



House of Assembly
Nova Scotia

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

Speaker: Honourable Kevin Murphy

Published by Order of the Legislature by Hansard Reporting Services and printed by the Queen's Printer.

Available on INTERNET at <http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/proceedings/hansard/>

First Session

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

TABLE OF CONTENTS	PAGE
PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS:	
TIR: Stonehurst North & South Roads - Repair, Ms. S. Lohnes-Croft.....	102
TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS:	
Elections N.S. - Chief Electoral Office Anl. Rept. (2016 - 2017), The Speaker	102
Elections N.S. - Statement of Votes & Statistics (Vol. 1), The Speaker	102
GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION:	
Res. 157, Invictus Games: Nova Scotians/Team Can. - Congrats., The Premier.....	103
Vote - Affirmative.....	103
Res. 158, Medic Mon. (5 th Anl.) - Acknowledge, Hon. R. Delorey	104
Vote - Affirmative.....	104
Res. 159, N.S. Police/Peace Officers: Serv. - Thank, Hon. M. Furey.....	104
Vote - Affirmative.....	105

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Cole Hbr.-Portland Valley MLA Campaign: Supporters - Thank, Hon. T. Ince	105
Sch. Options Comm. - Participants Thank, Ms. B. Adams	106
Sherwood, Ian: Album Release - Congrats., Ms. S. Leblanc	106
Southend Commun. Ctr. - Completion, Hon. D. Mombourquette	106
Tax Changes: Opposition Res. - Support, Hon. J. Baillie	107
MacLeod, Gerald B./Fairview Hist. Soc.: Dedication - Recognize, Hon. P. Arab	107
Hillier, Alex: Cancer Awareness - Support Thank, Mr. K. Bain	108
Googoo, Chief Morley: Atl. Assembly First Nations - Appt., Ms. L. Zann.....	108
Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank MLA Campaign - Vols. Thank, Mr. B. Horne	109
MacDonald, Judge Clyde F./MacKenzie, Phillip: Historical Research - Recognize, Hon. P. Dunn	109
QuinFest (10 th): Organizers - Congrats., Hon. G. Burrill	109
Chester-St. Margaret's MLA Campaign - Electors Thank, Mr. H. MacKay	110
Medic Mon.: Paramedics - Salute, Ms. E. Smith-McCrossin.....	110
Free Spirit Farm: Work - Highlight, Ms. L. Roberts.....	110
Hammonds Plains Area Bus. Assoc./Hammonds Plains Commun. Ctr.: Heritage Day - Congrats., Mr. B. Jessome	111
Purcell, Lisa/Get the Scoop: Opening - Congrats., Ms. S. Lohnes-Croft.....	111
New Leaf: Cookbook Publication - Commend, Ms. K. MacFarlane	112
B.C. Film Ind. - Historic Yr., Ms. S. Leblanc	112
Eldin Ahmed, Mohey: Volunteering - Congrats., Ms. R. DiCostanzo.....	112
Mayo, Bob: Retirement - Congrats., Mr. T. Halman.....	113
Square Roots Prog. - Recommend, Ms. L. Zann.....	113

Shelley, Diana - Sovereign's Medal for Vols., Mr. K. Irving	114
Burrows, Jim & Leslie - Success Congrats., Mr. L. Harrison	114
Hfx. Chebucto MLA/C.B. Ctr. MLA: Legislature Demonstration (09/21) - Speakers, Hon. G. Burrill.....	115
Doucette, Jeanne - Yar. Walk Against Bullying (6 th Anl.), Hon. Z. Churchill	115
Balesdent, Claude & Paula/Red Knights - Fundraising, Mr. T. Houston.....	115
Can. Summer Games: Participants - Congrats., Hon. M. Furey.....	116
Cobequid Cultural Society - Design Unveiling, Mr. B. Johns.....	116
All-Craft: Awards - Congrats., Hon. K. Regan.....	117
Oulton, Josh: Nuffield Scholarship - Congrats., Mr. J. Lohr	117
Snyder, Tracy: Free Spirits Softball Team - Participation, Hon. K. Casey	118
La Société Saint-Pierre: Culture acadienne - contribution remerciement, Mr. A. MacMaster.....	118
N.S. Paramedics - Recognize, Hon. David Wilson	119
Kings West MLA Campaign: Supporters - Thank, Hon. L. Glavine.....	119
Queens Gen. Hosp. Auxiliary: Hosp. Hustle Fundraiser - Congrats., Ms. K. Masland.....	120
Boucher, Warden Russell: Death of - Tribute, Hon. R. Delorey	120
Oland Brewery - Anniv. (150 th), Mr. E. Orrell.....	121
Provo, Davonte - St. F.X. Basketball Success, Hon. K. Colwell	121
McLachlan, Allen - Memorial Serv., Hon. M. Miller	122
Kempton, Michelle/Vols.: Mar. Race Weekend Assoc. - Fundraising, Ms. B. Adams	122
Rhythm by the Sea: Organizers - Congrats., Mr. Gordon Wilson.....	123
Liberal Tax Grab - Oppose, Ms. E. Smith-McCrossin.....	123

Canada 150 Celebration: Guysborough-East. Shore-Tracadie - Commend, Hon. L. Hines	124
Northside-Westmount MLA - Election Accomplishment, Mr. T. Houston.....	124
Hfx. Armdale MLA Campaign: Supporters - Thank, Hon. L. Diab	124
Cole Hbr. Harvest Fest (2017) - Acknowledge, Hon. T. Ince	125
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:	
GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:	
ADDRESS IN REPLY:	
Mr. H. MacKay	126
Ms. E. Smith-McCrossin.....	139
Ms. C. Chender	148
Mr. B. Maguire	153
Mr. T. Halman.....	156
[GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION:]	
Res. 1, Deputy Speakers/Chairmen on Committees: Hants West MLA/ Lunenburg MLA - Appt., Hon. G. MacLellan Hon. C. d'Entremont.....	164
Hon. David Wilson	167
Hon. J. Baillie	169
ADJOURNMENT, House rose to meet again on Tue., Sept. 26 th at 1:00 p.m.....	174
NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3):	
Tabled 09/22/17:	
Res. 9, Forward, Kyle - Tae Kwon Do Achievements, Hon. K. Colwell	175
Res. 10, Conrad, Mr. Kim - Commun. Contributions, Hon. K. Colwell	175
Res. 11, Giberson, Linwood, David & Peter - Bus. Achievements, Hon. K. Colwell	176
Res. 12, Ogunrinde, Debi - Acad. Achievements, Hon. K. Colwell	176
Res. 13, Smith, Rodger - Commun. Contributions, Hon. K. Colwell	177
Res. 14, Thomas, Cst. Anthony - Commun. Contributions, Hon. K. Colwell	177
Res. 15, Booker, Kienja - Bus. Achievement, Hon. K. Colwell	178
Res. 16, Provo, Chelsea - Athletic Achievements, Hon. K. Colwell	178
Res. 17, MacLeod, Gerald B./Fairview Hist. Soc.: Fairview Reunion - Congrats., Ms. P. Arab	179

Res. 18, Pickard, Maggie: Academics - Success Wish, Ms. P. Arab	179
Res. 19, McLean, Isabel - Athletic Achievements, Ms. P. Arab	180
Res. 20, Mina, Vicky - Prosperity Congrats., Ms. P. Arab	180
Res. 21, Daley, Hannah Norris/Stickings, Andrew - Kid Witness News Prog., Ms. P. Arab.....	181
Res. 22, Lebanese Cedar Fest.: Azzi, Msgr. Pierre - Efforts Recognize, Ms. P. Arab	182
Res. 23, Matthews, Quake - Success Congrats., Ms. P. Arab	182
Res. 24, YMCA Ctr. For Immigrant Progs. - Members Salute, Ms. P. Arab	183
Res. 25, Bluehardt, Dr. Mary: MSVU Pres. - Appt. Congrats., Ms. P. Arab	183
Res. 26, Abraham, Ryan/Team - Curling Success, Ms. P. Arab	184
Res. 27, Harrington, Logan/Team: Canada Games - Congrats., Ms. P. Arab	184
Res. 28, Hubley, Ben - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	185
Res. 29, Stone, Maria - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	185
Res. 30, Farquar, Noah - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	186
Res. 31, Robinson, Willow - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	186
Res. 32, Keeping, Sarah - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	187
Res. 33, Clow, Avery - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	187
Res. 34, Long, Rachel - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	187
Res. 35, Isenor, Brooke - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	188
Res. 36, Snow, Kayla - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	188
Res. 37, Probert, Taylor - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	189
Res. 38, Ashley, Mandi - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	189

Res. 39, Isenor, Dylin - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	190
Res. 40, Ross, Shianne - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	190
Res. 41, Whidden, Ethan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	191
Res. 42, Clarke, Ty - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	191
Res. 43, MacDonald, Taylor - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	191
Res. 44, Hazell, Becky - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	192
Res. 45, Simon, Martin - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	192
Res. 46, Hines, Kelsey - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	193
Res. 47, Philpott, Tara - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	193
Res. 48, Shive, Olivia - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	194
Res. 49, Williams, Jennifer - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	194
Res. 50, Van de Riet, Alyssa - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	195
Res. 51, Copage, Matthew - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	195
Res. 52, MacDonald, Kayla - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	195
Res. 53, Wamback, Justin - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	196
Res. 54, Pictou, Karen - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	196
Res. 55, Henry, Cassey - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	197
Res. 56, Priess, Eric - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	197
Res. 57, MacDonald, Alicia - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	198
Res. 58, Horne, Nathan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	198
Res. 59, Brown, Ethan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	198

Res. 60, Croft, Madeline - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	199
Res. 61, Palmer, Megan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	199
Res. 62, Penney, Cole - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	200
Res. 63, Patey, Natasha - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	200
Res. 64, McDonald, Kaelan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	201
Res. 65, Ettinger-O’Leary, Gwen - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	201
Res. 66, Galbraith, Jordan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	201
Res. 67, Jodrey, Michaela - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	202
Res. 68, McNamara, Ryan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	202
Res. 69, Walsh, Brandi - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	203
Res. 70, Barron, Briana - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	203
Res. 71, Burke, Jennifer - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	204
Res. 72, Curlew, Dylan James - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	204
Res. 73, Damsteegt, Emily - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	204
Res. 74, Fyfe, Steven - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	205
Res. 75, Hennessey, Emily - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	205
Res. 76, Herman, Benjamin - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	206
Res. 77, Huang, Yingzhou - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	206
Res. 78, Hunter, Cali - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	207
Res. 79, King, Jayden - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	207
Res. 80, Leyte, Jasime - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	207

Res. 81, Lloyd, Emma - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	208
Res. 82, MacIntyre, Madyson - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	208
Res. 83, MacNeil, Ryan - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	209
Res. 84, Maloney, MacKenzie - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	209
Res. 85, McGrath, David - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	210
Res. 86, Merriam, Sarah - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	210
Res. 87, Nevin-Michael, Chase - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	210
Res. 88, Patterson, David - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	211
Res. 89, Peltola, Lucas - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	211
Res. 90, Penney, Venna - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	212
Res. 91, Pratt, Ocean - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	212
Res. 92, Roach, Cassidy - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	213
Res. 93, Rhyno, Emma Lee - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	213
Res. 94, Robinson, Willow - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	213
Res. 95, Sack, Montana - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	214
Res. 96, Sparks, Tyler - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	214
Res. 97, Stubbington, Cassandra - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	215
Res. 98, Tracey, Andrew - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	215
Res. 99, Woodin, Sydney - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	216
Res. 100, Wright, Shelby - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	216
Res. 101, Yach, Edward - Hants East Rural HS Awards, Hon. M. Miller	216

Res. 102, Boudreau, Eric: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	217
Res. 103, Hill, Matthew: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	217
Res. 104, Vroegh, Logan: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	218
Res. 105, Aucoin, Nicole: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	218
Res. 106, Campbell, Madison: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	219
Res. 107, Meehan, Adam: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	219
Res. 108, Simm, Alison: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	220
Res. 109, Benedict, Josh: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	220
Res. 110, Miller-Bidwell, India: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	221
Res. 111, Lake, Ross: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	221
Res. 112, Novak, Brooke: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	222
Res. 113, Andrews, Megan: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	222
Res. 114, Hynes, Rebecca: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	222
Res. 115, Higgins, Brittany: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	223
Res. 116, Brown, Rebecca Lynn: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	223
Res. 117, Novak, Courtney: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	224
Res. 118, Duncanson, David: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	224
Res. 119, White, Katelyn: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	225
Res. 120, Singer, Kyle: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	225
Res. 121, Harview, Kyle: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	226
Res. 122, Bartlett, James: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	226

Res. 123, White, Logan: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	226
Res. 124, Hillier, Joel: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	227
Res. 125, MacAskill, Alayna: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	227
Res. 126, Spencer-Wilcox, Adam: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	228
Res. 127, Webb, Lisa: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	228
Res. 128, Haag, Amalie: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	228
Res. 129, Weymouth, Caelum: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	229
Res. 130, White, Natasha: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	229
Res. 131, Ettinger, Lexi: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	230
Res. 132, Randolph, Desiree: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	230
Res. 133, Smith, Andrea: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	231
Res. 134, Mumford, Shayna: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	231
Res. 135, Wellwood, Amy: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	232
Res. 136, Spence, Caitlyn: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	232
Res. 137, White, Joshua: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	232
Res. 138, MacDonald, Holly: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	233
Res. 139, Higgins, Brittany: Hants North Rural HS Awards - Congrats., Hon. M. Miller	233
Res. 140, Fells, Vanessa/Fells-Adams, Melissa: Entrepreneurial Spirit - Recognize, Hon. Z. Churchill	234
Res. 141, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish: Laying of Cornerstone Ceremony - Congrats., Hon. L. Diab	234
Res. 142, Beamish, Mike - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin	235
Res. 143, Young-MacPherson, Julie - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin	235

Res. 144, Benjamin, Donald - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	236
Res. 145, Garvock, Cara Lynn - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	236
Res. 146, Ledrewmartin, Lynn - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	237
Res. 147, Helm, Jennifer - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	237
Res. 148, Usifer-Beck, Sue - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	238
Res. 149, Murphy, Helen - Commun. Contributions, Hon. I. Rankin.....	238
Res. 150, Garagan-Aucoin, Sara - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	239
Res. 151, Smith, Michelle - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	239
Res. 152, Carlton, Kelly - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	240
Res. 153, Davignon, Marc - Prospect Commun. Basketball - Vol. Efforts, Hon. I. Rankin	240
Res. 154, McGee, Beth - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	241
Res. 155, Whites Lake Legion: Fundraising - Vols. Recognize, Hon. I. Rankin.....	241
Res. 156, Wilson, Valerie - Prospect Commun. Vol. Award, Hon. I. Rankin.....	242



House of Assembly
Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Sixty-third General Assembly

First Session

6:00 P.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Kevin Murphy

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

HON. GARY BURRILL: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

This afternoon, members received a communication from yourself which referred to “some members”, who are in fact the member for Cape Breton Centre and myself, having been allegedly, in your words, “most disrespectful” by not having been present in our seats at the appointed hour for the entrance of the Lieutenant Governor and the Speech from the Throne.

I would like to say that the member for Cape Breton Centre and myself were, at that moment, addressing a very important democratic gathering of some 1,000 citizens which took place . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I’d like to remind the honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party that if there’s any questioning of the authority of this Chair, that it’s to be done by way of substantive motion under Notices of Motion, which is out of order for today’s proceedings. I’m certainly willing to continue our conversation privately, if that’s . . .

MR. BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, I don't wish to question the Speaker's authority . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Thank you very much.

We'll begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table a petition on behalf of residents. The operative clause is:

“We petition the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia to instruct the Government of Nova Scotia to take immediate action to repair our roads and through the Honourable Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to provide the funding necessary to begin this work in 2017. We urge the Provincial Government to commit their share so our road can be repaired before winter sets in. The drainage and cutting of bushes should be prioritized before lobster season begins in late November 2017,” so residents, lobster fishers, and their employees can travel these roads safely.

Mr. Speaker, I have affixed my signature.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

MR. SPEAKER: As Speaker of the House of Assembly and pursuant to Section 163 of the Elections Act, I am pleased to table the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer 2016-2017.

The report is tabled.

As Speaker of the House of Assembly and pursuant to Section 163 of the Elections Act, I am pleased to table a report entitled Statement of Votes & Statistics, Volume I, on the proceedings of the 40th Provincial General Election, held May 30, 2017.

The report is tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

RESOLUTION NO. 157

HON. STEPHEN MCNEIL (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Invictus Games is an international sporting event for wounded, injured, and sick servicemen and women, both serving and veterans; and

Whereas the Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation, and generate a wider understanding and respect for all those who serve their country; and

Whereas Master Corporal (Retired) Carson MacIsaac of Inverness, Sergeant Jessica Miller of Upper Tantallon, Leading Seaman Peter Dennis of Middle Sackville, and Sergeant Steve Murgatroyd of Truro are competing in the Invictus Games Toronto 2017, September 23rd to September 30th, as part of Team Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate these Nova Scotians, and all of Team Canada, thank them for their service to our nation, and wish them the best of luck in competition at the Games.

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 Health and Wellness.

RESOLUTION NO. 158

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

Whereas paramedics respond to emergencies, provide in-home support for palliative care patients, and provide care to seniors in nursing homes through the Extended Care Paramedic Program; and

Whereas they work in Collaborative Emergency Centres, emergency departments, and the Emergency Health Services Medical Communications Centre; and

Whereas Nova Scotia has 1,150 dedicated paramedics that provide highly skilled care to our family members, friends, and loved ones every day, and since 2013 the province recognizes the last Monday in September as the day to honour paramedics;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge today as the fifth annual Medic Monday and encourage all Nova Scotians to celebrate paramedics and the excellent patient care that they provide.

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 Justice.

RESOLUTION NO. 159

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

Whereas on September 24, 1998, the Government of Canada officially proclaimed the last Sunday of September as Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day; and

Whereas this day gives us an opportunity each year to express our appreciation for the dedicated police and peace officers in Nova Scotia and across the country; and

Whereas every year police and peace officers make the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe, the recent death of Constable Frank Deschênes is a reminder of the risk that officers take every day to protect citizens;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in sincerely thanking Nova Scotia's police and peace officers for their service and remembering those who have fallen while protecting us.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NOTICES OF MOTION

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Portland Valley.

COLE HBR.-PORTLAND VALLEY MLA CAMPAIGN: SUPPORTERS - THANK

HON. TONY INCE: I rise today to acknowledge and thank the constituents of Cole Harbour-Portland Valley for their continuing support and for extending to me the privilege to continue serving my riding. It is an honour to live and serve in this riding and this community. I want the constituents to know that I take this position seriously and will always do the utmost to represent their concerns. I encourage them always to reach out to the constituency office for any help. They are the reason we serve.

I would like to also thank my campaign manager Nancy Radcliffe; my official agent Albert Najim; office manager Leah Finlay; Katherine Paterson, the riding secretary; and all the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to bring our team to where it is today. I couldn't have done this without them, thank you very much.

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

SCH. OPTIONS COMM. - PARTICIPANTS THANK

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the School Options Committee and all the various people who participated in the School Options Committee process for the endless hours spent collaborating in the Cole Harbour area to develop solutions for the Auburn High and Cole Harbour High district family of schools.

The dedication and commitment of hundreds of people involved in this process was greatly appreciated and it extended over a year long. I also want to take the time to thank all the teachers, the students, and the parents for their patience during this process. The process offered many opportunities for the public to become involved. It is never an easy task to consider all angles when the closure of a school is a possibility.

The School Options Committee and all parents, teachers, and students were tasked with a daunting task of reviewing the process and put in many, many man hours over this time. We are patiently waiting for the results of this lengthy review process, but in the meantime, I would like to thank all of them for their work.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

SHERWOOD, IAN: ALBUM RELEASE - CONGRATS.

MS. SUSAN LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, on September 16, 2017, Dartmouth North resident and musician Ian Sherwood released his fifth studio album, *Bring the Light*, at The Carleton in Halifax. In 2008 and 2010, Ian was named Musician of the Year by Music Nova Scotia. In 2012, he was named Best Male Artist of the Year by the International Acoustic Music Awards and, most recently, he brought home the Theatre Nova Scotia merit award for Outstanding Original Score in the Nova Scotia play, *Tompkinsville*.

Mr. Speaker, not only is Ian Sherwood a talented and gifted musician he is also a terrific neighbour and friend and I count myself lucky to have Ian and his wonderful family as part of my life. I'd like the House to join me in congratulating Ian on his new album and would encourage all to check out the voice that Shaun Majumder described as "silk soy milk, the chocolate kind."

[6:15 p.m.]

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

SOUTHEND COMMUN. CTR. - COMPLETION

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Southend Community Centre in Sydney. As many would know, the Southend Community Centre was one of the community houses that was destroyed in the flood a year ago

Thanksgiving. Through dedication and hard work, the Southend Community Centre took over the former Mira Road Elementary School in Sydney and are cutting the ribbon on their new facility on October 7th, a facility that is now completely full, that is supporting all age groups and families across the riding of Sydney-Whitney Pier, so I want to recognize the Fraser family and all the board of directors for their hard work and the great news that the Southend Community Centre is up and operational and will have their official opening in coming weeks.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, may I begin with an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Permission granted.

MR. BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, in the gallery today, there are a number of young Progressive Conservatives who are visiting the House and I'd just like to draw the members' attention to them. They are Kyle Woodbury, Riley Hill-Pettipas, and Carolyne Mackellar. They are very interested in our political process and I invite all members to welcome them here to our proceedings this evening. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

TAX CHANGES: OPPOSITION RES. - SUPPORT

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, the federal proposed tax grab will hurt small business in Nova Scotia and hurt our economy. Businesses around our province will not be able to expand. Some will be forced to lay people off or cut back on their hours. There is no doubt now that the proposed tax grab will make the doctor crisis in our province even worse. Hundreds of doctors gathered on Saturday and said that they fear that the tax changes will drive more physicians away. A tax grab that kills jobs and drives doctors away is simply bad for Nova Scotia. We must all take a stand and oppose these changes. Today, I tabled a resolution opposing the tax changes. I call on all members to support it.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Fairview-Clayton Park.

MACLEOD, GERALD B./FAIRVIEW HIST. SOC.: DEDICATION - RECOGNIZE

HON. PATRICIA ARAB: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gerald B. MacLeod and the Fairview Historical Society and their planning of the Fairview reunion. The Fairview Historical Society was formed by a small group of citizens who wished to showcase the background of their community. By running various successful events that allowed people to reconnect and share stories, Gerald B. MacLeod took a leadership role as president of the newly-found organization. This past July, the Fairview reunion brought

together people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds through several different events. The weekend included a wine and cheese, a kitchen party, and a dance proving to be one of the most successful events of the summer. The newly-formed society is one that will continue to grow and thrive for years to come thanks to the members of this organization. I ask members of this House of Assembly to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work that is demonstrated by Gerald B. MacLeod and the Fairview Historical Society.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

HILLIER, ALEX: CANCER AWARENESS - SUPPORT THANK

MR. KEITH BAIN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the strength and determination of a community member and friend, Alex Hillier, an 81-year-old Canadian Forces Veteran. Alex recalls Terry Fox's determination when he passed through the Sydney area in 1980. When he heard a charity run had been organized in his memory, Alex said he instantly decided he would be part of it. In 1983, Alex laced up his combat boots and hasn't stopped running. He continued to wear his combat boots in the events until 1986. Alex hasn't given up on Terry's dream and vows to continue running. I ask all members of this Legislature to join me in saying thanks to Alex for his passion and contributions to cancer awareness and research since 1983 and wish him many more miles of running with a long and healthy life. Thank you.

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

GOOGOO, CHIEF MORLEY: ATL. ASSEMBLY FIRST NATIONS - APPT.

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, Chief Morley Googoo is set to lead the Atlantic Chapter of the Assembly of First Nations until 2020 after receiving a unanimous endorsement from his fellow leaders. The appointment came as a result of We'koqma'q Chief Rod Googoo's motion to review and renew the term. He said Morley's work in raising public awareness about Mi'kmaq culture and working towards reconciliation has been transformative, and recognition of their people and cultural values is an integral part of how they see the advancement of their First Nation, Nova Scotia, and Canada as a whole. "Building nationhood, showcasing and empowering our Mi'kmaq identity will continue to be my top priority to 2020," said Chief Googoo in an interview. Mr. Speaker, I have to say I agree.

