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## HALIFAX, MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

## **Sixty-fourth General Assembly**

First Session

4:00 P.M.

# SPEAKER Hon. Keith Bain

### **DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

Lisa Lachance, Kent Smith, Danielle Barkhouse, Nolan Young

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

## PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

## PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. BRAD JOHNS: Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Committee on Law Amendments, I am directed to report that the committee has met and considered the following bills:

Bill No. 262 - Interim Residential Rental Increase Cap Act (amended).

Bill No. 273 - Road Trails Act.

Bill No. 279 - Financial Measures (2023) Act.

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

THE SPEAKER: The report is tabled.

### TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

#### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

THE SPEAKER: This is a good, quiet way to start Monday - my first time doing daily routine. Keep it up.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 293 - an Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2001, The Fatality Investigations Act. (Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin)

Bill No. 294 - an Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2012, The Patient Safety Act. (Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin)

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

### NOTICES OF MOTION

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Community Services.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 598**

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

Whereas on March 29, 2023, during debate on Bill No. 278, the member for Cumberland North stated that her employee was, and I quote, "coerced into signing an NDA with the Progressive Conservative caucus"; and

Whereas on March 29, 2023, during debate on Bill No. 278, the member for Cumberland North tabled an unsigned document that she referred to as "an NDA between 'Blank' and the PC caucus"; and

Whereas neither the PC caucus nor the PC Party ever had an individual sign an NDA respecting this matter, and further, the document tabled in the Legislature by the

member for Cumberland North is not a document that was prepared for, nor was it entered into the PC Party, by the PC caucus, or the PC interim leader or current leader;

Therefore be it resolved that this Legislature determines that the member for Cumberland North misled the House, and that she not be allowed to take her seat until such time as she retracts her comments and apologizes.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 599**

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

Whereas it is a privilege to be an elected representative here in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and represent the people of Cumberland North; and

Whereas in January of this year I received an email from the government's Justice Department threatening to sue me after assisting a constituent, Günter Holthoff, who had requested help to get an investigation after his 37-year-old wife died while awaited care with abdominal pain in the emergency department; and

Whereas last week, after debate on a bill to make non-disclosure agreements illegal in sexual assault cases in political parties, I was also taunted to speak to media outside of the Chamber, which I took as a threat of litigation - taunted by the member for Pictou West;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly be able to do their work as an MLA free from intimidation, bullying, and threats of litigation. I only speak the truth inside and outside of this Chamber, and I plan on continuing to do so for the greater good.

THE SPEAKER: The notice of motion is tabled.

## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

## LAMERSON, COL. CHERYL: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

HON. SUSAN CORKUM-GREEK: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of a good friend and great Canadian, retired Colonel Cheryl Lamerson, who passed away Friday from ovarian cancer.

The time allotted for these statements won't permit me to share a fraction of this woman's achievements: How she rose through the ranks of the Canadian Armed Forces, the roles she played, including Director of HR Research and Evaluation at National Defence Headquarters, nor how her research into the integration of women in combat roles forever changed our military, clearing the way for those who followed.

It won't allow me to tell you how, retiring to Lunenburg, Cheryl became not only a tireless community volunteer but a leader in countless organizations, or how her idea for a community consignment shop has raised tens of thousands of dollars.

What I can say is that Cheryl embraced the principle of "service before self" every day of her life and inspired all of us fortunate enough to know her.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

## **MOMBOURQUETTE, MANNIE: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE**

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mannie Mombourquette and wish the deepest sympathies to his family. We unfortunately lost Mannie last week after a valiant and courageous five-year battle with cancer.

Mannie lived a full life and enriched the lives of everyone around him. He will be deeply missed by his family, loved ones, and broader community. He is remembered for being able to bring laughter to any situation, and looking at the bright side of life. It is a trait that few have but many appreciate. Mannie made an impact in his community and leaves behind fond memories and a trail of great stories with all those he encountered.

To his family and friends, I send my deepest condolences, and on behalf of our caucus, we lost an incredible person in Mannie. I am thinking of him and the family during this time.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

## DART. GEN. HOSP. AUX.: 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV. RECOG.

CLAUDIA CHENDER: I rise to recognize the Dartmouth General Hospital Auxiliary, which is celebrating its 50 years of service this year.

Since its earliest days, the auxiliary's dedicated members have enhanced patient care by providing resources and financial support to help fund essential hospital equipment, programs, the healing garden, and a yearly bursary for a Dartmouth high school student pursuing a medical-related program at a university or community college.

The auxiliary's primary fundraiser is the Corner Shoppe at the Dartmouth General Hospital, which they organize, staff, and run completely with volunteer power. Over the years, the incredible volunteers there have fundraised and donated over \$2 million to the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Please join me in thanking this essential group of community-minded volunteers for their work and congratulating the auxiliary on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester-Musqudoboit Valley.

### PARKINSON'S AWAR. MO.: EDUC. ON TREATMENTS - RECOG.

LARRY HARRISON: April is Parkinson's Awareness Month. This is a time to recognize and appreciate the courage, resilience, and strength of those living with Parkinson's disease, and to learn more about the efforts to find effective treatments for the condition.

More than 100,000 Canadians face the challenges of this condition with determination and grace. Parkinson's disease is caused by the loss of neurons in parts of the brain responsible for movement. Parkinson's can affect all aspects of one's life, yet despite the daily struggles they face, many people living with this disease persevere with optimism and hope.

The good news is that progress is being made toward treatments. The University of Ottawa, Western University, McGill University, and the Montreal Neurological Institute are just a few of the organizations where research efforts are happening here in Canada.

I ask all members of this House to join me in recognizing Parkinson's Awareness Month and in pledging to learn more about the condition and the work being done toward better treatments.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Armdale.

