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**HALIFAX, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

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**9:00 A.M.**

**SPEAKER**

Hon. Keith Bain

**DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

Angela Simmonds, Lisa Lachance

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

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bill:

**Bill No. 38 - New Minas Water Commission Act.**

and the committee recommends the bill to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments.

THE SPEAKER: Ordered that this bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS****STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

HON. TIM HOUSTON (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, this morning I rise to mark the beginning of Veterans' Week and to acknowledge the service, courage, and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have secured and protected our freedom at times of war, during peacetime, and in military conflicts.

Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotia has a long and proud military history. Our military members are there when we need them most. In Nova Scotia we understand the dedication and sacrifice of members of the Canadian Forces very well. I know there are thousands of families like mine who have a mum or dad or grandparent who bravely served our country, missing birthdays, Christmases, ballet recitals, hockey games, and putting service before self. They are our heroes.

In my home, my Dad was that hero. He served in the Air Force and I am proud of him and grateful for his service.

I am sure that all members are thinking of their own hero, with the same pride and gratitude that I feel. We all feel the responsibility to remember their sacrifice and ensure that the freedoms they fought for and continue to protect are never taken for granted.

Mr. Speaker, with our heroes in our heart, I encourage all Nova Scotians to take time this Remembrance Day to pause to remember and reflect.

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

HON. BEN JESSOME: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Premier for his remarks - very genuine, very important, and very thoughtful. Thank you, through you, to the Premier.

Veterans' Week is a simple yet important milestone in our calendar year. While paying tribute during this week has a time stamp on it, I'd like to encourage all Nova Scotians, through you, Mr. Speaker, to be mindful of sharing our thanks throughout the year.

I'd like to acknowledge that November 11<sup>th</sup> this year will likely have a different impression than we are used to, and that many Remembrance Day ceremonies will be observed virtually. While we are looking forward to getting back to our cenotaph or respective gathering places, I want to remind everyone that what is important is taking the time to reflect and be grateful.

Nova Scotia is home to a significant cohort of our serving members and their families. We've all been touched by somebody who presently serves in our military or have been fortunate to meet a vet who has served in the past. Our proximity to our military - land, air, and sea - is a unique and wonderful part of what makes up the character of our province. We are better because our culture includes a strong military family.

I'd like to remind all Nova Scotians that our military has served and continues to serve our country not only in times of war and conflict but during peacetime, both at home and abroad.

I'd like to thank all Nova Scotian organizations that work hard to support our veterans. We are fortunate to have a great number of groups and individuals who make a considerable effort to ensure that our vets and their families have the support that they require.

I'd like to thank our institutions and professionals who work hard to provide our veterans with the support that they require after having experienced trauma in all forms.

I would like to thank the families of our serving military members and our veterans. We are grateful for the commitment and sacrifices you make alongside your loved ones.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank our serving members who presently serve and who have served in the past. This week we honour you and we are thankful for all that you do to keep us safe all throughout the year.

**THE SPEAKER:** The honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

**GARY BURRILL:** Of all the important and moving things that take place over the course of the year in our province, none is any more moving or any more important than when communities assemble, as many will next Thursday, around the hundreds of cenotaphs in Nova Scotia to remember the sacrifices that have been made for freedom.

There will be no veterans from the First World War, for they have now all gone on. The ranks of veterans of the Second World War will be very thin, for even those who joined up late in 1945 now are well into their 90s. Korean War vets will be there. Peacekeepers, and members of the Canadian Forces both current and retired.

In many communities, the names will be read aloud before the silence: grandparents, parents, siblings, children. In some of our communities, cenotaphs have had to be altered, added to, redesigned, in order to make room for the new names and the new heading on the stone: Afghanistan.

May no more sacred stones in Nova Scotia need ever in future to be so redesigned, or more engraved again.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Community Services.

HON. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to officially recognize Indigenous Veterans Day. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Indigenous people across Canada will remember fallen ancestors and community members with prayers and offerings of thanks.

Indigenous Veterans Day is a day for Canadians to recognize the special contribution of Indigenous veterans who risked their lives for peace and freedom. The first Indigenous Veterans Day was November 8, 1993. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit veterans want their own day to be with their families and communities to honour Indigenous service to the country in culturally significant ways while also observing Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, with their comrades. It is estimated that more than 12,000 Indigenous people joined the Canadian military during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War; more than 500 were killed.

Mr. Speaker, we acknowledge the thousands of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit men and women who have served and continue to serve to protect this country and the freedom we all enjoy. Let us pay tribute to Mi'kmaw sma'gnis courage and their sacrifice that still protects us today. Wela'lin sma'gnis. We honour you. Wela'lin. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

HON. IAIN RANKIN: I'd like to thank the minister for her remarks today.

Nova Scotians owe a debt of gratitude to our Indigenous veterans. Despite living in a country that had official government policy to assimilate them, thousands of Indigenous soldiers paid the ultimate sacrifice for this nation. As we enter into the season of remembrance, it is worth paying extra attention to the sacrifices of Indigenous soldiers.

It is also important to bring attention to those who are injured in the line of duty, both physically and mentally. Many, just like African Nova Scotians, were put on the front line only to return home and be denied access to benefits provided to white soldiers.

As we open our eyes to the real consequences of mental health, it's worth affirming the fact that mental health is health. These issues are real and compounded by the intergenerational trauma experienced by Mi'kmaw families.

While travelling our great province, I've had the opportunity to meet many Mi'kmaw service members. Their resilience and spirit are inspiring, and they deserve the utmost level of dignified care as they face the issues faced by so many returning service members.

Mr. Speaker, as I bought my poppy to celebrate Remembrance Day, I thought of the countless young soldiers from places like Eskasoni, Millbrook, and Membertou First

Nations who made the difficult choice to enlist during the First and Second World War. They fought for a country that didn't always live up to its ideals. It is our shared responsibility to make Nova Scotia - Mi'kma'ki - and Canada live up to its full potential. They should have been greeted as heroes, but too often were greeted with continued discrimination and bigotry adding even more to the challenges faced by returning veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the minister for bringing this important issue to the attention of the House. Words cannot describe how grateful we should all be for the sacrifices of Indigenous veterans. Today and every day, we need to reflect on their service and redouble our efforts to strengthen our nation-to-nation relations as we move forward on a path to reconciliation. Thank you. Wela'lin. (Applause)

[9:15 a.m.]

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

**LISA LACHANCE:** Mr. Speaker, I am also glad to rise today to recognize Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8<sup>th</sup>. On this day we pay tribute to the important contributions and sacrifices made by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people in service to Canada.

There is a long history of Indigenous people in Canada contributing to its defence. For example, in the War of 1812, First Nations leaders like Tecumseh helped to ensure the safety and security of Canada. Three thousand First Nations members and scores of Inuit, Métis, and other Indigenous men and women served in World War II. Today there are over 2,700 Indigenous members in the Canadian Armed Forces.

It is also important to recognize the many scholars, Indigenous and otherwise, who have worked to help us better understand these contributions. A great deal of work has been done in the last few decades to document both the remarkable contributions made by Indigenous peoples to Canada's war effort during the major conflicts of this past century and the unfair treatment many of them received after they became veterans.

First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities across Canada set an important example for all Canadians in the respect and honour they express for their veterans. If you are at a mawio'mi, or powwow, and you are also a veteran, you will be welcomed to join the opening ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, let us unite in our respect and gratitude for what Indigenous veterans have done for us. Lest we forget. (Applause)

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

**THE SPEAKER:** The honourable Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93**

HON. COLTON LEBLANC: Monsieur le président, à une date ultérieure je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante :

Attendu que M<sup>me</sup> Elsie Basque était la première femme Mi'kmaw en Nouvelle-Écosse à obtenir un brevet d'enseignante, ainsi que la première personne Mi'kmaw enseignante dans une école non-autochtone à l'Île du Cap Breton, et elle a été une survivante du système des écoles résidentielle; et

Attendu que M<sup>me</sup> Elsie Basque a obtenu des doctorats honorifiques du Nova Scotia Teachers College en 1997, de l'Université Sainte-Anne en 2005, et de l'Université Acadia en 2013, et elle est également membre du l'Ordre du Canada, et elle était la récipiendaire de la médaille du jubilé diamant de la reine Elizabeth II et du Grand Chief Marshall Senior Elder Achievement Award; et

Attendu que l'Université Sainte-Anne a installé un buste en son honneur et a tenu à reconnaître ses qualités de pédagogue, bénévole, et modèle exemplaire devenu champion des valeurs et des traditions Mi'kmaq, notamment grâce au temps qu'elle a consacré au bien-être des membres des communautés premières nations, particulièrement aux aînés;

Par conséquent, il est résolu que les députés de l'Assemblée législative se joignent à moi pour reconnaître les contributions exceptionnelles de M<sup>me</sup> Elsie Basque, son dévouement complet et son engagement sans faille qui nous rappelle l'importance de les relations de l'amitié entre nos communautés.

M. le Président, je demande l'adoption de cette résolution sans préavis et sans débats.

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

Whereas Ms. Elsie Basque was the first Mi'kmaw woman in Nova Scotia to obtain a teaching certificate, the first Mi'kmaw person to teach in a non-Native school on Cape Breton, and a survivor of the residential school system; and

Whereas Ms. Elsie Basque received honorary doctorates from the Nova Scotia Teachers College in 1997, Université Sainte-Anne in 2005, and Acadia University in 2013, is also a member of the Order of Canada, and was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and Grand Chief Donald Marshall Sr. Elder Achievement Award; and

Whereas Université Sainte-Anne has installed a bust in her honour and wishes to recognize her qualities as a pedagogue, volunteer, and exemplary model who has become

a champion of First Nations values and traditions, particularly thanks to the time she has devoted to the well-being of First Nations people, particularly seniors;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Ms. Elsie Basque, her complete dedication, and her unwavering commitment, which reminds us of the importance of friendly relations between communities.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Advanced Education.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 94**

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

Whereas getting vaccinated is one of the best ways we can protect ourselves and others from COVID-19; and

Whereas all of Nova Scotia's universities and community colleges have vaccine rates in line with or well above the provincial average, and that is something to celebrate; and

Whereas I want to commemorate the students, faculty, and staff at post-secondary institutions across the province for leading by example and keeping their campuses and our communities safe;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Legislature recognize our post-secondary institutions for their strong commitment to and overwhelming support for the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Justice.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 95**

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

Whereas Assistant Commissioner Lee Bergerman, who retired on October 8<sup>th</sup>, served the citizens of this province for the past two and a half years as commanding officer of the RCMP in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Lee Bergerman concludes a long career that included a variety of policing environments across Canada, including the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit, Unsolved Homicide Unit, and Officer in Charge of Halifax District; and

Whereas Assistant Commissioner Bergerman has provided leadership and been a positive role model for women in a male-dominated world of law enforcement for the last 35 years;

Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly extend its thanks and best wishes to Assistant Commissioner Lee Bergerman for her many years of distinguished service to Canadians and Nova Scotians, and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.



The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Justice.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 96**

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

Whereas Julie Cecchetto spent 27 years as an officer keeping the public safe before rising to the rank of inspector with the Halifax Regional Police; and

Whereas Julie Cecchetto was the first female police chief in Nova Scotia, leading the Kentville Police for four years; and

Whereas Ms. Cecchetto was the president of the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association; and

Whereas Ms. Cecchetto has recently retired from a long and illustrious career;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House recognize the leadership and passion for diversity and inclusion she brought to her career and how she paved the way for future female police officers, and wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 97**

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

Whereas this past June, Wanda Smith, secretary to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, celebrated 40 years of service with the provincial government; and

Whereas the entirety of her 40-year career was spent at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development; and

Whereas Wanda's years of service are a testimony to her dedication to the department and to the people of Nova Scotia and that her efforts have been greatly valued by ministers past and present;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Legislature congratulate Ms. Smith on receiving this service milestone and for her hard work and commitment to the province's education system.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 98**

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, I hereby request that the following motion be adopted without notice pursuant to Rule No. 32(5) of the House of Assembly Rules and Form of Procedure.

Be it resolved that all congratulatory motions deposited with the Clerk pursuant to Rule No. 32(3) of the Rules and Forms of the Procedure of the House of Assembly from October 12, 2021, to the rising of the House today that have not been otherwise considered by the House of Assembly be approved.

THE SPEAKER: All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Agriculture.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 99**

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

Whereas on October 21<sup>st</sup>, the best in agriculture was celebrated and two Nova Scotians were inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame; and

Whereas inductee Bernard teStroete was posthumously recognized for his involvement in many endeavours, including the operation of Saxon Valley Poultry, a 17-year commitment to the Nova Scotia Chicken Marketing Board, and as a delegate to the Chicken Farmers of Canada; and

Whereas inductee Jack Sibley was honoured for being instrumental in the formation of the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia, the Wild Blueberry Association of North America, and the Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry Institute, among many other achievements;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House celebrate the contributions made by these individuals to the agricultural industry and their induction into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 100**

HON. COLTON LEBLANC: M. le président, à une date ultérieure je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante :

Attendu que chaque année, l'Association des alumni de l'Université Sainte-Anne décerne des prix aux membres qui se sont distingués par leur implication exemplaire au sein d'organismes communautaires ou qui se sont illustrés à l'échelle communautaire, régionale, ou nationale dans différents domaines ou professions; et

Attendu que les récipiendaires de 2020 sont Norbert LeBlanc, Ancien de l'année 2020, reconnu pour son engagement exemplaire et fidèle à la communauté acadienne et francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse, et Adonis Fuki, Étoile filante 2020, pour son engagement en tant que président de la communauté congolaise vivant à la Nouvelle-Écosse, dans la sensibilisation du publique à accompagner des différents actions que compte organiser la communauté dans la province; et

Attendu que les récipiendaires de 2021 sont Stephen Gallaway, Ancien de l'année 2021, pour son rôle important dans le sport de ringuette et son engagement communautaire à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, et Lindsay Smythe, Étoile filante 2021, pour leadership et son dévouement à l'avancement de l'enseignement de la langue française en Louisiane;

Par conséquent, il est résolu que les députés de l'Assemblée législative se joignent à moi pour féliciter Norbert LeBlanc, Adonis Fuki, Stephen Gallaway, et Lindsay Smythe pour leurs succès et leurs contributions à la vitalité de nos communautés acadiennes et francophones en Nouvelle-Écosse et ailleurs.

M. le Président, je demande l'adoption de cette résolution sans préavis et sans débat.

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

Whereas each year Université Sainte-Anne's Alumni Association attributes awards to members who have distinguished themselves by their exemplary involvement in the community, organizations, or at the community, regional, or national level in different fields or professions; and

Whereas the 2020 recipients are: Norbert LeBlanc, Alumni of the Year, recognized for his exemplary and faithful commitment to the Acadian and francophone community in Nova Scotia; and Adonis Fuki, Rising Star, for his commitment as president of the Congolese community living in Nova Scotia and raising public awareness to support the various actions that the community intends to organize in the province; and

Whereas the 2021 recipients are: Stephen Gallaway, Alumni of the Year, for his important role the sport of ringette and his community involvement in Prince Edward Island; and Lindsay Smythe, Rising Star, for her leadership and dedication to advancing French language teaching in Louisiana;

Therefore be it resolved Members of the Legislative Assembly join me in congratulating Norbert LeBlanc, Adonis Fuki, Stephen Gallaway, and Lindsay Smythe on their successes and contributions to the vitality of our Acadian and francophone communities in Nova Scotia and elsewhere.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

[9:30 a.m.]