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

**WAVERLEY-FALL RIVER-BEAVER BANK MLA CAMPAIGN
- VOLS. THANK**

MR. BILL HORNE: It is my honour today to stand to thank the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly during the re-election campaign. Their hard work, with many going beyond the expected, was instrumental to the success in a hard-fought campaign. Mr. Speaker, I do know that each one of the team members volunteered their time because they believed in our campaign, community, and the Liberal Party. Just as the community is made up of many different individuals, so was our team - seniors, students, retirees, and full-time workers who gave their time to take on the duties that were needed to win this election. I want to thank this special and dedicated team that I am truly appreciative of for their effort and support.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

**MACDONALD, JUDGE CLYDE F./MACKENZIE, PHILLIP:
HISTORICAL RESEARCH - RECOGNIZE**

HON. PAT DUNN: I would like to take this opportunity to recognize two individuals from New Glasgow - retired judge Clyde F. MacDonald and Phillip MacKenzie. They continue to devote their time to investigative journalism, providing an incredible wealth of knowledge for citizens of Pictou County and beyond. MacDonald and MacKenzie recently completed a review of many buildings and structures that existed in New Glasgow during the past two centuries. Mr. MacDonald recently published his 14th book, with all proceeds from the book sale directed towards the Pictou County Roots Society. I encourage all members of this Legislature to congratulate Clyde on his efforts to provide numerous intriguing stories, and the assistance provided by Phillip MacKenzie as they researched local history in a collaborative way.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

QUINFEST (10th): ORGANIZERS - CONGRATS.

HON. GARY BURRILL: Over the weekend, I joined businesses and merchants along Quinpool Road for their 10th Annual QuinFest, a festival that spotlights the exceptional goods and services offered along Quinpool Road. Activities included face painting, food samples, and live music. I, myself, had the terrific pleasure of speaking with and serving cotton candy to 300, 400, or 500 children, and I'm still scraping the sugar out of my ears. I want to congratulate the Quinpool Road Mainstreet Business Association and their executive director, Karla Nicholson, on a successful event. I look forward to participating again next year.

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

CHESTER-ST. MARGARET'S MLA CAMPAIGN - ELECTORS THANK

MR. HUGH MACKAY: I rise today to recognize and thank the people of Chester-St. Margaret's for electing me as their MLA. Chester-St. Margaret's is a beautiful and diverse riding. I believe it is truly the most beautiful riding in the province. Perhaps 50 other members might take exception to that and consider it the second most beautiful riding in the province. Running from Bayside to Martin's Point, there is beautiful shoreline encompassing industries from fisheries to tourism. Of course, I must mention the vibrant forestry and agriculture sectors taking place in New Ross and beyond to Aldersville, Fordyce, and New Russell. As the MLA for Chester-St. Margaret's, I can be counted on as a strong advocate for accessible seniors' housing and health care, continuous improvement of our education system, maximizing the benefits of our tourism industry, and protection of our coastal wilderness environments.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

MEDIC MON.: PARAMEDICS - SALUTE

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: I am proud to stand today to recognize our province's dedicated and talented paramedics on Medic Monday. Paramedics are valued professionals in the health care system. They are often the first people Nova Scotians see when they are hurt or injured. They provide excellent patient care in many different settings with compassion and professionalism. Paramedics are life savers. They are caregivers, and they are highly trained professionals. While the services paramedics provide are always appreciated, I am very pleased to have the opportunity to honour them today. I know all members of the Legislature will join me today in saluting Nova Scotia's 1,150 paramedics and thank them for everything they do. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

FREE SPIRIT FARM: WORK - HIGHLIGHT

MS. LISA ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, this is National Forest Week, and as the NDP spokesperson on Natural Resources, I'm going to take the opportunity to highlight the work of progressive organizations that are pursuing the goals of the Natural Resources Strategy.

Today I send a shout-out to a modest enterprise: Free Spirit Farm in Colchester North. Rodney Spencer and Susan Danko manage a 116-acre woodlot, which they are restoring as Acadian forest. They make beautiful products, as many people in Halifax know - everything from hand-carved bowls to live-edge counters for restaurants and curved garden benches. They also make easy-to-assemble raised beds for gardens out of hemlock. I grow strawberries in one of them.

They could make a substantial amount of money one time by allowing their woodlot to be clear-cut. Instead they make a modest living and sequester carbon for all of us in the process.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hammonds Plains-Lucasville.

**HAMMONDS PLAINS AREA BUS. ASSOC./HAMMONDS PLAINS
COMMUN. CTR.: HERITAGE DAY - CONGRATS.**

MR. BEN JESSOME: I just want to take a brief moment to acknowledge the hard work and success of the Hammonds Plains Area Business Association and the Hammonds Plains Community Centre on the work they did to put on the second annual Hammonds Plains Heritage Day this summer. This was an opportunity for people in the area to come out and enjoy family and friends and some food. There were some bouncy castles and face painting. It was also an opportunity for the local businesses to expose some of the goods and services they provide within our community, and for them to show their support for all that the community provides them with.

In closing, I'd just like to say congratulations again to the two groups. I look forward to the third Hammonds Plains Heritage Day.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

PURCELL, LISA/GET THE SCOOP: OPENING - CONGRATS.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: I would like to congratulate Lisa Purcell, the owner of Get the Scoop Premium Homemade Ice Cream, who opened her new business over the Victoria Day weekend. Get the Scoop is located on the Mahone Bay waterfront and features a variety of homemade ice cream and fudge using all-natural ingredients.

It is not just your average ice cream shop. Although they offer traditional flavours that we all know and love, they also have original flavours that are quite unique, such as lobster ice cream. Receiving glowing feedback from customers on the quality of the ice cream, delicious fudge, and friendly staff, Get the Scoop also plays host to an exhibit by artist Peter Matyas, whose works of art depict the shipbuilding history of Mahone Bay.

I ask that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the owners and operators of Get the Scoop on the opening of their new business venture and wish them nothing but success.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

NEW LEAF: COOKBOOK PUBLICATION - COMMEND

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize New Leaf, a local support group for men who have been involved in violent domestic relationships. New Leaf has been in existence in Pictou County for the past 31 years and recently, through the assistance of their summer student, began a fundraiser - the first ever for this organization.

New Leaf is currently working on publishing a cookbook by and for men. New Leaf is looking for recipes from men, community members, and role models, from simple to challenging recipes. They hope to have the book completed and launched on November 19th, International Men's Day. New Leaf's hope is to showcase their services and possibly offer a more positive perspective on the organization and the people involved.

Mr. Speaker, I commend New Leaf on this endeavour and encourage my colleagues in the House to submit a recipe in support, as my colleague, the member for Pictou East has.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

[6:30 p.m.]

B.C. FILM IND. - HISTORIC YR.

MS. SUSAN LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the historic year the film industry in British Columbia is having. The province has seen a 35 per cent increase in projected spending, upward of \$2.5 billion this fiscal year. Actors are busier than they've ever been, having to turn down audition opportunities because they can't fit them all into their calendars. It's the best year for film that B.C. has ever had, and people are crediting it to the tax credit the industry fought for in 2013, as well as the low Canadian dollar.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder what our province's industry would look like right now, if only we had a tax credit that incentivized film companies to come hire local talent, invest in communities, and shoot their movies here. I'm guessing that's an answer the government wouldn't necessarily welcome.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

ELDIN AHMED, MOHEY: VOLUNTEERING - CONGRATS.

MS. RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mohey Eldin Ahmed, an outstanding citizen of the Clayton Park community.

Mohey works tirelessly to promote the importance of volunteering among new immigrants. He and his team are always at every event, showing their support and giving up their personal time to ensure its success.

Mohey is a delightful person to work with and he has made the Clayton Park community a welcoming place for fellow newcomers, such as himself. Mohey is a role model to many citizens of the area. He is regarded highly by all those who encounter him. He encourages newcomers to set goals and succeed through hard work and to give back to the community. This is such an important concept to advocate among new immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mohey Eldin Ahmed for his dedication, supporting newcomers and providing them with volunteer opportunities within the community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MAYO, BOB: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

MR. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honour a Dartmouth East resident, Bob Mayo.

As an educator and a long-time hockey coach in Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, Bob is an avid promotor of physical fitness, volunteerism, and showing leadership in your community. Mr. Speaker, he leads by example in his advocacy, teaching youth to give it your all and to never give up.

Bob spent his career as an inspiration to Dartmouth residents and has impacted generations of leaders in our communities. He is someone I looked up to as a mentor in my years of teaching and I am proud to call Bob Mayo a friend.

I encourage all members to join me in congratulating Bob Mayo on a successful career and wishing him all the best in his retirement.

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

SQUARE ROOTS PROG. - RECOMMEND

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, Square Roots provides imperfect produce from growers - they receive it and they provide bundles at affordable prices to low-income areas in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

They recently visited the Truro Farmers Market in an effort to source more fruit and vegetables, and project manager Christine Ingham is looking for farms willing to sell

produce. Ten-pound bundles of fruit and vegetables are sold for \$5 or \$10, depending on what a person can afford, and people can also sponsor bundles for others. As well, Square Roots tokens are sold for \$5 and redeemable for a meal made from surplus ingredients from partnering restaurants.

Square Roots was launched in 2016 and has distributed more than 12,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables. So as the spokesperson for agriculture for the NDP, I have to say I highly recommend this program and they have high esteem in my books.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

SHELLEY, DIANA - SOVEREIGN'S MEDAL FOR VOLTS.

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diana Shelley of Wolfville on receiving the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This prestigious award recognizes and celebrates exceptional volunteers from across the country and she is a very worthy recipient.

For over 40 years Diana has been an energetic and compassionate volunteer with the Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council and she was integral to the establishment and operation of the Wolfville Area Food Bank. She has also been involved with Beavers, Meals on Wheels, Saint John's Anglican Church, IODE, community gardening groups, municipal committees, fundraising for charities, and providing palliative care and visiting the homebound.

The positive impact that Diana has had, and continues to have, on her community is truly remarkable. On behalf of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, I congratulate Diana on receiving this award, and sincerely thank her for her exceptional commitment to improving the lives of her fellow citizens.

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

BURROWS, JIM & LESLIE - SUCCESS CONGRATS.

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, agriculture has always been important in Nova Scotia for the economy and for sustainability. I believe it is fitting today that we recognize dairy farmers Jim and Leslie Burrows who represent Nova Scotia in *Dairy farmers, Deeply Rooted for a Strong Future*. That was published by the Dairy Farmers of Canada in celebration of Canada 150.

Clover Crest Farm has been family owned and a mainstay of the Green Oaks community since it was established in 1765. Its continued success has been due to a willingness to embrace new technology and adapt to a changing society while still retaining

the rural and community values of generations. I wish to congratulate the Burrows family on their inclusion in this work of Canadian history.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

**HFX. CHEBUCTO MLA/C.B. CTR. MLA:
LEGISLATURE DEMONSTRATION (09/21) - SPEAKERS**

HON. GARY BURRILL: Myself and the member for Cape Breton Centre are very proud to have spoken to a demonstration on the Legislature's steps at the time of the Speech from the Throne last Thursday. Democracy has many manifestations. One is ceremonies associated with the Crown. Another is the right of citizens to express themselves through public assembly, particularly in demonstrating against such an undemocratic piece of legislation as Bill No. 148. The member for Cape Breton Centre and I are very proud of our choice to have addressed Thursday's demonstration as an expression of our respect for democratic institutions and democratic principles.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

DOUCETTE, JEANNE - YAR. WALK AGAINST BULLYING (6th ANL.)

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: The 6th Annual Walk Against Bullying was held in Yarmouth on September 14th. People were encouraged to wear pink to the walk since the event falls on Stand Up Against Bullying Day, also known as Pink Day. Yarmouth resident Jeanne Doucette is the original organizer of this event, and she started the walk as a way to raise awareness about the issue of bullying with a goal that we will eventually live in a society without bullying.

I ask that members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing Jeanne Doucette for organizing this annual walk, and thank her for promoting compassion and kindness, and for dedicating her time and effort to raising awareness of such an important issue in our community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

BALESDENT, CLAUDE & PAULA/RED KNIGHTS - FUNDRAISING

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club hosted a barbecue in support of the local burn camp in Sutherland's River on August 12th. Claude and Paula Balesdent took time out of their 39th wedding anniversary to lend their support for this worthy cause. The Balesdents are members of the Red Knights, and they volunteer for the Plymouth Fire Department. I am proud to call them friends. Both Claude and Paula are active volunteers and can be counted on whenever the call for help is issued. Just the

kind of folks who would share a milestone anniversary to support kids at a burn camp. It's an honour to wish them a belated happy anniversary.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

CAN. SUMMER GAMES: PARTICIPANTS - CONGRATS.

HON. MARK FUREY: This summer, Nova Scotia sent 400 athletes to the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg. Among them, 30 were from the South Shore. These are amazing numbers. I would ask members of this House of Assembly to please join me in taking a moment to recognize these athletes who have worked hard and dedicated many hours to the sport they love in order to get to this point in their young athletic careers: Cameron Zinn for soccer, Josh Bell and Ben Conrad for athletics, Evan O'Toole for baseball, Micaela Sabeau for beach volleyball, Olivia Bell and Hannah Wilkie for volleyball, and Elias Wile and Isabelle Kaulback for wrestling.

A sincere thank you to the volunteers, coaches, and families for their guidance and encouragement of our young athletes. Congratulations to all our Nova Scotian athletes for being named to Team Nova Scotia. What an amazing opportunity and experience.

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

COBEQUID CULTURAL SOCIETY - DESIGN UNVEILING

MR. BRAD JOHNS: I rise today to congratulate the Cobequid Cultural Society. This year, the society unveiled the preliminary design for a new Cobequid Cultural Centre for the Performing Arts, which will be located in Middle Sackville. The 700-seat creative learning, presentation, and performance centre will become a focal point for people across this region of Nova Scotia.

The society, which has been in existence for 12 years, has been working diligently to introduce Nova Scotians and visitors to the work of local and visiting musicians, actors, dancers, and artists. Residents can expect the construction for the centre to begin in either 2018 or 2019.

I would like to take a moment as well to thank Ray Smith and the other members of the society for helping to culturally enhance future generations of Sackville.

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

MR. HUGH MACKAY: I beg leave for an introduction. I would like to draw the members' attention to the east gallery, where I'm delighted that my wife Mary Lynne

MacKay has joined us this evening. I would ask the members to rise and provide a warm welcome to Mary Lynne. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

ALL-CRAFT: AWARDS - CONGRATS.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Last Fall, I told this House about a renovation company in my riding, All-Craft. Staff there had fundraised to help a family buy an accessible van to transport a child with a severe physical disability. Now I'd like to share that the Canadian Homebuilders Association of Nova Scotia named All-Craft Renovator of the Year for 2017.

I should mention that All-Craft was honoured by the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association last year, receiving their peak award in two categories: the Special Project Award and the Most Outstanding Member of the Year Award. I should also mention that in January of this year, All-Craft moved into new digs at 302 Bluewater Road.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask members of this House of Assembly to join me in congratulating All-Craft on their awards, their community spirit, and their new facility.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

OULTON, JOSH: NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP - CONGRATS.

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, the mission of the Nuffield Scholarship is to foster agriculture, leadership and personal development through international study. This year, TapRoot Farm's co-owner Josh Oulton of Lower Canard has been selected as one of four 2018 Nuffield Scholars from across Canada and will participate in international study travels.

Josh will be concentrating on best practices for growing high-quality flax fibre for long line linen processing for the purpose of producing high-quality clothing and uses for waste materials. He plans to bring that knowledge home to Kings County. Currently there is no one in the industry doing this in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Josh Oulton on receiving this prestigious scholarship and for creating a new and exciting industry in Kings County.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

SNYDER, TRACY: FREE SPIRITS SOFTBALL TEAM - PARTICIPATION

HON. KAREN CASEY: Mr. Speaker, in the Spring of 2017, Tracy Snyder of Debert, Colchester North, played catcher for the Free Spirits, a team based in Peterborough, made up of women from Ontario and Nova Scotia. This was a women's 45 and over elite softball division at the World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

Although this was amazing because Snyder had not played any ball for the last 16 years, it was even more so because six years previous doctors had found a stage 3 tumour in her left breast. They had the cancer removed. It had spread to several lymph nodes and after surgery, rounds of chemo and 20 rounds of radiation, Tracy was ready to go. Since the physical demands of catching are so demanding, especially squatting and driving out of a squat, Snyder worked all winter with a personal trainer.

The games were intense. The rivalry was great. The Free Spirits came out the winners of the gold medal, a thrill for Snyder and her team. She went on to say: People want to know cancer can be beaten, you can win and you can continue to have a great life.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

**LA SOCIÉTÉ SAINT-PIERRE: CULTURE ACADIENNE
- CONTRIBUTION REMERCIEMENT**

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Félicitations à la Société Saint-Pierre pour ses 70 ans de service à notre province. La communauté acadienne de Chéticamp demeure aujourd'hui une région riche et vibrante en raison de l'engagement passionné de la Société envers le maintien de l'épanouissement de sa langue et sa culture et c'est au bénéfice de la Nouvelle-Écosse toute entière.

Les organismes et initiatives développés par la Société Saint-Pierre appuient le tourisme et donnent aux visiteurs les véritables expériences qu'ils recherchent. Son appui inconditionnel de la radio communautaire CKJM, offre quotidiennement aux auditeurs une voix française à l'extérieur comme à l'intérieur de la région acadienne les gardant ancrés dans leur culture.

Ce soir, dans le cadre de la réunion annuelle de la Société, un banquet célébrant cet anniversaire d'envergure aura lieu à la salle du Club des retraités de Chéticamp. Nous tous à la Législature de la Nouvelle-Écosse profitons de l'occasion pour remercier très sincèrement la Société Saint-Pierre de sa contribution à la sauvegarde et à la promotion de la culture acadienne dans la province et ajoutons nos applaudissements à ceux de tous les Néo-Écossais.

[6:45 p.m.]

I rise to congratulate La Société St. Pierre for 70 years of service to our province. The Acadian community of Cheticamp and area remains strong today because of their passionate commitment to maintaining their language and culture. Our Province of Nova Scotia is better for that.

The organizations and initiatives created by La Société St. Pierre support tourism and give visitors the real experiences they are looking for. Their establishment of CKJM Radio offers a daily presence to listeners both within and outside of the Acadian region, to keep them connected to who they are.

Tonight, a celebration is being held with an annual meeting and banquet at La Salle des Retraites. May we here in this Legislature thank La Société St. Pierre for their contribution to the Acadian culture of our province and share our applause with them.

MR. SPEAKER: I'll suggest the member get himself a French-language editor there. (Laughter)

The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

N.S. PARAMEDICS - RECOGNIZE

HON. DAVID WILSON: I rise to recognize my former colleagues, which includes the member for Hants West, this day and hundreds of men and women who put on the uniform and work as paramedics on this day of Monday to recognize medics across Nova Scotia. Their professionalism and dedication is above any other profession that I have witnessed in my many years.

I also want to recognize their families, because with that profession the sacrifice that they make takes a toll not only on themselves but their families, missing many celebrations and special events for those families. I do want to recognize well over 1,000 paramedics in Nova Scotia and their families, but encourage all Nova Scotians to recognize paramedics and consider Medic Monday every day of the year.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

KINGS WEST MLA CAMPAIGN: SUPPORTERS - THANK

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Kings West and give thanks to everyone who participated in the elections this past Spring.

To the residents of Kings West who welcomed me into their homes, shared their experiences and perspectives, discussed their areas of concern, showed their support, or engaged in the election in any way, I thank them for receiving me and for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve as their MLA for Kings West. It is truly an honour to be back in the House of Assembly.

To all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to assist with the election, the members of each riding association, the campaign teams who worked tirelessly to support their candidates.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by making special mention of my family: my wife Doris; my sons Chris, Stephen, and Mike; granddaughters Carmen, Kennedy, and Avery; and my campaign manager, the long-suffering Mr. John Pearce. I thank them for their efforts and the sacrifices they have made through five successive campaigns in Kings West. I can certainly state that I wouldn't have the privilege of being present today without their long-standing and continuing support, for which I will be forever grateful.

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

**QUEENS GEN. HOSP. AUXILIARY:
HOSP. HUSTLE FUNDRAISER - CONGRATS.**

MS. KIM MASLAND: I rise today to congratulate the Queens General Hospital Auxiliary for another successful Hospital Hustle fundraiser. This was the 37th annual Hustle held in Liverpool since its inception in 1980.

Funds raised go towards purchasing necessary equipment for the hospital. This year approximately \$20,000 was raised to help with the purchasing of a \$75,000 portable ultrasound machine for the Queens General Hospital.

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate and thank the organizers and many volunteers who worked to make this year's Hustle happen.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

BOUCHER, WARDEN RUSSELL: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

HON. RANDY DELOREY: You know, Mr. Speaker, if there is one thing that each member of this House has in common, it's the desire to represent our communities honourably, to the best of our abilities, and with any luck for more than just one term. If that's the case, one can say that we all aspire to be like former Warden Russell Boucher who passed away May 22, 2017. He was just 65 years old.

Russell was a great man. First elected to the District 9 council seat in the Municipality of the County of Antigonish in 1985, he served the county for 32 years as councillor and later as warden. He never had much trouble getting re-elected, given his commitment to his constituents, his community, and his reputation for getting to the heart of an issue in search of the best outcome.

Indeed, Russell was a key player in the development of the Havre Boucher Community Centre, all the way back to its first planning meetings in 1993. Russell was deeply respected by his constituents, and his colleagues at the municipality and the neighbouring Town of Antigonish.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Assembly to join me in remembering Warden Russell Boucher and all the contributions he made to the residents of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish throughout his life.

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

OLAND BREWERY - ANNIV. (150th)

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the Oland Brewery in Nova Scotia. The brewery was established in 1867 in Dartmouth and in 1905 it expanded to Agricola Street, where it remains today. Olands endured the Halifax Explosion and the Great Depression and continued as a successful business. The brewery was purchased by Labatt's in 1971, and that company has invested more than \$40 million in expansion upgrades in the last five years. This year alone, the company has invested \$2 million in the brewery. It's a business that provides 200 good-paying jobs in Halifax and is a good corporate citizen that makes contributions to charities, organizations, and community groups.

I hope all members will join me in congratulating everyone at the Oland Brewery on their 150th Anniversary and thanking them for their many contributions to our province.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston-Dartmouth.

PROVO, DAVONTE - ST. F.X. BASKETBALL SUCCESS

HON. KEITH COLWELL: I would like to recognize Davonte Provo of East Preston on his success as a member of the St. Francis Xavier University Varsity Basketball team.

Davonte is the starting point guard for the X-Men, and works hard and brings a great deal of energy to the game. Davonte is coming off his best season in 2016, finishing second in the AUS in assists at 6.3, 3.5 rebounds, and an average of 8 points per game.

Davonte credits his parents, David and Ronald, and the support of his entire family for his success.

I would ask the members of this House of Assembly to join me in applauding Davonte Provo on his success at St. Francis Xavier University.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

MCLACHLAN, ALLEN - MEMORIAL SERV.

HON. MARGARET MILLER: I was pleased and honoured to join the family of the late Allen McLachlan of East Hants, who came together to celebrate his survival at the Battle of Vimy Ridge and his passing 100 years ago at a subsequent battle.

Although Allen died in battle at the age of 21, his letters survived, the last one dated March 26, 1917. Organized by Darrell Ling, his great-nephew, Allen's family is working hard to ensure that their uncle's story is never forgotten. The memorial service was held at the Elmsdale Legion on May 6, 2017, to honour the life of Allen McLachlan. Darrell Ling also brought his story to the *Weekly Press* office, along with the letters to be shared with the community, serving as a reminder of how closely related we all are to this significant historical event.

I ask members of the House of Assembly to join me in thanking Darrell Ling for sharing this story with the community and celebrating his great-uncle and the sacrifice he made for our country.