### **OMAR, LUL: COM. SERV. - THANKS**

ALI DUALE: I would like to recognize today a friend of mine and a member of the Somali community. Lul Omar is a member of the Bayers-Westwood community of Armdale. Since her arrival, she has done everything to make Halifax a welcoming and loving home to future refugees, immigrants, and newcomers.

She has done work in the Somali community, organizing community events, and welcoming newcomers. I would like the House to join me and to thank Lul Omar and her community service.

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

### ORGANIZERS: WHIT. PIER RINK FUNDRAISER - CONGRATS.

KENDRA COOMBES: Community-based efforts to save the Whitney Pier Rink have eclipsed initial goals to give the rink a more stable footing entering the off-season. From March 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, a hockey tournament, dance, and auction were held by the community organizers to raise \$30,000.

When the tournament ended, \$41,491.25 was raised through team entry fees, even splits, dance proceeds, and sales. Kyle Mollons, one of the organizers for the Pier community hockey fundraiser, sponsored by the Sydney Credit Union, said they are planning events for the Summer.

Congratulations to organizers Kyle Mollons, Rory Allan MacDonald, Sharon Turner, Maria Rizzetto, and Deboria Dee.

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

## **MACHATTIE, NICOLE: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE**

HON. BRIAN WONG: I rise today to honour the life of Nicole MacHattie. Nicole was a brilliant businesswoman with a laugh that filled every room.

Though her time with us was cut short, with grace, with a healthy dose of sarcasm, she fought until the very end. I have it on good authority how happy she would have been to see the new endoscopy lab at the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Growing up with seven brothers, one sister, and friends who were really family, there was no shortage of love in Nicole's life. But her greatest love was reserved for her late husband Trevor and the lights of her life, her kids Ewan and Emma Louise.

I ask all members of this Legislature to please join me in celebrating the incredible life and legacy of Nicole MacHattie.

[4:15 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

### METRO WEST HOCKEY TEAM: CH'SHIP WIN - CONGRATS.

BRAEDON CLARK: Today I'd like to recognize and congratulate the members of the Metro West Force U13 AAA Warriors hockey team. This past weekend, the girls went undefeated in their tournament, becoming the first-ever Atlantic champions in their division.

I would like to recognize the team members: Olivia Arsenault, Drew Reynolds, Nadia Smith, Allie Sangster, Brianna Payne, Alexa Scott, Adele Damczyk, Kate MacDonald, Stella Jones, Sydney Power, Abi Kelly, Morgan Clarke, April Momberquette, Stella Milloy, Marleigh Payne, Isla Eddy, Gwyneth Leblanc, and Emily MacNevin. I'd like to ask all members of the House to join me in congratulating the girls on their championship.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

## MALONEY, JIM: HALL OF FAME IND. - CONGRATS.

SUSAN LEBLANC: Mx. Speaker, anyone who has been to Tribal Boxing in Dartmouth North knows Jim Maloney. Originally from Sipekne'katik First Nation, Jim was recently inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame for his long career in martial arts.

Jim was just 16 when he hitchhiked to Boston and met martial arts master sensei George Mattson. He trained and competed in Boston for 10 years, and from 1967 to 1973 he was New England's undefeated champion in both free-fighting and cement-breaking. After moving back to Nova Scotia, Jim opened his own martial arts school in Halifax, which operated through the remainder of the 1970s and 1980s. A karate master rank and 10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, Jim is now in his 61<sup>st</sup> year of martial arts training. Amazingly, he has trained more than 16,000 students internationally and developed hundreds of fighting champions. At 77, Jim is still training and giving back to the community, especially in Dartmouth North.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Jim on the momentous occasion of being inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

## CONSTITUENTS: QPJ MEDAL RECIPS. - CONGRATS.

TREVOR BOUDREAU: Mx. Speaker, on Sunday January 22, 2023, I had the honour of presenting Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medals to 15 very deserving constituents of Richmond County. Without their dedication our communities would not flourish like they do.

I would like to acknowledge the medal recipients again today: Anita Basque, Louise Campbell, Terry Clements, Anne Digout, Robert Goyetche, Evelyn Landry, Richard Landry, Dr. Lawrence MacNeil, Louise Marchand, Allison Martell, Shirley McNamara, Sally Ann Mombourquette, Peggy Ouellette, Donnie Pottie, and Debbie Samson.

Thank you all for your great contributions to Richmond County. Your dedication and volunteerism is appreciated by all.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

## BARRON, MORGAN & JUSTIN: HOCKEY ACHIEVEMENTS - CONGRATS.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Mx. Speaker, today, I would like to highlight the outstanding achievements of Morgan and Justin Barron, two hockey players who grew up here in Clayton Park West. Their parents still reside in my riding.

Morgan, age 24, left Halifax at age 16 to play two seasons at St. Andrew's College in Ontario, then went on to play at Cornell University in New York on an athletic scholarship. Morgan was drafted by the New York Rangers and then traded to the Winnipeg Jets.

Justin, age 21, spent his entire junior career - four seasons - playing for his hometown team, the Halifax Mooseheads. He was drafted by the Colorado Avalanche and then was traded to the Montreal Canadiens.

The Barron brothers are the only siblings from Nova Scotia to play in the NHL. In January, they played their first game against each other and were lucky enough to have their parents in the crowd cheering them on. I'm very proud of both Morgan and Justin. I wish them both all the best in their NHL careers and future endeavours.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Chebucto.

### MORTON, JIM: DIST. SERV. AWD. RECIP. - CONGRATS.

GARY BURRILL: The commendation of this House is to be extended to former Kings North MLA Jim Morton, who was presented with the Canadian Association of Social Workers Distinguished Service Award at the recent annual gala of the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers.