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Bill No. 87 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act, Respecting Sittings of the House of Assembly. (Claudia Chender)**

**Bill No. 88 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 155 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Executive Council Act, and Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act, to Create the Department of Digital Government and Services. (Hon. Hon. Patricia Arab by Hon. Derek Mombourquette)**

**Bill No. 89 - Entitled an Act Respecting Proportional Representation and Democratic Renewal. (Claudia Chender)**

**Bill No. 90 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, Respecting Sustainable Development. (Hon. Iain Rankin)**

**Bill No. 91 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Health Services and Insurance Act, to Expand M.S.I. Coverage. (Susan Leblanc)**

**Bill No. 92 - Entitled an Act Respecting Carbon Rebates. (Hon. Iain Rankin)**

**Bill No. 93 - Entitled an Act to Establish a Day to Recognize Skilled Workers. (Hon. Brendan Maguire)**

**Bill No. 94 - Entitled an Act to Establish a Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day. (Hon. Ben Jessome)**

**Bill No. 95 - An Act Respecting Relief for Natural Disasters. (Hon. Brendan Maguire)**

THE SPEAKER: Ordered that these bills be read a second time on a future day.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 101**

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas while we show honour and gratitude for our veterans in the lead-up to Remembrance Day, it should not be lost on any one of us that is much more we can do to show our unending support and appreciation; and

Whereas veterans do not often ask help from their governments, they answered the call from their government; and

Whereas when veterans are able to find their voice to reach out to government for help, it needs to be a priority that is followed through on and we need to understand that the best way to serve our brave veterans is to listen and make promises that are followed through on;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the contributions of our veterans, remember that their sacrifices gave us our freedom and it is time that we bring old and new promises to the forefront and follow through on our word to ensure they have the supports and services in place so that they may thrive in the same country they dedicated their lives to.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

### **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Premier.

#### **DAVID, JIM: RETIREMENT - BEST WISHES**

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy retirement to Jim David. Jim has been the provincial director of the PC Party of Nova Scotia since July 1987 and next month, after nearly 35 years of dedicated service, he will be saying goodbye. Jim has been a stalwart of our Party through 10 different Leaders, 17 Party presidents, hundreds of MLAs, thousands of volunteers and he is unwavering in his commitment to the PC Party.

Jim is a de facto historian of the PC Party and don't try to stump Jim with a question about the Nova Scotia Elections Act - you can't. Jim treats everyone with kindness and respect. He is courteous and diplomatic no matter who you are, what party you support, or how complicated the issue may be.

Jim and his wife Janice have made many lifelong friendships with the many people they have worked with over the years. Mr. Speaker, as Jim retires and he and Janice go off on a trip of a lifetime, we want him to know that he leaves with our utmost admiration and best wishes for a happy retirement. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

#### **MIN. WAGE WORKERS: CONTRIB. TO ECON. - THANKS**

FRED TILLEY: Mr. Speaker, today I stand to recognize and thank the thousands of minimum wage workers in this province. My wife has spent 30 years in her career in retail and I am very, very proud of her and her co-workers as they helped us to get through this very difficult pandemic that we just came through.

Mr. Speaker, I was shocked, offended, and somewhat angered by the comments of our Premier in the Legislature yesterday. To me, they weren't overly progressive. We hear the term "walk the walk," but I prefer "if it talks like a duck and walks like a duck, it's probably a duck."

Mr. Speaker, we all know that minimum-wage workers are the backbone of our economy, making this economy run, and I stand here today to thank them. They deserve better than this. Thank you for all your service. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier.

**LOW WAGE WORKERS: NEED FOR RESPECT - RECOG.**

KENDRA COOMBES: Mr. Speaker, every day people in Nova Scotia making less than a living wage make it possible for us to go through our day. The gas station attendant, the grocery store workers, the custodial workers, the cleaners who reduce our chances of contracting COVID-19 and help make our public places inviting, the CCAs and ECEs who care for our loved ones and teach our children, and the workers in coffee stores who provide us with the fuel to get through the day.

These workers and so many more people in our communities and province do this. These people deserve more respect than they are given. There is dignity in working to provide for your family.

I ask the House to join me in expressing appreciation for all the hard-working people in Nova Scotia.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

**CAMERON, CALEB:  
WINKING KID CLOTHING LAUNCH - CONGRATS.**

HON. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, we have a new entrepreneur in town. Caleb Cameron of Pictou recently launched his new business, Winking Kid Clothing, an online store selling T-shirts, long-sleeved, crewnecks, and hoodies. The official launch of his business fell on his eighth birthday.

Caleb has been dreaming of being a business owner since he was four years old, often pretending with his parents, Sarah MacDonald and Donald Cameron. He says he draws a lot and one of the first things he learned how to draw was a winking face, thus becoming the name of his company. He loves to share his creativity with the world and hopes to someday give some of his proceeds to Indigenous-focused causes or the SPCA.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Caleb and wish him luck with his new business and for setting a great example for other young entrepreneurs.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.



**MOASE, CHARLOTTE: WORK AS CONST. ASST. - THANKS**

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Charlotte Moase, my interim constituency assistant. Charlotte is no stranger to this Legislature. She was here for five House sessions. As Head Page, she was known for her efficiency, amazing ethics, and ability to take charge when situations, and solve problems. While her time as CA in my office was brief - only five months - Charlotte left a big mark on my life and my campaign. I believe I had one of the best communication managers I could have ever asked for, at age 22.

Knowing Charlotte both professionally and personally, I know that she will go far. I wish her all the best in her Master's degree in political science in Newfoundland and Labrador, and I can't wait to have her back.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the House to join me in recognizing and thanking Charlotte and all the Pages who are here today. Charlotte, from the bottom of my heart: Shukran habibi and grazia bella. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

**BLACK WAR VETERANS: SACRIFICE FOR CDNS. - RECOG.**

SUZY HANSEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this time to honour our military, those who are serving, remembering and respecting those who served, and some of those who didn't make it home.

Although Black men were not altogether welcome in the armed forces, there were those who served in a number of combat units during the First World War. This includes the 106<sup>th</sup> Battalion C.E.F. Nova Scotia Rifles, which was authorized on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Recruits were drawn from Nova Scotia, P.E.I., New Brunswick, and Newfoundland. As the 106<sup>th</sup> Battalion began the recruitment process, protests erupted over Black volunteers.

The No. 2 Construction Battalion was formally authorized on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1916, as a unit of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The men of the No. 2 Construction Battalion were treated like second-class citizens during the war, but their contributions were invaluable. It was the only all-Black battalion to serve in the First World War, and its members found themselves segregated from others.

The battalion was granted special authority to recruit throughout Canada, and Nova Scotia provided the largest group with more than 300 recruits. The headquarters for the Black Battalion were established in Pictou and then relocated in Truro.

Many of these men were put on the front lines, and we thank you for your sacrifice. Truly appreciating the sacrifices of all of our military personnel. Lest we forget.

[9:45 a.m.]

THE SPEAKER: Once again, I will ask that the members please try to keep their member statements within the time limit. We've exceeded a number of them already this morning.

The honourable member for Queens.

**VAN DYK'S BY NATURE: RECIP. OF A TASTE OF N.S. AWARD - RECOG.**

HON. KIM MASLAND: I am pleased to rise today to congratulate Van Dyk's By Nature on winning the 2021 Taste of Nova Scotia Producer of the Year Award. This award recognizes a Taste of Nova Scotia producer member who demonstrates all-around high quality and value within their business sector. The winner has to be a leader in the production of the best culinary products in the province.

Located in Caledonia, this innovative business was started by the Van Dyk family over 60 years ago. It has been their passion, and they rightfully pride themselves in the taste and purity of their products which result from science and comprehensive research. Their wild blueberries are globally certified to the highest level.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to acknowledge this exemplary local Queens County business, and I ask all members to join me in applauding the Van Dyk family and their employees on receiving this impressive award.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

**BEDFORD FIRE DEPT.: 82 YRS. OF SERV. TO COM. - THANKS**

KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department on 82 years of service to our community. For more than eight decades, our volunteer firefighters have kept Bedford safe.

So I'd like to thank Gordon Long on an amazing 36 years of service, as well as Robert Andrews on 30 years, Matt Willett for his 18 years, Neil Hutchings for 16 years of service, and George Collard for 15. Blake Mann has volunteered for 14 years, Brin Jones for 12 years, Clarissa Cameron for 11 years, Stephen Wright for 7 years, and it's been 5 years for Lauren Thibeault. Jessie Organ, Richard Puddington, Christian Urena, and Zach Nicoll have all served three years, Keane Simms, Jason Burns, Dan Chamberlain, and Shantal March have served for two years, and Zack Fraiser and Phillip Sanka have both served for one year.

I'd like to congratulate all of our firefighters, past and present, and thank them for keeping us safe. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

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

**NIECE, JESSICA BROWN: BIRTHDAY - BEST WISHES**

LISA LACHANCE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of a young Nova Scotian, my niece Jessica Brown.

Fourteen years ago, we received the news that our first niece was born. Jessica is a calm and focused person, and she came early, but she was ready. Jessica works hard. She is a dedicated and focused athlete who gladly takes on challenging training and competitions. She has recently started coaching younger athletes, a chance for her patience to shine. She loves animals and they love her back. Our household herd of cats and a dog always appreciate her attentive and loving visits. She loves exploring the natural world at her cottage and around Nova Scotia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that members join me in sending my best wishes to Jessica Brown.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Glace Bay-Dominion.

**CURRIE PETERSON, LIAM: ACCEPTED INTO OFF. TRAINING PGM.  
OF ROYAL MIL. COLLEGE OF CAN. - CONGRATS.**

JOHN WHITE: Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Liam Currie Peterson, who just graduated from Glace Bay High after achieving academic honours four years consecutively.

From a pool of 500 applicants across Canada, Liam is one of eight successful candidates who were accepted into the Officer Training Program of the Royal Military College of Canada in Trenton, Ontario. Further testing resulted in only three of these eight candidates being approved for all three aircrew trades, including fighter pilot. It is worth noting that one is from British Columbia, one is from the Annapolis Valley area, and Liam is from Glace Bay. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotia has two of the three successful candidates nationwide.

Liam will be attending Cape Breton University this Fall on a full four-year scholarship, and then he will continue on with his military career as an Air Combat Systems Officer.

Congratulations on all your hard work, Liam. The sky truly is the limit for you.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

**MEMBER FOR HFX. ARMDALE: COM. SERV. - RECOG.**

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the member for Halifax Armdale, who was just elected to the House of Assembly.

Ali and his wife Sudi fled a brutal civil war in Somalia and landed in a refugee camp in Kenya, where they spent seven years raising three children. After much perseverance and determination to overcome challenges most of us cannot even imagine, Ali and his family were accepted into Canada as refugees.

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. No personal names, please.

The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

IAIN RANKIN: After arriving in Canada, the member worked hard and became an active member of our community. In 2004, he became a firefighter and was appointed as the department's diversity and community liaison officer.

Now the father of eight children, the member's commitment to and deep respect for community has earned him recognition as an outstanding community builder and leader. Over the years, the member has served as a volunteer in numerous community organizations, has helped to build a new community centre, has coached basketball, and has delivered food to friends and neighbours during the pandemic. He also nominated me back in 2013, which I'm grateful for.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating and recognizing the member for his leadership to the community, his unwavering optimism, and the unique perspectives he has already brought to this historic Chamber. (Standing Ovation)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

**HASSAN, BARKAT/AKTER, SUNMOON:  
SHARING OF COM. GARDEN HARVEST - THANKS**

SUSAN LEBLANC: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge two community gardeners and health care heroes living in Dartmouth North: Barkat Hassan and Sunmoon Akter.

I learned about Barkat and Sunmoon through the North Grove, where the couple grow two bountiful gardens. They then share their harvest by gifting fresh produce and by using it to make meals for friends and neighbours. Much of what they grow are vegetables

and flavours from Bangladesh, where the two met as social workers. This past year, Barkat and Sunmoon also found a way of sharing their love of gardening with the wider community by building a garden at the Dartmouth masjid.

Residents of Dartmouth North for the past 11 years, Barkat and Sunmoon are both continuing care assistants at Northwood. Together they've also raised an avid gardener in their 14-year-old son, Ateef.

I ask this House to thank Barkat and Sunmoon for sharing their green thumbs and caring spirit with the people of Dartmouth North and the whole province.

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

### **ZION BAPTIST CHURCH: 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIV. - RECOG.**

DAVE RITCEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Zion Baptist Church.

The church was founded on this day, November 5, 1896, when African Nova Scotian residents sought separation from the Baptist churches they had originally worshipped at in Truro. The church has remained in the same place on Prince Street for an incredible 122 years.

The congregation's shared historical experiences forged a strong sense of community amongst its members. The church is also valued for its associations with historical figures such as the world-renowned soloist Portia White, who was born in Truro and sang in the choir when her father was pastor, and Stan "Chook" Maxwell, a professional hockey player and Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame inductee.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate pastor Brian Johnston and the entire congregation of the Zion Baptist Church on this incredible milestone.

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

### **ELECTION TEAM MEMBERS: EFFORTS DURING CAMPAIGN - RECOG.**

HON. BEN JESSOME: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say thank you to the team that helped me get re-elected this Summer - anybody who took the time to make a few calls, bang in a few signs, and donate to my campaign, and the many ways that they helped out.

In particular, I'd like to recognize my campaign manager, Bill Woodburn; team members Paul D'Eon, Cathy Baker, Eric Paul, Lara Hickey, Shannon O'Brien, Liam

Quigg, Emily Hemlow, Amad and Hana El Nagger, Mitch Griffiths, Aydan Jones-Anderson, Alfredo Capiobianco; my father Darrell, my mother Pam, my brothers, Jon, Nic, and Matthew, my sister-in-law Kali, and last but not least, my better half Elizabeth. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

**DEWITT, OCEAN: FINDING EMPLOYMENT - CONGRATS.**

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, today I rise to give honour to a young man named Ocean DeWitt.

I met Ocean the day that I was here in Halifax on June 23<sup>rd</sup> waiting outside One Government Place. Ocean came and sat with me, him and his dog, Juno. We shared a meal together and he shared with me his story of being homeless for the last four years. It turns out that we have a connection. He has family in Cumberland North and he slept on the couch of one of his family members for a few months.

Back a couple of weeks ago when I tabled a bill around protecting the youth, he reached out to me and shared with me how important he thinks it is that the government does more to protect youth in dangerous situations.

He also shared with me that he was pepper-sprayed, along with his friends who were homeless here in Halifax. He also shared on that day he made a decision to leave Nova Scotia. He is now living in Quebec.

This week, Mr. Speaker, for the first time in four years, he has a home and a job, making \$20 an hour. I want to say congratulations to Ocean.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

**SMALL, RODNEY: COM. SERV. - THANKS**

SUZY HANSEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend, Rodney Small. He is a friend and a tireless worker, for our youth and community, who consistently advocates for what is right. A 2015 graduate from Dalhousie University's Rowe School of Business, he has a Bachelor of Management (with Integrity) degree in which his focus was innovation and entrepreneurship. He is a highly motivated leader with a passion for entrepreneurship, community economics, and people development.