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

**KEMPTON, MICHELLE/VOLS.:
MAR. RACE WEEKEND ASSOC. - FUNDRAISING**

MS. BARBARA ADAMS: The Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage community celebrates the Maritime Race Weekend Association in Eastern Passage every year. But many don't realize that it's a not-for-profit society, and our race was held on September 15th and September 16th of this year. This group is committed to raising money in support of local non-profit organizations, including our beautiful Fishermen's Cove. The race weekend brings pirates and runners from all over the country. The event offers a 5K, 10K, and 15K distance along the gorgeous coastline of our community. This year's sold-out race of 2,500 runners and walkers was a huge success.

I would like to congratulate and thank Michelle Kempton, an amazing race organizer and community volunteer, and her team of dedicated volunteers for raising over \$68,000 and counting.

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

RHYTHM BY THE SEA: ORGANIZERS - CONGRATS.

MR. GORDON WILSON: Since Digby was established in 1783, ships and boats have continually entered and left our harbour, but seldom has their arrival garnered the excitement of the arrival of eight tall ships on the 15th of August this year. The tall ships came to visit our town as part of the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta and spent two days moored at our wharf before sailing to Annapolis Royal.

As all good hosts do when you have special visitors, you throw a party. As part of the festival of Rhythm by the Sea, people could visit the ships, listen to the music on the waterfront, take walks on a tour of the town frontage, visit the Artisan Trail, and pick up some food at the culinary pavilion. Along with many other people, I visited the ships and met the crews.

I would ask that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the owners, the organizers of this event and their partners for the two magical days of ships, music, history, food, and fun. As the ships left for Annapolis Royal, many people lined the shore of the harbour, the Shore Road, and hoped they would return soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

LIBERAL TAX GRAB - OPPOSE

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, on Saturday 400 doctors from across our province gathered to make their voices heard about the unfair tax changes proposed by the federal Liberals. They said the new tax grab will drive family doctors out of Nova Scotia. In fact, a recent survey by Doctors Nova Scotia showed 451 physicians are considering moving away if the Liberal tax changes are implemented.

There is already a family doctor crisis in Nova Scotia. Too many people are going without a primary caregiver. This Liberal tax grab is going to make that worse.

Mr. Speaker, as MLAs I think we have a moral responsibility to speak out against the proposed tax changes that will make it even harder to recruit and retain family doctors in Nova Scotia. Thank you.

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

**CANADA 150 CELEBRATION:
GUYSBOROUGH-EAST. SHORE-TRACADIE - COMMEND**

HON. LLOYD HINES: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the national pride displayed by our communities as we celebrated Canada 150 this year. From events that took place on Canada Day to those that are continuing throughout the year, we saw an overwhelming sense of unity and community spirit.

I ask members of this House of Assembly to please join me in commending all the community organizations and volunteers across the constituency of Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie on their creative and thoughtful tributes to our country's 150th birthday. The love of country and community was displayed in every event held.

Mr. Speaker, a 150th birthday is a significant milestone and I believe the people of this country, this province, and this constituency celebrated it with pride and honour. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

NORTHSIDE-WESTMOUNT MLA - ELECTION ACCOMPLISHMENT

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, if you've put your name on a ballot or worked on a campaign you understand the stress and the excitement building up to election night when the polls close. I want to acknowledge tonight my good friend, the member for Northside-Westmount, on his amazing accomplishment on election night because as everyone in this Chamber was probably glued to the TVs, as I was, his name scrolled across at about 8:01 p.m. or 8:02 p.m., declared the winner in his election.

He is far too humble to say it in this Chamber but he tells us very often outside of this Chamber about his amazing accomplishment so I think it's worthy to acknowledge it on the floor of the House tonight. I'd like all members to congratulate the member on his amazing election victory. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

HFX. ARMDALE MLA CAMPAIGN: SUPPORTERS - THANK

HON. LENA DIAB: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sincerely thank the people of Halifax Armdale for the support they showed me in the 2017 provincial election. To all those who took time out of their day to talk to me, who visited our campaign office, who graciously took a lawn sign, who walked with me day or night, and who put a mark by my name this May, je dis, merci beaucoup.

Since 2013, I've learned a great deal about the challenges of governing. I've also learned a lot about my constituents' aspirations for our province, for our children, and for our community. Campaigning you hear face to face how people appreciate the work you've done and you hear when they disagree with the choice you've made. Each and every interaction makes you a better MLA.

We start this term better attuned to our constituents' needs and dreams, and I'm looking forward to working these next four years to fulfill both. I thank all the candidates who stepped forward in Armdale and thank everyone from Fairmount to Cowie Hill who again entrusted me with the responsibility of representing them. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Portland Valley.

COLE HBR. HARVEST FEST. (2017) - ACKNOWLEDGE

HON. TONY INCE: Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the September 9th Cole Harbour Harvest Festival of 2017. This annual event did not disappoint. The parade floats, bands, and smiling participants - young and old - really brought the community together. There were many activities from bouncy castles for the children and bingo for the mature attendees, and the farmers market and the health fair were very popular exhibits.

The general public was able to enjoy it. It was a day filled with an abundance of community spirit, ending with an evening of country music and the spectacular display of fireworks. It was well-organized and great entertainment for the community.

[7:00 p.m.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The time allotted for Statements by Members has expired.

The Chief Clerk has advised me that in the fine print in the rule book, on Mondays, when there is no Question Period to commence one hour after the call of order, there is no expiration on members' statements. Is it the wish of the House, by unanimous consent, to conclude members' statements and move on to Government Business?

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Government Motions.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be now resumed.

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

MR. HUGH MACKAY: It is with the highest respect for this House of Assembly and all of its members and with a deep love for Nova Scotia that I rise today to respond to the Speech from the Throne and to make my maiden address in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, let me begin by congratulating you on your re-election in the beautiful riding of Eastern Shore. Your subsequent re-election to this post as Speaker of the House confirms to me the high regard in which you are held by the members. (Applause)

I also add my congratulations to all the members of this House. We fortunate few have been tasked and trusted with great responsibility by our fellow Nova Scotians. In particular, I would like to congratulate our Premier on his re-election in the beautiful constituency of Annapolis. I also congratulate the Premier for leading our team to consecutive majority governments, a feat not accomplished by any Party in Nova Scotia since 1988.

I also congratulate the Leader of the Official Opposition, in his absence, and the Leader of the New Democratic Party on their return to the House of Assembly.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate all first-time members for their electoral success. Ours is a special bond that will endure the tests of debate and time, as we will always be members of the Class of 2017, elected during Canada's 150th birthday.

In particular, I would like to congratulate the member for Clayton Park West, who joins me here on the government benches. The voters of Clayton Park West can be assured that their interests will be well served by the new member, who will assuredly continue the superb representation that was the mark of her predecessor, Diana Whalen. I also pay homage to Ms. Whalen, whose countenance and guidance I sought when I first considered running for office. We will miss her in this House. (Applause)

This brings me to my own electoral success in the riding of Chester-St. Margaret's. I will start by acknowledging my election day opponents, starting with the Honourable Denise Peterson-Rafuse. Mrs. Peterson-Rafuse served two terms in this House and

represented the residents of Chester-St. Margaret's with dedication. (Applause) I also acknowledge the efforts of Mrs. Julie Chaisson, of the Progressive Conservative Party, and Mr. Harry Ward, of the Green Party. Each of those candidates is a credit to our community, and I have no doubt that they will all continue to serve our community in some fashion.

At this time, I would like to thank the voters of Chester-St. Margaret's for the confidence they have shown in me. It is my intention to represent all the voters of this, the most beautiful constituency in the province, to the best of my ability. (Laughter)

The constituents of Chester-St. Margaret's are a perfect reflection of the Nova Scotia population as a whole. My constituents include fishermen and foresters, doctors and lawyers, teachers and businesspeople. Many commute to Halifax for work, but many others work in their communities: in the shops, in the woods, on the ocean, and - in ever-increasing numbers - in their homes.

The constituency of Chester-St. Margaret's numbers approximately 20,000 full-time residents, a number that swells with seasonal residents during the summer. The constituency covers over 1,600 square kilometres, stretching from Bayside to Martins River and from Northwest Cove to New Ross.

I deliberately picked Hubbards for my constituency office. It is the geographic centre of the riding, as well as one of the most scenic and dynamic communities in the province. The work in a constituency office takes place far from the media spotlight, far from the hustle and bustle of Province House. However, these offices put a human face on government, and I intend to use my office to ensure that there will not be a disconnect between the constituents of Chester-St. Margaret's, their MLA, and their government.

Mine was a closely contested election, with a final decision hanging in the balance until the last poll was counted. I was humbled to recognize that delivering Chester-St. Margaret's enabled the Premier to go to the podium that evening and address Nova Scotians secure in the knowledge that he had secured a second majority government. (Applause)

It was the Premier's leadership during the previous government, particularly his focus on fiscal responsibility, that was instrumental to my own electoral success. At door after door, I heard from voters that they would support our government because of the sound, responsible financial policies of the Premier. On election day, the voters of Chester-St. Margaret's supported the positive, progressive message of our platform, our Leader, and our caucus. (Applause)

As all members of this House will acknowledge, none of us would be seated here today without a dedicated group of volunteers behind us - volunteers who gave so much of their hearts and souls, of their own time and that of their families. These volunteers came from the ranks of our own families, they came from the circles of our friends, they came

from our neighbourhoods, and in many cases, they were perfect strangers before the campaign. In my own case, I had many friends who became supporters, but I also had many supporters who became friends.

I want to congratulate and thank all the volunteers of all the candidates who ran in the past election.

My own campaign team was a marvel to watch. It was comprised of seasoned veterans, who have campaigned in Chester-St. Margaret's for decades past and present, and rookies who were working their first campaigns. I would like to acknowledge the leadership team of my campaign, starting with Ms. Penny Lawless, my campaign manager, who I acknowledged in the east gallery. (Applause)

Penny, who came with an impressive political pedigree, had never actually led a campaign team before, but her leadership was that of an experienced veteran. Her management style allowed me to focus on campaigning without worrying about the thousand and one details of a successful campaign. She put together a strong and organized campaign that allowed the strength of all our team members to shine and deliver a hard-won victory. Beyond that, Penny campaigned with constant smiling and nothing but positive words, constantly encouraging everyone and leading by example as no one on our team worked harder.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank Shannon Shields, my Communications Chair, for her cheerful work and amazing videos and social media posts. Her experience and expertise in organizational communications were instrumental to our victory.

I would like to thank Katherine Williams who served as my official agent. Katherine was fastidious in her accounting and numbers, allowing me to focus on campaigning rather than managing.

I also thank my data manager Cynthia Lamson, Mary Anne Fraser and Afton Doubleday, who kept me up to date and on track. I would like to thank my policy chair Liane MacAusland and my whole policy team for their research and guidance, preparing me for debates and public forums.

I'd like to thank Michael Lawless, Penny's husband and my sign chair who made sure that we won the sign war in Chester-St. Margaret's.

I want to thank Ric Hattin for not only driving my campaign RV, that rivalled the Premier's bus, but also for Rick's leading role in drafting our campaign strategy. I want to thank my campaign finance minister, or finance manager - with apologies, Minister Casey - my finance manager, former South Shore-St. Margarets MP Derek Wells, whose grasp of the financial needs of the campaign and how to raise the necessary revenues relieved me of any worries as to finances.

I'd like to thank the Liberal Association of Chester-St. Margaret's, led by President Andre Veinot of East Chester and executive members Elaine Finlay of Chester Basin, Danielle Barkhouse of Chester, Cynthia Lamson of Chester, John Cander also of Chester, Ruby Seffern of Seffernville, David Robertson of Head of St. Margarets Bay, Patti McNeil of New Ross and Jim Carwardine of Seabright.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me particular pleasure to acknowledge a key mentor and supporter, former Chester-St. Margaret's MLA, the Honourable Jim Barkhouse, who won three consecutive elections. Jim also served as a member of the Executive Council in the Government of Premier John Savage. Jim's sage advice was invaluable to me, particularly in understanding the many diverse communities of Chester-St. Margaret's.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to thank our superb provincial election team for their leadership during the campaign and, in particular, the provincial field team who did an outstanding job of ensuring the communications and logistics were coordinated and effective.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and thank my main wheelman and dynamic door-to-door man - my son, Kevin MacKay. Kevin was superb at campaigning, a natural when communicating at the door with voters and, beyond a doubt, Kevin was personally responsible for turning more votes my way than was my margin of victory.

Mr. Speaker, there were many more people who participated on my team, too many to mention. However, I am indebted to them all and thank them all.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to take a moment to congratulate our new Lieutenant Governor, His Honour Justice Arthur LeBlanc, on his recent appointment and his maiden address, the Throne Speech in this Chamber. I have enjoyed a warm relationship with his predecessor, retired Brigadier General J.J. Grant and I look forward to developing the same relationship with His Honour.

Mr. Speaker, as all members of this House know, political campaigns put a great deal of pressure on family members, regardless if it is an active or passive role on the campaign trail. At this time I would like to recognize the support I received from my wife, Mary Lynne MacKay. Mary Lynne was the first person I consulted before entering politics. If I had not received her full support, I would not have put my name forward for consideration. She has consistently supported me and joined me in every chapter of our lives, both in Canada and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I am fortunate and grateful to know that this is another chapter in our life that Mary Lynne and I will embrace together. I thank her for her support yesterday, today and for all our tomorrows.

[7:15 p.m.]

Mr. Speaker, Mary Lynne herself comes with some family background in political matters. In the provincial election of May 1953, her father John R. Milledge ran in the riding of Halifax South on behalf of the Progressive Conservative Party. (Laughter)

John ran against the Liberal candidate, one Angus L. MacDonald. In spite of running against arguably the most popular 20th Century Premier of Nova Scotia, John Milledge recorded a very respectful 3,885 votes, a testament to the high regard that the voters of Halifax South held for him. John Milledge's contribution to our political history is recognized in Dalton Camp's 1970 book *Gentlemen, Players and Politicians*.

John married Margaret Stanbury of Halifax and sired nine children, including my wife Mary Lynne and her brother Eric Milledge who, with his wife Barbara Doyle Milledge, has joined her in the gallery today.

During the recent election campaign, I also enjoyed the full support of our adult children, our daughter and son Kevin. I previously mentioned Kevin's unwavering support, his enthusiasm for door-to-door campaigning. I also enjoyed support from Sarah, albeit from a distance, as she and her husband Darren Young live in Vancouver. There was an interesting twist involving Sarah to my election victory.

Our election team held a get-together at the Shore Club in Hubbards. As the results from Chester-St. Margarets, particularly the final poll, were taking a long time to trickle in, we eventually reached closing time. Mary Lynne and I and the members of our team began our trek home without knowing the final result. Our daughter Sarah called us as we approached our home. She was streaming the election results at her home in Vancouver. As we discussed the excitement of the evening, Mary Lynne and I pulled into our dark driveway and parked our car. At that moment, Sarah excitedly announced that the result for Chester-St. Margaret's had finally come in and the poll had taken us from 46 votes down, to a 91-vote margin victory.

I would be remiss today not to acknowledge my great-great-great-grandfather, the Honourable Richard McHeffey, a man with some considerable experience in this House. The Honourable Richard McHeffey, born on Boxing Day December 26, 1773, represented the township of Windsor in this Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1838 to 1840. Mr. McHeffey was a proud member of the Liberal Party and a colleague of Joseph Howe. In 1853, he was called to the province's Executive Council where he served as minister without portfolio but with responsibilities for the formation and operation of the provincial administration. Richard died in Windsor on December 5, 1874, at the remarkable age of 100. It is indeed an honour to follow in the large footsteps of my forefather.

One of Richard McHeffey's three daughters, Annie, married Daniel MacKay, my great-great-grandfather and son of Evan MacKay, the first of my MacKay lineage who

came to Nova Scotia from Scotland in the early 1800's. Evan MacKay was a member of the British military but mustered out of the regular army to serve in the local militia in exchange for a land grant, a common practice of the day for populating and protecting Nova Scotia, particularly from those expansionist minded Yankees to the South.

Annie and Daniel McHeffey's son Hedley MacKay inherited McHeffey property in Gays River, Hants County, where he and his wife Ida Kent, from the Musquodoboit Valley, raised a large family which included my grandfather Harold Keith MacKay, and where my own father Keith MacKay was born in 1918. I am proud that my family still owns property in Gays River, the site of many family gatherings past and present.

As proud as I am of my paternal forefathers of Hants County, I am equally proud of my maternal forefathers, who also came from Scotland but who, after landing in Pictou County in 1833, made their way by foot through harsh winter conditions, crossing a frozen Bras d'Or Lake to settle in Kennington Cove on the eastern shore of Cape Breton Island. Those forefathers, the Wilsons, came from North Uist, in Scotland's Outer Hebrides. It was family tradition to alternate the names of sons in the family between Donald and Hugh, and I proudly carry the name Hugh Wilson MacKay in respect of my grandfather Hugh Wilson of Glace Bay.

My grandfather worked in the coal mines of Glace Bay and neighbouring communities. He was also a pillar of his community, particularly in his church, where he was an elder at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Glace Bay. Hugh - or Hughie Wilson, as he was more commonly known - was also in high demand as a Gaelic speaker and singer at funerals, as it was the first language of both he and my grandmother, Kate MacDonald of Trout Brook.

Hughie left another famous mark on Cape Breton history when he was interviewed by Canada's eminent historian Dr. Helen Creighton for her most famous book, *Bluenose Ghosts*. Mr. Speaker, if you have an opportunity and inclination, I invite you to open *Bluenose Ghosts* to Chapter 6, "Foresight," where my grandfather Hughie Wilson relates the story of an elderly woman who could see into the future. Such a woman would be in great demand today as a pollster.

This brings me to speak of my own parents, Keith MacKay of Gays River and Milford, in Hants County, and Catherine Wilson of Kennington Cove, in Glace Bay, Cape Breton. My parents were both educators. They met in Glace Bay when my father taught science at Morrison High School, and my mother was teaching at Brookside Elementary. My parents married in the aforementioned St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Glace Bay in 1950. The following year, my brother Keith was born. I'm delighted that Keith has joined Mary Lynne in the gallery this evening.

My father, Keith MacKay had a distinguished 33-year career in education. He retired in 1980 as director of research for the Nova Scotia Department of Education. He

passed away seven years ago in his 92nd year and is remembered not only as a fine educator but also as a fine angler, woodsman, and craftsman, and as the Shanachie, or historian, of the MacKay family. My beloved mother Catherine MacKay is alive and well in Halifax, and at the age of 97, I suspect she was once again at her exercise class in Halifax this morning.

In 1955, shortly after I was born at the Grace Maternity in Halifax, my parents moved to one of Nova Scotia's hidden gems, the beautiful village of Guysborough on the Milford Haven River. There, my father had become inspector of schools for Guysborough and Antigonish Counties, and I began my schooling at the Guysborough Academy, a four-room school housing classes from Primary to Grade 12. There in Guysborough, under my mother's careful teaching, I developed a lifelong love of reading and learning. Under my father's careful woodsman's eye, I developed a love for hunting, fishing, and the wilderness.

I must admit, it has been many years since I last carried a gun in the woods, preferring to carry a walking stick now. However, my love of the wilderness has only grown, and I support this government's effort to sustain and protect our wilderness environments.

My parents also instilled in me a commitment to community service. When I entered Grade 4, my family moved to Dartmouth, the City of Lakes, where in the years to come I was to observe my parents quietly making contributions to their community, serving with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the Boy Scouts of Canada, and volunteering at the Nova Scotia Hospital and Hope Cottage, and many, many more examples of serving their community. It was their example of community service that led me to this House and it is in their honour and for our shared love of Nova Scotia that I serve here.

Mr. Speaker, in Dartmouth I continued my education at Admiral Westphal Elementary School, Caledonia Junior High School and, ultimately, Prince Andrew High School. I am a proud member of the Prince Andrew Government Alumni currently serving in political life, encompassing all three levels of government and represented by Halifax Mayor Michael Savage, Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Member of Parliament Darren Fisher, and me.

Mr. Speaker, after graduating from PA, I studied at Dalhousie University, graduating with a BA in history - history having been one of my favourite interests since childhood. The decision to go to university was certainly good for getting an education, however it was when I subsequently enrolled in the Nova Scotia Community College and pursued another favourite interest that I found my profession and a fulfilling career.

Mr. Speaker, after graduating from Dalhousie, I attended the College of Geographic Sciences in Lawrencetown, Annapolis County. This renowned college, known by the acronym COGS, was founded in 1949 as the Nova Scotia Land Survey Institute. COGS

has trained generations of Nova Scotians in the fields of land and marine surveying, mapping and geographic information systems, or GIS. Surveying and mapping and GIS are collectively referred to as the geographic sciences, or geomatics, and this has been the basis of my professional career until my entry into politics.

Mr. Speaker, I enjoyed a very satisfying and rewarding career in the ever-increasing high-tech world of geomatics. For many years I worked in the Ottawa office of an international mapping company. Although my activities were primarily focused in Europe and North America, I worked in senior project management and business development roles from Kazakhstan to Indonesia, from Argentina to China and from Yemen to India. I have had the good fortune to work in 40-plus countries spanning the globe.

After the high school graduation of our son, Mary Lynne and I moved to Germany where for several years I had the opportunity to integrate a German firm into our corporate culture. It was a tremendously fulfilling chapter in my career as I had the opportunity to work closely with many of the leading firms and research agencies of Europe, including the European Space Agency, the European Environment Agency, British Petroleum and many more, but the siren call of Nova Scotia finally called to Mary Lynne and me and we returned to our native province, taking up full-time residence in Glen Haven, on the shores of beautiful St. Margarets Bay.

Upon arrival in Nova Scotia I opened my geomatics consultancy, representing a mix of national and international clients, with particular emphasis on Asian and European clients. I became involved in the local geomatics sector by joining the Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia, or GANS. I am extremely proud to be a past president of this association and I also took on the role of Executive Director of GeoAlliance Canada, the umbrella association for geomatics organizations across the country, representing academia, industry, and the public sector.

Mr. Speaker, it is from my previous geomatics career that I bring to your attention a somewhat different perspective on the position of this House - 44 degrees, 38 minutes north; 63 degrees, 34 minutes west. That is the geographic position of this House, as noted on the commemorative plaque located on the southwest corner of the grounds of Province House.

Many of our members may not realize that directly behind the statue of Joseph Howe there lays a plaque titled Surveying for the Future. Dedicated 50 years ago during Canada's Centennial celebrations, the plaque reads:

“This survey monument and plaque is dedicated to the Surveyors of Canada, whose skill and industry contributed so greatly to the exploration, mapping and development of our nation. It is symbolic of the beginning of the second century of surveying in Canada, and is a first post in a unified system of precisely co-ordinated survey

points. With eleven other Centennial Survey Monuments erected across Canada, it signifies the contributions by surveyors, both past and present, to the charting of our Nation's future."

[7:30 p.m.]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce my constituency office team - firstly, Penny Lawless, my constituency assistant and, secondly, Geraldine Pauley, our part-time assistant who worked tirelessly in the previous Chester-St. Margaret's constituency office and is an expert on all matters related to Chester-St. Margaret's. I am fortunate and grateful to have the support of two professionals with the excellence that Penny and Geraldine bring to my office.

In the days and weeks ahead, I look forward to Member Statements that I will make that will highlight the good work being done by individuals and organizations across the many diverse communities of Chester-St. Margaret's. At this time, however, I would like to highlight two communities that have been recently recognized for exemplary community spirit. Last week I accompanied His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor LeBlanc, to Big Tancook Island where His Honour presented the 2017 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award to a gathering of residents of that vibrant community. This followed the same award for the community of New Ross in 2016. These two communities are just examples of the kind of communities that I am fortunate to represent in Chester-St. Margaret's.

I would also like to recognize the Village and Municipality of Chester. While many know of Chester for their acclaimed Chester Race Week, which is now the largest keel boat regatta in all of North America, I applaud Chester for the magnificent job it has done in planning, building, and opening the local collaborative health and wellness centre aptly named Our Health Centre (OHC).