Over nearly five decades, Jim Morton has had a distinguished social work career, spanning work as a clinician, consultant, and administrator in Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, and his native Nova Scotia. Jim has extensive experience both in private practice and the public sector, retiring as an administrator with Mental Health and Addictions Annapolis Valley.

A former chief of staff with the Nova Scotia NDP, there's a natural unity between Jim's social work and his political commitments. The CASW citation accompanying his distinguished service award referred to how Jim's social work values are reflected in his legendary political organizing towards the goal of ending poverty in Nova Scotia

Jim Morton is someone the people of Nova Scotia may well look up to.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Digby-Annapolis.

## THIBAULT, ALMA: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. JILL BALSER: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a selfless constituent in my community. Her name is Alma Thibault.

I have known Alma personally for years. She is a good friend of my mum, Wendy. I can speak from our experience to say that Alma is one of the kindest people I know, with a big heart of gold.

Alma is the co-founder of the Digby Cancer Help Fund Association, which is a non-profit organization established to provide funds to transport individuals to their medical or treatment appointments for cancer. By fundraising and receiving generous donations from the community, the Digby Cancer Help Fund Association gives out thousands of dollars in gas cards each year to patients with the burden of travel expenses.

Alma also generously volunteers her time to support individuals to fill out grant applications at my office. Some of the stories that Alma and my mum could share, Mx. Speaker, would have you roaring with laughter. Alma also participates in the Nova Scotia International Student Program as a host family. She has provided a friendly, welcoming household to numerous international students over the years.

Mx. Speaker, I ask that we all share a big round of applause for Alma Thibault. I'd also like to thank her for her generosity and kindness. Our communities would not be the same without volunteers like Alma. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

### D'ENTREMONT, JOYCE: LG'S AWD. RECIP. - CONGRATS.

RONNIE LEBLANC: Today I rise to congratulate Joyce d'Entremont, the recipient of the 2022 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration.

As CEO of Mountains & Meadows Care Group, Joyce strives to ensure that seniors and people with disabilities residing in these facilities get the highest level of care. Special attention is always placed on treating clients with dignity and considering their individual needs. Under her collaborative management style, Mountains & Meadows is now considered a leader in the field of long-term care. Joyce has also generously shared her knowledge through her involvement on provincial boards, where she helps to shape policies and the future direction of care.

I ask that all members join me in congratulating Joyce d'Entremont on receiving this prestigious award and thank her for her commitment and dedication to caring for Nova Scotians.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham

## ABBOTT, DILLON: QPJ MEDAL RECIP. - CONGRATS.

SUZY HANSEN: I rise today to recognize Mr. Dillon Abbott, who is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal, which was presented in December of 2022 in Halifax Needham.

Mr. Abbott has dedicated himself to community and volunteerism. His career has been centred around protecting and serving others. Dillon spent seven years in health care protection and then transitioned to becoming the Deputy Sheriff for the Province of Nova Scotia. Dillon was a volunteer medical first responder with St. John Ambulance NS/PEI. He has volunteered hundreds of hours at events throughout HRM.

I would like all members of this House to congratulate Mr. Dillon Abbott on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal for his hard work and dedication to our community.

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

## RATH EASTLINK COM. CTR.: 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

DAVE RITCEY: The Rath Eastlink Community Centre, known as the RECC, is a multi-purpose sports and recreation facility in Truro that features an NHL ice surface, a competitive-size swimming pool, a water slide, a fitness centre, and a rock-climbing wall.

The facility opened in March of 2013 and is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this month. To mark the occasion, the RECC is offering free admission to the public to enjoy a series of events all year long.

Over the past decade, a wide variety of events have taken place at the RECC, including big-name concerts, curling tournaments, special events, and even an NHL alumni game, which I was honoured to play in as the captain of the local leaders' team. What an incredible experience that was.

Mx. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the RECC on the incredible 10 years and thank them for using this occasion to provide live entertainment for our community members.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

## MILLETT, DARREN: NEW LIFE COM. CHURCH PASTOR - THANKS

HON. IAIN RANKIN: I rise today to recognize Darren Millett, who has been serving as the pastor at New Life Community Church in Hatchet Lake for over eight years. The church's mission is to be part of the community, to connect with the community, and open the church up to community.

Pastor Millett has been an outstanding leader in every aspect of this mission and has been the driving force behind creative initiatives to support members of the church and the extended community. He has spearheaded fundraising events to send medical kits and food to Ukraine and managed activities to assist new Ukrainians coming to Nova Scotia by allowing the church to be a drop-off point for donations. He has recruited volunteers to help the Ukrainians learn English and provided the Ukrainian Store with three Christmas gifts for each of the 80 children on their list.

During the height of the pandemic, Pastor Millett established the Errand Squad to run errands for people and started the New Life Movers to assist elderly, disabled or low-income people to acquire trucks and volunteers to help with moving. Pastor Millett also opened the church doors and allowed community groups in for meetings when the local community centre couldn't open.

I'd like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in thanking Pastor Millett for his generosity and compassion to help others and his work to unite a community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth South.

## FULGENCIO, PATRICK: AWD. RECIP. - RECOG.

CLAUDIA CHENDER: I rise to recognize award-winning bartender Patrick Fulgencio. Patrick is a multi-disciplinary creative with skills that range from archery, photography, boxing, cursive writing, and fashion, to his head bartender status at Portland Street's cocktail bar Dear Friend.

Patrick's an award-winning mixologist, having represented Dartmouth and the HRM in various national and international events. His accolades include the North American Bombay Sapphire Top 10, Canadian finalist for Diegeo World Class, *The Coast* Best Bartender Bronze Medal 2022, and winner of Cointreau's Best Cosmopolitan Canada 2021.