Rodney believes in innovation and entrepreneurship and their ability to create economic prosperity and sustainability from within, to create the necessary impacts to encourage positive change - change in people, change in community.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize my long-time friend and thank him for continuing in the fight for all of those and speaking up for those that needed a voice.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

**RICHARD, LUCIE:  
NEW CONSTITUENCY ASST. IN DART. EAST - WELCOME**

HON. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to give a big shout-out to all our constituency assistants throughout our province. While we are here serving Nova Scotians, they are serving our communities and we all know that our constituency assistants always go above and beyond to serve the residents we have the honour and privilege of representing.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to recognize Lucie Richard, the new constituency assistant in Dartmouth East. Lucie has been a resident of Dartmouth East for over 15 years, and she is currently raising her young family in the area. Through her compassion and strong work ethic I know that she is a wonderful addition to the Dartmouth East office. Her Acadian roots and bilingual abilities will also serve our Acadian and francophone community in Dartmouth East. They can contact our constituency office knowing that they can receive service in either of Canada's official languages.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of the House to join me in welcoming Lucie as the constituent assistant in Dartmouth East. Lucie, I am excited to work with you in the years ahead.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

**BERRY, DON: RETIREMENT - BEST WISHES**

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: I rise to recognize Don Berry, a long-time teacher, coach, administrator, and town councillor who recently announced his retirement from the education system after 42 years.

Whether on the field, court, in the principal's office or the detention room, Mr. Berry was an inspiring figure. He didn't hesitate to be hard on his students when we needed but his students always knew he was coming from a place of love and care. He contributed to the learning experiences of students in profound ways but mostly because he could always relate to students, where they were and always had their backs. This is the same way he approached town politics, focusing on the needs of people.

He is also known for his spontaneous and entertaining speeches and his speedy golf game, where he could be seen putting from up to 30 yards from the green or even from a sand bunker.

Don Berry is a character whose legacy and education in our community will live on in the lives of those he impacted. Thank you, Don, for your service and for being one of the realest people there is.

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

**N.S. TAKE HOME NALOXONE PGM.:  
PREV. OF OPIOID DEATHS - RECOG.**

LISA LACHANCE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Nova Scotia's Take Home Naloxone Program. The program was established in 2017 to help keep people safe from opioid overdose deaths and increase public understanding about how to use naloxone and its availability.

Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose, but naloxone has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system. If in doubt, administer it.

Mr. Speaker, I always carry a naloxone kit, in fact there is one here in my desk in this Chamber. As we head back to take up important work in our constituencies, I encourage all members to make sure they carry a naloxone kit with them.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Tracadie.

**MACLENNAN, ASHLEY & PAUL - SMOKEY HOLLOW GEN. STORE: ONE-  
YEAR ANNIV. - CONGRATS.**

HON. GREG MORROW: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ashley and Paul MacLennan, owners of Smokey Hollow General Store in Country Harbour in celebrating their one-year anniversary in business.

I realize I am not going to have time to get through this entire member's statement, but I wanted to mention them in the House and I'll be happy to bring them a resolution when I go to launch the Country Harbour ferry on behalf of the Minister of Public Works, in a couple of weeks.

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



[10 00 a.m.]

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **ORAL QUESTIONS PUT BY MEMBERS TO MINISTERS**

THE SPEAKER: The time is 10:00 a.m. We will finish at 10:50 a.m.

The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

### **PREM.: PANDEMIC - ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Nova Scotia's pandemic response has been the envy of the world. Through the first to the fourth wave we are currently in, Nova Scotians have stepped up. Our essential workers have gone to work throughout this pandemic and put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe. Will the Premier agree that essential workers on the front line of this pandemic deserve our respect and were the backbone of our pandemic response?

THE PREMIER: Absolutely. That's well known to all Nova Scotians, 100 per cent. They went to work every single day, kept Nova Scotians safe, and got us through the pandemic, 100 per cent.

IAIN RANKIN: Perhaps the Premier would be surprised to know that many of these essential workers make minimum wage. They work at our gas stations - that was actually my first job growing up - grocery stores, as cleaning staff, and so many other jobs. He compared his own profession to the background of one of our colleagues earlier in this session.

Does the Premier think that these essential jobs are real jobs, or that some professions are better, as he suggested in his media scrum?

THE PREMIER: Words matter, and I was careless with my words yesterday. My words don't reflect my respect that I have for those Nova Scotians who just go to work every single day and move this province forward and keep us all safe. It was certainly not my intent to disrespect them.

My intent doesn't matter. My words have an impact. I understand the impact of my words. They hurt a lot of people, and I sincerely apologize for that to all Nova Scotians. I have great respect for every single job in this province. I will do better to be more careful with my words.

IAIN RANKIN: Many Nova Scotians were embarrassed by the Premier's remarks. There are some 40,000 who do make minimum wage. Suggesting that they aren't real jobs, the concern is that a pattern is starting to emerge in what he believes to be real or even

career jobs. Does the Premier realize how there is a higher percentage of women and newcomers and marginalized communities that are working for minimum wage in this province?

THE PREMIER: Look, I can't undo my carelessness with my words. I'll try, and I'm sure I'll get many opportunities this morning to try, but I want Nova Scotians to know I have complete respect for every job in this province. I've worked a lot of minimum wage jobs myself, my family has as well.

I'll tell you what. I had great pride in those jobs I had, and I put everything that I had into those jobs when I had them, and I'll put everything I have into this job to make sure that we make Nova Scotia a better place for all Nova Scotians, no matter where they live or what their job is. I will do better to be less careless with my words. I sincerely apologize for my words.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

#### **PREM.: POST-SECONDARY EDUC. - ACCESS**

GARY BURRILL: In a lesser-noted part of our exchange about minimum wage yesterday, the Premier said that about half the minimum wage workers in the province have a post-secondary education, and we should be getting them better jobs. The tuition cost for a four-year undergraduate degree in our province is around \$32,000, and that's not a price that all young people and their families can afford to pay.

Does the Premier think that those who don't have financial access to a post-secondary education only deserve to make \$12.95?

THE PREMIER: Actually, I believe what I said was - and the member has a number of 40,000, there's a different number, but it doesn't really matter - I believe what I said was my understanding is roughly half of those people have a post-secondary education, and many of them would like to pursue careers and jobs in their area of study and they can't. I wish they could, and we'll work hard as a province to make sure that there are more opportunities for every Nova Scotian. I'm totally committed to doing that and that's what my focus will be.

I apologize for the carelessness of my words. I own those words, but I hope Nova Scotians know that I'm sincere in my respect for each and every single Nova Scotian.

GARY BURRILL: I think this desire to be clear with words is clearly honourable, and yet in the words of the Premier's apology given yesterday, I think he continued to speak to a similar troubling approach. This is what I heard him say: People want a better job, they want a career. Yet, Mr. Speaker, there are many people who are working in careers - I'm talking about early childhood education - surely early childhood education is a career.

There are many people working as CCAs. Surely continuing care assistant is a career. They are working for less than \$15 an hour.

Does the Premier not think that those who are working in the careers of ECEs and CCAs and parallel-type careers are entitled to a minimum of \$15?

THE PREMIER: Look, I accept that my words can be dissected, and I own words. When I'm careless with them, I need to be held to account for that. I respect the member's holding me to account on my choice of words. What I would say to the member is that I believe there are many Nova Scotians who wish they had a better-paying job. I think we're probably in agreement on that. I hope we are, at least. For those Nova Scotians who are looking for a better-paying job, I will continue to fight for them, to make sure that there are more better-paying jobs in this province. I'm committed to doing that.

GARY BURRILL: Mr. Speaker, we accept that the Premier, fittingly and rightly, has apologized for what he said, but an apology without action doesn't really amount to much. I want to ask the Premier if he will take advantage of this important moment, as we're focusing on this subject, to take action now and increase the wages of the 40,000 real people working their real minimum-wage jobs in Nova Scotia.

THE PREMIER: Obviously, we all want better-paying jobs for every Nova Scotian. We want those Nova Scotians that go to work every single day - they have a right to expect that they earn enough to afford shelter, food, and what they need to survive in this province. We absolutely agree on that. What I would say is we're taking action. Members would be well aware of the rental cap to protect Nova Scotians. We're taking action in every area that we can, Mr. Speaker. I just want Nova Scotians to know - I'll say it one more time, and I'll probably get a few more times too - I'll probably get the opportunity again today, and that's good because I'm very sincere. The carelessness of my words caused harm, and I apologize for that.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Dartmouth.

### **PREM.: MIN. WAGE WORKERS - IMPORTANCE**

LORELEI NICOLL: Two-thirds of minimum-wage workers are women, and on the Premier's theme of careers, I want to ask him, since he's enthusiastic about supporting a sector that is predominantly made up of men, ignoring that the majority of people making minimum wage are in important sectors like the service and retail sectors are made up of women - is the Premier of the opinion that their jobs are less important than the skilled-trades jobs he is about to give a large tax break to?

THE PREMIER: No job is more important than another. Every job is important, and every Nova Scotian takes pride in doing their job. That's why Nova Scotia has the reputation it has. That's why we did so well in the pandemic, because we take pride in

ourselves and our community. No job is more important than another. We have challenges in this province in housing, and we have had many discussions about that.

We have taken some steps as a government with our program to attract more tradespeople to this province. I hope they're from underrepresented communities, and I hope they're male, and I hope they're female. The program is for anyone who wants to come to Nova Scotia and work in the trades. We do have a tax break for them. We need to build more housing stock. We've taken action to do that, and we'll take action on other issues. Certainly, no job is more important than another. There's no question. That's not the case.

LORELEI NICOLL: Given that the Premier realizes now that he used a bad choice of words, and he realizes women who want to enter into the job market - predominantly male-dominated in the skilled-trades jobs - will he commit today to offering a fair, equitable, and similar incentive to women?

THE PREMIER: I'm not quite sure if the question is to the trades. Yes. It's just the trades initiative that we're putting forward is for anyone under 30 years old. We're also taking a number of steps to give more educational opportunities to people through the trades, through the high school program, through Nova Scotia Community College, through elsewhere, through the apprenticeship program.

I think the member would see that we've always had a focus on making sure that everyone saw those opportunities, regardless of their background or sex.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

### **PREM.: OVERQUAL. IMMIGRANTS IN MIN. WAGE JOBS - OPINION**

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, a large percentage of workers who make minimum wage are from immigrant communities, people who are often overqualified who come from all over the world to work in minimum wage jobs to feed their children.

I encourage my colleagues and the Premier to chat with all the immigrants who are serving you at the grocery stores, at the McDonald's, and you will be amazed at the qualifications. Canada is getting the cream of the crop from so many countries.

My question to the Premier is: What does the Premier think about overqualified immigrants working minimum wage jobs?

THE PREMIER: I certainly agree that they are hard-working, for sure some of the hardest workers and definitely our province would not be surviving and moving forward without people moving here and pursuing their careers and their livelihood here.

We have a big push from this government to double the population. We're very focused on immigration, we're very focused on making sure opportunities exist for everyone in this beautiful province that we want to share with the world. Issues around credentialing and recognizing the skills and the education, we're very focused on that. We want people to reach their full potential in this province. We want them to stay here, and we respect them tremendously.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Premier for that answer, and I am grateful for his encouragement of immigrants.

My question to the Premier is: Can he commit today to fund programs to support accreditation and transitioning these immigrants into better-quality jobs? We need funding, Premier.

THE PREMIER: Certainly we want to address any gaps that may exist. We want to make sure that as a province we're providing opportunities and happy to work with the member and the Minister of Immigration to make sure that everyone can reach their full potential in this province, Mr. Speaker. I'd love to have that discussion, for sure. I thank the member.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

#### **DHW: UNATTACHED PATIENTS - INCREASE**

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: The numbers for unattached patients were released today. We have seen a fairly drastic increase since August of about 10,000 individuals.

My question today to the Minister of Health and Wellness is: Can the minister please inform the House when we can expect the unattached patient list to begin to decrease and what concrete steps the government is taking to ensure that that happens?

HON. MICHELLE THOMPSON: We did see the numbers that were released today. Certainly, the expansion of virtual care has allowed people waiting - for the folks sitting on that list for a protracted period of time, longer than 65 days since we formed the government - so we are looking at expanding services to them.

We have the Premier calling physicians, cold-calling physicians to recruit them. We have an Office of Health Care Professionals Recruitment. We are working with the colleges to better understand how we can credential physicians to bring them here.

Certainly, there's lots happening in the background, and we continue to be alarmed by the numbers and we will continue to work diligently to reduce that.

ZACH CHURCHILL: In the election platform the PCs had a commitment to bring in a pension plan for family physicians.

My question to the minister is: Is it still the intention of this government to enact that pension plan? Does the minister still think we'll be attaining 300 new doctors a year to deal with this unattached patient problem?

HON. ALLAN MACMASTER: I can assure the member opposite and physicians around the province that the Minister of Health and Wellness and myself have already met to discuss that very commitment in our campaign platform. It is something we are working towards, and we hope to bring to fruition in the near future.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

[10:15 a.m.]

### **ACSW: MIN. WAGE HURTING WOMEN - ACKNOWLEDGE**

CLAUDIA CHENDER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act. In Nova Scotia women make up 62 per cent of all minimum wage workers, that's 25,000 women, most of them working real jobs in retail, food service, and hospitality. This means that when the Premier is dismissive of minimum wage workers and refuses to address the minimum wage, he is mostly refusing to raise the wages of women. (Applause) I would like to ask the minister: Will the minister acknowledge that a minimum wage of \$12.95 hurts women in this province?

HON. KARLA MACFARLANE: I thank the honourable member for the question. It is an important question. Look, I think we are all looking for ways that we can certainly provide better opportunities for those who are seeking to advance their skill sets to find other professions that they may be interested in.

We are always here to try and advance anyone who is looking to, again, increase their skill sets. I know that it is very, very difficult living on minimum wage. I hear that day in and day out, and this government has to look across departments to find out what are the conducive ways that we can make changes to create a healthier environment for everyone.

CLAUDIA CHENDER: Mr. Speaker, there is a way to make that change tomorrow: It is to raise the minimum wage. (Applause)

If we try to move everyone from retail, food, service, and hospitality, we don't have workers in those sectors. The pandemic's economy has been gendered. We have spoken of this on the floor of this House many times. Most of the job losses have been in women-dominated sectors.

During the height of the pandemic, child care and school closures meant that women's labour participation in Canada hit its lowest level in three decades. I would like to ask the minister: Can the minister tell the House what her department is doing to address the systemic barriers that contribute to the ongoing low pay for women's work?

KARLA MACFARLANE Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for the follow-up question. This is a topic that is always of discussion. We are always looking for better ways that we can help improve the working environment. We are listening, we are collaborating, we are discussing, and I hope that in the future we can be sure to create different policies and all kinds of different working environments.

I can just assure the member that these conversations are happening. I am totally aware and it is of great interest to me. I want to do better, and this government wants to do better.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

#### **DHW: BAYERS LAKE OUTPATIENT CTR. - OPENING DATE**

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health and Wellness. I started this question yesterday, but we got cut off because of the time. The question is about the Bayers Lake Outpatient Centre. I am delighted that finally we are going to get services where people live and our government committed to this amazing project.

As I was knocking on doors during this election, the biggest question was: When is it going to open? And the second question: Why doesn't it have emergency services? I would like to ask the minister: Can the minister give me some answers that I can take to my constituents?

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.

HON. MICHELLE THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for the question. The centre - I looked into it yesterday and was grateful to have the time to be able to do that - is substantially complete and working towards being weathertight in early 2022. I think there will be more to say early - that it will be weathertight but obviously more things to do.