The OHC started to take shape in 2005 as an effort to recruit physicians to serve Chester and the surrounding rural communities. Its purpose was to program, design, build, own and operate a community-based health clinic on behalf of the residents of the community. It was in many ways ahead of its time and ahead of the challenges that we are meeting with health care in rural Nova Scotia. The OHC construction budget was approximately \$4.5 million. Approximately \$4 million of that capital cost was raised through donations from individuals and businesses and through community fundraising, with the remainder coming from the Government of Nova Scotia. The OHC was opened in November 2016, 10 per cent under budget for its construction, a testament to the professional private sector project management team.

We still have some of the same challenges that health care facilities across Nova Scotia face. However, the OHC is working with the Nova Scotia Health Authority to find solutions. I applaud the resourcefulness, the dedication, and the "can-do spirit" of all

involved in bringing the OHC to life. The OHC is a model of collaborative health and wellness that can be celebrated by the community and by the government alike.

I come to this House with a particular interest in the economic renewal of Nova Scotia. I am proud to join this team under a Premier who understands that the way to provide social services to Nova Scotians is to create an economy that is robust, that is growing, that generates wealth, and that provides good jobs for Nova Scotians.

I am honoured that the Premier has asked me to take a leading role in reshaping our approach to economic development and I'll energetically and effectively serve as the ministerial assistant to the Minister of Business, supporting the minister in making this province a more attractive place to do business, creating the right conditions for the private sector to grow our economy and create jobs. (Applause)

I particularly look forward to serving Nova Scotia by supporting the Minister of Business in work relating to the tourism sector and by increasing access to high-speed Internet. I also look forward to working with Innovacorp to foster start-up and social enterprise development in Nova Scotia. As everyone in this House knows, tourism is one of the foundation economic sectors for our provincial economy led by Tourism Nova Scotia which was created by this government to bring private sector business experience to our strategy. Nova Scotia's tourism sector is booming - we are on track to post the best tourism season in our province's history. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker, our tourism sector is an excellent example of how this government is creating the business environment that allows private sector to expand and create jobs and wealth in Nova Scotia. In Chester-St. Margaret's we find one of the leading tourism sites of Nova Scotia, Peggy's Cove, the province's most recognizable fishing village. Peggy's Cove is a star attraction for bringing tourism dollars to Nova Scotia. With the iconic lighthouse, artisans' shops and galleries, tour boats, superb hiking and much, much more, visitors and residents flock to Peggy's Cove like seagulls to a Cape Island fishing boat. On some days from a distance the sight of the lighthouse looks like an anthill with all the visitors scurrying back and forth amongst the rocks.

Mr. Speaker, Peggy's Cove is sinking under the weight of its own success. It does not have the infrastructure to preserve its unique charm and attraction for both residents and visitors alike. Peggy's Cove is not alone in needing infrastructure development to ensure that we provide world-class tourism experiences for our visitors.

There are iconic tourism sites throughout Nova Scotia that will receive our support through our new annual fund for supporting infrastructure renewal. As mentioned in the Throne Speech, we will work with our federal and private sector partners in this endeavour. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that our government has committed to this new fund of \$2 million annually for the revitalization of our iconic tourism sites.

Mr. Speaker, this government recognizes that there are significant opportunities for Nova Scotia, by supporting sustainable rural economies. I was pleased to join the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for the recent announcement of twinning Highway No. 103 through Chester-St. Margaret's from Tantallon to Hubbards. (Applause) Providing safe and speedy transportation corridors is vital to rural economics but also of importance is expanding our electronic highway.

This government recognizes that to compete in today's global economy, businesses need access to high-speed Internet service. We are going to take action to provide better Internet access, including access in rural Nova Scotia, so that our companies can compete in global markets and it is not just businesses that will benefit from this. Young families will stay in rural areas if their children have access to reasonable Internet service. Increasingly all citizens, including seniors, are being encouraged to use the Internet for connecting with government. We have a responsibility to help them and we will do this by working with the federal government, with municipalities, with community groups and with the private sector Internet service providers to improve service.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see the many ways that this government is supporting our traditional resource industries, such as fisheries and forestry. We are doing this by ensuring a balance of practices that provide profitability, yet sustainability for these sectors. For a constituency such as Chester-St. Margaret's, these efforts are critical, as they are across all of rural Nova Scotia.

Mr. Speaker, everyone in this House is delighted that our fishery sector is booming. Our seafood exports have nearly doubled to \$1.8 billion annually. We have already exceeded the Ivany report for this sector. I want to assure the fishing folks of Chester-St. Margaret's, from West Dover to Northwest Cove and Blandford, that we are not done yet. This government will continue to grow and expand our domestic and international markets for Nova Scotia seafood.

Mr. Speaker, this government is also taking direct action on challenges in our forestry sector. The government is undertaking an independent review of forest practices in Nova Scotia. The review will examine current practices. It will hear from the full range of stakeholders and it will provide recommendations for improvement regarding how Nova Scotia balances long-term environmental, social and economic interests in managing the province's forests.

Mr. Speaker, growing up in Guysborough County my friends and classmates were the sons and daughters of private woodlot owners. I am especially pleased that the review of forest practices will make an evaluation of market access for private woodlot owners, particularly in the western region. I can assure the woodlot owners and operators of Chester-St. Margaret's, and particularly those in Lunenburg County, that I and the Minister of Natural Resources, herself a woodlot owner, will pay strict attention to the review and the recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, as we heard in the Throne Speech, while we work with traditional industries, we also want to support new, high potential, high growth industries. One of the ways we will accomplish this is to partner with investors, with entrepreneurs, with our higher education institutions and with other levels of government to support innovation. I am especially pleased to have the opportunity to work with Innovacorp, where we will combine venture capital with investments in infrastructure for business mentoring and incubation facilities.

Mr. Speaker, as many in this House know, I lived and worked in Europe for many years. While there, I witnessed the collaborative approach to economic development that is a keystone to many successful European economies. It is a collaborative approach that comes from a bond between government, the leading educational institutions and the communities. It also involves the trade and professional unions and the leading social enterprises, but the key collaborative bond is that between government and the business community. The business community, not just government, has a responsibility for developing our economy to its full potential. It is our government's responsibility to create an environment that allows the business community to invest in jobs and expansion. We're doing just that. We will work with the business community, with social enterprises, with our federal and municipal partners, with the academic community and with our labour movement, to demonstrate that this province is open for business. Our goal is to make Nova Scotia the most business-friendly jurisdiction in North America.

We are also going to address the attitudinal shift that must occur in Nova Scotia if we're going to successfully pursue our economic opportunities. There is too much focus and, frankly, too much resignation to uncertainties of the future. Resistance to change and acceptance of the status quo are enemies of growing a prosperous economy. We will work with all Nova Scotians and particularly our youth, to define a new, more positive attitude towards success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House's indulgence in allowing me to highlight an example of my own approach to collaboration and attitudinal shift. When I returned to Nova Scotia I was struck by two things occurring in Halifax. The first is that there was a resurgence of building on the peninsula, particularly in the downtown core. I was also struck by the obvious disconnection between the development community and the heritage community. In their own fashion, both of these communities are champions of our built environment. It seemed to me that our community as a whole would be better served if these groups could find common cause in celebrating our architectural landscape, both heritage and new.

In response to this I created a new event titled "Doors Open Halifax". Each June Doors Open Halifax opens the doors of 30-plus buildings in Halifax whose interiors are seldom seen, inviting the public in at no charge, to buildings that we often walked by on our way to school or drove by on our way to work.

Mr. Speaker, to kickstart this event I first met with my good friend and a good friend of this House, former Halifax Citadel MLA, Mr. Peter Delefes, who was at the time Past President of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. I explained to Peter that my concept for this program was not to finance another event with government funding but to do it with sponsorship funding from the private sector, particularly those businesses having interests in our built environment. The Heritage Trust agreed to lend their significant support to the event, as did almost every major property developer, plus representatives of the financial sector in the City of Halifax. This event now annually draws over 30,000 visits to its participating venues over two days. It has included everything from this venerable building to the Town Clock to the municipal waste water facilities.

Mr. Speaker, my point is that with such a small effort in collaboration and the small shift in attitude towards trusting each other's goals, these two oft-opposing groups, Heritage Trust and our property developers, now sit together on the Doors Open Halifax board and have come together in common cause to create one of the city's most engaging events, one that celebrates both our heritage and our future during this transitional time in our capital city and in our province.

[7:45 p.m.]

During the recent election campaigns, one of my central themes was that I would work toward the development of a sustainable provincial economy and, particularly for Chester-St. Margaret's, a sustainable rural economy. It is only when we have a healthy, vibrant economy that we can create the wealth that allows us to invest in our health care and our education system. It is only with jobs that we attract and retain young families. It is only with a healthy economy that we can build our infrastructure network, both our digital infrastructure and our asphalt and concrete infrastructure.

The Throne Speech made crystal clear this government's responsible and achievable plan of action to securing a healthy economy that will allow us to provide the social services that Nova Scotians deserve.

In closing, I have not come to this House with solutions for all the challenges that we collectively face as a province. I come here to lend whatever expertise and experience I may have gained that may be of benefit to this House and to our province.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to take this time today to address the House. I look forward to working with all my colleagues as we brighten the future for the residents of Chester-St. Margaret's and for all Nova Scotians. Thank you. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: Before I recognize the next speaker, I want to gently remind all members, where we are starting fresh again, that it's not appropriate to recognize a member's presence or absence while in the House.

The honourable member for Cumberland North.

MS. ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, may I make an introduction?

MR. SPEAKER: Please do so.

MS. SMITH-MCCROSSIN: I'd like to introduce the ministry leaders of the Halifax-Dartmouth Church of Christ, my good friends Marty and Reeta Udall. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to reply to the Speech from the Throne. I am a new MLA here in the Legislature, and my first words are to congratulate each and every member here in this House. Whether we are Liberal, NDP, or Progressive Conservative, we are all here to serve the people who have elected us.

I would like to thank the Premier for the Speech from the Throne given by the Lieutenant Governor. I was encouraged to read the proposed changes to the health care system, in particular the desire to work with physicians and bring them to the planning table. I was also pleased to hear that there will be a plan to strengthen our mental health services. I look forward to seeing that plan.

I'm also anxious to learn more about the plans to let people on income assistance earn a wage without being penalized, so that they can be lifted up out of poverty, one paycheque at a time. Our current system penalizes people who show initiative to work, and that is counterintuitive.

I'm curious to learn more about the Office of Strategic Management. Proper planning and strategizing can lead to effective change. Strategy involves vision, leadership, goal setting, planning, implementation, and evaluation - all important to our work in government.

My first thought when I read about this new office was that this should be included in every department and not be seen as a separate entity. On that note, I would like to share with my fellow MLAs my strategic plan as MLA for Cumberland North. My mission is to serve the people of Cumberland North and influence public policy for the greater good. I will work to increase the GDP and promote the people and area, and I will work toward achieving a world-class health care system for the people of Nova Scotia.

My core values are honesty, service, leadership, and hard work. I learned a hard work ethic growing up on a dairy farm in Linden, Nova Scotia. In fact, I learned a lot growing up on the farm. Since getting elected, I have been asked how I feel about being a woman in politics. I don't think in terms of gender when I am faced with a job to do. Growing up on the farm, I did the same work as my brother or my sister or the other hired farm hands. There was no gender discrimination. I shovelled the same manure as the males

and I threw the same weight of hay bale in the hay mount. Serving in politics will be no different. (Laughter) I believe each person will bring their own strengths to this Legislature regardless of their gender.

I have also been accused of being too nice for politics. People have been worried if I will be strong enough to stand up to some of the antics that can take place. I am strong enough, and I can assure you - let me give you an example. At the age of 5, I started working on a farm. It was a simple job but my job was to feed the cows when they came in to be milked. As I grew in age and stature my responsibilities grew and expanded and, eventually, one of my jobs was to bring in the cattle when it was time to be milked. Those of you who grew up on farms know that wherever there are female cows there is usually at least one bull. And some bulls are good and some are not so good. One thing my father always told me was never run from a bull. If one ever came at you, he said, stand your ground, never turn your back and run.

One early morning my sister and I got up around 5:30 a.m. to bring the cows in. The bull had been quite aggressive in recent days, so my father had told us, make sure you use the tractor when you're getting the cows in. So, this particular morning the cows were in two separate areas; one group was in the front field and another group was in the far field. So my sister who is six years my senior, decided she would boot me off the tractor to get the group of cows in the front and she went off over the hill, unseen, to get the farther away group.

So you know what happened. As soon as she is gone over the crest of the hill, out emerges the bull from the crowd of cows. He was standing about 30 feet from me and he watched me for a few seconds. I stood straight on and I faced him. I was shaking in my rubber boots, and I hollered at him you cannot hurt me. I was about 10 years old. He put his head down and pawed at the ground and he rolled his head and he bellowed and then he charged at me and he ran fast and hard and then about four feet in front of me he stopped dead in his tracks. I stood there and I never moved and after a bit, he turned around and went back to his starting point. As he is running back to his starting point, I took a few brisk steps close to the fence, but when he turned around at me again, I stood my ground, still shaking and he did the same thing. He bellowed, rolled his head, pawed the ground and charged me again, and again, Mr. Speaker, I stood my ground. He went on to do this four times. Finally, by the fifth time my sister finally came over the hill in the tractor, saw what was going on, and chased him away. I ran like heck and got over the fence to safety.

Mr. Speaker, I share that story with you to let you know that I will not back down in the face of adversity; I will not run when someone attacks me; I will be faithful not fearful and I will stand my ground when challenges come my way. (Applause) I am assuming I might face a few bulls in this job.

Back to my strategic plan, my key performance indicators will be measured by a group of Cumberland North leaders who will convene quarterly and review my strategic plan, track progress, and evaluate goals and objectives.

Accountability, as we all know, is an important aspect of making sure a job gets done and gets done well. This strategic plan has already been presented to the Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce and is posted on the walls of my constituency office. I have four goals. The first one is to serve the people of Cumberland North who seek assistance. We all have people who come to our offices every day and our goal, my staff and I, is to get to know all the services and resources that our 19 government departments offer.

We will assess and identify their issue, identify the government department that can assist them, create a plan, implement that plan and, importantly, follow up with an evaluation. It's important that our customers, the constituents, are satisfied, and an evaluation is a very important key factor.

My second goal is to improve the economy of Cumberland North, to increase GDP produced by 16 per cent in 2021. Yes, it's a large goal, but I believe it's possible. The first step is to analyze past and current financials in Cumberland North. Mr. Speaker, I'm going to share with you several aspects of this strategy.

The first one has been discussed in this House, I know, at length in the past. It is to remove the Cobequid tolls as soon as possible to lower the cost of operating a business in Cumberland North. For a business to succeed, revenues need to increase, and expenses need to go down. In Cumberland North, we have a higher expense in doing business. There's a real barrier to getting our products to market because of the toll highway. A private woodlot owner, for example, in Cumberland North will spend \$7,400 a year per truck on tolls alone. This is a cost that bears no return on investment. This expense does not have to be paid by any other trucker in the province.

I know all the pros and all the cons of the tolls. The people of Cumberland North pay the same gas tax as every other consumer in this province, and it is not fair that we pay this extra cost. The reality is that these tolls were put in place for the purpose of paying off the bondholders who financed the construction of the Cobequid Pass. Through the work that my Leader, Jamie Baillie, and I have done, we have discovered that there is more than ample money to pay off the remaining debt of the Cobequid Pass, and that money is sitting in the Western Alignment Corporation.

I know that the toll highway is a cash cow for this government, but I do not believe it should be done on the backs of the people of Cumberland County. It is wrong to keep the tolls in place. We are receiving less than 1 per cent interest on millions and millions of dollars sitting in this corporation, yet we are paying over 10 per cent interest on the debt. I don't think any of us would manage our households in this manner.

Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we will hear a budget in this House, and it's likely to show a surplus. I know that the profits sitting in the Cobequid toll highway corporation are recognized as general revenues by this government. This is deceiving. Those revenues should not be used to inflate this government's bottom line but rather should be used once and for all to finish paying off the debt for this toll, and these tolls should be removed as soon as possible. This is an expense to doing business in Cumberland County and Cumberland North, and it is a barrier to our people.

While we are on the topic of the Cobequid Pass, Mr. Speaker, I also want to address the unfair speed limit in the Wentworth Valley. The speed limit was artificially lowered to 70 kilometres an hour to encourage people to use the toll highway. Speed limits should not be set for political reasons. They should be set based on the safety of the highways, what is safest. There is also a disproportionate number of patrol hours spent in the Wentworth Valley by the RCMP, and now we have the highest percentage of fines in the whole province. This is unfair.

My second strategy is also in a line with decreasing expenses for the people of Cumberland North. This is to work closely with property owners where property valuations have exceeded market value. This is particularly a problem with commercial properties. Valuations are increasing at a much higher rate than revenues. This is not sustainable. Some commercial property valuations are increasing by 8 per cent and some up to 20 per cent a year. Rental properties are restricted to increasing rents by 1 per cent, so this is not sustainable. This is a problem in Cumberland North and likely to be a problem across this whole province. I have already engaged with the office of Minister of Municipal Affairs and his staff two weeks ago.

[8:00 p.m.]

The next strategy, Mr. Speaker, in my plan to increase GDP is to improve the entrance to Nova Scotia and Cumberland County, specifically the Laplanche Street area, to encourage tourists and local Nova Scotians to come and stay in Cumberland North. Since the government rerouted the Trans-Canada Highway around Amherst, the Laplanche Street area has become derelict and rundown, with only a handful of businesses. Plans will include utilizing plans that have been developed over the years that have only sat on shelves. Community engagement will take place in a plan developed, and I'm pleased to say, Mr. Speaker, we had our first meeting in August and had 24 people attend who are willing to participate in this project.

Strategy D is to work with the Village of Pugwash and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to complete the waterfront development project and find private stakeholders to build a marina in Pugwash. I have asked local business people to create a business plan for the marina.

Strategy E is to work closely with industry to capitalize on opportunities based on our geographic location. We are central to the Maritimes and we have huge opportunities with Maritime co-operation. We will work closely with the Cumberland Business Connector and local chambers of commerce.

Strategy F - I've already heard from our good friend, Mr. MacKay, and that is to improve broadband Internet connectivity to every citizen in Cumberland North so that every citizen in Cumberland North has Internet access. It may surprise some of my fellow MLAs from metro to know that some people in my area do not have access to basic Internet service - this is a deterrent to business and to attracting new people to our area.

Strategy G is to work closely with industry to identify potential growth areas specifically in the primary industries of agriculture, mining, forestry, and fishing. We have a huge potential for oyster fishing in the Malagash Bay; we have a huge forestry area that is a sustainable renewable resource; and we have an abundance of unused farmland. In my opinion, this is the most important piece of my strategic plan. Nova Scotia must create a safe and sustainable food supply and Cumberland North can play a vital role. One of the first things I learned when studying nursing was Maslow's hierarchy of needs - that we all need water, food, and air, and without these things nothing else matters. Without a stable food supply, self-actualization is not an issue.

Globalization and free trade have opened our borders to cheap food. The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture in 2010 reported that only 13 per cent of the money spent on food go to local farmers and producers. Eighty-seven per cent of our food here in Nova Scotia is imported. I believe this is dangerous; we are reliant on other countries for our food supply. We have therefore put ourselves at risk. If there was a problem with transportation systems, if the United States and North Korea decide to go to war tomorrow and our ports are shut down, or our airport, we have put ourselves in a very vulnerable situation. The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture have said we have enough food supply for four days if our imports were stopped.

Creating a safe and sustainable food supply is key also to rejuvenating our economy. It was reported in 2010 we are spending \$2.6 billion on food a year, approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000, per family. With the cost of food increasing, it's likely over \$3 billion. This means over \$2 billion of Nova Scotia's money is leaving the province for food imports. If we set a goal of producing 50 per cent of our food for food consumption, it would pump an extra \$1 billion into our Nova Scotia economy - \$1 billion. It's estimated it would create over 16,000 jobs. It's huge, but most importantly what it would do is it would create a safe, sustainable food supply for our people.

Cumberland County has 30 per cent of the arable farmland in Nova Scotia. We have marshland and grassland to produce grass-fed beef; we have the Northumberland Strait and the Bay of Fundy to increase our fisheries; and geothermal in Springhill to produce heat energy for an abundant greenhouse industry. These are just a few examples of our potential

areas for growth. I believe this is a serious issue and we need strong leadership. It just makes common sense that we can feed ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you another short story. In 1999 I started my first business. I was a registered nurse but I was determined to start a business and I always wanted to go back to school and learn more about business and finally, in 2011, I did that. I went to Saint Mary's University and started an Executive MBA. I loved learning. I was eager to go to every class, and the second year I attended a class taught by Dr. Colin Dodds. He was the President of Saint Mary's University - some of you may know him. He taught the class, International Capital Markets, to every second-year class in the MBA program. He lectured without notes. He told us the history of the financial markets back to the Great Depression, and he can tell you the financial history of any country in the world. It was fascinating.

One day he stopped and he looked at our class, a class of 17, average age 41, and he said, you know the most important thing that you all should take from my class is that you should all be able to go home and grow a vegetable garden.

And I thought, here I am studying because I want to learn and I want to be so much smarter and this intelligent man tells me I need to go home and make sure I know how to grow vegetables. Mr. Speaker, remember I am a farm girl, so here I am - it really caused me to stop and think about what is really important.

That summer I thought a lot about what he said. I did a lot of reading on the topic and I decided after that to start a new business in Amherst, which I did in March 2013, called Manasseh Local and Organic Food, in downtown. But Mr. Speaker, it's not enough. We need a much larger public policy that will lead to effective change. This is one of the reasons that I ran for elected office. I have started by meeting with local farmers, I've reached out to our Minister of Agriculture, and I look forward to working on this very important topic.

The last strategy with regard to growing the GDP is identifying potential tourism growth areas in Cumberland North around heritage and history, and also the outdoor industry of off-highway vehicles and ATV sport trails. I look forward to working with local leaders on that topic.

Goal number three in my strategic plan is to promote Cumberland North. Cumberland North needs to be promoted both provincially and nationally. We need to be put back on the map of Nova Scotia, literally. Mr. Speaker, if you were to talk to the people of Cumberland North, they have not felt part of this province for several years. There is a feeling felt by the people that the province ends at the Cobequid Pass. This is evident visibly if you see some maps of the province, including our own Tourism Nova Scotia map on the website - two years ago it did not have one town or community identified in Cumberland County. The first town identified was Truro.

This year alone the QEII put out a brochure and there's a map of Nova Scotia that identifies all of the visits, over 1 million visits to the QEII, and there's nothing reported from Cumberland County - nothing north of Truro.

Government offices and jobs have left Cumberland in the spirit of centralization, but I know it was often done in the spirit of politics. When jobs are pulled from Amherst to go to the Valley or other parts of Nova Scotia, my people are getting tired of those politics and my people are getting tired of being given the shaft. Even though we have 30 per cent of the arable farmland in Nova Scotia, we have zero employees from the Department of Agriculture in all of Cumberland County. There's a \$60 million budget for the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker, and Cumberland County has zero employees.

Whenever our regional hospital is being managed from Halifax or Truro, like it is now, there's a pull to move services out of our regional hospitals and move them to Truro. Last year lab equipment, purchased by our health care foundation, was taken to Truro. This is wrong - Cumberland North needs someone promoting it and advocating for its people, and I vow to do that.

Mr. Speaker, goal number 4 is to work towards a world-class health care system in Nova Scotia. This is a topic that is close to my heart. My mother died at the age of 28 from melanoma, a type of skin cancer. I was five years old and one of the only memories I have of my mother was of the nurses, dressed in white, who took care of her. So I grew up wanting to be one of those nurses.

After high school I went to Dalhousie at the age of 17 and finished a degree of nursing at the age of 21. I got married the next month and my husband and I moved to Toronto where he finished his second year of family medicine residence. In my first year of nursing, I worked in cardiology, dermatology, family practice, oncology and infectious disease. Then I spent a month up north working with a nurse practitioner.

The next year we moved home and we moved to Liverpool and I worked in an operating room and recovery room at Queens General Hospital. My husband set up his very first family practice, took over from a retired physician. It didn't take long before he was feeling quite overwhelmed and we decided to practice together and I took up family practice nursing and we worked together.