Moreover, Patrick is deeply committed to everything he does. He's well-loved by the community and always offers kindness, support, and care for his peers and clients. Patrick's positive energy and creative success make him an incredible member of the Downtown Dartmouth community.

Please join me in recognizing Patrick and his many talents.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Uniacke.

## MARMULAK, MADDEX: CAN. WINTER GAMES SUCCESS - CONGRATS.

HON. BRAD JOHNS: I rise today to recognize Middle Sackville resident Maddex Marmulak, who recently represented Hockey Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games in February. His goal for the games was to have fun, enjoy every moment, play his best and help his team succeed. Maddex also played hockey with U18 Halifax Macs and is a student at Millwood High School, where he was recently honoured for being on the Principal's List.

I'd like to congratulate Maddex on his success at the Canada Winter Games and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

## GILLIS, MICHELE: FEEDING FARM ANIMALS - THANKS

HON. KELLY REGAN: I'd like to thank Bedford resident Michele Gillis for helping neighbours and some of our four-legged friends.

In November last year, Michele offered up her front yard on Shore Drive as a resting place for post-Halloween pumpkins. Residents from across Bedford, me included, dropped off their gourds in her yard. It was quite a sight to see all those carved pumpkins piled on top of one another. And then Moo Nay Farms came by to pick up the grand pile. And so in this way, we city slickers helped feed farm animals. So thank you to Michele for making that happen.

I will say this is not the first time Michele has stepped up to help others. A few years ago. my office was a drop-off point for the Shoebox Project. Michele was the biggest donor of shoeboxes that Christmas, and our office was deluged. Her kind acts remind us we can all pitch in to help others. Thank you, Michele.

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

## GRASS FIRES: THREAT TO COMS. - RECOG.

KENDRA COOMBES: Although it does not look like it, grass fire season is upon us. On behalf of my four fire departments in the community of Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier, I implore residents not to light grass fires. It takes first responders, especially the volunteer fire services, from other emergency calls. These fires threaten wildlife, homes, infrastructure, and people's lives.

The high number of grass fires has caused fatigue in firefighters unnecessarily. Mx. Speaker, burning does not control weeds, nor does it improve the new grass crop - in fact burning grass actually reduces grass nutrients. Nor does grass burning make the grass greener.

I want to thank all the fire departments and the volunteers in Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier and within all of CBRM, as well as the career service.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

## FOSTER, ZENA & RALPH: 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

HON. TORY RUSHTON: I rise today to congratulate Zena and Ralph Foster of Parrsboro on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Zena worked tirelessly in one of the Cumberland South constituency offices for many years and has also worked on many elections over the years for the PC party. Zena and Ralph have been hard workers and volunteers for their community for as long as many can remember.

Please join me in congratulating Zena and Ralph Foster on a very happy event of their diamond wedding anniversary and wish them many more years together.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

#### PROV. BUDGET: NO TAX RELIEF - RECOG.

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Today I stand on behalf of the low-income, working class and middle-income Nova Scotians. You see, Mx. Speaker, budgets are being passed by all levels of government.

[4:30 p.m.]

Today I want to talk about the provincial budget, in which there is zero tax relief. Housing subsidies are being made more difficult to get, which makes housing less affordable; income assistance rates are decreasing because of inflation; nothing to combat power rates; more and more downloaded on hard-working Nova Scotians. The PC government's solution is to tell Nova Scotians to get a better job or work more and harder.

Nova Scotians have nothing left to give and out-of-touch politicians don't see this. It's budgets like this that squeeze Nova Scotians and cause them to lose faith in politics. Nova Scotians deserve relief and better representation now.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

## TEAM N.S.: CURLING CH'SHIP PERF. - CONGRATS.

SUSAN LEBLANC: Team Nova Scotia recently placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the annual Canadian Women's Curling Championship, the Scotties, which took place February 17<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> in Kamloops, British Columbia.

I am proud to say that this hard-working women's curling team, Team Black, has a Dartmouth North connection: both the fifth, Carole MacLean, and coach Stuart MacLean live in Crichton Park. The team also includes skip Christina Black, third Jenn Baxter, second Karlee Everist, and lead Shelley Barker. The team's home rink is the Dartmouth Curling Club, located in downtown Dartmouth.

Team Black won the opportunity to represent Nova Scotia nationally at the Nova Scotia Scotties Provincials held in January in New Glasgow. This is the second year in a row that the team advanced to the national Scotties. Quite an achievement.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Team Black on their victory in New Glasgow and their impressive fourth-place finish in Kamloops. They've done us all proud.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Antigonish.

#### FAMILY SERV. OF ENS: BELIEVERS AWD. RECIP. - CONGRATS.

HON. MICHELLE THOMPSON: I rise today to congratulate Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia, who recently were awarded the prestigious Believer's Award from 211 Nova Scotia. The Believer's Award is presented to an individual or organization who champions 211 Nova Scotia's mission and aims to positively impact the lives of Nova Scotians.

Family Services was recognized for establishing a helpline for men in September 2021, after noticing an increase in the number of men seeking help as they struggled with the pressures and fallout from the pandemic. Executive director Nancy MacDonald says men were looking for help but had few resources to deal with isolation and job loss. They were hopeful that by providing help, it would prevent and reduce family violence. The overwhelming success of the men's helpline led to the establishment of a women's and all-genders helpline in June of 2022.

I ask all members of the House to join me in congratulating Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia on being recognized for their tremendous work in our communities and thank them for their tireless commitment to serving Nova Scotians.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

## LONG, MARK: RETURNING WARRIORS RANCH - RECOG.

HON. KEITH IRVING: It's inspiring when citizens turn a long, difficult personal journey into a mission to help others. Mark Long, a former police officer living with PTSD, has founded the Returning Warriors Ranch in Bishopville.