It will be outpatient-based services, emergency service with extended hours but there will not be emergency services offered at that clinic because of the specialized services that are required in order to do that. Emergency services often need to be admitted to hospital and there is no capacity to do that. It was developed as an outpatient clinic and there is a whole range of services it will offer, but it will not offer emergency room services.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for that answer. We were told that there will be a walk-in clinic added to it and that will service a lot of the issues, especially during the day. My question and my hope are that these hours could be extended so that it will act as a small-scale emergency for the local people. There are many communities around that would need that and we know that there is such demand for the HI Emergency and the Cobequid Emergency.

I would like to ask the minister: Wouldn't it make sense to add some kind of emergency services closer to the communities?

MICHELLE THOMPSON: There will be extended hours in terms of the primary care access for folks. What that will do is look at primary episodic complaints. A lot of the things that people go to the emergency room for that are not emergent will now be able to be redirected. I do anticipate that there will be extended hours, yes.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

#### **PREM.: COVID-19 NUMBERS - SICK TIME BENEFIT**

HON. KELLY REGAN: During the third wave, our government introduced paid sick leave to relieve the burden on our workers. We did that because we felt it was important that they shouldn't have to choose between their health and the health of others, and their own financial well-being.

Seeing as the case numbers of COVID-19 are continuing to climb now during the fourth wave, will the Premier reintroduce the paid sick time benefit that our government put in place in the Spring?

THE PREMIER: That was the right move at the right time. What I would say to the member is, we're concerned about the case numbers we're seeing right now. There's a briefing today at noon. I have received some confidence from Public Health that they understand where the cases are coming from, and they can trace them back, which is important.

Look, we're going to work with Public Health. We're going to work with Nova Scotians. We'll make sure that we're conscious of what's necessary at the right time. When the government took that move on the paid sick time, it was the right move. If it becomes necessary again, we're certainly open to that.

KELLY REGAN: The people of this province have shown time and time again over the last 18 months that they're willing to go above and beyond for their fellow Nova Scotians, and the government needs to be there to support them.



If this government chooses to consider tax relief as a way of supporting our workers, will the Premier first consider the income tax basic exemption rather than his corporate tax break for his buddies? This has been shown to provide the largest benefit to low-income Nova Scotians, Mr. Speaker.

We're asking the Premier, look at the people who are making minimum wage, look at the people who are living on lower incomes, and actually give them some support on the basic income tax rate.

THE PREMIER: I appreciate there's some confusion over this program, but this program actually does exactly that. It does not advantage a corporation. A corporation will pay whatever they pay. Under our program, we're just giving them incentive to pay it to their employees as opposed to paying it to the government. This is all about helping Nova Scotians and raise their wages. That's exactly what the program is about, and I think it'll work just wonderfully.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

### **PREM.: REAL JOBS - LIST**

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, words, words, words, and zero actions as we wrap up the Legislature here.

My question is for the Premier. The Premier, who as of late is having some trouble hiding his true colours. Last week he questioned my credentials as a blue-collar worker in this province - that we are not as good as him, that his credentials mean more.

Then yesterday, Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Premier was at it again. He said that the minimum wage jobs weren't real jobs. Weren't. Real. Jobs. That, somehow, the work done by minimum wage earners wasn't real work, devaluing the work. The same people who gave so much during COVID-19. The frontline heroes. The mask is slipping.

It's important that Nova Scotians know where they stand, whether their job is one of the real ones or not.

THE SPEAKER: Is there a question?

BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, I'm seeking some clarity from the Premier: Will the Premier provide the Legislature with a list of jobs of what he considers real for Nova Scotians?

THE PREMIER: My words caused some harm. I understand that and I accept that. That list that the member is seeking would include every single job in this province because every job is important.

I hope that Nova Scotians know that I feel that way in my heart. If not, I'll continue to take action to demonstrate that to them.

BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Words matter, Mr. Speaker. Just ask Donald Trump.

A little-known fact, as he hardly ever mentions it: The Premier - his real job - was an accountant in Bermuda. He's so out of touch with minimum wage workers, he has no idea what it's like to keep the lights on, but don't worry, he's got a plan for Nova Scotians. That plan is to give corporations and big businesses a massive tax cut and hope their business decides to hand that money over to workforces - instead of giving Nova Scotians who need it a real, better paycheque.

Nova Scotians will not benefit from the Premier's version of trickle-down economics because big businesses and his team of financial experts make sure that nothing trickles down. It sounds a bit like Bermuda, doesn't it, Premier?

My question to the Premier is: If this is your real job, how would an accountant of the highest distinction like yourself advise a corporation . . . (Interruption)

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. You're getting too personal when you say, "your job."

The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic, with two seconds.

BRENDAN MAGUIRE: My question for the Premier: How would an accountant of the highest distinction advise a corporation to exploit the government's tax cut and maximize their bottom line?

THE PREMIER: Look, obviously we're taking steps as a government to support Nova Scotians. The member has highlighted one portion of my resume. I am an accountant. We . . . (Interruption)

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The Premier has the floor.

THE PREMIER: Yes, I am an accountant. I won't apologize for it. I worked in Bermuda, and I won't apologize for that either, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to enlighten the member, who might not be totally informed of my background. I have worked many minimum wage jobs in my life, years in fast food, years in construction. I know the importance of those jobs.

I'm in a job where my words are dissected, and I accept that every single day, Mr. Speaker. I was careless with my words . . . (Interruption)

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. I'm going to give the member for Halifax Atlantic a second warning. If not, it's going to be dealt with and I'll be asking you to leave the Chamber if it continues.

THE PREMIER: I want Nova Scotians to know that every . . . (Interruption) Get him out.

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I will ask the member for Halifax Atlantic to leave the room. (Applause)

The honourable Premier.

We've lost all track of time. Can you answer in five seconds?

THE PREMIER: Yes. I was careless with my words. I apologize for that. I want Nova Scotians to know that sometimes in this Chamber, emotions get high. That's no excuse for being careless with their words. It's no excuse for some of the behaviour that happens in this Chamber.

I want Nova Scotians to know that I will do everything in my power to make sure that this is a province where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier.

### **FTB: CBRM - STIMULUS FUNDING**

KENDRA COOMBES: In the words of my friend next to me, "let's bring the tone down a bit."

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board. As the minister would be aware, the people of Cape Breton are fed up with the province's continued inaction on the fiscal imbalance between the CBRM and the HRM. It's unacceptable that in much of Cape Breton, more than a third of children are living in poverty, roads are falling apart, and the property taxes are too high.

We know the CBRM needs immediate and significant income stimulus. Will the minister commit to \$50 million per year in stimulus funding for the CBRM for the next three years?

HON. ALLAN MACMASTER: I think historically the industrial Cape Breton area has felt that they've not received a fair shake.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell you as a fellow Cape Bretoner that it is important to me as the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board for this province to ensure there's fairness.

That is something that I will ensure in the budget that's coming forth in the Spring - and any budget that I'm involved with in the future.

KENDRA COOMBES: I've asked the minister just to take a look at the municipal transfers to the province on that as well. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, my next question is for the Minister of Health and Wellness. It is welcome news in Cape Breton that a new urgent care centre would be coming to the Northside General Hospital. The model certainly has potential, and it's strikingly reminiscent of a long-time call from our caucus for collaborative emergency centres.

[10:30 a.m.]

The minister will know that health care access across Cape Breton is dire. Emergency rooms closures increase every year when the previous government was in power.

Are there plans for an urgent care centre in New Waterford, and if so, when will we hear about them?

HON. MICHELLE THOMPSON: As the member is probably aware, we did recently open an urgent care centre at the Northside General, which was very well-received. We're currently looking at that model to better understand how we can support services in the Cape Breton area and across the province.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

### **MAH - RURAL N.S.: HOUSING CRISIS - ADDRESS**

RONNIE LEBLANC: My question is for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Many companies in the seafood sector, such as Riverside Lobster, are experiencing labour shortages. They're struggling to just keep what they have while they're looking to grow. A lot of discussions I've had with these companies are around housing, and we've heard a lot of discussion around housing for HRM, but my question to the minister is: How do they plan to address the housing crisis in rural Nova Scotia and specifically increase on the supply side?

THE PREMIER: This important question in the housing crisis is not limited to any one region of the province. It extends across the entirety of the province. We completely agree with that. We've taken a couple of initiatives in the housing plan that the member may have noticed, particularly around reviewing Crown land to see what might be suitable for housing developments. We'll work with municipalities. We'll work with anyone.

As a matter of fact, one of my colleagues brought forward a situation where a couple of employers in his area want to partner to make housing so they can grow. We know this is an issue across the province, and what I would say to the member - and I know the company very well, a very well-respected company - we're happy to work with anyone who will partner with us to help provide housing to Nova Scotians.

RONNIE LEBLANC: My question is for the Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration. A lot of those companies are looking for immigration to meet their labour needs, especially around the Atlantic Immigration Pilot. When I discuss it with a lot of the employers, their questions go beyond housing, it goes to child care, it goes to the services they need around retention of these employees. I'd like the minister to maybe share her plan for how she can work with these companies to improve retention.

HON. JILL BALSER: With the Atlantic Immigration Pilot project, we're really excited that it's going to become a permanent program. I do know that for organizations to be connected to settlement services - and I do have experience with the organization that the member had mentioned, with the YMCA, with others, working in the rural communities - it's very important that newcomers and businesses know what services are there. It's a collaborative effort. Newcomers have to be connected to welcoming communities, and that's what we're dedicated to doing.

We know that the Atlantic Pilot had a lot of positives. That's why we want to carry that momentum forward.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

### **DPW - GRAVEL RDS.: PAVING MORATORIUM - LIFT**

ANGELA SIMMONDS: In my community there continues to be a lack of resources and it continues to be underserved. In my community, Upper Governor Road connects with more than East Preston. Along this road is a cemetery, where our community gathers to mourn and remember their loved ones, but travelling this road is unsafe and treacherous. It is an unkept gravel road; the potholes are substantial and there is a hazard at night because there is no overhead lighting. Folks from outside of the community use it as an illegal dumping site for their garbage, broken appliances, and yes, even cars.

In 1995, the Province placed a moratorium on paving gravel roads. My question is for the Minister of Public Works. Will this government lift the moratorium on paving gravel roads?

HON. KIM MASLAND: Nova Scotia has more than 8,400 kilometres of gravel roads, which make up 35 per cent of our road network here in the province. One of the first announcements that I did announce as minister, which was a commitment in our platform, was to double that gravel road program we had from \$20 million to \$40 million, and also

double our Rural Impact Mitigation fund from \$11 million to \$22 million, so that's \$32.5 million, which takes us up to around to \$63.5 million.

I cannot commit to the member that we will pave that road, but I certainly would elevate this to the department to take a look at seeing what we can do to try to upgrade that road.

ANGELA SIMMONDS: I want to thank the minister for that and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you. Maybe I could show you the road.

I want to thank the minister for the answer. As I've been in the House most of the month, that's the clearest answer I've had about my community, so I want to thank her for that.

My next question - quickly, though - I'm excited - is actually, in the community of Lake Echo and River Drive, there also is a popular spot for dumping illegal material. We heard this when I was on the campaign road. It's along Highway No. 7 and it's a hot spot where you can find discarded tires and garbage bags. This is also unacceptable, and we need more advertising campaigns.

My question to the Minister of Public Works is: Will this government be introducing the Litterbug Act in the next session? If so, will it also include additional funding to increase surveillance on rural roads to stop illegal dumping?

KIM MASLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again to my honourable colleague. I'm not sure if that will be coming forward in the next session, but I understand the importance of it and certainly I am willing to work with you. If it's important to the member and her constituents, it's important to me, so we'll work together on those concerns that you've brought forward on the floor of the House.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

### **PREM.: ACTIVE ROLE IN MIL. RELATIONS - COMMIT**

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: Mr. Speaker, next week we will all pay tribute to our veterans for the commitment and sacrifices they've made to everyone here in this House, including everyone we represent in our constituencies.

The toll that this commitment can take poses a serious problem for many veterans. The one we hear of most frequently is PTSD, or post-traumatic stress disorder. The only reason we know more about it is because veterans have had the courage to speak up and admit they need help. A few decades ago, that would not have been the case.

The other reason we're aware of this is because of the horrible tragedies that have befallen a number of veterans and their families as a result of these stressors.

When in Opposition, promises were made to take a very modest step towards helping our veterans with the creation of a medical centre focused on and in co-operation with veterans - promises were made.

My question to the Premier is: Will the Premier commit to taking an active role in the Military Relations file, as it relates to veterans and advocating on their behalf?

THE PREMIER: I thank the member for bringing attention to this important issue, both in the Notice of Motion earlier and in the question today. We do have tremendous respect for our veterans. We revere our veterans. We should back that up with actions and I certainly would commit to the member that I will take an active role in that file, for sure.

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: I know I worked very closely with Jeff Casey, Gary Phillips, and other veterans in our area who struggle.

I know this government, like every member in this Chamber, supports all veterans. When promises and commitments were made to ensure a medical centre be created at Camp Hill, with the veteran navigator role to help veterans work through challenges or triggers they face in the ER environment to help them successfully receive the care they need, no one spoke out opposing this modest, incredible request.

After many years, though, this idea still remains just that - an idea. This model works so well that a businessman in Ontario is using his own personal wealth to create such a facility there, and we believe it's time Nova Scotia heeds the advice of our own veterans.

My question to the Premier is: Now that he is in a position of power, will he commit to meeting with the very veterans who brought this idea to the government before, and help create a plan with them in partnership?

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I can make that commitment to the member. In fact, I remember meeting with veterans with the member at the Armoury in her constituency, so I can make that commitment.

We have ambitious goals in health care, for sure, and it's going to require a lot of moving parts to fix the health care system in this province. There's no question about that. I look forward to speaking with the member and the minister and probably even our federal counterpart for their involvement in this type of a project.

The project could do good for people and we want to do good for people, so if we can get it done, we will. Thank you.

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

**EEC: NORTHWEST ARM PROTECTION - ACTION**

LISA LACHANCE: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Rising sea levels and more storm surges, saltwater intrusion, and erosion threaten our coastlines. Infilling can make our coastline more vulnerable and more susceptible to flooding and storm surges. There have recently been multiple applications by private landowners to infill in the Northwest Arm.

My question to the minister is: How is the minister using his office to protect the vulnerable coastline of the Northwest Arm?

HON. TIM HALMAN: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the honourable member for their question. It provides an opportunity for me to outline the ongoing work that is being conducted with our Coastal Protection Act, which was passed in 2019. We all know how important protecting our unique coastline is to Nova Scotians and we know that climate change and rising sea level is having a huge impact on homes and businesses, and coastal ecosystems are at risk.

With respect to what the member has outlined, I am more than willing to have a conversation with the member, but I want to ensure them that we are developing the regulations here for the province when it comes to coastal protection.

LISA LACHANCE: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the minister does not actually have jurisdiction over applications to infill the Northwest Arm, but he does have a duty and responsibility to protect the environment for the future of all Nova Scotians. Protecting our coast is a critical piece of this work. As Nancy Anningson from the Ecology Action Centre says, there are lobster in the Arm, minke whales at the mouth of the Arm, and eel grass along the shoreline that help with coastal climate change.

Mr. Speaker, my question for the minister is: Is the minister advocating with his federal counterparts for a moratorium on all infilling in the Arm until an environmental assessment process is complete?

THE PREMIER: I thank the member for this important question. I am very familiar with this file and I am very concerned about infilling in the Arm. We are definitely working with our counterparts at different levels of government. It seems like a terrible idea to infill the Arm. I thank the member for bringing it forward.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.