Soon thereafter Premier Savage at the time made changes that reduced the fees physicians made in this province. The current proposed federal tax changes have brought back a lot of memories for me. It was difficult watching my husband deal with the stressors of being a doctor, dealing with life and death every day, to come home to read in the newspaper about the greedy doctors. We had a ton of student debt and it didn't take long before we felt we were so devalued that we needed to leave the province.

One day I answered the phone because every day we received about 20 calls from American recruiters. We made the difficult decision to leave, with a six-week-old and a two-year old and I think I probably cried the whole drive to Wisconsin. We stayed there and we paid off our student debt in 21 months. We lived frugally. If we had stayed in Nova Scotia, it would have taken over 10 years.

When I see the caring hearts of physicians, the examples are the ones we saw on Saturday who are right now feeling so discouraged, I know how they are feeling. They just want to feel respected and valued. Many will leave, Mr. Speaker, if we don't do something. I encourage our Premier to extend a hand of gratitude to our medical community and send a strong message that we need them to stay and that they are valued here in this province.

My husband and I moved back to Nova Scotia, to Amherst in 1997. We've lived there ever since. We went on to have two more children and within a couple of years I started my first business, East Coast Holistic Health. It was a physician management services company and three years later I opened the Amherst Family Health Clinic, an after-hours clinic. We had nine physicians, two family practice nurses. We trained four nurse practitioners. We weren't able to get funding for them but we did train them and they moved on. We had other allied health care professionals, such as a naturopathic physician and registered massage therapists. We were one of the first clinics in the province to introduce electronic medical records in 2006. However, the model was good in theory but it didn't work financially. I remember Dr. David Rippey, God rest his soul, told me, Elizabeth, you are about 15 years too early. The business model failed and in 2009 I sold the assets to the remaining doctors.

I went on to build my corporation into a spa and wellness centre called Damaris in 2010 while I taught nursing at the Nova Scotia Community College. In 2011 I bought a Simply For Life nutrition counselling franchise and started my EMBA at Saint Mary's University. In 2012, I bought my first commercial property, which was quite interesting and challenging. Then the next year I graduated from Saint Mary's and opened Manasseh Local and Organic Food. Around that time our third son was diagnosed with cancer. He had a type of sarcoma but thankfully I can say that he is cured and hopefully will remain that way. (Applause)

Since that time I've managed the three businesses - Damaris, Simply for Life and Manasseh, under the corporate name East Coast Holistic Health. Included in the business model are private counselling services and a well woman's clinic which I did myself until this past December 2016. All of my businesses are grounded in illness prevention, early detection and disease management. I bring to my role of MLA and Health Critic a passion for health care.

I do believe we can have a world-class health care system here in Nova Scotia. Just as in business, there needs to be strong leadership, a vision, a strategic plan, and the right

people in the right positions who are held accountable to meet specific outcomes and targets. I believe that is what is missing in our current organizational structure.

[8:15 p.m.]

With my 26 years working in health care, I will work to bring accountability to the table. I encourage, Mr. Speaker, our Minister of Health and Wellness to have clinicians, doctors, and nurses who have the knowledge of what outcomes their decisions will bring. There must be community input. Local input, local leadership is critical and there needs to be a communication link between these communities and the central Nova Scotia Health Authority Board of Directors.

In my role as MLA, I will work for the people of Cumberland North to ensure the health care facility is built in Pugwash, that the hospice facility that they've been working on for years is built in Amherst, that wait times for mental health services will be reduced in Cumberland from 14 months down to 30 days - it's possible, I know it is. The medical staff organization have already resumed and are providing local leadership and I will support them. I will encourage local leaders to create a local health advisory council that will provide a communication link to the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

This concludes my strategic plan as MLA for Cumberland North. In conclusion, I would like to say a few thank yous especially to my campaign team that was led by my uncle, Cecil Smith. I would like to thank my local association leaders: Kathy Wells, Ann Sharpe, Gladys Coish, Lisa Gower, Lacey Fisher, and our token male, Steve Canning. He's our secretary. I also want to thank our Leader, Jaime Baillie, for recruiting me and for having the faith in me - oh, sorry, I apologize, Mr. Speaker - Cumberland South.

I would like to thank some people back home, my two managers that keep my businesses running without me and have done so over the years and that is my sister, Kim Gould, and my friend and manager, Christine MacDonald. I would like to thank my new staff, Lisette Sumbu and Taylor Ripley, who are now my constituency assistants, for all the work that they have done and will do in the future. I would like to thank my whole campaign team of over 70 people. I can't name them all but they know who they are and I am forever indebted.

I'd also like to acknowledge my family - my children: Thomas, who's 24 and lives now in Calgary, Alberta; my son Matthew, who is 22 and studying engineering at Dalhousie University; my son Joel, 19, who is studying business and playing varsity basketball at Mount Saint Vincent University - 6-foot-6 - I'm so proud to see him out there and he's healthy; and our daughter Sharon, who is named after my mom, who's going into Grade 12 at Amherst Regional High School. Most of all, my colleagues here know I need to thank my husband, Murray, who is the love of my life and my best friend and I hope all of you get a chance to meet him over the next four years. He is truly an amazing man. (Applause)

It is an honour to serve the people of Cumberland North in the Nova Scotia Legislature. It is my wish that I can bring honour to my people by accomplishing the goals that I have set out in this strategic plan and that this province will be a better place to live in four years' time. I look forward to working with you, Mr. Speaker, and each and every MLA in this House. God bless you all. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I thank the honourable member for her address, but I will remind her and all members of this House that it is appropriate to address members by their constituency and not by their name. I'm sure you'll remember that as we move forward. It happens a lot.

The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

MS. CLAUDIA CHENDER: May I make an introduction before I begin? I would like to recognize my mother, Julie Chender, who is in the gallery. I hope that the other members will join me in welcoming the reason I'm here today, the best support of my life: my mother. (Applause)

So, to begin, I would like to offer congratulations to our Leader, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the honourable Premier, and all new and returning members of the House. A special note of congratulations to my neighbour and friend, the member for Dartmouth South, for her excellent campaign and victory.

It's truly an honour and a privilege to be able to address this House. Of course, I did not get here on my own. You just heard about my mother, my campaign staff, my EDA; my family and others not only created the conditions for my success, they did a huge amount of the work. For their confidence, trust, and generosity, I am forever in their debt. This may sound hyperbolic but I assure you that it's true. You can ask my family, particularly my husband, who I am sure will agree without hesitation.

My comments will be somewhat brief tonight but I would like to start by addressing the Speech from the Throne in some areas that jumped out to me. But before that, I would like to note that the other evening at a dinner, the Minister of Community Services mentioned recently that in its entire illustrious history only 50 women have been elected to this Chamber, and while gender is certainly not a determinant of everything, I think that issue is worth noting. So, I will go further to say that the fact that I am part of a caucus with 10 per cent of the women who have ever sat in this Chamber, is something of which I am extremely proud.

As far as the Speech from the Throne goes, the Leader of our Party has taken us on an instructive and a very colourful journey through the Throne Speech. There is little I can add there. Nor can I attempt to match his rhetorical flourish. But in my own way I will say a few words and these are the points that I think are worth making.

First, and generally, I am dismayed that although there are many worthy and excellent sentiments in the Throne Speech, one is still left with the impression that this government believes that the core focus of our attention ought to be on numbers. While every government must manage the books to the very best of their ability, I worry that this one seems to have forgot to what end this exercise is undertaken, and that is to make sure that all Nova Scotians have the opportunity to survive, thrive, and flourish.

At a time when Nova Scotia has the highest poverty rate of any province, when food bank use is exploding, when tuition fees continue to increase, when 125,000 people find themselves without primary health care, I submit that the metric by which we measure success should be how well we are taking care of people. The context for determining this should be: how much compassion are we showing to one another as a province?

This is a core concern around which I believe our budgets ought to be built. Sadly, it seems that we may have lost sight of this cornerstone of the contract that we hold with Nova Scotians, that we will take care of the people of this province and ensure no one will fall through the cracks. This is who we are as Nova Scotians, Mr. Speaker. This is what we are known for. This is what we aspire to. We are good neighbours, we are good to each other. We volunteer, we bring food, we make calls, and we show up. We should expect our government to reflect these values.

This and any government has a huge challenge with health care. When we are told, however, that health care investments will be forthcoming, what can we do but shrug our shoulders when this same government was elected on the promise of a doctor for every Nova Scotian in 2013, especially when we know that the last four years have seen the health budget underspent?

We have been told more times than I can count now, how exciting this government's investment in pre-Primary is. And I was honoured to be there today for the announcement that it had finally begun. I will be the first to say that it is exciting. It is exciting every time we can offer a universal program that serves the children of this province. However, this program appeared nowhere in the last budget that was tabled, nowhere in any plans that we've been able to find, and the rollout has been rushed. I spoke to a parent enrolled in the program yesterday who told me that when she asked the school for details last week, their response was, we have no idea - you know more than us. Comforting words for any parent to hear. We now know that this program was launched this week, but we were unable to get a direct answer to that question on Friday. The rollout has been hasty, and the measure of success seems to have been that it will happen.

I believe it should happen well. It should happen in a way that considers the impact on pre-existing child care supports and the workers and businesses critical to the sustainability of the sector. Regulated child care providers are suffering from the loss of children in their programs, loss of qualified staff to those programs, and the lack of a new funding formula that allows them to be sustainable.

This is a good and even noble idea, and with consultation and time, it could be great. Programs and services delivered by our government should aspire to be best in class, to serve the people of Nova Scotia with nothing less than a standard of excellence. With no consultation, a hasty roll out, little communication with parents, and yet another entire sector of frustrated folks in its wake - in this case the ECEs - the program does not seem to live up to that aspiration, not by half.

Speaking of frustrated sectors, this announcement comes on the heels of an unprecedented and likely unconstitutional routing of the collective agreement for teachers across this province. While teachers are still reeling and still struggling with lack of supports in their classrooms, challenging conditions, and a general lack of trust in and support from the government, they're now told that they must wait for the findings of the Commission on Inclusive Education before any additional supports are delivered. Many of these teachers and parents are crying foul.

I am very hopeful, Mr. Speaker, that the budget delivered on Thursday in this Chamber will have the requisite funding set aside to implement these findings immediately before more families fall through the cracks of the current system.

I would also echo the statements that our member for Halifax Needham made last week about the shocking lack of even a mention of climate change in the Speech from the Throne. It is, I submit, the singular issue of our time. It is the thing which, if we don't wrestle with it, will and already does wreak havoc on all of our interests inside and outside of this Chamber.

We heard almost nothing about culture or our beautiful cultural sector in the Speech from the Throne. Culture, as I'm sure you'll hear from our very able spokesperson, is the lifeblood of this place. Like a phoenix, the cultural sector, and film in particular, is rising from the ashes, but we have lost so many bright, young, creative taxpaying Nova Scotians due to the bungling of this file.

I mention culture for a very important reason. It's not just the lifeblood of Nova Scotia but indeed of Dartmouth South. We have amazing artists in Dartmouth South - painters, filmmakers, musicians, film industry workers, printmakers, and the list goes on and on. They have chosen Dartmouth South as their home and have benefited our community immeasurably.

I would like to thank the people of Dartmouth South, the aforementioned artists and also the chefs, the athletes, the grandparents, the parents, the small business people, the makers, the workers, the doctors, the lawyers, and everyone else, especially all of those who elected me to this very humbling position. At this early moment, I can't say that I quite know what I'm in for, but this past summer has really been nothing but a joy. Chalk it up to early naïveté, but this is a job I truly feel that I can be proud of.

When I miss dinners or bedtimes - check both of those boxes for tonight - I'm often excited to tell my kids where I have been and what I'm doing. That brings me a lot of joy as a parent. It's one of the ways that, as a resident and now representative of Dartmouth South, I know that I'm in the right place. Part of my family's love for Dartmouth South comes from the fact that it orients around the axis of its families. I would speculate that over 75 per cent of the events in my constituency that I have had the honour of attending have also welcomed my little zoo with me. While the member for Dartmouth North and I were making pancakes on Canada Day, my little ones were eating them. When we had the largest ever Switch: Open Street event in downtown Dartmouth this summer, my girls were on stage right alongside me welcoming the community, and they were thrilled. It's the small things like that that let me know that I'm in the right place.

Before I talk a little bit more about Dartmouth South, I also want to note that much of the historic City of Dartmouth sits within the boundary of my constituency. I'm very proud to represent it - from the Nantucket whalers to the early African Canadian settlers through to our most recent Syrian arrivals, we truly have a unique and historic community, one that I continue to enjoy learning about.

[8:30 p.m.]

Today, Dartmouth South is a community of many vibrant neighbourhoods. In the south are Russell Lake West and Portland Estates, with their beautiful new buildings and subdivisions full of families and seniors, the community hub of the Woodlawn Public Library, their robust residents' associations and lots of wonderful events.

From there you move on to Southdale and North Woodside, where you have the excellent Dartmouth General Hospital - one of the busiest in the province, with one of the best teams you can imagine, as I've gotten to know over the past several months. It's currently undergoing a massive and exciting renovation, and as a community, we are so eager to see the results.

Across the street is the Nova Scotia Community College, with its gorgeous green building and unparalleled view, which offers an incredible education to people across the area - one we think ought to be free. The best story I heard about the NSCC was that one Dartmouth General emergency doctor, who I think has quite a big administer of responsibility, got a music diploma there recently in her spare time. She'd run across the street with her cello on her back during her breaks. That's the mettle of which emergency room doctors are made: they go and get extra degrees while they're practising.

Down the road you can get an awesome meal at the Pleasant Street Diner or John's Lunch, and then hop down the road to what must be one of the busiest rec centres in the municipality - and with the very best view - the North Woodside Community Centre. Just below that is the incredible COVE project that's taking shape at the former Coast Guard station. From there you reach the residential neighbourhoods of Hawthorne, Portland, and

Pleasant Streets, with their beautiful homes and views, schools, parks, and playgrounds. Across Sullivan's Pond, past Lake Banook with its rowers and dragon boaters and swimmers and kids, and on to my own beautiful flower streets.

Around the corner is Park Avenue, with its stunning cherry trees and a true community gem: the Park Avenue Oven, which sits at the entrance to Leighton Dillman Park. If you've never been to the Dartmouth Common and you only think of Halifax when you hear "the Commons," I really suggest you all come for a visit. (Applause)

This is truly a vibrant place, and I haven't even mentioned our exploding downtown, with businesses opening what seems like every other week, almost all independently owned and operated for and by people in our community. Restaurants from diners to fine dining, coffee, records, comics, haircuts, tattoos, spas, breweries, bakeries, fitness centres, health food stores, gift shops, and local crafts can all be had within a few square blocks around the Alderney Market and radiating upward along Portland Street.

For those not quite at the bricks-and-mortar stage, the Alderney Market has truly become the best farmers' market in the municipality and an absolute jewel of our city.

Dartmouth South is home to many active, engaged senior citizens, and we work hard to support all of the excellent organizations that serve them. From the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre next door to my office, which not only hosts an impressive roster of events but has a daily eat-in or Meals on Wheels lunch service - which is delicious, and for which my CA has the calendar posted just by her desk, so if it's mac and cheese day or turkey dinner, we know where we're having lunch - and of course, the many churches throughout our downtown district.

We also have a lot of struggling folks who call our district home: people who are un- or underemployed; people who suffer from mental or physical health conditions that prevent them from participating fully in their community; new arrivals who struggle to find work and to find their place; or young people searching for work so that they can stay here in the place they love - and I'm very happy to have hired one of those recently.

Many folks are squeezed by rising rent and lack of truly affordable housing. It's those folks I see in my office most often, and who I keep in the front of my mind as I sit in this Chamber.

I would not be here if it were not for so many people, as I mentioned earlier, who worked so tirelessly on my campaign. First, my family: my husband, Jamie, and my children, Ana, Molly, and Samuel, ages six, six, and four, who have been so generous with their mom; also my parents, who called and visited hundreds of people in Dartmouth South, which was the best vote of confidence I could receive. I think they all thought that the election victory was the end of those long hours, so they're also my first big test of managing expectations.

After hearing the member for Chester-St. Margaret's, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention my grandparents. One was born in Canada - his parents arrived via Pier 21 in the early 1900s - but the rest escaped Nazi-occupied Germany and it goes without saying that had they not made that treacherous journey and had a mix of grit and perseverance and luck, I would not be here today.

The Dartmouth South EDA, our President Deborah Martinello, our Treasurer, Dennis Theman and many other have been nothing short of amazing and other Dartmouth NDP stalwarts like Richard Starr and John Holm have offered great encouragement along the way.

Dartmouth South has an incredible political legacy. The incomparable Wendy Lill cannot go without mention, and I am so humbled and just lucky that she agreed to work on my campaign. Marilyn More, who offered advice and friendship, was wonderful and I can't pass up a chance to thank Marian Mancini, a class act. It's a distinct honour to have such role models to look up to and such big shoes to fill.

To our fierce, funny, kind and dedicated leader, the member for Halifax Chebucto, thank you so much for believing in me and in all of us, for taking our measure and giving us the opportunity to show up in the roles and conversations we are most passionate about. To my colleagues around me, our team is small but mighty and has been, and will continue to be, a pleasure to work with.

To our caucus staff, thanks for starting early, staying late and showing me the ropes. To all of you in this House, I look forward to this session and the next and the next, where we have been given the responsibility of representing our constituents, developing policy, debating the issues and acting in the public interest. I look forward, with all of you, to doing the work that Joseph Howe defined for us so long ago, to asking the question of what is for the public good and governing accordingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

MR. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: The member for Argyle-Barrington loves me because he was the first person I called election night.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak today. A lot has changed for me personally over the last four years. When I was first elected I had a newborn son, Oliver Finn Maguire. Now I have three children: Oliver who is now four years old, Rufina Bridget who is two years old, and Isla Rose who is about to turn one.

Mr. Speaker, I always wanted a large family. I always wanted a noisy house, filled with chatter and laughter, but I assure you that Rena and I have no plans to add anyone else to the family - after all, my last name is Maguire, not Delorey.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I expect that the honourable member probably should know the rules by this time.

MR. MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, it dawns on me daily how unlikely it is that I stand here today as a two-time MLA. Growing up in foster care I knew very little about my biological family, but since the births of my children I have grown more and more interested in my family origins.

Here is what I found out - my grandfather, who was from Enniskillen, North Ireland, supported a family of 10 by doing odd jobs and panhandling. To say he had a bit of the blarney in him is an understatement, but for all his faults he loved his family. My father was from Northern Ireland and he served in the British military for a short time before he fell victim to his own demons, which included abuse and addiction. My mother is more of a mystery, but what I do know is that she was from a very poor family from Ballyhaunis, North Ireland. She, too, fell victim to addiction. What I found out is that history is not always pretty.

I stand here today a product of the system, someone who went on to post-secondary education, someone who has the unique opportunity to give back. I tell you this, Mr. Speaker, because I truly believe that if I can make it then anyone can. (Applause)

I am here because of the love and belief of Nova Scotians. Nova Scotians like Linda Wilson; the staff and family at Phoenix House; Marion Brown; Ainslie MacNeil-Campbell; the Pools; Yves Campagna; Bill Field; Patty and P.T. LaPierre; Martha Reynolds; Pat and Gary Blaikie; Anthony Rosborough; Neil Ross; Pat Connors and the entire Connors family; Kelly Gnomes; Hugh Fraser; Bill Blackhorn; Theresa and James Graham; the Kaulback family; my in-laws, the Moirs; Chris Hornberger; and, of course, my partner Rena, and my beautiful children Oliver, Rufina, and Isla. (Applause)

I am here because of collaboration. People working together to support me in the good times and bad, people who believed that in order to be successful we need long-term plans and goals and sometimes the short-term pains, while they may seem all consuming, are sometimes necessary for long-term success. People coming together from different backgrounds and beliefs for a common goal and vision. It truly is a lesson for all of us especially government. When we put aside our partisan beliefs and our short-term wins for a long-term vision, anything is possible.

From the coal miners in Cape Breton, the longshoremen in Halifax, the fisherpeople in Digby, and the small business owners in Yarmouth, we all want the same thing. We want a future - a future for ourselves, a future for our children. We want a government that invests in education and health care, a government that fights equality, that believes that all of us are born equal. Government cannot solve every issue but it can create opportunity. It can help level a playing field that has become grossly uneven, uneven because of where you are born, your access to affordable housing, uneven because of the size of your bank

account. Unfortunately, some in our society judge others based on their income, based on their race, religion, culture, gender, and last name. These judgments cause self-doubt and they prevent us from breaking cycles.

Government can help break these cycles, can help their citizens build confidence. They can do this by investing in affordable housing so families can go to bed with a safe, warm roof above them; with continued investment in our school's breakfast program so that our youth can concentrate on learning instead of the all-too-familiar hunger in their bellies; government can provide families with free pre-Primary so that children, the ones we as a society are supposed to nurture and protect, are given equal opportunity. Opportunity to imagine, to create new friends, to get over social awkwardness, but most importantly an opportunity to be a child and grow. It will allow the single parent, the struggling family, opportunity. Opportunity to go back to work if they so wish, to go back to school, or to take some me time because we all know we need that. So, why is opportunity so important? Because opportunity creates optimism. Optimism breaks cycles, and breaking cycles creates a bright future.

As I walk the streets of our communities, I am amazed by all the new immigrants to our province. You can hear the joy in their voices, see the hope in their eyes and the gratitude in their actions. While I know some may find their differences intimidating, I believe our differences are beautiful, that diversity makes our community, our province, and our countries more attractive and stronger.

[8:45 p.m.]

Mr. Speaker, one of my favourite quotes of all time is from the late, great Muhammad Ali. He said, "Wars of nations are fought to change maps. But wars of poverty are fought to map change." I feel that this quote is especially relevant in today's global climate.

Mr. Speaker, what is poverty? Poverty is the factory worker who supported their family for 20 years but their job has been shipped overseas; the single parent who struggles every day and only the love of their children keeps them going; the small business owner who used their entire life savings and took a chance, only to see their business fail; the individual dealing with addiction because it is the only way they can deal with past abuses.

Mr. Speaker, poverty is inequality, it is racism, it is a cycle. Poverty can impact anyone at any time. That is why I am very optimistic about the government's \$20 million in an anti-poverty strategy. I want to be very clear, poverty is not just a community service issue. Poverty is an education issue, it is an affordable housing issue, it is a Department of Justice issue, a gender equality issue, a race issue, access to affordable and health food issue, a health and transportation issue.

Every minister in every department has a role to play in the eradication of poverty. If government takes this opportunity to look at poverty through this lens, if it realizes that we all have a role to play, no matter our political stripes, that a long-term vision is needed more than short-term fixes, if that is the lens we take, then the outcomes of these policies could truly help raise tens of thousands of Nova Scotians out of poverty and that could be the single most important initiative any Nova Scotia government has ever done.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, we as citizens must stop identifying as Liberal, Progressive Conservative or NDP communities. Stop judging people as union and non-unionized for we are all our brothers' keepers. We must stop competing as rural and urban Nova Scotians only when we free ourselves of these partisan labels, only when we stop labelling our friends and neighbours will we become a stronger Nova Scotia, a progressive Nova Scotia. We will see real equality and social justice. Only then will we be a One Nova Scotia. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MR. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in this esteemed House with an enormous sense of gratitude. Gratitude is a very amazing state to be in because to have gratitude, as many of us know, it keeps us humble. I feel a lot of humility standing before this House knowing that I've been selected by my community of Dartmouth East to be their elected representative, a community that I grew up in, a community that I am honoured to raise my family in and a community that I have spent much of my professional career.

My family, the Halman family, comes from northern New Brunswick. They are from a small fishing village in northern New Brunswick just outside Miramichi called Hardwick. My grandfather, like many young men and women, volunteered to go and fight in the Second World War. My grandfather stormed the beaches of Normandy during D-Day. Upon returning to Canada after the war, like many wartime vets, they set out to different parts of the country seeking opportunities.

My family relocated to Montreal in the 1950s. My father, Les Halman, at the age of 14, left school and got a job in the late 1950s at the National Film Board. Without much education, he had a great career as a filmmaker. I can recall, as a child, the awards that my father received as a filmmaker and as a film and sound editor. My father was always very humble about those awards.