Long recently sold his Halifax home and purchased the 76-acre property to host a program for frontline workers, military veterans, and first responders affected by PTSD. The program will launch this year at the Returning Warriors Ranch and will include a variety of activities such as nature walks, peer discussions, yoga, meditation, massage therapy, equine therapy, and a trust-building high ropes course.

Long has also created the Cracked Armour clothing line to help fund the program. He believes that through Cracked Armour he can provide a sense of connection and belonging that is often missing for people who have lost their jobs or become isolated through PTSD.

I ask all Members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in congratulating and thanking Mark Long for his determination and leadership in helping those suffering from PTSD.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

## RODIER, SUB.-LT. BRANDON: QPJ MEDAL RECIP. - CONGRATS.

SUZY HANSEN: I rise today to recognize Sub-Lieutenant Brandon Rodier. He was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal, which was presented to him in December 2022 in Halifax Needham.

Sub-Lieutenant Brandon Rodier has dedicated himself to our country, province, and communities on both coasts in all that he does. His career has been centered around protecting and serving others. He is currently a naval warfare officer with the Royal Canadian Navy based out of CFB Halifax.

Brandon has received many awards throughout his career: Chief Petty Officer First Class in the Cadet Cadre; Sea Cadet Service Medal; Navy League Medal of Excellence, Cadet of the Year; and Lord Strathcona Medal, just to name a few.

I would like all members to join me in recognizing and thanking Sub-Lieutenant Brandon Rodier for his continued years of service to our country.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

## MOMBOURQUETTE, JEREMIE: MUSICAL EVENTS - THANKS

HON. STEVE CRAIG: I rise today to thank Jeremie Mombourquette of Lower Sackville. If you have ever attended a free jam or karaoke event in Lower Sackville, you have most likely had the pleasure of meeting Jeremie Mombourquette, otherwise known as Jer Mombo.

Jer Mombo's ability to draw people in is commendable. Jer has been organizing free jam events at Freeman's Little New York and Sackawa Canoe Club for the past couple of years. Recently, he started a karaoke night at Sackawa, providing those who do not play an instrument, but like to sing, the opportunity to be able to share their voices with their audiences.

I ask that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Jer Mombo for his efforts in bringing the community together to share their musical talents while enjoying each other's company.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

### GOODWIN, ANETTE: BEDFORD CLEANUP ORG. - THANKS

BRAEDON CLARK: I'd like to recognize Anette Goodwin. Anette is a constituent of mine who every year puts together a huge Bedford cleanup throughout my riding, Bedford South and into Bedford Basin as well, on Earth Day, which will be coming up in a few weeks - April 22<sup>nd</sup> or April 23<sup>rd</sup>, I think it is.

I just wanted to congratulate Anette. The event is wonderful. I attended last year at Tyler Sampson Park in West Bedford, brought my kids along, cleaned up the park. They enjoyed it, and it was a wonderful time, and made a huge impact in the community. I want to thank Anette and I look forward to this year's event later on this month.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

#### PICTOU HOCKEY TEAMS: GOLD MEDAL WINS - CONGRATS.

HON. PAT DUNN: It was a big weekend for sports in Pictou County and it is with pride that I rise to congratulate three of our local hockey teams, all of which brought home regional gold medals yesterday. The Pictou County Crushers took home the Under-13 Male Atlantic Gold. Winning the Under-18 Male Atlantic Gold were The Weeks Under-18 Majors, and the Northern Selects won the Under-18 Female Atlantic Gold.

Mx. Speaker, our athletes worked tremendously hard to reach this level of competition. Behind all of these players is a long list of supporters, including parents, coaches, friends, and volunteers. To our three teams and everyone involved, congratulations on bringing home gold and making everyone in Pictou County proud.

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

### GRANDFATHER, RODDY JESSOME: BIRTHDAY WISHES

HON. BEN JESSOME: I just wanted to stand and wish my grandpa a happy 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Roddy Jessome was born in Whitney Pier. He was a social worker by trade, he retired with Halifax County Rehab, married my grandmother, Mary Carmel Hickey from Glace Bay. He is the father of four, grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of three, and this September, Elizabeth and I will be bringing in his fourth great-grandchild. Happy birthday, Grandpa. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle.

## CONSTITUENTS: QPJ MEDAL RECIPS. - CONGRATS.

HON. COLTON LEBLANC: It was a great honour to have presented the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal to 15 deserving recipients from my constituency on December 10, 2022. The recipients in Argyle were Peggy Boudreau, Frank Landry, and Janine Muise in the field of Public Service; Bill Crowell, Pauline d'Entremont, and Donnie Jacquard in the field of Heritage; for Volunteer Services, Joanne Larkin, Ruth LeBlanc, Jill Mackenzie, Kathy Garron-Amirault, and Earl Muise; Yvette d'Entremont in the field of Arts; in the field of Health Care, Dr. Peter Loveridge; Charlie Muise and Master Ward Officer Nicholas Robichau in the field of Veterans and Military Services.

I would ask all members of the Legislature to join me in thanking each of these individuals for their respective contributions to our communities, our province, and our country.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West.

## SHEARS, ARTHUR: BOOK PUBLIC. - CONGRATS.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Today I rise to congratulate Arthur Shears on completion of his new book, *Overseas Adventures, From Afghanistan to Zambia and Points In-Between*. I recently had the pleasure of sitting down with Arthur during my Coffee & Conversation to discuss his new book. Arthur's memoir describes his experiences in the period of 1971 to 2021, that is 50 years. He wrote the book during COVID-19 and after his last long-term assignment in Malawi, South Africa.

The memoir brings the reader stories from more than 16 countries around the globe. Arthur says that living and working abroad had its challenges and rewards. New cultures, new languages, international cuisine, and tropical disease, an attempted kidnapping, and working in a war zone are some of the stories he shares.