**MAH: SENIORS PROGRAMS - ELIGIBILITY**

FRED TILLEY: Mr. Speaker, my question would be for the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. There are many wonderful programs out there for seniors to repair their homes, to make their homes safe, and access different grants that are available; however, the eligibility for those grants is not equitable across the province. For example, in CBRM, a married senior couple living at home has housing income limit of \$28,500, whereas in a rural area it is \$47,500. So, picture this: Residents on one side of a bridge and residents on the other side of the bridge have to meet a different eligibility criterion.

My question for the minister is: Will the minister please review the eligibility requirements for these special programs?

THE PREMIER: Thank you, and the member brings forward an important issue. I have the same issue in Pictou County, for sure. I am very familiar with this issue and we are reviewing those.

FRED TILLEY: Great. Thank you for the answer, I appreciate that. I guess my supplemental to that would be: Could we please get a timeline as to when we can expect a review on this important issue because many seniors are waiting to fill in their applications and waiting to repair their homes?

THE PREMIER: It is an active file in the government. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Dartmouth.

**PREM.: LABOUR MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT - PLANS**

LORELEI NICOLL: Mr. Speaker, the Alberta government tabled a bill last week entitled the Labour Mobility Act that would require regulatory authority for more than 100 professions, including doctors, skilled trades, and engineers, to take no more than 10 business days to acknowledge receipt of an application from someone who is already certified elsewhere in Canada and wants to work in Alberta, followed by 20 business days to make a decision, and then 10 to let the individual know the result.

I would like to ask the Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration: What are Nova Scotia's plans to improve labour mobility for professionals looking to move to our province?

THE PREMIER: Thank you, and there are lots of efforts. This is an important issue, for sure. There are lots of efforts ongoing to streamline credentialling. We had a similar question earlier today, but there is an active effort around the apprenticeships, around the regulated professions, just around the movement of people.

We know we have to do a better job to be more open to - we want people here. We want to double the population, so we're taking a number of steps to make that happen. (Applause)

[10:45 a.m.]

LORELEI NICOLL: Mr. Speaker, we know that in Nova Scotia we have a skilled labour shortage and that in order to increase housing supply in this province it is imperative that we recruit and retain more tradespeople into the workforce in order to increase housing supply in this province. It's imperative that we recruit and retain more tradespeople into the workforce in order to keep up with this demand.

Will the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration look into adopting similar legislation in order to expedite the timeline of certified tradespeople who wish to work in Nova Scotia?

THE PREMIER: I've been very active on this file. I'm not familiar with the legislation in Alberta. I try not to follow Alberta politics too much. I will tell the member that it sounds like the spirit of that particular piece of legislation, the mobility of people, the spirit of that is something that I can get behind. It's something that we're working on.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Membertou.

#### **FTB: FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES - COMMITMENT**

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: I'm following closely some of the decisions that have been made around funding for municipalities. It's something that I was involved with in my time as a councillor. With the announcement of additional funds, particularly for the CBRM, my question is for the Minister of Finance: A commitment of \$15 million was made. Is that going to be the number moving forward?

HON. ALLAN MACMASTER: For clarification for the member, if we're thinking about the same thing, it was in fact a \$32 million commitment. We made a one-time \$32 million commitment to municipalities across the province, while we're renegotiating the MOU with municipalities. That was a commitment that was made for our campaign and our platform. We've come through on that. We delivered that.

DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: I appreciate the minister's response. In our time in the last year, we gave CBRM actually an additional \$35 million on top of \$15 million, and that was just specifically because we started tying it to particular programs and requests that were coming through municipalities.

What I do know is with that \$32 million that the municipalities have received, that it was one-time, but also some of the municipalities didn't receive it and they're actually upset about that.

My question to the minister is: When will the review be complete, and will every municipality have the opportunity to qualify under the new program?

ALLAN MACMASTER: It's perhaps a question better posed to the minister responsible for municipal relations, but to provide some context, this is something we're concerned about. We hear the voices of municipalities. We hear their concerns, and we know at the end of the day there is only one taxpayer. We all have the same taxpayer: it's Nova Scotians, and they're living all around the province.

We're looking forward to renegotiating the MOU, and we want to be mindful of the concerns and needs that municipalities have so that people, no matter where they live in the province, feel they're getting a fair shake.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

### **OEARI: RACIALIZED PAY INEQUITIES - PLANS**

SUZY HANSEN: My question is for the Minister of Equity and Anti-Racism. We know that racialized new immigrant and women workers are far more likely to work in low-paying jobs with fewer guarantees of paid leave, an unpredictable work schedule, and with the less likelihood of union membership.

We also saw the impact COVID-19 had on our workers, and those workers were the same workers that I had just stated that had the high likelihood of infection. I want to ask the minister: What are his plans to address the systemic issues that create racialized inequities in pay?

HON. PAT DUNN: In my number of years in this House, I've never seen so much collaboration and work across the aisle. We made a commitment to work with the Black caucus going forward. We're going to be meeting regularly, we're going to be looking at all these initiatives, we're going to be looking at systemic racism, and we're committed. This government is committed to right the wrongs that have occurred in the past.

THE SPEAKER: Order, please. The time allotted for Oral Questions Put by Members to Ministers has expired.

The honourable member for Yarmouth on a point of order.

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: Mr. Speaker, I did notice - and I think it was loud enough for the House to notice - that during the exchange in Question Period with the

Premier and the member for Halifax Atlantic, the Premier did direct you to remove the member. We would just like to get some clarity on that.

We know that your office is independent, Mr. Speaker. You serve the interest of all the members here. We would just like some clarity on whether you are acting at the behest of the Premier or on your own volition.

THE SPEAKER: I can certainly inform the member I did not even hear the Premier say anything like that. It was on my own because there was banter going back and forth that was getting out of control. It was my decision and not influenced by anyone else.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Public Bills for Third Reading.

### **PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 68.

### **Bill No. 68 - Executive Council Act and Public Service Act.**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Premier.

HON. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise on this bill. I will save my remarks for when I move to close debate, but at this moment I move third reading of this bill.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I hope I'm speaking on the right bill here. I think I am.

I did raise a number of questions when we were in Committee of the Whole House on Bills, and those were around a variety of different issues, none of which are coming to my mind right now. I had it here a second ago. We did have some concerns about some of the provisions in there.

I would ask the Deputy Premier if he wouldn't mind - I will provide him with a written notice of what our concerns were. There were some concerns about some measures in this bill. Again, I will provide you with written notice of that.

THE SPEAKER: If I recognize the Deputy Premier, it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Deputy Premier.

HON. ALLAN MACMASTER: I want to thank the member for Bedford for raising those questions. In response to her remarks, Madam Speaker, we would be pleased to entertain any written correspondence and provide feedback on any concerns that the member has.

Just a few short words on this: This legislation is not just about changing the names of departments and organizations of government. This represents a new vision of government working for Nova Scotians. It represents new ideas and new perspectives. It represents solutions. It represents a path where we will, if I may quote my colleague the Premier, “walk the walk.” I think people will find it refreshing.

Madam Speaker, I now move to close debate on Bill No. 68.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 68.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Madam Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 71.

**Bill No. 71 - Tourism Nova Scotia Dissolution Act.**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.

HON. PAT DUNN: I move third reading of Bill No. 71, the Tourism Nova Scotia Dissolution Act.

Madam Speaker, I will make some closing comments after the members in the Opposition have the opportunity to say a few words.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Madam Speaker, the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage is meant to support and enhance the work of communities with a focus on assisting non-profits, community, and cultural organizations.

While I recognize that our tourism operators are a large part of our economy, many of them are private for-profit entities. Our question is: Will the department now focus its priorities on private for-profit entities over the non-profit? That is a huge question for us. How do they plan to balance the non-profit and the for-profit sectors under the same roof? We have yet to hear a clear plan to ensure that the needs of the non-profit sector will continue to be met and not forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I was deeply concerned when reviewing the minister's mandate letter - the sequence that lists the mandate items that hold weight for the minister. In the minister's letter, items such as "work with local air authorities . . . to develop an integrated marketing plan" came before "create equity impact assessment tools." In fact, the Tourism aspects of the letter precede any anti-racism and equity initiatives. Is this government saying that making money is more important than having the department focus on much-needed anti-racism and equity initiatives?

I know that staff within this department are overextended. They administer a large number of grant programs and work collaboratively with communities and stakeholders to enhance the work they do. Many continue to have work on their desk that exceeds what they can reasonably complete within their working hours. I have a deep appreciation for these civil servants and the important work they do.

In our discussions, I have yet to hear a clear plan on how the minister intends to ensure that the already-overextended staff will not be burdened with additional responsibilities. How many additional staff will join the department to ensure that this does not occur? Why would we not address these concerns before adding even more to this department?

Also, what is the rush? Right now the departments - whether it's Communities, Culture and Heritage or Tourism - are both trying to deal with the aftermath of the pandemic. They need time. Why burden them with this merger?

A news release came out this past Tuesday with the headline - and the minister referred to it as well in his speech - "Tourism Industry Rebounds in July and August." I'll table this. Again, I would like to say, if it ain't broken, why fix it?

With that, I take my seat.

THE SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister, it will to be close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.

HON. PAT DUNN: Madam Speaker, tourism is a vital part of a strong Nova Scotia economy, and we have so much to offer visitors not only from the Atlantic provinces but from around the world.

As far as the burden on the tourism staff, there have been no reductions. The number of employees working in tourism prior to this change from a Crown agency to a division remains the same. The department is very excited now that tourism has gone into the broader area of Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. No one is losing their position.

[11:00 a.m.]

Perhaps this is a great opportunity for me to say a few words about the staff in the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. They're an unbelievable staff. They do tremendous work looking after all kinds of different initiatives and programs across this province from the deputy to the ADM down to all the various staff members who are responsible for various facets of the department. I tip my hat to the amount of work that they do on a daily basis. They're very committed; they're dedicated to the work they do.

As a division of the broader Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, tourism will be even better equipped to promote all that Nova Scotia has to offer from our unique events and cultural destinations to our diverse cultures and vibrant communities.

To answer a question from the Opposition: why now? This is a great opportunity to help tourism not only rebound but grow in stride. Tourism will have access to knowledge and resources within the broader department. Events Nova Scotia, museums, libraries, the arts and culture sectors, sports and recreation - all of these things draw people to this province.

We'll be even better positioned to promote all that Nova Scotia has to offer. We are already seeing more collaboration between Tourism Nova Scotia and government and more can be achieved by more closely integrating Tourism, Communities, Culture and Heritage. Again, Mr. Speaker, staff will continue to do the great work that they are doing, and they'll be joining the department and the provincial civil service.

I want to end my remarks by thanking the former members of the Tourism Nova Scotia Board for their service. We'll certainly continue to work closely with tourist operators to support and grow the industry. I've had initial conversations with the tourist Industry Association of Nova Scotia. I look forward to meeting with regional tourism operators. I'm excited about the possibilities of growth and the new opportunities with tourism as a part of the broader department.

With those few words, Mr. Speaker, I will close reading on Bill No. 71. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 71. All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent for Bill No. 38 to be permitted to proceed to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills today, and if reported back to the favourable consideration of the House, for Bill No. 38 to proceed to third reading today.

THE SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: I move that you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

[11:05 a.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Lisa Lachance in the Chair.]

[11:09 a.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened. The Speaker, Hon. Keith Bain, resumed the Chair.]

THE SPEAKER: The Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on Bills reports:

THE CLERK: That the committee has met and considered the following bill:

**Bill No. 38 - New Minas Water Commission Act.**

and the Chair has been instructed to recommend this bill to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments.

THE SPEAKER: Ordered that this bill be read a third time on a future day.



The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Private and Local Bills for Third Reading.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 38.

**Bill No. 38 - New Minas Water Commission Act.**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

HON. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 38, the New Minas Water Commission Act.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 38. All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask that we please now have a short recess.

THE SPEAKER: We will take a short recess, awaiting the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

[11:11 a.m. The House recessed.]

[1:07 p.m. The House reconvened.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor is without.

THE SPEAKER: Let His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, preceded by his Private Secretary and by Mr. David Fraser, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered

the House of Assembly Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor then took his seat on the Throne.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then departed and re-entered the Chamber, followed by the Speaker, the Honourable Keith Bain, the Chief Clerk of the House, James Charlton, and the Assistant Clerks, David Hastings and Cara Locke.

The Speaker, with the Clerk on his left and the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Clerks on his right, took up his position at the foot of the Table of the House.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

It is the wish of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, that everyone present be seated.

THE SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present session passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

**Bill No. 1 - Elections Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 4 - Public Archives Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 11 - Protecting Access to Health Services Act.**

**Bill No. 13 - Police Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 24 - Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 27 - Collection and Debt Management Agencies Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 30 - Residential Tenancies Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 32 - Municipal Government Act (amended) and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (amended).**

**Bill No. 37 - Fair Registration Practices Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 38 - New Minas Water Commission Act.**

**Bill No. 43 - Motor Vehicle Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 48 - Town of Lunenburg School Annex Lands Act.**

**Bill No. 50 - Ardnamurchan Club Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 57 - Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act.**

**Bill No. 61 - Joint Regional Transportation Agency Act.**

**Bill No. 62 - Interim Residential Rental Increase Cap Act.**

**Bill No. 63 - Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act.**

**Bill No. 64 - Cannabis Control Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 68 - Executive Council Act (amended) and Public Service Act (amended).**

**Bill No. 71 - Tourism Nova Scotia Dissolution Act.**

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

In Her Majesty's name, I Assent to these bills.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Please rise.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.]

[1:15 p.m.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour, the Speaker.

[The Speaker took the Chair.]

THE SPEAKER: I would ask the members to please rise and join me in the singing of our national anthem.

[The national anthem was sung by the members.]

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Please be seated.

The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, before I move to adjourn, I would like to take a moment to thank a number of people who are in the House and made sure this session moved along smoothly. Before I do that, I want to thank Suzy Hansen for that incredible singing. (Applause)

And we have an amazingly talented singer over here in Chris Palmer and I think maybe if the members opposite put up a third member we could have a real dream team trio. The bagpipes too? I don't know.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of us, the members of the Assembly, I want to thank the Pages - come on in, folks. (Applause) Sometimes when we have a session, some Pages, this is their final one and they are kind of done, but I think they are all coming back; I hope, anyway. So that's good.

Of course, we want to thank our friends at Legislative TV up top. Thank you, guys.

The Clerks - you guys have to sit and listen to a lot but you do it. The Legislative Counsel Office for putting together our bills, thank you. The Legislative Library is very handy for us - sometimes I know I regret how efficient they are at getting information into the hands of people so quickly. Our Sergeant-at-Arms - thank you for everything.

The Commissionaires - Buzz and your team.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, our constituency assistants who make sure our constituency office is run while we are here in Halifax, and I know in my case, well, I'm in Pictou County, too, but I thank our constituency assistants.

The entire public service - the men and women who are in the public service are some of the most dedicated professionals that you are going to meet, and I think our public service in this province stacks up against the public service in any other jurisdiction, and I want to thank them for their dedication to Nova Scotians.

Of course, our families and our support networks for supporting us and making sure that everything happens at home that needs to happen, whether it is children's activities or caring for a parent or loved one, or whatever the case may be. Thank you. Thank you to our families back home.

I want to acknowledge the new members of this House. There are some tremendous new members in the House, and I have been very impressed with the thoughtfulness of the issues that you've raised and the way you have conducted yourselves. I've been impressed. I will try to learn from you guys actually on some of that stuff. But each and every one of us in this Chamber should be proud of the role we play in our democracy and I thank you for being part of our democracy. I thank you for standing up for your communities and for

being the voice for issues and Nova Scotians who need a voice. So I thank you sincerely for that.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season because, before we know it, it's going to be upon us and to everyone, certainly, all the best in the new year.