In the late 1970s, the National Film Board transferred my father to Halifax. As a matter of fact, as the story goes in my family, he and my mom had a choice. They could relocate to Halifax, or they could go to Toronto. My mom went up to Toronto to scout out some houses. I think she was there for maybe five minutes and called my father and said, we're going to Halifax.

My father was one of the early pioneers of the Nova Scotia film industry. I can remember an award that he had which was given by the Atlantic film community, it's called the Pioneer Award, for establishing the film and sound division here in Atlantic Canada. I'm awfully proud of my father. My father taught me the value of hard work, the value of perseverance. I'm extremely proud to come from a Nova Scotia film family.

My mom, Winnie McKnight, came from a small farming community in northern New Brunswick called Napan, just outside of Miramichi. My mom had a very strong sense of social justice. My mother always taught me and my siblings that the measure of success is the amount of people you help in life, the amount of assistance that you give. Of course, with a desire to help others, it wasn't a coincidence that she went into nursing.

My family lived a nomadic life early on. We moved around to a lot of different places. At one point, I calculated that I probably lived in about 27 different homes, different locations. I was born in Montreal, and at the age of two in 1979, my father was transferred to Halifax, to the National Film Board, which was on Argyle Street in those days. They got a home in Cole Harbour. So I grew up, I spent my formative years, in Cole Harbour attending Robert Kemp Turner Elementary School. I loved Cole Harbour, absolutely loved that community, growing up there, playing hockey.

In 1988, my father got a transfer back to Montreal, so off we went to Montreal. As a unilingual anglophone arriving in Montreal from Cole Harbour, I can tell you that was a real shock to the system. But you learn quickly. I learned to speak French. I learned to interact with a diversity of many different cultures, languages, and religions. I went to high school in Montreal.

In 1995, my dad took retirement from the National Film Board. They had an opportunity to fulfill their dream, and they returned to New Brunswick and retired there. I stayed in Montreal to continue my education at Concordia University. In 1995, as many members of this House will recall, Canada was confronted with a national question, whether or not the Province of Quebec should remain in Confederation.

Mr. Speaker, my first exposure to politics was with that 1995 referendum. The first time I voted was in that referendum and I can tell you that that night I learned every vote counts.

When I was 21, I met an unbelievable person and this individual very much helped mould my character and make me who I am today. I was honoured to have her on this journey called life for almost 18 years. Many in this House are aware that life takes its toll on all of us in different ways and my family was tested enormously a few months ago, and from the bottom of my heart I want to thank my colleagues in the Progressive Conservative Party, I want to thank my colleagues across all political Parties for the kindness and generosity that you showed my family, that you showed my daughters during a very difficult time.

Monsieur le President, elle était ma roche de Gibraltar and I would be remiss in not mentioning her, she was my everything. She was the mother to my children. I am where I am today because of her. Her name was Ginette Halman. She was a proud Acadian from Clare. In many respects, Mr. Speaker, I returned to Nova Scotia at the age of 25 because of her. She brought me back to my roots in Nova Scotia. Together we decided to start a family in Dartmouth. She was the most amazing person I ever met and I'm forever grateful to have encountered her.

Mr. Speaker, we are very much a product of our environment. I am very fortunate to come from a family that has always measured success on how many people you help, in giving back to your community. Growing up the youngest of four in an environment like that, you very much recognize that it is on all of us to give back to our community. We recognize that it is as individuals working together that make our communities and province and country, and world, a better place.

I am awfully proud of my siblings - Nora Donnelly, Darren Halman and Valerie Halman. I wish to thank them for all the support they've given me personally and professionally, not only these past few months but these past few years. I know there are many parents in this Assembly, many grandparents and we all know the importance of our kids and our grandkids. I know all the MLAs in this Chamber that is one common desire we have, to ensure our children and grandchildren have the best possible future. I'd like to tell my daughters - Sophie Halman and Ella Halman - while political life has a lot of demands, Dad will always be there for you.

Mr. Speaker, during our campaigns we have an opportunity to get out there on the doorstep and meet many members of our community. One of the things that struck me is that politics is about the art of listening, it's about the art of engaging with your fellow citizens to try to maximize the common good. While I know in this Chamber we have differences, fundamental differences on approaches, on ideology, on public policy, I don't doubt for a moment that all MLAs in this Chamber desire a better Nova Scotia.

[9:00 p.m.]

All of us are where we are today because of the great campaign teams that we had with us, and I take a lot of pride in the fact that the majority of the people on our campaign team in Dartmouth East were under the age of 25.

It's been often said that political engagement is at an all-time low, especially among our youth, and that is something all of us in this Chamber have a responsibility to correct, but I say go to Dartmouth East and you will see sparks of democracy who work hard every day to engage their community and lead by example, showing the next generation of Nova Scotians that politics is fun, that politics is something that you don't watch on television or observe on the Internet. Politics is about people. It's about your community and it's about giving back.

Like all of you, my fellow MLAs, I know we have great pride and respect in our campaign teams. I want to thank my campaign manager Briana Titus for her encouragement, for her hard work and dedication. I want to thank my sign crew led by Matt LeBlanc who had a very, very creative and dynamic way of putting up signs and it's these people who allow us to get into these positions. I want to thank our association president, Mr. John McCabe. I want to thank the countless volunteers on the Dartmouth East campaign team and I want to thank my opponents in Dartmouth East, Edgar Burns in particular, for running a solid campaign, a competitive campaign, a campaign where I believe Mr. Burns and I stuck to our word that it would be a campaign on issues and I commend Edgar Burns for that.

I want to acknowledge, first of all, my community of Dartmouth East. As I stand here in this Chamber, it really hits the rookie MLA, and I know many of you have been here before, where you realize now the task that is before you. I am now part of an Assembly; I am part of the Westminster model, and this is not a responsibility I take lightly. I know all of my colleagues here in this House of Assembly feel the same way. We all feel that responsibility to give voice to our communities, to fight for our communities, and to ensure our communities are given all the opportunities that they can get.

For many years, as some of the members in the House know, I devoted much of my professional career to teaching, and it's a profession I'm extremely proud of. I'm not going to get too political but let me say this, let me say this. Teaching is an art and it is, I believe, something we need to recognize as an art and it is my hope that all MLAs in this Chamber can work together to recognize the importance that teachers play in our communities and in our province and, in a spirit of conciliation, I encourage all members of this House to reach out to your schools, to reach out to your program assistants, to your teachers, and I encourage a healing to take place, and I encourage that we always remember who is at the forefront and the most important part of our education system. It is our students. (Applause)

I want to congratulate the member for Yarmouth on his appointment as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. I wish him nothing but the best in that role. I have no doubt that we will have very animated debates and discussions in the months and years ahead, but while we differ on approaches and differ on public policy, I have no doubt that we are united in our desire to make this the best education system possible. (Applause)

This is a very powerful moment. As I look around this Chamber and see portraits of Joseph Howe and Sir Charles Tupper, I am reminded that we all have a responsibility to ensure that the people of our province are provided with a long-term vision. I think that's been a problem we've had in our body politic for quite some time: that we often, when put into this position, become managers of the status quo. Nova Scotia does not need managers of the status quo any longer. Nova Scotia requires long-term vision and long-term plans that will set us up for prosperity for the next 20 or 30 years, and I encourage this government to get going on that.

I have such great respect for this institution and for the members who sit in their respective seats. During the campaign, I learned very quickly just how demanding political life is, and oftentimes those elected to office aren't recognized for the long hours and sacrifice they make. Mr. Speaker, I want to convey my utmost respect for my fellow MLAs, and I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.

I'm extremely proud of my community. Dartmouth East is a beautiful, beautiful part of Dartmouth. I am honoured as well to work with the members for Dartmouth South and Dartmouth North, and while we often have differences of policy, and while we often may have differences in ideology, I know that those three members for Dartmouth will always put Dartmouth first. (Applause)

Dartmouth East is a beautiful constituency. It encompasses the beautiful suburb of Spider Lake, making your way down to Waverley Road. Imagine going into beautiful Shubie Park for a nice walk or a nice run, and following that, joining my colleagues, the members for Northside-Westmount and Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg at the Mic Mac Tavern for a nice steak and a pop. Of course, leaving the Mic Mac Tavern, one needs to stop into Nine Locks Brewery to try one of our local brews.

Working your way up the Waverley Road, you get to the beautiful subdivision of Keystone Montebello, where we have many different professions and trades, from carpenters and plumbers to lawyers and doctors. We also have many people in that suburb and throughout Dartmouth East who serve in Canada's Armed Forces.

I want to take a moment to honour those who are serving overseas and are away from their families. Someone very close to me - as a matter of fact, my neighbour - is serving overseas, and each and every day I see the toll it takes on families. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to those women and men who serve in our Armed Forces. (Applause)

If you make your way down Caledonia Road, you find the East Dartmouth Community Centre, a community centre that serves our community for sports and different events. The fastest-growing sport at the East Dartmouth Community Centre is pickleball, which I had no idea was a sport, but I am certainly learning very quickly and recognizing that a great many people are participating in it.

I absolutely love my community, Mr. Speaker. To have grown up there, to have moved away, to have come back, to have established my career in Dartmouth East, and now to be the representative for Dartmouth East is a very humbling experience.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I get to the political part of my speech. It has been said that where there is no vision the people perish. As I alluded to a few moments ago, I sense we are at that point in our political culture, Nova Scotians need a long-term vision for this province and I encourage this government again to get to work on that.

In my years in the classroom I saw a growing issue emerging. When I first started my teaching career mental health was very much a taboo subject and, let's be honest, Mr. Speaker, it still is. There still is a stigma attached to talking about mental health, especially in certain professions. I saw a growing concern for our kids' mental health and we encouraged our youth to talk about their mental health, that if they were experiencing difficulties to go and seek professional help, only to discover wait times that were a great obstacle. So we encourage our youth to talk about mental health but the services need to improve, access needs to improve. I ask that this government get to work on making access to mental health services a number one priority.

Mr. Speaker, we need to reduce wait times. We need more resources. We need more front-line professionals in our public schools. This Party that I am so proud to be associated with, the Progressive Conservative Party - we've proposed what is known as the Healthier Schools Act whereby we propose to place mental health professionals in all our schools.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, that it was only a few months ago that I was in the classroom delivering our public school program. I can tell you we need that. I encourage this government to please get to work on that and you need to make access to mental health services a priority.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to our education system it is time to be bold. Indulge me for a moment and allow me to return to my roots as a history teacher. Only a few short months ago, we witnessed a labour dispute between our public school teachers and the Government of Nova Scotia, but I say that was more than just a labour dispute. What we all witnessed - and in my case experienced - was a revolt against the policies and procedures that have been in place for the last 10 or 15 years. I encourage this government to view that dispute through that lens and please get to work, working with our teachers to improve the education system.

In the span of my career I saw our school system become detached from reality, where deadlines became mere suggestions, where we would promote students to the next level without having the necessary skills to navigate at that next level. Many of the problems identified do not require money to fix. What is required is the courage to act and set out those priorities.

Mr. Speaker, we need to focus and get to work on some of the identified problems that teachers and parents and guardians in our province have pointed out to us. We are in desperate need for curriculum reform. Just this morning, in my constituency office in Dartmouth East, I met with a parent who is calling for curriculum reform in terms of how we teach our children about opioids and dangerous substances.

[9:15 p.m.]

Because we have a crisis on our hands, we need to openly talk to our kids about the dangers of these harmful prescription pills. The last five years in the classroom, I was honoured to be an Options and Opportunities coordinator and teacher. The Options and Opportunities program (O2 program), I believe, is a wonderful program that exists in our public school system, and I encourage this government to pay close attention to it.

And I encourage this government to work to strengthen that program, because oftentimes the students in that program have not had the best learning experience. The O2 program allows teachers to have more flexibility with the outcomes, and they allow more creativity in allowing teachers to engage those students.

However, the Options and Opportunities program could be so much more. We really need to focus on why almost a quarter of our youth in Nova Scotia are disengaged with the public education system. And I propose that it is because many of them do not identify with the curriculum. One way we can help them identify with the curriculum, to make meaning out of the schooling experience, is to place vocational training back in our public schools.

My colleague from Pictou East a few months back pointed out that in Nova Scotia the academic classroom is disappearing, and there is a lot of validity to that statement. We have in this province many situations in our classrooms where our students are not being challenged. We need to ensure that they are challenged. As many of us in this Chamber know, challenge is nature's way of strengthening you.

We need to raise academic standards in our province; we need to ensure that the academic classroom is at the forefront; we need to ensure that our curriculum maximizes the outcomes and engages our students so that they are set up for success; and we need to ensure that schools belong to communities. In the span of my career, I witnessed a proliferation of bureaucratic bloat that happened in the education system.

I recall a few years ago at a high school graduation, a high school principal who was the principal of Prince Andrew High School back in the early 1960s, he said to the people at that graduation that he was so happy to have taught at a time when school belonged to communities, when schools could respond to the needs of communities. He said that he was so happy that he was able to teach before the bureaucratic ooze seeped into the education system.

I challenge this government to start to work to return schools to their communities. We need a different model of education in this province and that is one way we can achieve that different model. Schools belong to communities, not school boards. We have to have a serious conversation about how we are educating some of our most vulnerable youth. We need to really look how we are administering the individual program plans. We need

leadership on the inclusion model in education in our province. We need to establish some long-term goals so that inclusion is simply not a term that is often associated with tokenism, that inclusion that sets up families and students and communities for long-term success.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that the best social program is a job. Now while there's a lot of assumptions in that statement and I recognize that, I look back on my life and some of the most challenging times in my life were when I didn't have gainful employment. Many of you in this Chamber know that my family went through a very challenging time, but looking back and reflecting on how we weathered that storm is because I had a good job and I want more Nova Scotians to have good jobs. We need to make the economy a priority. Our youth need jobs and opportunities, Nova Scotia - and we all know this - we need to reduce our taxes and we need a province that values and supports our entrepreneurs.

The way forward is working together. In many respects, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to consider myself - well when I was running for elected office I used to say to members in my constituency that I consider myself a candidate of the Ivany Report. The Ivany Report was something that motivated me enormously to get involved in political life and I encourage this government, I encourage all MLAs to work together for those goals of the Ivany Report that I know a great many of us agree upon. We may differ on approaches but I think it is imperative that the Ivany Report is not forgotten, that the Ivany Report is valued and that the Ivany Report is we push towards meeting those goals.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion let me say this, I'm extremely humbled and honoured to serve in this House of Assembly. When I was 13 years old I can remember my mom taking me to Ottawa to visit our Parliaments and seeing the government of the day and the opposition of the day debate the great issues. I believe at that time in the early 1990s the big issue was the economy. The big issue was dealing with the debt and deficit.

I can remember leaving Parliament Hill and being very impressed by what I witnessed that day. In many respects, Mr. Speaker, standing here before you, standing here before these honourable members of this House, I dedicate this moment to all the people who believe that the biggest dreams can still come true. Thank you. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

MR. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

MR. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Government Notices of Motion.

[GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION]

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

MR. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Resolution No. 1.

Res. No. 1, Deputy Speakers/Chairmen on Committees: Hants West MLA/Lunenburg MLA - Appt. (Hon. G. MacLellan)

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Official Opposition House Leader.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, it's with a little regret that I have to stand and speak to this motion this evening. For those of us who might have forgotten what Resolution No. 1 does, it actually takes the position of Deputy Speaker, Mr. Speaker, your deputies, and splits it from the one person who has it now into two and basically takes it and adds, I believe, the member for Lunenburg to that and then it takes the amount of money they would receive and splits that into two as well, for them to proceed as the Chairpersons and Deputy Speakers of this House of Assembly.

The reason it displeases me a little bit to come and speak to this has nothing to do with the two members. I think they're honourable members who can provide good counsel, good, fair treatment to this House of Assembly. It is the flavour in which this is brought forward that I have to disagree with.

For many years, prior to the Liberal Party taking government a number of years ago, the convention of this House had been sharing that position amongst the three Parties, so that each one of the Parties had an opportunity to sit in the Chair, an opportunity to maybe share in what little money there is available there - but to give the impartiality, Mr. Speaker, of all Parties having the opportunity to sit in your Chair or the Chair of the chairperson in front.

Even to the point that we have overlooked a number of individuals in this House - there are two I can see at this point who have sat as Deputy Speakers or Speakers, who could have provided you, Mr. Speaker, with counsel, with support, being able to fill in when you were unable to be in the Chair.

The member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg sat as Speaker of this House for - I believe it was close to four years. I forget the exact term that he sat in that Chair. He did a fabulous job, and I know on many occasions he has your left ear and sometimes tries to

help you along on calls. He is there to support what happens in this House of Assembly in a fair, constructive manner, respecting the rules and regulations of this House of Assembly.

This House of Assembly, even though it does have a set number of rules held in our little green book, or the larger canons that we get out of Ottawa - but the point is that there's a convention of this House that had been established over many years of sharing that position. It pains me to see this resolution come back after four years of Liberals holding on to their entitlements that they did with the previous sitting by only having Liberal members as your Deputy Speaker, Mr. Speaker - and yet here we are again, after hearing this once or twice or three times over their term, to be faced with it once again under a new government, a new mandate to go back and do exactly the same thing, to fall into the trap of the entitlement that we, that many in Nova Scotia, feel the Liberal Party feels that they're entitled to.

Why does that happen? That's what I fail to understand when I see this resolution sitting here before me. I'm hoping that maybe there's a member of the government who might stand and comment on that to make me understand why they feel - or why the Leader of their Party, the Premier of Nova Scotia feels - that only Liberals can be Speakers or Deputy Speakers of this House of Assembly. When all of these Parties have sat as government and had the opportunity to sit in that Chair - and rightly so - had the opportunity to do it.

I know outside these four walls, or three and a half - whatever you want to call a round building - people probably don't care a whole lot who sits in the Chair, with all due respect to you, Mr. Speaker. They want to make sure that the debates in this House are held in a fair manner, that they're as nonpartisan as they possibly can be.

I know there are some rules and times that you as Speaker - and I'm sure as your support will go, the Clerks that sit at this table - they do a tremendous amount of work - but it should be a responsibility that is shared amongst the three Parties of this House as they have in the past.

I believe the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Aquaculture sat as a Deputy Speaker for some time, when we were government. I know the previous member for Clare was a Deputy Speaker under a Progressive Conservative Government - well, Wayne Gaudet. We can say "Wayne," actually. Wayne was a good Deputy Speaker. You know why? Because he was a Speaker prior to it. Why wouldn't you take on somebody who was the previous Speaker as Deputy Speaker, to provide continuity to the rules and regulations of this House of Assembly? It only makes sense. It's fair when we're sitting here talking about a better Nova Scotia, when we're here talking about fairness, and we're talking about non-partisanship.

[9:30 p.m.]

We've heard some phenomenal speeches in this House, the member for Chester-St. Margaret's, the member for Dartmouth North, the member for Dartmouth South, the member for Cumberland North, even the member for Halifax Atlantic - impassioned speeches about all of us working together. Each one of those members said it in their speeches, that we all need to work together. So in a place (Interruption)

The member for Yarmouth can make fun of this a little bit. I don't know if he sees the impassioned feeling that I have for this, that these are the kinds of things that we should be sharing. These are the kinds of things that we should be non-partisan about, and yet they feel entitled, or at least maybe the member feels entitled. Maybe he can stand and tell us why the Liberal Party feels entitled to have these positions on their own.

We know that the many hours of this House take a toll on each and every one of us. I know, Mr. Speaker, that it takes a lot of work to sit on that dais and put up with what you hear here and try to keep us on track on the many things that we talk about here. I know it takes a lot of work for the person who's going to be sitting in the Chair when we're sitting here during committee, when we're sitting here during Estimates, when we're sitting here doing all the things that we end up doing here.

It takes a long time, especially in the previous sitting when we sat here all hours of the night. There weren't enough people to go around to fill that Chair. We actually had to have a sub-motion so we could add other people to the list in order to fill that. Guess what, Mr. Speaker? They were all from the governing Party as well. I can't fathom why this is continuing within our rules setting, within our rules of this House of Assembly, within the conventions and the history that we follow in this House of Assembly.

Yet here we are today. As House Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party, for the Opposition, I have to stand here and speak against a resolution naming a number of our members as Deputy Speakers. Again, it has nothing to do with the member for Hants West. It has nothing to do with the member for Lunenburg. I think they're going to do a phenomenal job as Deputy Speakers. But why not add the member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg or the member for Sackville-Cobequid or whoever that person may be from the New Democrats. Why wouldn't we add that and share that amongst us?

Mr. Speaker, there are few avenues that are available to us as an Opposition Party to make sure that this happens. I can plead, and I can ask. I know I've talked to the House Leader. Quite honestly, I was disappointed in his answer, but I know that he's probably bound by a number of things as well. I wish he could go along, just say, hey, listen, it makes sense. Let's go and rewrite this resolution so that it does become fair to all Parties in this House of Assembly, so it's not as lopsided as we see today.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am going to try and amend the resolution that we have before us. We'll see how these things go. I move that Resolution No. 1 be amended by (1) adding "honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg" in Paragraph A immediately after "West," and (2) striking "between the two" in Paragraph C and substituting "among the three." I look forward to debating that amendment over the next number of hours.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable New Democratic Party House Leader.

HON. DAVID WILSON: It's a bit of déjà vu that I have to stand in my capacity as the NDP House Leader here in the Chamber, Mr. Speaker, to talk on a motion that we heard some three and a half, four years ago. And I know my colleague who just spoke has moved a motion to amend it to, I think, reflect a little bit of the tradition of the House here in Nova Scotia.

I know my colleague, I believe that it was the Honourable Maureen MacDonald, who spoke on our behalf in 2013 just after a similar motion, a resolution was introduced in this House reserving or relegating the role of Deputy Speaker to a Liberal member of the House.

I just want to be very clear to the members of this Chamber and those who are paying attention to what we do here and your role, Mr. Speaker, as an impartial authority figure of the Chamber and the debate that we have here. And as was seen over the last three and a half, four years, debate at times can be pretty heated in this Chamber, and it does take that impartial approach as Speaker or Deputy Speaker - whoever is in the Chair to try to ensure that all the rights of the members no matter where you sit in the House, are respected and upheld. Tradition is very important to this institution; it's very important to ensure that we continue to follow how we traditionally have been doing things in the House in this Legislature.

People know the history of the Nova Scotia Legislature as the first Legislature in the country. A lot of our traditions are supported by every member who has been elected to this House. For the past 14-plus years I have been in this Chamber and I have seen many faces come and go and I have seen many roles and responsibilities that those members have upheld in the House.

I have to bring this up to those listening and to those in the Chamber that, when we elected the honourable Speaker, it was a secret ballot and that is the tradition of this House and those, especially in the Commonwealth, of doing that - allowing each member of this Chamber to pick and choose who they would ultimately like to see in the Chair.

I don't believe that's truly how it's done. I would imagine that the Liberal caucus was given some direction on who to vote for when we had that secret ballot to elect the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. When I arrived in this House many, many years ago in 2003, of course the Speaker at the time was the Honourable Murray Scott who was from

Cumberland County. He would say Cumerland County, I can't say it exactly how he used to say it, but there were a number of Deputy Speakers at that time.

I made mention to one of the responses of the member's first speech of the beautiful Chester-St. Margaret's. When I first entered this Chamber, Brooke Taylor, that was at the forefront of every time that he mentioned the beautiful Musquodoboit Valley; he was Deputy Speaker under Murray Scott.

But also in that responsibility was Kevin Deveaux who was from Eastern Passage who was the NDP MLA for the area. Also the other Dave Wilson, H. David Wilson from Glace Bay, who was a Liberal member at the time, shared that role and responsibility and many members over the years since then have taken that role.

We had Jim DeWolfe from Pictou East who was the Tory MLA, who was Deputy Speaker; we had Joan Massey who was from Dartmouth East who was in the NDP caucus. We had Russell MacKinnon, who was an MLA at the time. We had Wayne Gaudet whom I mentioned already; Gordie Gosse, a good friend of mine, who was not only the Speaker but was Deputy Speaker prior to that when, I believe, the member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg was Speaker of the House. I believe that Gordie was Deputy Speaker.