Arthur is now semi-retired and living in Clayton Park West. Congratulations on your work of art, Arthur, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

### CARRIGAN, P. & B./LAVERS, D.: CEM. RESTOR. - THANKS

HON. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, Pat Carrigan, along with her husband Brett and cousin David Lavers, has been painstakingly restoring an old community cemetery in Salt Springs.

The Caledonia Cemetery is thought to be the second-oldest cemetery in Pictou County, with the first burial dated 1812. Many of those buried there were early settlers from Scotland. Sadly, the cemetery fell into disrepair sometime in the 1880s.

During preparations to begin restoration and cleanup, they discovered that Brett's great-great-great-grandfather was buried here. So far, they have cleaned and repaired 58 headstones. Some headstones just required basic cleaning, while others required the use of an excavator. They plan to continue their work, with 30 headstones remaining to be repaired.

Pat's goal is to build a website where a QR code is attached to every stone so that anyone can access the history of the stone and cemetery.

I thank Pat and Brett Carrigan and David Lavers for taking on this project to preserve a little piece of Pictou County history.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

#### UNIV. SAINTE-ANNE DRAGONS: CH'SHIP WIN - CONGRATS.

RONNIE LEBLANC: Mx. le président, aujourd'hui je félicite les Dragons de l'Université Sainte-Anne, champions de volley-ball masculin de l'Association Atlantique du Sports Collégial pour 2022-23. Les Dragons, dont les membres étaient une combinaison de vétérans et de recrues, ont terminé l'année au sommet de la conférence de l'AASC, avec une fiche de 12-3. En finale du championnat de l'AASC, les Dragons ont battu le Holland College, remportant ainsi le titre de champion de volley-ball masculin pour la première fois depuis 1995-96. L'équipe est revenue récemment des Championnats canadiens, avec une première victoire dans l'histoire du volley-ball masculin des Dragons aux championnats du pays.

Je demande à tous les membres de se joindre à moi pour féliciter les Dragons de l'Université Sainte-Anne et souhaiter aux joueurs qui ont obtenu leur diplôme cette année bonne chance dans leurs projets futurs.

Mx. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Université Sainte-Anne's Dragons, the 2022-2023 Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association's Men's Volleyball Champions. The Dragons, whose members were a combination of veterans and rookies, finished the year at the top of the ACAA's conference with a 12-3 record. In the final round of the ACAA championship, the Dragons won against Holland College, winning the Men's Volleyball title for the first time since 1995-1996. The team recently returned from the Canadian Championships with the first win in Dragons male volleyball.

I ask all members join me in congratulating the Université Sainte-Anne Dragons and wish the players graduating this year good luck in their future endeavors.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton East.

## **ROLLS, DAVID NELSON: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE**

HON. BRIAN COMER: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember former Fire Chief David Nelson Rolls of the Howie Centre Fire Department, who passed away on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Nelson's professional life included time in the Coast Guard and over 50 years as a district manager of a few different chain stores. However, many knew him more for his volunteering with community groups, coaching Little League, organizing community events, and developing a recreation association at Howie Center.

This was also where he served for over 35 years in the fire department, 18 of those as the chief. It was said his heart and commitment to community remained until the day he passed.

Nelson left behind his beloved wife Rose, a sister, two sons and three grandchildren, who were his pride and joy.

I stand here today to extend my condolences to Nelson's family.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

## AALDERS, CELINA: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS - CONGRATS.

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Mx. Speaker, I would like to recognize Celina Aalders of Hubley. Following the successfully completion of a Master's in Journalism and Communication from Western University, Celina will be joining the CBC Halifax for her internship as a multi-platform reporter, creating stories for TV, radio, and the web.

Celina is also the 2022 recipient of the Michael J. Tucker Award from Mount Allison University. Established in honour of Dr. Tucker on his retirement in 2009, the Michael J. Tucker Award is given annually to a student in political science with high academic standing and intellectual promise.

Celina is excited to take everything she has learned from academic studies to research information, investigate and develop stories, follow leads, and conduct interviews to present interesting and timely information.

Starting her career in broadcast journalism back in her hometown on the East Coast is an incredible opportunity, and Celina is looking forward to returning home.

I would like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Celina on her many achievements and join me in wishing her all the best as she embarks on her career CBC.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings West.

## GALLEY, GARY: QPJ MEDAL RECIP. - CONGRATS.

CHRIS PALMER: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal recipients from my constituency, Gary Galley.

Gary exemplifies community service as a long-time volunteer with the Berwick and District Fire Department, as well as working as an advanced care paramedic for over 30 years in Nova Scotia. Gary was instrumental in helping establish the medical first responder training program in Nova Scotia. He is active in the Masonic Lodge in Berwick, and is always on hand when help is needed in the community. Currently, Gary is organizing the junior golf program at Paragon Golf and Country Club, encouraging youth to join the sport. They're actually organizing a Summer program for underprivileged and marginalized youth.

[4:45 p.m.]

Fun fact: Gary was born on June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth's Coronation Day, so he has always had a special connection to Her Majesty.

Please join me in thanking Gary Galley for his commitment to health care and his community, and congratulate him on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford Basin.

## BEAVER BANK PATHFINDERS: DISCUSSION - RECOG.

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mx. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to spend some time one evening with the Pathfinders Group in Beaver Bank. These young women - we had a great chat about politics. They were learning about different jobs, so that's why they invited me. One of the good questions that I got was: What is a political party? We had a conversation about like-minded people and being on a team, that kind of thing.

One of the young participants actually took it upon herself to write some potential legislation. She asked me: How old do you have to be to write legislation? I said, there's no limit - you can be any age. She sat down and wrote out some things that she thought we should do around issues such as abortion, the sexualization of young girls, LGBTQ

discrimination, the needs of children - particularly regarding poverty and housing. I want to congratulate the Pathfinders of Beaver Bank for being so thoughtful and for inviting me in.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens.