With those few words, Mr. Speaker, and members of the House of Assembly, I move that this General Assembly be adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Before I bring forward the motion, because we're in a relaxed atmosphere at this point, I just want to say I did not rule the Premier out of order twice for using personal names only because we're relaxed.

The motion is that the House now adjourn, to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

We stand adjourned.

[The House rose at 1:20 p.m.]

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS****Given on October 28, 2021****(Pursuant to Rule 30)****QUESTION NO. 2**

By: Kendra Coombes

To: Hon. Allan MacMaster (Minister of Finance and Treasury Board)

1. It is my understanding that over the past few years, the Nova Scotians for Equalization and Fairness (NSEF) group have emailed the office of the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board seeking answers to municipal funding.

The NSEF has been requesting accountability and transparency from the government surrounding the federal equalization funding of the 23.1 per cent that comes out of the municipal units' ability to provide comparable services at comparable tax rates.

The NSEF is requesting the Nova Scotia government release documents indicating where this funding is being allocated in areas outside the Halifax Regional Municipality. The NSEF believes releasing this information allows for further accountability and transparency of taxpayer money.

Will the minister release this information?

**QUESTION NO. 3**

By: Susan Leblanc

To: Hon. Michelle Thompson (Minister of Health and Wellness)

1. It is great news that the government of Nova Scotia has agreed to fund Trikafta. This change will be life changing for people living with cystic fibrosis. The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) issued a non-binding recommendation that includes a start criterion of 90 per cent lung function or less, limiting access to those who meet or fall below that threshold.

Will the government empower clinicians to use their own guidelines to inform access decisions to ensure that no one is left behind?

2. There are several organizations across the province who provide critical and life-saving support to people who use drugs. Mainline in Halifax and the Ally Centre are two such organizations. These organizations are underfunded, and have asked for more support to do more important health promotion work, such as needle searches.

What work is the minister doing to better support these organizations? Will she commit to increasing funding for this important work?

3. British Columbia has moved to decriminalize drugs in an effort to reduce deaths from toxic drug supply. We have seen the impact of toxic drugs here in Nova Scotia, too. There are growing calls from public health advocates and medical professionals to all governments to pursue the decriminalization of drugs.
  - a) Will the minister pursue decriminalization of drugs in Nova Scotia?
  - b) What work will the government do towards establishing a safe supply of drugs in Nova Scotia?

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)****RESOLUTION NO. 102**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas the Perkins House Museum reopened to the public on July 12, 2021, after extensive renovations; and

Whereas the significant project means tourists and community members will now be able to visit for many years to come; and

Whereas the Perkins House was built in 1766 and offers a glimpse of life in Liverpool as it would have been lived by Simeon Perkins;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Perkins House Museum's amazing staff on preserving this historical landmark in Liverpool.

**RESOLUTION NO. 103**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was founded by His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 1956 to encourage personal development and community involvement in youth between the ages of 14 and 24; and

Whereas the award program consists of four mandatory sections: Community Service, Adventurous Journey, Skills Development, and Physical Recreation; and in pursuing these activities at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, participants demonstrate their commitment, motivation, and personal development; and

Whereas Ella Stevens of Queens County has completed over 455 hours of public service through weekly beach cleanups in Queens County and by participating in Students on Ice, joining like-minded youth on an expedition to the Arctic to learn about youth engagement, leadership environmental stewardship, and the power of diversity;



Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in applauding Ella Stevens on her significant earning of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Level Award in June 2021 and wish her all the best in her studies.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 104**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas with COVID-19 still present in our communities in June 2021, Liverpool Regional High School and North Queens Community School graduates had to adapt their traditions to mark the occasion of their high school graduation; and

Whereas the amazing parents of these students rose to the occasion and worked so hard to make this evening spectacular and memorable for the graduates; and

Whereas the wonderful memories made on these grad drive-bys will be remembered by our community for years to come;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in applauding the community member volunteers who were involved in making this evening special for the graduates. Thank you for your generosity and community spirit.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 105**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was founded by His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 1956 to encourage personal development and community involvement in youth between the ages of 14-24; and

Whereas the award program consists of four mandatory sections: Community Service, Adventurous Journey, Skills Development, and Physical Recreation; and in pursuing these activities at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, participants demonstrate their commitment, motivation, and personal development; and

Whereas Jordyn Duffney has achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award by participating in three adventurous trips where she was connected with youth from all over the world, working on a document for the World Conservation Congress 2021;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jordyn Duffney for her outstanding achievement in being awarded the Gold Level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and wish her all the best in her studies.

**RESOLUTION NO. 106**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas the Liverpool Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary successfully fundraised to purchase a new marine rescue boat and;

Whereas this vessel replaces their former craft, which was more than 15 years old, and this new craft is worth more than \$50,000 and is equipped with high-definition sonar for underwater search and rescue; and

Whereas this addition to our community provides families and community members in Queens County with peace of mind, knowing our courageous volunteers have the equipment they need to help when members of our community are in distress;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the volunteers involved for their generosity and community spirit.

**RESOLUTION NO. 107**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas local artist Melissa Sue Labrador displayed her Solo Art Show at Liverpool Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre in August 2021; and

Whereas Melissa is one of Nova Scotia's most collectible artists, her pieces can be found in collections around the world, which she draws her inspiration from the natural world and her rich cultural heritage as a Mi'kmaw woman; and

Whereas in addition to her painting, raising her family, and being a strong advocate for the environment, she works alongside her father, Todd, who are both incredibly committed to keeping their Indigenous traditions alive and sharing with others;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in applauding Melissa on the incredible success of her Art Show, I commend Melissa for sharing her talent and artwork with our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 108**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas Michelle Roy and Liverpool Privateer Days hosted its first Truth and Reconciliation Day in Queens County; and

Whereas on October 1<sup>st</sup>, we marked the 35<sup>th</sup> Treaty Day in Nova Scotia and the beginning of Mi'kmaw History Month; and

Whereas Michelle educated and shared with our community, remembering her stories, and the stories of her ancestors, honouring the Mi'kmaw heritage that is such an important part of our province, and country;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in applauding Michelle in her generosity and community spirit.

**RESOLUTION NO. 109**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas teacher Julie Ramey of North Queens Community School organized the Walkway of Remembrance project; and

Whereas the Walkway of Remembrance is a walkway created as a walk of remembrance to honour all who have been impacted by Indian Residential Schools; and

Whereas teacher Julie Ramey facilitated this project, students participated by painting the rocks orange with their own thoughts and reflections of what truth and reconciliation mean to them;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating North Queens Community School for their community spirit.

**RESOLUTION NO. 110**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas Queens County Home Support recently had the official opening of their new North Queens office; and

Whereas the new location is so very important to clients and families living in North Queens; and

Whereas the level of care and compassion offered will help to ensure that our most cherished and vulnerable residents are able to remain safely in their homes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the amazing staff and Board of Queens County Home Support, who are consistently thinking outside the box when it comes to improving the lives of those for whom they care.

**RESOLUTION NO. 111**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas Sarah Mitton of Brooklyn, Queens County, made her Olympic debut in Tokyo this past Summer; and

Whereas Sarah was part of Team Canada's Track and Field Team for shot put, finishing 28<sup>th</sup> overall; and

Whereas Sarah has many accolades and achievements in her specialty of shot put, including a Canada Games gold, Senior National bronze and silver, Pan Am Games 6<sup>th</sup> place finish, and many more;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Sarah on her impressive Olympic debut.

**RESOLUTION NO. 112**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas Autumn is an 8-year-old student who celebrates her birthday in August, and for the last two years has selflessly asked her family and friends to forego the usual birthday gifts and asked for them to make a donation to the Queens Universally Designed Play Park instead; and

Whereas her initiative brought in \$500 in contributions this year, which were generously matched to raise the total to an impressive \$1,000 donated in her honour; and

Whereas it is inspiring to see a young person like Autumn caring for her community and working to make a difference;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in applauding Autumn for her generosity and community spirit.

**RESOLUTION NO. 113**

By: Lisa LaChance (Halifax Citadel-Sable Island)

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

Whereas Reel Talk brings youth together from across the province to share their passion in filmmaking; and

Whereas several Halifax Citadel-Sable Island youth are presenting their films to raise awareness around climate change and supporting local businesses; and

Whereas Nourish Nova Scotia, a non-profit organization supporting the food security of children and youth, has put together this interactive event for both the enjoyment and education of the public;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Nourish Nova Scotia and Nova Scotian youth filmmakers participating in Reel Talk for using their art form to bring more awareness to the importance of food in ensuring a brighter future and wish all participating in Reel Talk a successful event.

**RESOLUTION NO. 114**

By: Hon. Greg Morrow (Guysborough-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Canso Scout Troop is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of scouting and service in Canso and area; and

Whereas this scout troop has had strong leadership and continues to give youth ages 8 to 14 years old new skills, confidence, and the opportunity to get involved in their communities at an early age; and

Whereas scouting is often the early beginnings of community-minded adults and future leaders in the community and the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the 5<sup>th</sup> Canso Scout Troop on their 50 years of Scouting in the Canso area and thank their leaders for their commitment to the youth in Canso.

**RESOLUTION NO. 115**

By: Hon. Greg Morrow (Guysborough-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the Chedabucto Education Centre/Guysborough Academy Girls' Soccer Team captured the JAGAS Regional Banner on October 22, 2021; and

Whereas this team was undefeated in the entire tournament and defeated École Pomquet in the championship game; and

Whereas this team was led by dedicated coach Chris Martins, who lead this team to victory on their home turf, the Steve Smith Track and Soccer Field, in Guysborough;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate team members Kendall Doiron, Gracie Cleary, Suki Kamogawa, Faith Chisholm, Katie MacDonald, Carrie Doiron, Brenna MacPherson, Ava-Belle Martins, Cassidy Myers, Ainslee Connolly, Isabella Sponagle, and Coach Chris Martins on their win.

**RESOLUTION NO. 116**

By: Hon. Greg Morrow (Guysborough-Tracadie)

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

Whereas the U-12 Guysborough Broadhorns Girls Softball Team won gold in the Cole Harbour tournament to end the season; and

Whereas this team worked hard all season, dedicated themselves to practice, learned a lot, and had fun along the way; and

Whereas this win was a team effort with contributions from all players who demonstrated great pitching, smart base running, and fantastic defensive plays;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate team members Gracie Cleary, Lucy Morrow, Isabella Sponalge, Katie MacDonald, Taylor Boudreau, Khloe Pierrard-Hadley, Emma MacDonald, Carrie Doiron, Layla Austen, Halle Worth, Veronica Boyle, Ainslee Connolly, and dedicated coaches Nicole Cleary, Fabian Doiron, Jeff Worth, Melissa Richards, and Vanessa Dort on their win and a successful season of softball.

**RESOLUTION NO. 117**

By: Hon. Kim Masland (Queens)

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

Whereas Milton Baptist Church celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas the celebration started with a special service with Pastor Steve Baker and Reverend Janet Baker; and

Whereas the celebration closed with a blessed event of baptism held at the end of Tupper Park;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly applaud all who have made this remarkable milestone celebration possible.

**RESOLUTION NO. 118**

By: Hon. Barbara Adams (Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas amazing long-time resident of Eastern Passage Hazel Joyce has participated in the Terry Fox Run each year for the last four decades; and

Whereas Hazel Joyce recently received a certificate of recognition for 40-plus years of dedication from the Terry Fox Foundation, and Hazel also had the great opportunity of meeting Terry Fox's mother; and

Whereas Hazel Joyce has been helping others in the community through her volunteer work at Ocean View Continuing Care Center Foundation for more than 50 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize and thank Hazel Joyce for her continued kindness and for always giving back to the community in so many ways.

**RESOLUTION NO. 119**

By: Hon. Steve Craig (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas the late John Payzant established one of the first shopping malls in Lower Sackville in 1969, and one year later, he built Payzant Home Hardware Building Centre, which has been serving the community ever since; and

Whereas in memory of John Payzant, the Sackville Business Association donated a red oak tree to Acadia Park in Lower Sackville; and

Whereas John's family, who he admired so much, planted the tree in honour of his kind spirit and commitment to the community of Lower Sackville;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking the Sackville Business Association for honouring the late John Payzant for his many years of dedication in assisting hundreds of residents with building supplies.



**RESOLUTION NO. 120**

By: Hon. Steve Craig (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas Rob Morgan, Kevin Ross, and Danial Murphy of Lower Sackville were recently inducted into the Sackville Sports Heritage Hall of Fame by the Sackville Sports Heritage Foundation; and

Whereas the Sackville Sports Heritage Foundation was established in 1981 by local residents with a mandate to honour amateur athletes, teams, and administrators involved in local competition and beyond; and

Whereas Rob was honoured for his dedication and commitment to the Sackville football community; Kevin for his world-class coaching skills in swimming; and Danial as a Canadian Paralympic Swimmer in the S5 World Para Swimming classification;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Rob Morgan, Kevin Ross, and Danial Murphy for their recent induction into the Sackville Sports Heritage Hall of Fame.

**RESOLUTION NO. 121**

By: Hon. Steve Craig (Sackville-Cobequid)

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

Whereas Stephen Lane and Rick Pinkney of Lower Sackville were recently inducted into the Sackville Sports Heritage Hall of Fame by the Sackville Sports Heritage Foundation; and

Whereas the Sackville Sports Heritage Foundation was established in 1981 by local residents with a mandate to honour amateur athletes, teams, and administrators involved in local competition and beyond; and

Whereas Stephen Lane was honoured for his commitment to coaching, volunteering, and officiating with Track and Field, and Rick Pinkney for coaching the Sackville Warriors Arm Wrestling Team, sharing this honour with his father, David Pinkney, who was also inducted in 2006;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Stephen Lane and Rick Pinkney for sharing their time and talents in the amateur sports community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 122**

By: Hon. Michelle Thompson (Antigonish)

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

Whereas Bridget Murphy is the 14-year-old owner of Bridget's Festive Bows, selling Do-it-Yourself festive bow kits to help with outdoor Christmas decorating; and

Whereas Bridget was awarded a Jax Mac Foundation Entrepreneur Grant to help with her business, and is donating 10 per cent of sales back to the foundation; and

Whereas the Jax Mac Foundation was created to carry on the legacy of Jaxon MacDonald, who passed away this past March. Grants were created to further Jaxon's legacy by helping young ambitious individuals gain experience through this passion in sports, entrepreneurship, and travel;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bridget and wish her all the success with her business.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 123**

By: Hon. Michelle Thompson (Antigonish)

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

Whereas on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Jim Hedges MacDonald celebrated his retirement from The Antigonish Golf and Country Club; and

Whereas Jim was a dedicated employee for 24 years and always willing to give a golf tip or two to players; and

Whereas Jim will now have time to enjoy retirement with his wife Mina, as well as working on his own golf game;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jim and wish him well on his retirement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 124**

By: Hon. Michelle Thompson (Antigonish)

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

Whereas Neil Diggins from Bayfield, Antigonish County, is known by family, friends, and the community as the Mayor of Bayfield; and

Whereas Neil is known for his love of hockey and can be found in attendance at Bulldog games, rural league games, and selling 50/50 tickets at St. FX hockey games; and

Whereas on September 12<sup>th</sup> Neil celebrated a special milestone, his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, with a very well-attended open house;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly wish a happy belated birthday to Neil Diggins.