So was the member for Preston-Dartmouth, as was mentioned before and, of course, Charlie Parker before he took that role as Speaker in 2009, was actually a Deputy Speaker. That's tradition. I think showing Nova Scotians that yes, we're very much in political Parties when we're in Chamber here but the roles that we have, as Speaker, Deputy Speakers - we try to look at how we can ensure that there's fairness, there's an impartial approach to that.

That all ended in 2013, Mr. Speaker, when we had a similar motion from the Liberal Government nominating just Liberal members to that post and now of course three and a half years later we hear the same. I would have thought that with the recent election and the results that the government would have thought okay, let's change the approach. They may have held on to government, you may have held on to a majority but you did lose seats. You did lose some hard-working MLAs, I believe - on all sides - that are no longer with us but I think it should have been a bit of a wakeup call that maybe change direction, maybe show Nova Scotians that yes, when it comes to the Speaker of the House, when it comes to the Deputy Speaker of the House that we're going to follow tradition and we're going to allow all Parties to be represented there.

So I guess nothing was learned from that and it's unfortunate that we're here now at this point debating this again. I can say on behalf of our caucus that we do not support only providing those positions to Liberal members and I would hope that the government would reconsider.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I bet you've never felt so popular, having so many people who would like to share in the duties of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of talk already tonight about the recent conventions of the House where the role of Deputy Speaker is split among the three Parties. Indeed that is a convention and it's a convention that should be respected. In fact, the government had an opportunity when they drew up this motion to either go with that convention and the fairness that it so obviously includes, or to go against it and break with that convention and fairness and ensure that all of the arbitrators of this House are from the same Party.

Mr. Speaker, the election is over and this new House of Assembly has been constituted and we are all here. At that moment, the Party that forms a government gets to show their hand and what kind of government they want to be. In this case they returned to government and clearly, with the motion that's before the House, the Government House Leader and his colleagues have decided that they are going to be the kind of government that does not want to rule this place fairly, does not want to see that all three Parties share the role of Deputy Speaker but revert to the time when the spoils went to the winning Party, 100 per cent.

Nova Scotians did not vote for that, Mr. Speaker. If there's one thing that Nova Scotians tell all of us when we're out on the campaign trail or when we're just out generally, it's they like to see us get along better, they like to see us work together on more things, they'd like to see the responsibilities of governing shared around the Chamber, not all hoarded on one side.

This government had a choice when it brought this motion forward and I think they made the wrong choice. That's why we put this amendment, to try and get this back on the right track, Mr. Speaker. I mean convention aside, there is the issue of what is the right thing to do and what is the wrong thing to do. Even if there hadn't been a convention, the government has to consider the rights and wrongs of its actions.

In this case where we have a Speaker and the Speaker, with all due respect, comes from the government side - in fact I voted for you, Mr. Speaker, in that selection and I believe that almost all members, if not all members did. We expect that can happen.

Then we have the issue of Deputy Speakers and the government has the choice between the right path and the wrong path. The right path, with three Deputy Speakers and three Parties is to select one from each Party. The wrong path is to line up Liberal MLAs to fill every single position. Nova Scotians will see that as the wrong path. I'm sure many of the people who have held the role of Government House Leader before today have seen that as the wrong path. That's why they didn't go down that road.

[9:45 p.m.]

Here we now see a government going down that wrong old road, Mr. Speaker. For Nova Scotians who are watching these proceedings and trying to make sense of them, compare it to a hockey game. Maybe the Montreal Canadiens are playing the Toronto Maple Leafs, and they're playing at home in Montreal.

AN HON. MEMBER: We know who's going to win.

MR. BAILLIE: And we know the Leafs would win in that situation, of course; we all agree on that. (Interruptions) Well, a few of us agree on that.

But let's say we're at home in Montreal. Would it be fair for the home team to pick all Canadiens fans as the referees and the linesmen? Of course not. They want to know, the fans (Interruptions) They're actually making my point over there, Mr. Speaker.

You want to know that the presiding referees and linesmen - in this case, you're the presiding referee of the House of Assembly - are going to govern impartially.

Now, how do we best assure that? We best assure it by making sure that, at least in the area of Deputy Speakers, there's one from each side, from each Party. That's just fair. It's just common sense. Anyone who watches Hockey Night in Canada would agree that that is how we should proceed.

It's not just a matter of what colour each of us carries into this Chamber, even when they aspire to be Deputy Speaker. It's so that this Chamber has better debates and makes better decisions. You could be sure, Mr. Speaker, if there is a Deputy Speaker from the government side and they show bias, they're going to cause bias to be shown when a Deputy Speaker from the Opposition side takes the Chair, and vice versa. They hold each other accountable for being impartial. That is one of the beauties of the system of having Deputy Speakers from both sides of the Chamber. That's why this convention exists - until today.

Now, why would we take a system that holds all three Parties accountable for running a fair House of Assembly and smash it? Why would the government want to do that?

We have this amendment before us because we want to give the government members a chance to get back on the right track. The amendment basically says that the referees have to come from both sides. Who can argue against that with a straight face? The referees should come from all sides. Then they not only hold the members of the House accountable in debate but hold each other accountable.

It's convention. It's common sense. It meets the test of fairness. The motion, as put without amendment, meets none of those tests.

You know, Mr. Speaker, on your election, we went through that ancient tradition where you are taken from your place and brought to the Speaker's Chair, and you resist. You're dragged kicking and screaming. You do not want to be there. That is a 1,000-year-old tradition. It is part of our system. It has great meaning to many people who have been studying the proceedings of Houses like this for hundreds and hundreds of years.

The whole point of it is that you take on an important responsibility when you are elected Speaker of the House. In fact, your job is so important that in the old days, if the monarch was not happy with the Speaker's role, you'd be the one to lose your head. That's why (Interruptions)

Maybe some people are looking forward to that, Mr. Speaker. I am not one of them. I'm just saying that the point of that old-fashioned exercise is to underline the importance of the role of Speaker. Thankfully we've gotten away from the "losing your head" part.

AN HON. MEMBER: Thankfully.

MR. BAILLIE: Mostly thankfully - but thankfully, Mr. Speaker - that doesn't happen anymore. But the importance of the role of Speaker remains, and we underscore it by that ancient tradition, which you yourself have followed, as have all the Speakers before you.

Let's not diminish the role of Speaker by making the Deputy Speakers all partisan. Let's not take away from all that has built us up to this point in terms of how this House is presided over by hoarding all the Deputy Speaker spots for one party, Mr. Speaker. We can fix this right now with the amendment that has been put, which is to name the member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg as a Deputy Speaker and to share the Deputy Speaker responsibilities between the Government and the Opposition. I'll say right now that if a member of the NDP wanted to further amend it to add an NDP member as a Deputy Speaker, I would support that amendment because this is not just about Liberals and PCs. This should be about Liberals and PCs and NDP, all of whom are in this House, all of whom represent a portion of the general public of Nova Scotia.

Some people voted Liberal, some people voted PC, and some people voted NDP. Their representatives have all come together here to make sure their voices are heard. Why would we want to disrespect them by taking all the Deputy Speaker spots and giving them to only one Party? You see, Mr. Speaker, it's just not disrespectful to us in Opposition. It's disrespectful to the voters as well because they want their voices heard. Whether they agree with the governing party or not, they want their voices heard in debate on bills, and they want their voices heard in the way this House is presided over by you and by the Deputy

Speakers. It's very disrespectful for them to see the Deputy Speaker roles as something to hoard, as I say, by only one Party.

I don't know if an amendment is going to come from the NDP, but I hope it does. I can tell you right now we'll support it. I'm saying that not even knowing who it might be that the Third Party nominates. I could say we'll put a little asterisk there just in case. But in all seriousness, I think that their caucus should be able to nominate a Deputy Speaker of their choosing. Our caucus has nominated a Deputy Speaker of our choosing in the member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

I know I don't need to highlight the qualifications and résumé of that member, but just for comfort, we're proposing an individual who has held the role of Speaker of this House with great distinction and great pride and been known to have presided with great fairness. I'm very proud of him for those reasons among many other great qualities that that member has. We're not nominating a rabid partisan. We're nominating someone who fully understands the role of Speaker and Deputy Speaker, who has shown fairness in presiding over debates in this House, who knows the rules and is able to give rulings with the able assistance of the Clerks, just like you, Mr. Speaker. I think we're being very responsible here in how we're proceeding.

We could just get up and be against the motion, speak against it and sit down and be outvoted at the end of the day, and that would be that. But we're trying to fix this. We're trying to fix this injustice. We're trying to fix this unfairness, and we're nominating absolutely the right person from the PC caucus to be one of the Deputy Speakers. I'm just asking that the government members respect that and support the amendment. I think this is an opportunity for this House to come together and do the right thing. The decision we make on which road we're going to go down, the "all the spoils go to one side" road, which is what the Government House Leader is proposing, and the "let's share in the responsibility of presiding in the interest of fairness" road - Road A and Road B - is a big decision.

It's not just about who gets to cut the Deputy Speaker's pay up. That should be the least of the issues tonight. It looks like that's what it is all about in the way that this motion is worded, which of the government members gets a cut of the extra pay. That is not fair. It is not fair to the voters, and it's not fair to this House. That's Route A that the government is proposing. Route B is to recognize the great convention and the reasons behind it and fairness that all three Parties share in the responsibilities of Deputy Speaker so that they can hold each other responsible for the way that they preside over the House when the Deputy Speaker is in the Chair. There's a choice here, Mr. Speaker, and the amendment allows us to get off the bad side, which is Choice A, and on to the good, which is Choice B. That's really what we're talking about.

The ramifications of that decision are not just going to be for the course of this debate and that's it. Every single bill - government bill, Opposition bill, private member's

bill - between now and the end of this government's new mandate will be affected by the decision that is before this House, every single one. Unless you, sir, are going to sit in that Chair 24/7 for four years, every single bill is going to be affected, and every single bill is going to be tainted. It need not be that way.

We have a budget tomorrow. The estimates are coming. We have important legislation on cap and trade, on cyberbullying, on a host of issues that are important - marijuana legislation at some point. Those are some examples.

You know what? We're not exactly challenging the right of the majority government to act and ultimately to vote their majority to put their legislation through. That will happen. I know there are members on the government side who have sat on the Opposition side. I know they know how it feels at the end of the day, when you've argued your guts out, you've made your point, and you've represented your people, and the majority will rule. They know how that feels, but that's democracy. We want democracy played fair. We want democracy where the people watching can at least know that the House was presided over in the best way and the fairest way possible on every bill.

Not every Nova Scotian is going to follow every bill. But if there's one thing we have learned from the last four years of this government, it's that there will be a bill that comes forward that really desperately affects somebody, and they will tune in then, whether it's teachers or film workers or public servants, and the list goes on. All of a sudden, what's going on the floor of this House will matter to them. When they tune in, they may not like both sides of the debate, but they deserve to be assured that the proceedings are fair and balanced and represented by all sides in that Chair.

That's what this issue is really all about. That's why we're proposing an amendment that gets us off of Track A and on to Track B, Mr. Speaker. That's why this decision on this motion is not just about this motion. It's about the way this House is going to run for the next four years.

By the way, there is no extra cost to what we're proposing. As you know, the allotment for the Deputy Speaker is the same whether there's one or two or three. So why not, on a cost-free basis, do the right thing for the proceedings of the House and respect the conventions that have been built up to ensure fairness and equality?

Mr. Speaker, there are times when you make decisions that we don't like. We argue with you, and you tell us, okay, that's my decision, and let's move on. We respect that, and we respect you. That may well happen when there's an Opposition member in the Chair as a Deputy Speaker when someone on the government side doesn't like the ruling that's reached.

That is the point of balance, Mr. Speaker. We just want balance. We just want fairness. We just want this House to be at its best. That's why it's so important that the

amendment be carried and that any future amendment also be carried: so that we can get to the right place.

[10:00 p.m.]

I'll wrap up at this point. With those words, I will adjourn debate on the resolution.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn debate on the amendment to Resolution No. 1.

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

I am advised by the Chief Clerk that we have run out of time. The clock has expired before the vote occurred so the motion to adjourn was put but not voted on, so we'll deal with that tomorrow, or at our first opportunity.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. GEOFF MACLELLAN: Mr. Speaker, that concludes the government business for today. The House will resume tomorrow, Tuesday, September 26th, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Government business will include the Budget introduction, followed by the daily routine.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for adjournment of the House today, to resume tomorrow, Tuesday, September 26th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 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 10:02 p.m.]

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**Tabled September 22, 2017****RESOLUTION NO. 9**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Kyle Forward of Lake Echo has been awarded a Black Belt in Taekwondo from White's Taekwondo; and

Whereas Kyle is a Grade 6 student at Bell Park Academic Centre, 10 years old and in taekwondo for only five years; and

Whereas Kyle's mother and father, Rhonda and Joseph, indicate he is very determined and focused on his goal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Kyle Forward on his tremendous achievement and wish him continuing success.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Kim Conrad, owner/president of Conrad Bros. Limited, which the family started in 1956 and instilled in him the golden rule as a code to live by; and

Whereas Kim was recently designated as Citizen of the Year 2017 by the Lions Club of Dartmouth for his meaningful involvement in many community organizations and initiatives; and

Whereas Kim recently helped raise \$140,000 for the Dartmouth General Hospital and as an active member of Foundation of Canada, Shriners and the Owls Club, continues to contribute to significant community work;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Kim Conrad on his tremendous achievements and for his contribution to significant community work.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Linwood, Peter and David Giberson, owners of Dartmouth Metals, operate this well-established and successful business; and

Whereas Linwood started selling metals in 1962 and his son Peter formed Dartmouth Metals in 1979 and was joined in the business by his son David in 2003 as the third generation; and

Whereas Dartmouth Metals sell their products in Canada as well as on the international market, creating some 40 jobs in our area;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Linwood, Peter and David Giberson on their tremendous achievement and wish them continuing success.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Debi Ogunrinde, a graduate of Halifax Grammar School, has achieved a high level of success at the University of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas Debi, daughter of Sandra Ogunrinde, graduated from Penn's Huntsman program with a dual Bachelor Degree in International Studies from the School of Arts and Sciences and economics from the Wharton School of Business; and

Whereas Debi recently won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University where she will study for a Master Degree in Social Anthropology and a Master Degree in public policy;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Debi Ogunrinde on her tremendous achievements and as an inspiration to others.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Mr. Rodger Smith of North Preston provides service and support to the Black Business Initiative in the role of Regional Business Development Manager (RBDM); and

Whereas Rodger has 37 years of experience with the Royal Bank Financial Group as Branch Manager (Gottingen Street and Lady Hammond Road, Senior Account Manager and Account Manager); and

Whereas Rodger has served on many boards and committees, such as the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, Metro United Way and East Preston Baptist Church Prison Ministry to name a few;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Mr. Rodger Smith on his tremendous achievements and making a difference in our communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Cst. Anthony Thomas has received the Police Long Service Award for 27 years on the New Glasgow Police Department; and

Whereas he also received an award for bravery in 2013 after saving a man from drowning in the East River; and

Whereas Cst. Thomas is an inspiration to many in the community of East Preston and a fine role model for youth;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate CST Anthony Thomas on his tremendous achievements and making a difference in the lives of others.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Kienja Booker of North Preston has established a new business using social media Instagram to post pictures of herself highlighting different hairstyles and advertising hairstyle products; and

Whereas Kienja works with Up North Naturals, a Toronto based natural hair product company, and her relationship with the company is so successful that she is partnering with them on developing a new product; and

Whereas Kienja is also working with companies in the United States she continues to grow her business and is focused on a goal of 100,000 followers;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Kienja Booker on her tremendous achievements and for using technology to develop a Nova Scotia business.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

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

Whereas Chelsea Provo of East Preston is a very successful member of the Saint Francis Xavier University's X-Women basketball team; and

Whereas Chelsea is a graduate of Auburn Drive High School and her greatest attribute, according to her coach, is her composure under pressure, the hallmark of any top point guard; and

Whereas Chelsea credits her large and supportive family for guidance and the inspiration to work hard;

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of this House recognize and congratulate Chelsea Provo on her tremendous achievements and leadership at Saint Francis Xavier University.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas the Fairview Historical Society was formed by a small group of citizens who wished to showcase the background of their community by running various successful events that allowed people to reconnect and share stories, with Gerald B. MacLeod taking a leadership role as President of the newly-founded organization; and

Whereas this past July the Fairview Reunion brought together people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds through several different events including a wine and cheese, a kitchen party, and a reunion dance hosted at the local Fairview Legion; and

Whereas the Fairview Reunion proved to be one of the most successful events of the summer and brought together citizens and local businesses, keeping our community strong and connected by a society that will continue to grow and thrive within the community for years to come thanks to the executive members of the board;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gerald B. MacLeod and the Fairview Historical Society on the dedication and hard work towards this historic weekend.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas recent graduate of Halifax West High School, Maggie Pickard, was not only the Co-President of the Student Government but also graduated on the Principal's List in the International Baccalaureate program; and

Whereas Maggie has recently become a student of Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, and a recipient of the Marjorie Young Bell Scholarship, one of the largest undergraduate awards in Canada, as well as a Bell Achievement Scholarship valued at \$36,000, given to five students every year who possess strong academic skill, leadership ability, volunteer hours, and work experience; and

Whereas Maggie is currently taking a Bachelor of Science with dreams of attending medical school to become a cardiologist to help prevent what has been a long history of heart disease in hers and other families;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in wishing Maggie Pickard success with her academics and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Isabel McLean began competing in Track and Field events at the young age of 10 years old, was successful in these events even as a small child, and thus joined a local track team, HaliFAST, where she trained and competed diligently and was successful in both regional and provincial meets in all her events; and

Whereas Isabel continued her athletic career in high school, maintaining success in both academics and sports including track, badminton, and rugby, as well as was recognized on the Principal's List for maintaining an average above 90 per cent throughout her high school career; and

Whereas after contacting the coach at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, British Columbia, Isabel was selected to run cross country and has learned determination and mental discipline through athletics, which will not only help her in her future races but also as a university student;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Isabel McLean and wish her every success in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Vicky Mina has been a highly sought-after makeup artist for the past decade with her passion for all things beauty evident through the work she does on her clients, contributing to her success and allowing her to form strong relationships with leaders in the cosmetics and fashion industry; and

Whereas in 2015 Vicky launched her own makeup line, Vicky Mina Makeup, with her products becoming increasingly popular and her line frequently expanding to fit the needs of her customers, ensuring her clients can trust in her beauty advice and products because of her commitment to producing Canadian-made and cruelty-free makeup; and

Whereas she was recognized as the Gold Winner in the makeup artist category by the Coast Halifax and is in the running for the same award this year, defining her as truly the epitome of success and a role model to young women all over the province;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Vicky Mina in her prosperity and may she continue in her successes for years to come.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Hannah Norris Daley, an 11-year-old student, was one of many students at École Rockingham who researched, scripted, directed and edited a video to commemorate Canada's 150th Anniversary, which was comprised of drawings from children of all ages at the elementary school, with her video being chosen as the only representative in Canada at the contest held in Japan; and

Whereas this project was implemented by Andrew Stickings, the Grade 5/6 English teacher at École Rockingham, who has been participating in the Kid Witness News interactive educational video program for the past decade due to his belief in providing children with the equipment that allows kids to become innovative and independent workers, which leads to opportunities such as this; and

Whereas Hannah's family and the Rockingham community are proud to have her and Mr. Stickings as representatives for Canada, and it is evident through this opportunity that the young people who are taught by teachers such as Mr. Stickings have bright futures ahead of them through experiences such as these;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Hannah and Mr. Andrew Stickings for their hard work, and thank them for representing Canada at this international competition.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas the Lebanese Cedar Festival is an annual event that draws people from all over to showcase Lebanese culture, filled with dabke performances, live musical and cultural shows, as well as delicious traditional Lebanese dishes for people of all ages; and

Whereas countless hours are put into the planning of this event throughout the year, from the moment the event ends to the moment it begins the following year, with a team of individuals of all ages showing tremendous dedication to their culture and heritage by hosting this event every year; and

Whereas the Lebanese Cedar Festival would not be possible without the joint support of the Lebanese and Fairview Clayton Park communities;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the hard work and dedication of Monsignor Pierre Azzi and the team behind the Lebanese Cedar Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Quake Matthews is a local Nova Scotia rap artist who has been involved in the music community for over a decade, with a signature sound from his raw emotion and passion for music evident in every piece of music he creates; and

Whereas Quake has received acclaim from fans, music critics and, most recently, the Prime Minister, with Quake's song Confessions, featuring another popular music group, Neon Dreams, being added to the Prime Minister's summer playlist for 2017; and

Whereas Quake is a role model and mentor for so many young people in the community with Quake's motto, "Celebrate the Struggle", encompassing his core belief that people must keep a positive attitude even in times of distress, making Quake admired by many not only for his music but also for his perseverance and positivity;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Quake Matthews on his success, and wish him all the best in his journey ahead.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Y Reach has offices across Nova Scotia which feature programs implemented to help those who are newcomers to Canada, focusing on integrating immigrant children into the public school system and giving them opportunities to make friends through various extracurricular activities such as sports and music lessons; and

Whereas an important part of the programs is ensuring that English language training is available for people of all age groups to provide an easy transition into employment and educational opportunities, helping people of more than 30 different nationalities and giving members of the community a chance to get involved with the new centre; and

Whereas most recently the centre can be accredited for helping nearly 800 Syrian refugees in the settlement process, helping them pursue not only a career in the workforce or education system but also pursue a social life;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in saluting the members of the new YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs and acknowledge the impact they make on newcomers to our communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Dr. Bluehardt has 25 years of experience in the post-secondary sector, with her most recent title being the Vice-President of the Grenfell Campus of Memorial University, in Newfoundland and Labrador, to which she was first appointed in 2011 and reappointed in 2016; and

Whereas Dr. Bluehardt has an amazing resume, featuring a PhD in Exercise Science and Health Promotion from the University of Toronto, serving as Dean of the

School of Human Kinetics at Memorial University and National Director of Coach Development for Special Olympics Canada; and

Whereas inclusivity, support programs for students and meeting the needs of students are important factors to creating a pleasant learning environment in the mind of Dr. Bluechardt, making her a strong leader who implements various programs that provide students of all backgrounds with tools to succeed;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Dr. Mary Bluechardt on her new position as President and Vice-Chancellor of Mount Saint Vincent University, and wish her the best in continuing to create a positive learning environment.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Ryan Abraham, a recent graduate of Halifax West High School, has competed in several different curling competitions over the course of his curling career, including competing in two Canadian junior championships as well as the Canada Games, as a member of the Mayflower Curling Club; and

Whereas not only was Ryan given the opportunity to participate in the Nova Scotia men's team, he was chosen to also skip his team, a testament to Ryan's leadership skills on and off the ice; and

Whereas at the 2017 Canadian U18 Curling Championships Ryan skipped his team to the finals, where he and his team finished the tournament with a silver medal;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Ryan and his team in their success.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

By: Hon. Patricia Arab (Internal Services)

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

Whereas Logan Harrington is a highly accomplished soccer player who has played for Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club, Team Nova Scotia and the Halifax West High School team, where he helped the team win the provincial title; and

Whereas Logan and his team played a successful round of games at the Canada Games this summer, where they earned a seventh place finish in the tournament; and

Whereas Logan demonstrates exemplary leadership qualities on and off the field, volunteering his time to coaching young soccer players for a number of seasons;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Logan and his team for placing seventh at the Canada Games and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

RESOLUTION NO. 28

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ben Hubley is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ben for receiving Honours; Atlantic Poly Liners Inc. Bursary \$250.

RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Maria Stone is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Maria for receiving Honours with Distinction; Basin Contracting-John Benere Memorial Bursary \$1,000; Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Noah Farquar is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Noah for receiving Carruthers, MacDonell and Robson Law Office Bursary \$250.

RESOLUTION NO. 31

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Willow Robinson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Willow for receiving Chief John Knockwood Award \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 32

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sarah Keeping is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sarah for receiving Honours with Distinction; Dr. James T. Snow Bursary \$1,000; Red Maple Bursary \$250; \$2,000 General Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 33

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Avery Clow is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Avery for receiving Earth Keepers Bursary \$500 and \$2,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Rachel Long is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rachel for receiving East Hants Chamber of Commerce Bursary \$500 and HERH Student Council Bursary \$100.