#### LRHS CHEER TEAM: CH'SHIPS PERF. - CONGRATS.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the coaches and athletes of the Liverpool Regional High School Cheer team on their second-place finish at the Cheer Expo National Championships. Held at the Halifax Forum from March 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. This competition hosted 2,000 athletes across 106 teams, and had over 3,000 spectators. This was LRHS's first time competing at a competition of this size. They practised twice a week for six months with coaches Jessica Adler and Tina Whynott, and with almost flawless performances impressively took home the Senior High Small Median banner. Team member Mysty Zinck also received the M.B. Thompson Heart and Soul Award.

I ask all members to join me in applauding this wonderful accomplishment and wishing the team and their coaches continued success.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

#### SADIE: NEW DOG FOR MAGUIRE FAMILY - WELCOME

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mx. Speaker, I would like to welcome a new member to the Maguire family, Sadie Maguire, a two-year-old Wheaton Terrier. We have three kids - Oliver, Rufina, and Isla - and we thought, how can we make this house a little crazier? So we added a dog. Sadie is the perfect complement to the family. She likes to lie around, sleep, and play with the kids. We said we would never get a dog, but we broke down when my son Oliver asked us for the thousandth time for a dog. We couldn't be happier. I want to thank John Gillis and everyone involved in helping us find the dog - a perfect complement to the Maguire family. I'm glad that we got her.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

## SURETTE-DRAPER, SUSAN: REFUGE BOOK LAUNCH - CONGRATS.

HON. JOHN LOHR: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Surette-Draper of Port Williams on the launch of her book *Refuge*. *Refuge* chronicles the stories of Pierre Suret and Catherine Bro, who escaped the Acadian deportation but not the consequences of the Grand Derangement.

Susan Surette-Draper has spent many years researching the history of the Annapolis Valley. In 2004, she wrote the booklet *Return to Acadie: A Self-Guided* 

Memory Walk of the Annapolis Valley From an Acadian Perspective. She has also been the president of Les Amis de Grand-Pré and also worked as an interpreter at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site.

Please join me today in congratulating Susan Surette-Draper on the launch of her book *Refuge* and recognizing her devotion to the rich history of our Acadian heritage.

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

HON. BEN JESSOME: Mx. Speaker, I just had to make a quick correction. In my state of emotion in the last member's statement, I misspoke. I forgot two great-grandchildren. This is going to be his sixth great-grandchild. I did need to clarify that for the record.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

## RAMSAY, I./PETERS, J.: BEE POP. EFFORTS - THANKS

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to talk about two Girl Guides in Hants East, Innis Ramsay of Belnan and Jessy Peters of Lantz. They are concerned about the decrease in our bee population.

These 11- and 14-year-old young ladies thought, what can we do? They did figure out what they wanted to do: sell bookmarkers with proceeds going to buy black-eyed Susan seeds and plant them in the area. They then emailed and called local businesses to get support for their venture. They figured out how much it would cost to buy the seeds and got permission from the Elmsdale Sobeys to set up a table on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

After all their work was done, Innis and Jessy then told their parents what they were doing. These two young ladies did not wait for someone else to fix a problem; they came up with a plan and executed it. At their table, they quickly sold out, raising over \$550.

I would like all members to join me in thanking these two young ladies on helping to make our community a better place - not just for the bees, but for everyone.

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

## MORRISON, GEORGE: CHESTER BRASS BAND DEDIC. - CONGRATS.

DANIELLE BARKHOUSE: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to George Morrison, the longest-serving conductor of the Chester Brass Band. He has been honoured with a 20-year plaque and appointment as a life member.

The Chester Brass Band continues to perform live music at the Chester Bandstand and frequently features musical groups from the South Shore and HRM. All members are volunteers, and they welcome new members with a passion for brass band music and community involvement.

On behalf of the communities of Chester-St. Margaret's, I want to honour and congratulate George Morrison for his dedication to the Chester Brass Band, and on his appointment as a lifetime member.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

### JOHNSTON-ISENOR, KATHY: REC. PROMOTION - RECOG.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to pay recognition to Kathy Johnston-Isenor, who lives and breathes recreation in our community. Kathy doesn't just promote recreation but demonstrates it by living a healthy, active lifestyle herself.

In 2013, she started Fitness Junkies, a small fitness-based business, which was originally created to empower women but ended up welcoming anyone with open arms, regardless of gender. Over the years, Fitness Junkies has sponsored events such as the Falmouth TrALE Run and the Ugly X-Mas Sweater Run to raise funds for the West Hants Family Resource Centre, where she currently operates a 24/7 self-access gym.

This small-town mom of two, took her passion for fitness and turned it into a full-time career. She now works for the West Hants Regional Municipality as their Manager of Recreation and Community Engagement.

We are so lucky to have someone like Kathy call West Hants home.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Shore.

## LAVIGUEUR, R./JACKSON, L.: BAKERY PURCHASE - CONGRATS.

KENT SMITH: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to congratulation co-owners Renee Lavigueur and Ola Jackson on their recent purchase of the former Dobbit Bakehouse in Musquodoboit Harbour. When the previous owner retired, it left a significant hole in the community, creating an opportunity for Renee and Ola to step in and offer their unique spin on baked goods and sweet treats.

Renee and Ola met just last year as vendors at the Musquodoboit Harbour Farmers' Market. Originally, they purchased a food truck and painted it their signature vibrant pink and blue. However, they have since joined forces for this new venture, and are currently working hard to renovate the space to get their new business up and running.