**RESOLUTION NO. 125**

By: Hon. Greg Morrow (Guysborough-Tracadie)

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

Whereas Ashley and Paul MacLennan, owners of Smokey Hollow General Store in Country Harbour, are celebrating their first year in business in their community; and

Whereas the MacLennans took a risk to open their business in the middle of a global pandemic but wanted a change of pace and to be able to work closer to home and provide for their family; and

Whereas this past year they were able to provide curbside pick-up for their customers during lockdowns and also serve over 10,000 meals out of their store kitchen with favorites like fish and chips and their local favorite Smokey burger;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ashley and Paul MacLennan and their staff on their success in their first year of business at Smokey Hollow General Store.

**RESOLUTION NO. 126**

By: Hon. Barbara Adams (Eastern Passage)

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

Whereas 16-year-old rapper Jayden Duplessis, aka JayTheKidd, released his first single "Revenge" on YouTube this past July; and

Whereas Jayden lives in Lyons Brook just outside the town of Pictou, he plays piano, ukulele, and guitar and dabbles in the production of music using computer software; and

Whereas he has written a number of other songs and plans on releasing another video as soon as possible with a long-term goal of signing with a record label;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly wish Jayden good luck and success in his future music career.

**RESOLUTION NO. 127**

By: Hon. Karla MacFarlane (Pictou West)

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

Whereas the community of River John installed the Rogers Landing Slipway and Docks, dedicated to the memory of Roger MacLellan, a former River John resident; and

Whereas the slipway is located on the west side of the River John and is the fourth in a series of projects initiated by the River John Community Action Society; and

Whereas other projects include the floating dock below Bissell Park, new washrooms, and a slipway on the east side of the river that the society hopes will enhance the use of the river for residents and visitors;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the community of River John on this successful project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 128**

By: Hon. Jill S. Balsler (Digby-Annapolis)

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

Whereas the Conway Workshop Association has purchased the Bethany Bargain Bin building, which is wonderful news for the community; and

Whereas the Bethany Bargain Bin Society was a volunteer-based charitable organization that accepted clothing/item donations to resell at a low cost to community members, and the organization was initiated by Sister Barbara and Sister Bonnie of the Society of Our Lady St. Mary's in 1997; and

Whereas the Conway Workshop Association is dedicated to serving people with disabilities and has purchased the building and will continue to operate with the same commitment under the new name "Digby Bargain Bin";

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly welcome Conway Workshop's Digby Bargain Bin, and thank the Bethany Bargain Bin Society for all their service as they initiated the opportunities for people to purchase clothing and household necessities at affordable prices.

**RESOLUTION NO. 129**

By: Hon. Jill S. Balsler (Digby-Annapolis)

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

Whereas kind individuals John and Andrea Hakim from Brighton are entrepreneurs who own and operate the Scotia Motel and Antonio's Restaurant, located just outside Digby; and

Whereas these constituents, originally from Lebanon, have helped many refugees sponsorship groups in the Digby area, especially with translating and communicating with their families but also making those families feel welcome and comfortable; and

Whereas John and Andrea have gone above and beyond supporting the refugee effort and they have been exceptional volunteers in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize that without people like them, our communities would certainly not be the same. John and

Andrea are extremely selfless and have contributed to create better opportunities for newcomers to join the community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 130**

By: Hon. Jill S. Balsler (Digby-Annapolis)

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

Whereas Paige Handspiker of Bear River is an incredible and inspiring role model for women working in the trades; and

Whereas Paige moved back to Nova Scotia in 2019, where she worked two jobs, one at the local Superstore and as a bar manager at the Legion in Bear River, until hired at Westfor Management Inc.; and

Whereas this individual continues to work two jobs, keeping her role at the Bear River Legion, and if you weren't impressed already by the talent and drive this woman has, she is also a single mom to her four-year-old daughter, Madelyn;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Paige Handspiker, as she is an inspiration to all young women or girls who have ever been told that "skilled trades are for men."

### **RESOLUTION NO. 131**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Holly LaPierre, president of Hammonds Plains' A Baseball club, who has dedicated many hours to support the children of Hammonds Plains Lucasville, ensuring they all can play, last year received the first-ever Female Builder Award from Baseball Canada for her promotion and growth of female baseball; and

Whereas Holly, six years ago, started Challenger Baseball, a program that provides an opportunity for children with cognitive and/or physical special needs to enjoy the full benefits of baseball at a level structured to their abilities; and

Whereas during COVID restrictions that wouldn't allow for normal baseball games, she implemented five mini-stadium replicas where 200 players participated in a socially distanced wiffleball league for both youth and adults, and was recognized for her efforts

with the S4S Make a Difference Award and was named 26<sup>th</sup> on the Canadian Baseball Network's 100 Most Influential Canadians in Baseball list;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Holly LaPierre for her dedication and commitment to the sport of baseball and congratulate her on her well-deserved awards.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 132**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Kingswood Guardian Pharmacy is an important health and wellness business in Hammonds Plain-Lucasville, where owners Dianne and Glen Ward offer the community friendly, knowledgeable and professional services; and

Whereas Dianne Ward has high praise for her staff, Mat Nowak, Joanne Houlihan, Jennifer Cooke, Kathryn Allan, Janet Pickup, and Connor Sutherland, who worked tirelessly giving the shots while keeping the pharmacy running smoothly; and

Whereas more than 4,200 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were administered at this location;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Dianne and Glen Ward and the staff at Kingswood Guardian Pharmacy for their dedication and commitment to the residents of Hammonds Plains-Lucasville, not only during the pandemic but at all times.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 133**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Sobeys Tantallon Pharmacy is a busy pharmacy serving Hammonds Plains-Lucasville and the surrounding communities; and

Whereas throughout the pandemic pharmacists Allen Boutilier, Lindsay MacCormack-Ackerley, and Nicole Chater, along with pharmacy students Kaitlyn Sponagle, Katie Miller, and Connor Shaffelburg administered more than 1,200 doses of

COVID-19 vaccine and organized and ran vaccine clinics aiding in the fight against COVID-19;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Allen Boutilier, pharmacy manager, and his staff for their hard work and dedication to providing clinics to administer COVID-19 vaccines to the residents of Hammonds Plains-Lucasville and beyond.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 134**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas this school year students are once again able to participate in school sports; and

Whereas the boy and girls Cross Country teams from Madeline Symonds Middle School, after a good showing at the Regionals, both qualified for the Provincials where the girls team placed 13<sup>th</sup> and the boys captured first place bringing home the banner; and

Whereas coaches Ashley Feaver, Lisa Richardson, and Lindsey MacDonald, whose dedication, commitment and positivity contributed to the success of both teams and in bringing home the provincial banner;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate all members of the Madeline Symonds Middle School's Cross Country teams and their coaches.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 135**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Draper Veterinary Services is a Hammonds Plains-Lucasville Veterinary office that has a special interest in surgery; and

Whereas Draper Veterinary offers a full-time service, covering many types of orthopaedic and soft tissue surgery, to their patients and are directly referred by a primary veterinarian, they operate on a variety of orthopaedic conditions, ranging from fractures to



joint problems, as well as soft tissue surgery procedures such as tumour removal to trauma repair on animals from the smallest chinchillas to the largest Great Dane; and

Whereas the wide range of services they provide and the cases they see ensures they have the depth of experience that can be relied on;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Dr. Draper and his staff for the valuable service they offer to much loved pets.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 136**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Eric Eisenhower, a lifelong and hard-working resident of Hammonds Plains, celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and was honoured with two parties over two days; and

Whereas Eric Eisenhower lived in the family home until the 1980s when he built a new home across the road from the family farm which he ran for many years raising cows, pigs and chickens, while also working as a sub-ranger for Land and Forests from 1957 to 1982; and

Whereas Eric Eisenhower was also involved in and volunteered for many community groups, most notably those associated with St. Nicholas Anglican Church and Bedford-Sackville Meals on Wheels where he was recognized twice for his volunteer service, once at 98 years of age, and he also found great enjoyment in square dancing;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eric Eisenhower on reaching a milestone 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and wish him more years of a life well lived.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 137**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Hammonds Plains Pharmacy is an integral member of the Hammonds Plains-Lucasville community, meeting the health and wellness needs of the residents; and

Whereas Alison Anderson and her staff, pharmacists Kristen Bergman, Vanessa Benoit, Michelle Robinson, Brittany Patriquin, and Darlene Veinot, delivered more than 6,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine through clinics, with the help of pharmacy assistants Erin Griffin, Carrie Keddy, and Jodi George, who helped keep the pharmacy running smoothly during the clinics, providing support where needed; and

Whereas Alison Anderson is extremely grateful to all her staff for their help and support during the COVID-19 clinics and for their ongoing support during ongoing clinics, both for the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu shots, and for their everyday professionalism and their knowledgeable, friendly approach to everyone they serve;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Alison Anderson and her staff for providing COVID-19 vaccine clinics as well as providing Hammonds Plains-Lucasville with daily help and support with all their health care needs.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 138**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Judah Goldstein from Hammonds Plains-Lucasville was the recipient of the inaugural Tom Dobson Award at this year's Long-Service Award ceremony; and

Whereas the Tom Dobson Award was named in honour of a highly-regarded paramedic who had a distinguished 23-year career at EHS and who passed away suddenly in 2020, and is awarded to an employee whose work has helped to enhance patient care and enables full scope and utilization of the paramedic profession across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Judah Goldstein was deserving of this recognition for his outstanding service as a paramedic, receiving his 20-year Long-Service Award as well as the Tom Dobson Award;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Judah Goldstein on his well-deserved recognition in receiving the Tom Dobson Award for his exemplary service.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 139**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Melanie Swinamer, owner/pharmacist of Medicine Shoppe Tantallon, and her staff worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic; and

Whereas the Medicine Shoppe set up vaccine clinics and administered COVID-19 vaccines to over 2,600 people across HRM, while displaying her knowledge in a kind and friendly manner; and

Whereas the Medicine Shoppe continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines as well as flu shots to continue serving our community;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Melanie Swinamer and her staff for their commitment to serving the Hammonds Plains-Lucasville constituency and surrounding communities.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 140**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas the resumption of school sports this Fall was appreciated and enjoyed by students, parents, and coaches; and

Whereas the boys and girls soccer teams from Madeline Symonds Middle School, with the coaching staff of Ali Leader and Heidi Doucet at the helm, both had undefeated seasons and won the Mariner Zone Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the coaches and players of Madeline Symonds Middle School's boys and girls soccer teams for going undefeated and winning the Mariner Zone Championships.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 141**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas in September 2021 the students of Bay View High School were greeted as they entered the school's lobby by an impressive mural by Millbrook First Nation artist Alan Syliboy; and

Whereas the mural displays many aspects of the life and culture of the Mi'kmaq, ensuring the students become better acquainted with the contributions of the Mi'kmaq through the art; and

Whereas the Indigenous students of the Bay View High School feel a sense of pride seeing their culture represented in such a wonderful and welcoming way;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Alan Syliboy for creating the beautiful mural that greets students as they enter Bay View High School.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 142**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Nourish Your Roots is a farm-to-school fundraiser that helps schools support their own healthy-eating programs and initiatives; and

Whereas Madeline Symonds Middle School once again this Fall has taken part in the Nourish Your Roots Campaign, supporting their breakfast program while providing boxes of fresh produce from Nova Scotian farms to the greater community; and

Whereas another benefit of this program is to encourage more children to eat more fruits and vegetables and to support local Nova Scotian farmers;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Nourish Your Roots and the Madeline Symonds Middle School breakfast program for offering this program to the school and community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 143**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Rona Tantallon is a member of the Lowe's Canada Heroes campaign, which supports local charities; and

Whereas Rona Tantallon took donations during the month of September for this year's chosen charity, Ronald McDonald House Charities, supporting children and their families visiting the IWK Children's Hospital; and

Whereas Rona encourages everyone to be a hero by supporting their yearly campaigns;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Rona Tantallon for their ongoing participation in the Lowe's Canada Heroes and for their support of local charities.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 144**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Hammonds Plains was home to Splashifax, Nova Scotia's only giant outdoor waterpark and obstacle course that partnered with Hatfield Farms, offering fun to people five and up; and

Whereas tickets to Splashifax, which was on Second Lake and accessible through Fort Clayton at Hatfield Farms, also included access to the farm's petting zoo, playground, mini golf, and youth zip lines, and a trolley ride to the amenities; and

Whereas the obstacle course of inflatable objects such as trampolines, slides, jumping pillow, and of course the world's largest floating unicorn gave participants a full 90 minutes of enjoyment and laughter while staff and lifeguards ensured your safety and enjoyment;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Splashifax for providing hours of enjoyment to the many families and individuals who partook in the obstacle course and to thank Hatfield Farms for partnering with them and offering this in Hammonds Plains-Lucasville.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 145**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas this year sees the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Tantallon Public Library; and

Whereas Tantallon Public Library not only offers the loan of books but offers the use of computers and other devices, has community rooms for rent for meetings and events, plus they host many programs suitable for different ages, such as Healthy Wellness Workshops, story time, and much loved puppet shows; and

Whereas the Tantallon Public Library offered safe drop-off and pick-up of books throughout the pandemic as well as hosting numerous pop-up testing clinics and vaccine clinics to aid in the fight against COVID-19,

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly wish the Tantallon Public Library a very Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday and thank them for all they offer to our local communities.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 146**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Hammonds Plains A's Baseball hosted the U14 Girls Atlantic Baseball Championship held September 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas Holly LaPierre and her organizing committee provided a weekend that exemplified the success of grassroots development and promotion of the game of baseball nationally and a tournament that was enjoyed by players, coaches and fans; and

Whereas the games provided a lot of excitement, especially in the final where PEI defeated Team Nova Scotia 1 in a close, hard-fought game ending with a score of 9-8,

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Holly LaPierre and her organizing team for providing the U14 girls a wonderful championship tournament.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 147**

By: Hon. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

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

Whereas Hammonds Plains A's Baseball hosted the U11 AAA Atlantic Championships from September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and

Whereas teams from Hammonds Plains and Dartmouth represented Nova Scotia and teams from New Brunswick, PEI, and Newfoundland joined them playing their games on the LaPierre and Eisenhower fields in Hammonds Plains; and

Whereas after a weekend of fun and sportsmanship the Eastern Express team from PEI were champions but all players left feeling like winners;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Holly LaPierre and her team of volunteer for providing a wonderful weekend of baseball for players and fans alike.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 148**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas Angela Riley began Scotian Shore, a local business that arranges beach cleanups in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas to date over 50,000 or 22 tons of debris have been removed from the shorelines of Nova Scotia through the collaborative efforts of Angela and Scotian Shores;

Whereas recently a 1000-pound tire was recovered off Lawlor Island and removed with the assistance of the Canadian Coast Guard;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in commending Angela Riley for her dedication to the environment and helping maintain our beautiful shorelines and beaches.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 149**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas the Eastern Shore Family Resource Association located in Porters Lake is a not-for-profit organization that provides free programs for families along the Eastern Shore from Lawrencetown to Sheet Harbour; and

Whereas they offer early learning, new parents groups, literacy programs, and a variety of valuable programs for parents, guardians, and children alike, as well as other support such as a technology lending library and car seat safety inspections; and

Whereas recently they have partnered with COBS Bakery in Dartmouth to bring surplus bread and baked goods to Eastern Shore residents, all free of charge.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Staff and Volunteer Board members of this important organization for their valuable contributions to families on the Eastern Shore.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 150**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas it is with joy that Emma and Ryan Murphy are offered congratulations on the birth of their second son, Oliver Murphy; and

Whereas both Emma and Ryan are busy entrepreneurs on the Eastern Shore and active community volunteers; and

