas Albert is always available for any activities, matches, and tournaments at the club, and is usually the first to arrive and the last to leave;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Albert Tanguay on being honoured at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for his extensive contributions to the Bedford Lawn Bowls Club and thank him for being a significant volunteer in the sport.

RESOLUTION NO. 420

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of the many volunteers who work to make Bedford a terrific place in which to live; and

Whereas Michelle LeBlanc has been involved with the breakfast program at École Beaubassin for five years and is well noted for her generosity, organization skills, leadership abilities, and most of all empathy; and

Whereas Michelle LeBlanc is also an assistant manager of the Atom AA hockey team and has been known to prepare and offer lunches to families that are in need at the school by donating her time and food;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michelle on being honoured at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception in April 2016 for her extensive contributions at École Beaubassin and for sharing her generosity with others.

RESOLUTION NO. 421

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of the many volunteers who work to make Bedford a terrific place in which to live; and

Whereas Thomas George (Mike) Prescott has been with the Bedford Repair and Recreation group for two years; and

Whereas Thomas George (Mike) Prescott volunteered his time and talents at the Fultz House Museum from 2000 to 2011, helping with maintenance and repairs, and effectively made the organization a better part of the community and the community a better place;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Thomas George (Mike) Prescott on being honoured at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for his extensive contributions to the Bedford Repair and Recreation group and indeed to life in Bedford and thank him for making such a significant difference in the lives of his fellow citizens.

RESOLUTION NO. 422

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Grace Whiffen, a native of Newfoundland, passed away peacefully at home in Clayton Park West on April 1, 2016, in her 97th year; and

Whereas in her youth, Grace left her home and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII, and was posted to Halifax and Ottawa; and

Whereas when the war ended, Grace returned to Pouch Cove, Newfoundland, and married war veteran Len Whiffen, and they made their lives in Ontario working and raising a family before retiring and coming “home” to Nova Scotia in 1995;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House offer our sincere condolences to the family of Grace Whiffen on losing such a gracious, loving, and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and take a moment to remember the adventurous and brave young women like Grace who joined the Armed Forces between 1939 and 1945.

RESOLUTION NO. 423

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas since 2002, Phillip Amey of Rockingham has been a dedicated VON driver, providing safe and reliable transport services to help patients get to important appointments; and

Whereas VON Greater Halifax nominated Phillip for the Mainland North Volunteer Awards 2016 to recognize his long history of volunteering with the organization and his reputation among clients for having a gentle manner and quiet humour which put them at ease at a sometimes difficult time; and

Whereas on Many 28th, the Mainland North Volunteer Committee honoured Phillip Amey for his years of service to the VON at their Annual Volunteer Awards banquet;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House join me in congratulating Phillip Amey on receiving this honour from the Mainland North Volunteer Committee and wish him continued success in his volunteer work.