Martinique Desserterie will be offering an assortment of cupcakes, donuts, breads, and more. The desserterie will be a combination bakery, café, and gift shop, featuring local goods. I, for one, look forward to attending their grand opening this Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

I ask all members of the Assembly to join me in bringing recognition to these ambitious entrepreneurs as they work to keep a locally owned bakery thriving in the village.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Tracadie.

### CONSTITUENTS: OPJ MEDAL RECIPS. - CONGRATS.

HON. GREG MORROW: Mx. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal in Guysborough-Tracadie.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, these 15 individuals were honored at the medal ceremony in Guysborough: Mary Desmond, Jude Avery, Donnie Fraser, Neil DeCoff, Lewis MacIntosh, Joe Jellow, Keith Horton, Dr. Barb Bell, Paul Long, Kaye Williams, Harold Roberts, Donald Dodge, Bill Innis, and two awarded posthumously, to Mike Breen and Miles MacDonald.

Mx. Speaker, all these medals' recipients are true examples of community-minded individuals, who have gone above and beyond in their respective roles. It was truly an honour to speak about each of them at the ceremony, present these medals, and see the pride on the faces of everyone who attended this event.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Shelburne.

## **AYER, MARY: COM. SERV. - THANKS**

NOLAN YOUNG: I rise today to recognize Mary Ayer for her volunteer commitment to her community. Mary recently received the Provincial Volunteer Award in Halifax, and for good reason. Over the years, Mary has volunteered with Tottie's Crafts, IODE, the Shelburne County Garden Club, Mission to Seafarers, the Rose Buddies Care Clowns at Roseway Manor and Hospital, the South Shore Festival of the Arts, Shelburne Historical Society, Order of the Eastern Star, SHARES, and the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

Mary can always be found entertaining the audience. The giant bubbles are fantastic. I can say that first-hand. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask all members to join me in congratulating Mary and thanking her for her volunteer commitment to her community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Passage.

### MUSIC 4 MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC.: FUNDRAISING - RECOG.

HON. BARBARA ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Music 4 Mental Health association for all of their hard work raising much-needed funds for mental health services in the constituency of Eastern Passage. During a one-day fundraising event last June, the team was able to raise under \$15,000. The association was proud to present these funds to be used for mental wellness programs for each of these school principals: South Woodside Elementary, Horizon Elementary, Seaside Elementary, Ocean View Elementary, Island View High School, and Eastern Passage Education Centre.

Funds were also given to Ocean View Continuing Care Centre for some electronic therapy cats, as well as to the Horizon Recreation Centre in the form of iPads for the seniors' groups. I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in acknowledging a thank you on the great work being done by the Music 4 Mental Health members, as well as the beneficial recipients and I wish them the greatest success at their second annual event, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 noon to 12 midnight, at the Buffalo Club in Eastern Passage.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

## CHISHOLM, ARTHUR: COM. SERV. - THANKS

TOM TAGGART: I rise to recognize 98-year-old Arthur Chisholm from Great Village, Nova Scotia. In 1983, Arthur retired from his family home in Great Village. Here he served in the Royal Canadian Legion, where he is a life member, was president of the historical society of Great Village, as well as president of the historical society of Colchester County, Arthur was president of the seniors' club and participated in the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Secretariat. He was also an elder, steward, and treasurer at St. James United Church, where he sang in the choir.

Arthur was the president of the Clan Chisholm Society of Nova Scotia among other activities and roles. On top of all of his volunteer work, Mr. Chisholm is famous for his handmade quilts, which he often donates to charitable causes.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur has enriched the lives of many citizens in Great Village, and beyond. I ask all members of the Legislature, to join me in thanking Arthur for his dedication and commitment to our community and to Nova Scotia.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

### HARTLING, JAMIE: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. TIMOTHY HALMAN: Today, I recognize Jamie Hartling, owner and operator of Leathersmith Designs.

Since 1975, Leathersmith Designs has been a great place in the community to go for local leather products such as belts and key tags, as well as other custom items made to order. If you have purchased a car from a local dealership, the leather key tag in your pocket likely originated in Jamie's shop. Despite the inherent risks involved in establishing a new business, Jamie's determination and ability, along with the support of wife Gail and his family, has led to almost fifty years of success in the community, as well as employment for local students and NSCAD graduates.

Mx. Speaker, I ask that the members of the Legislature to please join me in recognizing Jamie Hartling and Leathersmith Designs and in thanking him for his contributions to our community.

THE SPEAKER: That concludes the daily routine.

[5:00 p.m.]

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 on Supply.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is to resolve into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The motion is carried.

We'll take a brief recess.

[5:01 p.m. The House resolved itself into a CW on Supply with Deputy Speaker Kent Smith in the Chair.]

[9:17 p.m. CW on Supply rose and the House reconvened. Deputy Speaker Lisa Lachance resumed the Chair.]

THE SPEAKER: Order. The Chair of the Whole on Supply reports:

THE CLERK: That the Committee of the Whole on Supply has met and has made progress, and begs leave to sit again.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: That concludes business for the day. I move that the House do now rise and meet again on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Business will include third reading of Bill No. 256, Committee of the Whole House on Bills, Bill Nos. 273, 262, 279, and of course, the continuation of the Committee of the Whole on Supply to deal with Estimates.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn until 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

We stand adjourned until April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

[The House rose at 9:24 p.m.]

## **NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 600**

By: Suzy Hansen (Halifax Needham)

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

Whereas the province is in the midst of an unprecedented housing crisis and there is a shortage of thousands of affordable housing units - defined by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as thirty per cent of a household's income; and

Whereas the government refuses to enact a concentrated program of building affordable housing;

Therefore be it resolved that the housing crisis will endure until this government invests in, builds or incents the type and volume of truly affordable, non-market housing that is required to meet the needs of our province.