Whereas Emma owns Uprooted Market & Cafe in Musquodoboit Harbour and Ryan operates Murphy's Camping on the Ocean in Tangier, both are engaged business owners and delighted parents;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly please join me and big brother Graham in welcoming Oliver as the new addition to their family.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 151**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas The Gaetz Brook Greenway celebrated the official trail opening; and

Whereas the trail comprises of 7.4km from East Chezzetcook to Musquodoboit Harbour along the abandoned rail bed and provides access active transportation activities such as walking, cycling, hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing; and



Whereas the Gaetz Brook Greenway is an active, non-motorized transportation route that offers beautiful vistas along waterways including brooks and lakes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the hard work and commitment of volunteers to provide access to active lifestyle activities on the Eastern Shore.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 152**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas Hurricane Dorian landed on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, severely damaging the dugouts at the Lawrencetown Community Center, 10 days prior to the Gold Diggers Girls Softball team hosting the city U12 softball playoffs; and

Whereas the Gold Diggers Girls U12 team took it upon themselves to raise the funds to purchase the materials needed to repair the damaged dugouts and subsequently carry out the work before the tournament started; and

Whereas this example of leadership and initiative by our local youth, including Mackenzie Alspach, shows great promise for the future of our community.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Mackenzie Alspach for stepping up and assisting the community in a time of need and showing other young people the importance of taking pride in our community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 153**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas with great joy Doug Murphy and Will Oake welcomed the birth of their daughter, Oaklyn Gail; and

Whereas this new Nova Scotian arrived weighing in at 6 lbs; and

Whereas the Eastern Shore is fortunate to add a new resident;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in welcoming Oaklyn Gail and wishing her parents Doug and Will congratulations on the new addition to their family.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 154**

By: Kent Smith (Eastern Shore)

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

Whereas The Old School Community Gathering Place has been awarded a grant of \$14,500 issued by the AgriSpirit Fund of the Canadian Farm Credit Council; and

Whereas these funds will be used to develop a solar water pump, storage tank, solar filter, pump house, and bench for access to a water aquifer located in Musquodoboit Harbour; and

Whereas an innovative design contest will be open to community members who wish to propose a welcoming structure and bench to house the pump;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing volunteer efforts to bring alternative forms of energy and access to clean drinking water to the Eastern Shore.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 155**

By: Danielle Barkhouse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas author and publisher Errol Sharpe of the very local Fernwood Publishing, housed in Black Point, is the 10<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Toronto International Festival of Authors' Ivy Award, given annually to an individual who has made a substantial contribution to Canadian publishing; and

Whereas Errol has had a decades-long commitment to publishing fascinating books; he and his company Fernwood Publishing have been dedicated to Canadian authors, determined to publish those works while navigating a challenging and shifting landscape for publishing in Canada; and

Whereas with an MA in Atlantic Studies from Saint Mary's University, and a keen desire to put the spotlight on the Maritimes, Errol embodies East-Coast storytelling, as the

author of well-known books such as *A People's History of Prince Edward Island* (1976) and a co-author of *In Pursuit of Justice: Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op and the Fair Trade Movement* (2014), and *Milton Acorn: The People's Poet*, with Kent Martin (Fernwood Publishing, 2015);

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer sincere congratulations to Errol Sharpe and his team at Fernwood Publishing, and wish them every success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 156**

By: Danielle Barkhouse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas there is outstanding work being undertaken by Flo Sampson of Chester Grant, who offers equine assisted learning at her stable, Rustico Woods, in Chester; and

Whereas Flo recently held a huge yard sale with proceeds going to help individuals overcome mental health barriers through the work at Rustico Woods, which is part of a mental health service which uses the power of working with horses to help individuals guide themselves through their journey of healing and growing; and

Whereas it is estimated one in every eight Nova Scotians could use mental health services of some nature, including the support of Flo's programs with horses that are used to help rehabilitate those dealing with trauma or neurodiversity, and for developing leadership skills in young people, and for team-building;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer wishes for continued success to Flo Sampson and Rustico Woods.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 157**

By: Danielle Barkhouse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Nova Scotian distillers are making such alcoholic spirits that awards have been won at the prestigious San Francisco World Spirits Competition, and that one of these distillers is run by Jaime Landry, an exceptional entrepreneur in Chester-St. Margaret's; and

Whereas Black Harbour Distillers was founded by Jaime in 2018, as a first-year Dalhousie University Commerce student, creating a company that closely works with the community and offers locally crafted blended spirits; and

Whereas Jaime then started a journey of researching customer appetites and market trends, and through her initial groundwork and beyond, has relied on experienced and trusted advisers and continues to utilize these resources moving forward;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognized that Black Harbour Distillers exists because of the work ethic exemplified by Jaime, and offers sincere congratulations, wishing Jaime and Black Harbour Distillers every success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 158**

By: Danielle Barkhouse (Chester-St. Margaret's)

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

Whereas Sail Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Hubbards Sailing Club and the St. Margaret Sailing Club, has been selected to host the 2022 International 49er, 49erFX and International NACRA 17 World Championship Sailing Regatta on the waters of St. Margaret's Bay; and

Whereas over 400 competitors from more than 50 countries will be taking part in this event, the first time it will have been held in Canadian waters, with 49er Class (2-person crew, men), 49erFX (2-person crew, women), and the NACRA 17 (2-person crew, mixed) high performance, Olympic Class sailing boats; and

Whereas the competition is scheduled to take place from August 27 to September 5, 2022, with a pre-regatta for the competitors and official support teams, as well as development training for the coaches, taking place in the weeks leading up to the Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly offer sincere congratulations to the organizers of this notable event and encourage the success of this event for the sporting, business, tourism and other industries, clubs and agencies involved.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 159**

By: Hon. Tim Houston (Pictou East)

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

Whereas Bill Smith spoke at the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day in Pictou County; and

Whereas Bill Smith attended a residential school in British Columbia at age seven with no ability to speak English; and

Whereas Bill is a survivor and is grateful to be able to share his story with the next generations, including his own children and grandchildren;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Bill for continuing to share his story with the next generation so we can learn and grow as a nation.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 160**

By: Hon. Tim Houston (Pictou East)

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

Whereas Jody Holley, a Pictou East resident was the driving force to have braille menus available at Jungle Jim's in Stellerton; and

Whereas Jody's wonderful son Luke was born with an eye ailment called optic nerve hypoplasia; and

Whereas she was working at Jungle Jim's the overwhelming and emotional day when an elderly person came in and was able to use the braille menu for the first time;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly express thanks to Jody for bringing this option to a local eatery and help our visual impaired residents be more independent.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 161**

By: Hon. Tim Houston (Pictou East)

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

Whereas Chief Andrea Paul hosted the first day of reflection for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Chief Paul shared the personal story of her father, who is a residential school survivor, and the lasting impact it had on him and his role as a parent; and

Whereas Chief Paul encouraged the people gathered by sharing the advice that reaching out and asking how to help and be supportive is very appreciated;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Chief Paul for her guidance to the people of Pictou East to help bring understanding and truth about our past, but also hope towards how we can learn and grow.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 162**

By: Hon. Tim Houston (Pictou East)

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

Whereas Jennie Stevens is a survivor of Indian Residential Schools; and

Whereas Jennie was able to stand up at the First National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and help in Pictou Landing to help us all learn; and

Whereas Jennie shared her year at the school was not full of punishment because the people running the school recognized how smart she was;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Jennie for sharing her stories to help guide us and learn from your past experiences.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 163**

By: Hon. Tim Houston (Pictou East)

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

Whereas Mike Hecimovich worked hard over the last 10 years to turn Springville Community Ballfield into an amazing recreational space; and

Whereas many young people played ball there when Mike was growing up, which inspired him to keep the grass mowed, which resulted in the field being used on a regular basis; and

Whereas many grants, hard work, and dedicated people have helped to bring this rural recreation area back to life;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank Mike for seeing the potential in this overgrown ballfield 10 years ago that the people of Pictou East have gotten so much use out of.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 164**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce has actively participated in the recruitment and retention of medical professionals in southwest Nova Scotia for more than two years with the hiring of a Community Navigator; and

Whereas taking this important initiative has opened the door to a successful partnership with Coastal Financial Credit Union to attract and retain resident doctors and medical students to the area; and

Whereas Credit Union Place is a medical learner housing project fully funded by Coastal Financial Credit Union and supported by community organizations to provide housing for up to 12 resident doctors and medical students within walking distance of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing and congratulating the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce and Coastal Financial Credit Union for coming together and forming a partnership focused on making medical professional recruitment and retention a priority for Argyle and all communities of southwest Nova Scotia.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 165**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas community volunteers gathered for the annual salt haystack construction at the 2021 Festival d'la Barge in Amirault's Hill on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and

Whereas during this community event, Mr. Austin Doucette experienced a sudden cardiac arrest; and

Whereas early cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR is a key link of the Chain of Survival and the quick interventions of bystanders, including Daniel LeBlanc, contributed to the positive outcome and survival of Mr. Austin Doucette;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Daniel LeBlanc for his quick and heroic actions and thank him for saving Mr. Austin Doucette's life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 166**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas community volunteers gathered for the annual salt haystack construction at the 2021 Festival d'la Barge in Amirault's Hill on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and

Whereas during this community event, Mr. Austin Doucette experienced a sudden cardiac arrest; and

Whereas early cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR is a key link of the Chain of Survival and the quick interventions of bystanders, including Evan Muise, contributed to the positive outcome and survival of Mr. Austin Doucette;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Evan Muise for his quick and heroic actions and thank him for saving Mr. Austin Doucette's life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 167**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, during the annual Festival d'la Barge, a salt haystack was constructed in Amirault's Hill demonstrating the traditional Acadian method of harvesting and drying salt hay; and

Whereas the Festival d'la Barge aims to promote the culture and traditions of the past; and



Whereas a large number of volunteers gathered to construct the haystack, including Daniel LeBlanc, Evan Muise, Phillip Clairmont, Austin Saulnier, Jeff Pitman, Jared Pitman, Lawrence Dulong, Jason Bourque, Austin Doucette, Pius Deveau, Augustin Doucette, Melvin Landry, Phil Landry, and David Landry;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate and thank the organizers and volunteers of the 2021 Festival d'la Barge for their dedication to their community and preservation of the Acadian culture.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 168**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas Tuskett Falls Brewing Company is a small business founded in 2017 by entrepreneurial couple Jeff Raynard and Melanie Sweeney; and

Whereas despite being in the midst of a global pandemic, their plans of opening a Halifax outlet were realized; and

Whereas Tuskett Falls Beer Project, opened its doors in Halifax on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tuskett Falls Brewing Company on the opening of its Halifax outlet and wish them much success in their future endeavours.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 169**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas community volunteers gathered for the annual salt haystack construction at the 2021 Festival d'la Barge in Amiraault's Hill on August 7th, 2021; and

Whereas during this community event, Mr. Austin Doucette experienced a sudden cardiac arrest; and

Whereas early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a key link of the Chain of Survival and the quick interventions of bystanders, including Haley Landry, contributed to the positive outcome and survival of Mr. Austin Doucette.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Haley Landry for her quick and heroic actions and thank her for saving Mr. Austin Doucette's life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 170**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas community volunteers gathered for the annual salt haystack construction at the 2021 Festival d'la Barge in Amirault's Hill on August 7th, 2021; and

Whereas during this community event, Mr. Austin Doucette experienced a sudden cardiac arrest; and

Whereas early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a key link of the Chain of Survival and the quick interventions of bystanders, including Phillip Clairmont, contributed to the positive outcome and survival of Mr. Austin Doucette;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Phillip Clairmont for his quick and heroic actions and thank him for saving Mr. Austin Doucette's life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 171**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas community volunteers gathered for the annual salt haystack construction at the 2021 Festival d'la Barge in Amirault's Hill on August 7th, 2021; and

Whereas during this community event, Mr. Austin Doucette experienced a sudden cardiac arrest; and

Whereas early cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR is a key link of the Chain of Survival and the quick interventions of bystanders, including Melvin Landry, contributed to the positive outcome and survival of Mr. Austin Doucette;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Melvin Landry for his quick and heroic actions and thank him for saving Mr. Austin Doucette's life.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 172**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

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

Whereas community volunteers gathered for the annual salt haystack construction at the 2021 Festival d'la Barge in Amirault's Hill on August 7th, 2021; and

Whereas during this community event, Mr. Austin Doucette experienced a sudden cardiac arrest; and

Whereas early cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR is a key link of the Chain of Survival and the quick interventions of bystanders, including Francis Landry, contributed to the positive outcome and survival of Mr. Austin Doucette.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Francis Landry for his quick and heroic actions and thank him for saving Mr. Austin Doucette's life.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 173**

By: Hon. Colton LeBlanc (Argyle)

À une date ultérieure je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante :

Attendu que la Municipalité d'Argyle a ouvert ses portes à son nouveau bureau municipal le 29 juin 2021; et

Attendu que le nouveau bureau municipal, qui compte 8.300 pieds carrés d'espace utilisable, est le premier bureau municipal à consommation énergétique nette zéro au Canada; et

Attendu qu'une fois pleinement opérationnel, le jardin solaire orienté au sud devrait produire 10 à 15 pour cent d'énergie de plus que le bureau municipal n'en consommera, ce

qui se traduira par une économie annuelle de 27.000 \$ sur les coûts énergétiques;

Par conséquent, qu'il soit résolu que les membres de l'Assemblée législative félicite la Municipalité d'Argyle pour son leadership en matière d'énergie renouvelable et l'ouverture de son nouveau bureau municipal.

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

Whereas the Municipality of Argyle opened its doors to its new administration building on June 29th, 2021; and

Whereas this new building which has 8,300 square feet of usable space is the first net-zero energy administration building in Canada; and

Whereas once fully operational, the south-facing solar garden should produce 10 to 15 percent more energy than the building will consume, translating to \$27,000 in annual energy cost savings;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Municipality of Argyle on its leadership on renewable energy and the opening of its new administration building.

**FILED PETITIONS****(Tabled Nov. 5, 2021)****Petition for the Nova Scotia House of Assembly: Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Re weddings**

“We seek the action through this ‘Prayer’ to revise the current restriction of unvaccinated person to attend weddings and allow them to attend unvaccinated.”

The individuals and their signatures below seek the government’s revision of the restriction for non-vaccinated persons above the age of 12 to be able to attend weddings. Currently unvaccinated persons cannot attend. This restriction if allowed to continue will only further increase the anxiety and promote the decline of mental health in our society.

**Petition for the Nova Scotia House of Assembly: Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Re Bible Study and Church Functions**

“We seek the action through this ‘Prayer’ to revise the current restriction of unvaccinated person to attend bible study and other related faith functions and allow them to attend unvaccinated.”

The individuals and their signatures below seek the government’s revision of the restriction for non-vaccinated persons above the age of 12 to be able to attend bible study and other faith related functions. Currently unvaccinated persons cannot attend. This restriction if allowed to continue will only further increase the anxiety and promote the decline of mental health in our society.

**Petition for the Nova Scotia House of Assembly: Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Re Funerals**

“We seek the action through this ‘Prayer’ to revise the current restriction of unvaccinated person to attend funerals and allow them to attend unvaccinated.”

The individuals and their signatures below seek the government’s revision of the restriction for non-vaccinated persons above the age of 12 to be able to attend funerals. Currently unvaccinated persons can plan the funeral but cannot attend. This restriction if allowed to continue will only further increase the anxiety and promote the decline of mental health in our society.