RESOLUTION NO. 35

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brooke Isenor is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brooke for receiving East Hants Crime Prevention Bursary \$500, EH Horne School Bursary \$500, and \$3,400 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 36

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kayla Snow is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kayla for receiving honours with distinction, East Hants Progressive Conservative Association \$250, HERH Yearbook Bursary \$200, and \$7,600 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 37

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Taylor Probert is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Taylor for receiving honours with distinction, EH Horne School Bursary \$500, Shaw Resources - Bill Brown Memorial \$500, Shubie-Elmsdale-Enfield Legions Bursary \$1,500, \$700 Canadian National Youth Darts Scholarship, \$1,000 Bedford Legion #95, and \$500 Heather Ferguson Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 38

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Mandi Ashley is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mandi for receiving Elmsdale and Shubenacadie Guardian Bursary \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 39

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Dylin Isenor is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dylin for receiving Elmsdale Auto Bursary \$250.

RESOLUTION NO. 40

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Shianne Ross is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shianne for receiving Elmsdale Landscaping Lila Coupar Memorial Bursary \$200 and Women's Institute of Upper Nine Mile River \$100.

RESOLUTION NO. 41

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ethan Whidden is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ethan for receiving honours and Elmsdale Legion Branch 48 Poppy \$1,500.

RESOLUTION NO. 42

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ty Clarke is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ty for receiving Elmwood Child Care Centre Bursary \$200.

RESOLUTION NO. 43

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Taylor MacDonald is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Taylor for receiving Enfield Legion Branch 133 Bursary \$500, Enfield Volunteer Fire Department Bursary \$500, and \$2,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 44

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Becky Hazell is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Becky for receiving honours, Fraser A. Bain Memorial Bursary \$500, and 000 Wilsons Scholarship \$3,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 45

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Martin Simon is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Martin for receiving Geraldine Maloney Award \$250 and \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 46

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kelsey Hines is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kelsey for receiving Hants East Liberal Party \$200.

RESOLUTION NO. 47

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Tara Philpott is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tara for receiving honours with distinction, HERH Student Council Bursary \$100, and \$80,000 D&R Sobey Atlantic Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 48

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Olivia Shive is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Olivia for receiving honours with distinction, HERH Student Council Bursary \$100, and \$7,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 49

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jennifer Williams is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer for receiving honours with distinction, HERH Student Council Bursary \$100, \$7,000 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years, and \$1,000 2017 Grace Bethel Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 50

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Alyssa van de Riet is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alyssa for receiving honours with distinction, HERH Yearbook Bursary \$200, \$32,000 John Roscoe Snodgras Scholarship, 2017 Friesens Loran Finalist Award, and 2017 Schulicj Leader Nominee.

RESOLUTION NO. 51

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Matthew Copage is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew for receiving Herman Juurlink Memorial Award \$600, Indian Brook High Achievement Award (Macbook Pro), and Indian Brook Achievement Award \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 52

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kayla MacDonald is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kayla for receiving Kings Hants Liberal Association \$300.

RESOLUTION NO. 53

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Justin Wamback is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Justin for receiving honours with distinction top male student, Lantz Fire Department \$500, and \$2,000 entrance scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 54

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Karen Pictou is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Karen for receiving Lavona Michaels Memorial \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 55

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cassey Henry is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cassey for receiving Lavona Michaels Memorial \$500, \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award, and \$3,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 56

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Eric Priess is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eric for receiving Lifetouch Bursary \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 57

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Alicia MacDonald is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alicia for receiving Lifetouch Bursary \$500, Nine Mile River Community Centre Bursary \$100, and Serenity Lodge Bursary \$150.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Nathan Horne is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nathan for receiving honours and Lions Memorial Bursary (Shubie, Milford, Enfield) \$1,200.

RESOLUTION NO. 59

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ethan Brown is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ethan for receiving Lyndsey Nolan Memorial Bursary Jump 2 It Trampoline Club \$250, Milford Recreation Bursary \$250, and Perry R. Giffen Memorial \$750.

RESOLUTION NO. 60

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Madeline Croft is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Madeline for receiving Lyndsey Nolan Memorial Bursary Jump 2 It Trampoline Club \$250 and \$4,000 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 61

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Megan Palmer is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Megan for receiving honours with distinction, Milford Recreation Bursary \$250, and \$3,000 Kings Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 62

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cole Penney is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cole for receiving Nine Mile River Community Centre \$100.

RESOLUTION NO. 63

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Natasha Patey is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Natasha for receiving NSTU Bursary \$250.

RESOLUTION NO. 64

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kaelan McDonald Landry is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kaelan for receiving NSTU Bursary \$250 and \$2,000 Dalhousie Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 65

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Gwen Ettinger-O'Leary is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gwen for receiving Royal LePage \$500 and Mount Saint Vincent free residence room (athletic award) \$4,000 basketball scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 66

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jordan Galbraith is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jordan for receiving honours with distinction, Scotia Plastics \$500, and \$2,750 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 67

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Michaela Jodrey is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Michaela for receiving honours and Shaw Group Bursary \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 68

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ryan McNamara is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryan for receiving honours with distinction, Sobey's Business Management Bursary \$500, \$1,500 Nova Scotia Power Employment Equity renewable for four years, \$1,500 Eastern Turf Scholarship, \$1,000 S. R. Hussey APSEA Award, \$1,500 Sir Frederick Fraser Award, and \$4,000 SMU Entrance Scholarship over four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 69

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brandi Walsh is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brandi for receiving Sweet Rewards The Sweet Spot \$200.

RESOLUTION NO. 70

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Briana Barron is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Briana for receiving \$3,500 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 71

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jennifer Burke is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer for receiving \$5,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 72

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Dylan James Curlew is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dylan for receiving \$250 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 73

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emily Damsteegt is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emily for receiving honours with distinction and Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 74

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Steven Fyfe is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Steven for receiving Ward Chipman Founders Scholarship \$500.

RESOLUTION NO. 75

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emily Hennessey is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emily for receiving \$4,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 76

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Benjamin Herman is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Benjamin for receiving \$750 Entrance Scholarship and \$500 Gregory P. Pentz Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 77

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Yingzhou Huang is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Yingzhou for receiving honours with distinction and \$750 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 78

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cali Hunter is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cali for receiving \$4,000 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 79

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jayden King is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jayden for receiving honours, \$2,500 residence scholarship, and Harrison-McCain Award valued at \$16,000 over four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 80

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Jasmine Leyte is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jasmine for receiving honours, \$1,000 residence bursary renewable for four years, \$1,000 St. Thomas Achievement Award renewable for three years, \$500 Association of Teachers for Exceptional Children's Bursary, \$1,500 Millennium Entrance Bursary, and \$1,000 Interprovincial School Development Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 81

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emma Lloyd is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emma for receiving honours with distinction and \$2,200 General Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 82

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Madyson MacIntyre is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Madyson for receiving \$1,500 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 83

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ryan MacNeil is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ryan for receiving honours with distinction and \$2,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 84

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas MacKenzie Maloney is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate MacKenzie for receiving \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 85

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas David McGrath is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate David for receiving \$4,000 Entrance Scholarship, renewable over four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 86

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sarah Merriam is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sarah for receiving honours with distinction and \$10,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Chase Nevin-Michael is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Chase for receiving \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 88

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas David Patterson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly David for receiving honours with distinction and \$2,000 Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 89

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Lucas Peltola is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lucas for receiving \$1,000 Entrance Scholarship, renewable for four years and \$2,500 Residential Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 90

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Venna Penney is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Venna for receiving Honours with Distinction; \$500 Scott McDougall Spirit Award; \$20,000 President's Scholarship; \$100 HERH Student Council Bursary; Bell Achievement Scholarship of \$9,000 per year renewable up to \$36,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 91

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ocean Pratt is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ocean for receiving honours with distinction; Margaret Mauger Personal Achievement Award and \$4,000 Entrance Scholarship renewable over four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 92

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cassidy Roach is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cassidy for receiving \$5,000 Entrance Scholarship for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 93

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Emma Lee Rhyno is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Emma Lee for receiving honours with distinction, Women's Institute of Nova Scotia Family Scholarship \$700, and \$4,000 Leta G. Hill Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 94

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Willow Robinson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Willow for receiving \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award and \$500 Chief John Knockwood Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 95

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Montana Sack is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Montana for receiving \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 96

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Tyler Sparks is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tyler for receiving honours, \$5,250 Entrance Scholarship renewable for three years, and \$1,000 John Benere Memorial Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 97

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Cassandra Stubbington is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Cassandra for receiving \$500 East Hants Fine Arts Association, \$1,000 NSCAD Entrance Scholarship, and \$1,500 DeGarthe Art Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 98

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Andrew Tracey is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Andrew for receiving honours with distinction and \$3,500 Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 99

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Sydney Woodin is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Sydney for receiving honours with distinction and \$6,000 Enhanced Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 100

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Shelby Wright is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shelby for receiving honours with distinction and \$6,000 Enhanced Entrance Scholarship renewable for four years.

RESOLUTION NO. 101

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 74 of Hants East Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Edward Yach is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Edward for receiving \$500 Indian Brook Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 102

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Eric Boudreau is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eric for receiving Excellence of Pre-Calculus Mathematics 12, Excellence in Physics 12, Excellence in Chemistry 12, Excellence in English 12, East Hants Progressive Conservative Bursary, Perfect Attendance Award, Spicer-Hennessey Scholar Bursary valued at \$22,500 over two years, honours with distinction, and Governor General of Canada Medal.

RESOLUTION NO. 103

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Matthew Hill is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew for receiving Interest and Effort in Pre-Calculus Mathematics 12, Interest and Effort in Physics 12, Excellence in Home Trades Technology, Hants North Bursary, Citizenship Medallion, CHArt Society Art Award, Maitland Scouting Award, Spicer-Hennessey Scholar Bursary valued at \$22,500 over two years, and honours with distinctions.

RESOLUTION NO. 104

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Logan Vroegh is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Logan for receiving Interest in Chemistry 12, Interest and Effort in Global History 12, Cox Brothers Poultry Farm Scholarship, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #166 Bursary, Douglas Hill Memorial Graduation Award, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 105

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Nicole Aucoin is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nicole for receiving Interest and Effort in Biology 12, Interest and Effort in Sociology 12, Heather Murphy Math Award, Student Council Scholarship, Michael Watson Memorial Scholarship, Acadia University Entrance Scholarship valued at \$4,000 and Residence Scholarship valued at \$2,500, Honours with Distinction, and Queen Elizabeth II Medal.

RESOLUTION NO. 106

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Madison Campbell is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Madison for receiving Excellence in Global History 12, Excellence in Cooperative Education 12, Excellence in Mathematics 12, Lawrence House Museum History Bursary, Gore WINS Scholarship, Dr. J. T. Snow Bursary, St. Francis Xavier Merit Scholarship valued at \$12,000, and honours with distinction.

RESOLUTION NO. 107

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Adam Meehan is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Adam for receiving Interest and Effort in Cooperative Education 12, Interest and Effort in Phys Ed Leadership 12, Victory Credit Union Educational Award, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 108

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Alison Simm is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alison for receiving Interest and Effort in Film & Video Production 12, Interest and Effort in Chemistry 11, Chalmers Densmore Memorial Trophy, Lifetouch Award, Anthony Brothers Award, Heather Murphy Memorial Bursary, Student Council Scholarship, Nova Scotia Free Masons Scholarship, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 109

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Josh Benedict is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Josh for receiving Interest and Effort in Home Trades Technology 12, Hannah Putnam Lawrence Award, Options and Opportunities Citizenship Award, CHArt Society Arts

Award, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #166 Bursary, Maitland Scouting Award, Nova Scotia Free Mason's Scholarship, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 110

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas India Miller-Bidwell is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate India for receiving Interest and Effort in Mathematics 12, John K. Whidden Bursary (Arts), Hants East Liberal Bursary, Crandall University Board of Governors Elgee Entrance Scholarship valued at \$6,000, and honours with distinction.

RESOLUTION NO. 111

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Ross Lake is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ross for receiving Excellence in English Communications 12 and Gordon Singer Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 112

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brooke Novak is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brooke for receiving Interest and Effort in English Communications 12.

RESOLUTION NO. 113

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Megan Andrews is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Megan for receiving Excellence in Learning Strategies 12 and Excellence in Dance 12, Rainbow Community Club Award, Kings Hants Liberal Association Bursary, and \$3,000 Mount Saint Vincent Entrance Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 114

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Rebecca Hynes is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rebecca for receiving Interest and Effort in Learning Strategies 12 and Interest and Effort in English Communications 11, Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary, and EPS 2017 Graduation Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 115

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brittany Higgins is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brittany for receiving Excellence in Phys Ed Leadership 12, John K. Whidden Bursary, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 116

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Rebecca Lynn Brown is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rebecca Lynn for receiving Interest and Effort in English and Math, John K. Whidden Bursary, and EPS 2017 Graduation Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 117

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Courtney Novak is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Courtney for receiving Interest and Effort in Dance 12.

RESOLUTION NO. 118

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas David Duncanson is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate David for receiving Interest and Effort in English and Math, Village Garden Club Award, and EPS Graduation Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 119

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Katelyn White is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Katelyn for receiving North Noel Road Christmas Bursary, Marguerite MacPhee Memorial Bursary, Ian Neil Memorial Scholarship, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 120

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kyle Singer is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kyle for receiving North Noel Road Christmas Bursary, Kennetcook Community Visions Society, and Maitland Scouting Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 121

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Kyle Harview is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kyle for receiving North Noel Road Christmas Club Bursary, and EPS 2017 Graduation Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 122

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas James Bartlett is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate James for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary and Student Council Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 123

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Logan White is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Logan for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary and John K. Whidden Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 124

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Joel Hillier is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joel for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 125

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Alayna MacAskill is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alayna for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary, and Hants North Late Bloomers Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 126

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Adam Spencer-Wilcox is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Adam for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 127

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Lisa Webb is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lisa for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary, East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce Award, Milford and District Lions Club Citizenship Bursary, and honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 128

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Amalie Haag is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Amalie for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary, Acadia University Entrance Scholarship valued at \$4,000, and a Residence Scholarship valued at \$2,500.

RESOLUTION NO. 129

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Caelum Weymuth is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Caelum for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 130

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Natasha White is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Natasha for receiving Kennetcook Community Visions Society Bursary; Danny Weatherhead Memorial Scholarship.

RESOLUTION NO. 131

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Lexi Ettinger is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lexi for receiving William White Memorial Bursary; Douglas Hill Memorial Graduation Award; Sunny Point Farm Scholarship; honours with distinction.

RESOLUTION NO. 132

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Desiree Randolph is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Desiree for receiving Sherri Lynn (Lowe) Munroe Memorial Award; honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 133

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Andrea Smith is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Andrea for receiving East Hants Crime Prevention Bursary; Glacier Communications Bursary.

RESOLUTION NO. 134

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Shayna Mumford is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shayna for receiving Student Council Scholarship; Cox Brothers Poultry Farm Scholarship; Women's Institute of Upper Nine Mile River; Douglas Hill Memorial Graduation Award; Danny Weatherhead Memorial Scholarship; honours

RESOLUTION NO. 135

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Amy Wellwood is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Amy for receiving Student Council Scholarship; honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 136

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Caitlyn Spence is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Caitlyn for receiving Citizenship Medallion; honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 137

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Joshua White is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Joshua for receiving Gordon Singer Bursary; Maitland Scouting Award; Douglas Hill Memorial Graduation Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 138

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Holly MacDonell is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Holly for receiving Ruby C. McKeil Award; Miller Award; Mount Saint Vincent Entrance Scholarship valued at \$16,000; honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 139

By: Hon. Margaret Miller (Natural Resources)

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

Whereas 38 of Hants North Rural High School's graduating class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and/or bursaries; and

Whereas scholarships and bursaries are awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas Brittany Higgins is one of those recipients;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Brittany for receiving honours.

RESOLUTION NO. 140

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Education and Early Childhood Development)

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

Whereas Yarmouth's Vanessa Fells and Melissa Fells-Adams recently designed and marketed T-shirts; and

Whereas Vanessa and Melissa donated \$2,000 of their earnings from the sale of their T-shirts to the South End Youth Community Garden in Yarmouth; and

Whereas since 2010, about 50 to 60 youth benefit from gardening instruction and marketing their crops at the South End Youth Community Garden, and Vanessa and Melissa's donation will be used to purchase more gardening tools and seeds for next year;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize Vanessa Fells and Melissa Fells-Adams for their entrepreneurial spirit and thank them for so generously giving back to their community.

RESOLUTION NO. 141

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Minister of Immigration)

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

Whereas Our Lady of Lebanon is a vibrant and growing parish in Halifax within which observers of the Maronite Catholic faith have found guidance, inspiration, and community for over 35 years; and

Whereas the parish community constructed their original church on Dutch Village Road in Halifax from 1981-1982, had it consecrated by His Grace Archbishop Elias F. Shaheen on November 4, 1984, and subsequently expanded its facilities to accommodate the needs of a growing congregation; and

Whereas the church community, in light of its continued growth, is actively proceeding with the construction of the new Our Lady of Lebanon Parish and Cultural

Centre, the future home of the congregation, and will be holding a laying of the cornerstone ceremony on the site at Clayton Park Drive on September 22, 2017, where the grounds will be blessed by His Excellency Bishop Paul-Marwan Tabet, Maronite Ordinary in Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Our Lady of Lebanon parish on this significant occasion and thank the committee chairs with the Faith is our Foundation Capital Campaign and all contributors who have helped move this important project forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 142

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year, Mike Beamish of Shad Bay was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for his volunteer work for Chebucto Minor Hockey; and

Whereas Mike has held many positions within the organization and is currently serving as Chair of the Executive; and

Whereas it would not be possible to accommodate all the young people who want to play team sports like hockey if it were not for the commitment and support of volunteers like Mike;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing Mike's dedication and service to minor hockey and join me in wishing him well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 143

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year, Julie Young-MacPherson of Brookside was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work as the treasurer of the Brookside Community Homeowners Association; and

Whereas Julie and her fellow board members give generously of their time and talents to a wide array of projects and events that enhance the life of residents of Brookside and the surrounding area; and

Whereas through active homeowners associations, residents can and do make a positive difference in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Julie for her dedication and service to the Brookside Community Homeowners Association and wish her well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 144

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year, Donalda Benjamin of Prospect Bay was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work; and

Whereas Donalda showed leadership earlier this year when she coordinated a community cleanup in and around the Prospect Bay area; and

Whereas people like Donalda do not litter themselves, but they care about their environment and their community, by stepping up to take action others are encouraged to help and our communities benefit greatly;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Donalda for taking leadership to clean up the beautiful community of Prospect and wish her all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 145

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year, Cara Lynn Garvock was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work; and

Whereas Cara Lynn has given freely of her time and expertise as a member of the board of directors for the Resource Opportunities Centre; and

Whereas Cara Lynn acted as editor for the Prospective Newsletter for a number of years and contributed wise counsel at the board level, guiding the organization to best serve the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Cara Lynn for her service to the community and wish her all the best in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 146

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year Lynn Ledrewmartin was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards event for her volunteer work in support of Chebucto Minor Hockey; and

Whereas it would not be possible to accommodate all of the young people who want to play team sports like hockey if it were not for the commitment and support of volunteers like Lynn; and

Whereas volunteers play a vital role in the delivery of recreational sports such as minor hockey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the contribution of Lynn and all of the volunteers who give of themselves to enrich the lives of others.

RESOLUTION NO. 147

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year Jennifer Helm of Brookside was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards event for her volunteer work as the Secretary of the Brookside Community Homeowners Association; and

Whereas Jennifer and her fellow board members give generously of their time and talents to a wide array of projects and events that enhance the life of residents of Brookside and the surrounding area; and

Whereas through active homeowner associations residents can and do make a positive difference in community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Jennifer for her dedication and service to the Brookside Community Homeowners Association and to wish her well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 148

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year Sue Usifer-Beck was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards event for her volunteer work in support of Chebucto Minor Hockey; and

Whereas it would not be possible to accommodate all of the young people who want to play team sports like hockey if it were not for the commitment and support of volunteers like Sue; and

Whereas volunteers play a vital role in the delivery of recreational sports such as minor hockey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the contribution of Sue and all of the volunteers who give of themselves to enrich the lives of others.

RESOLUTION NO. 149

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas Helen Murphy is a long-time volunteer who works tirelessly and consistently in the community, especially for the Prospect Rd. Community Food Share Program; and

Whereas Helen maintains the cupboards, keeps them stocked and organized as the food comes in, she also does backup distribution; and

Whereas Helen's quiet work in the background often goes unnoticed, her contribution to the community is immeasurable;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in recognizing Helen for her dedication and service to those less fortunate and wish her and her family well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 150

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year Sara Garagan-Aucoin was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards event for her volunteer work in support of Chebucto Minor Hockey; and

Whereas it would not be possible to accommodate all of the young people who want to play team sports like hockey if it were not for the commitment and support of volunteers like Sara; and

Whereas volunteers play a vital role in the delivery of recreational sports such as minor hockey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the contribution of Sara and all of the volunteers who give of themselves to enrich the lives of others.

RESOLUTION NO. 151

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th this year, Michelle Smith of Brookside was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work as a Director of the Brookside Community Homeowners Association; and

Whereas Michelle and her fellow board members give generously of their time and talents to a wide array of projects and events that enhance the life of residents of Brookside and surrounding area; and

Whereas through active homeowner associations residents can and do make a positive difference in community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Michelle for her dedication and service to the Brookside Community Homeowners Association and to wish her well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 152

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th of this year Kelly Carlton of Hatchet Lake was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work; and

Whereas Kelly is the chairman of the Prospect Road Recreation Association, she sits as a member on the Western Commons Advisory Council, and she served as a past member of the Prospect Road Community Centre Steering Committee and the Western Commons Master Plan Committee; and

Whereas Kelly has dedicated much of her free time to enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of the Prospect area, giving generously of her time and talents to a wide array of events and activities held at the Prospect Road Community Centre;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Kelly for her dedication and service to recreation in the Prospect communities, and wish her well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 153

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas Marc Davignon of Whites Lake was recognized for his volunteer work for the Prospect Road Bulls Basketball Association at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards held June 10th of this year at the Prospect Road Community Centre; and

Whereas the Prospect Road Bulls seeks to foster, promote, and coordinate amateur basketball for girls and boys of all ages and abilities; and

Whereas it would not be possible to accommodate all the young people who want to play team sports like basketball if it were not for the commitment and support of volunteers like Marc;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Marc for his dedication and service to the young basketball players of the Prospect communities, and wish him well in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 154

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th of this year Beth McGee of Seabright was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work; and

Whereas Beth has given countless hours to causes such as protection, access, and education of our public lands and the environment; and

Whereas Beth is an inspiration to many and has an absolute wealth of knowledge which she generously shares as she mentors, encourages, and guides others to step up to leadership;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Beth for her dedication and commitment to collaboration and community development for the benefit of all.

RESOLUTION NO. 155

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas the Whites Lake Legion hosted a special event to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and they incorporated a fundraiser to raise money to support the local community food bank; and

Whereas the event was a great success and the participation and support from members of the community was incredible, and the funds raised will definitely be a great help to our local food bank and offer some support to those less fortunate; and

Whereas this event would not have been possible if not for the dedication and commitment of a special group of volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time, and I would like to recognize Judi Ray, Sheila Lamplugh, Nancy Horne, Donna Hopkinson, Don Ray, and Mike Lamplugh, whose hard work and commitment made the event a huge success;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in recognizing those who work quietly “behind the scenes” by consistently dedicating their time and effort to make our community a caring and welcoming place for all.

RESOLUTION NO. 156

By: Hon. Iain Rankin (Environment)

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

Whereas on June 10th of this year Valerie Wilson of Brookside was recognized at the 3rd Annual Prospect Communities Volunteer Awards for her volunteer work as the chairman of the Brookside Community Homeowners Association; and

Whereas Valerie and her fellow board members give generously of their time and talents to a wide array of projects and events that enhance the life of residents of Brookside and the surrounding area; and

Whereas through active homeowner associations residents can, and do, make a positive difference in community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Valerie for her dedication and service to Brookside Community Homeowners Association, and wish her well in the future.