

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

J. Lohr, Kings North, tabled a petition requesting high-speed internet service to Kings County.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. G. MacLellan, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, tabled the Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013.

Hon. M. Samson, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, tabled the 2012-13 Annual Report of Nova Scotia Business Incorporated.

Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. L. Glavine, Minister of Health and Wellness, tabled the Report of the Independent Panel to Review the *Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act* and Community Treatment Orders, submitted July 10, 2013.

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Public Service Commission, tabled the Employment Equity Report, 2012-2013.

Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Environment, tabled a document of information requested in Question Period by the member of Pictou West.

Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, tabled the Nova Scotia Community College 2013, Report to the Community.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 459 - Hon. M. Furey, Minister for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognizing the many years of service Dwight Bishop has devoted to the province as Ombudsman.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 460 - Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Environment - welcoming the donors, delegates and guests and congratulating the winners of the 2013 Arctic Inspiration Prize.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 461 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing James and Amanda Kinsman on their strong sense of stewardship and congratulating them on receiving the award for Outstanding Young Farmers for 2013.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 462 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice - congratulating everyone involved with national restorative justice in this province and the impact these programs have on the community at large.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 463 - Hon. A. Younger, Minister of Energy - congratulating Thermo Dynamics Ltd. on receiving the 2013 Solar Thermo Project of the Year Award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 464 - Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education - congratulating CRESCO Homes on winning the safety award at the Peter Kohler Peak Awards.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 465 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating the staff of the Margaree Fish Hatchery on receiving the Cormack Award for their role in maintaining the health of the river.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 29. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

(J. Lohr - Kings North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 466 - Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing the contribution made by retiring Ombudsman, Dwight Bishop.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 467 - Hon. M. MacDonald, Acting Leader for the New Democratic Party - thanking Kevin McNamara, Deputy Minister of Health for his years of service and wishing him all the best in his future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 468 - A. Rowe, Dartmouth South, on behalf of Hon. K. Murphy, Eastern Shore - thanking Theresa Young for her commitment to the community and the Cancer Society.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 469 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Florence Sassine, Chief of Protocol on her retirement and her years of dedicated service.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 470 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - extending thanks to the Nova Scotia Legislature staff, pages, commissionaires and all who support the work of this historic Chamber this session.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 471 - P. Eyking, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating Lisa Holt Jones on receiving the Dickon Award of the American Branch of the King Richard III Society.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 472 - L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Harbour - congratulating Lisa Holt Jones, owner of the Antiques Boutique on receiving the Dickon Award of the American Branch of the King Richard III Society.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 473 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating Liz Breslin for volunteering for more than 10 years in the community of Chester-St. Margaret's.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 474 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - thanking Vicky Levack for promoting democracy in our province and wishing her well in her future endeavours.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 475 - T. Houston, Pictou East - congratulating Justice Van den Eynden on her appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, presiding in Truro.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 476 - G. Gosse, Sydney-Whitney Pier - congratulating

Eddie Brookman and his team on bringing the true meaning of Christmas to the community of Sydney.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 477 - Hon. K. Regan, Bedford - extending sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jordan Boyd on the sudden passing of a much-loved young man.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 478 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Bruce and Jeannie Fagan on receiving the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce lifetime achievement award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 479 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Stephen Maher on the publication of his novel, *Deadline* and wishing him continued success.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 480 - J. Stroink, Halifax Chebucto - congratulating Joyce Tynes on her 100th birthday and wishing her health and happiness.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 481 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking Betty Ann Battist for her dedication and generosity to her community and wishing her all the best this Christmas season.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 482 - Hon. M. MacDonald, Acting Leader of the New Democratic Party - congratulating the owner and staff of Hydrostone Groceteria and receiving the Bronze Award in the Best Corner Store category in The Coast's 2013 Best of Halifax Awards.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 483 - P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - congratulating Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre for their ongoing support and dedication to the community at large.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 484 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating all the organizers and volunteers of the Port Morien Fair for keeping the tradition alive and well.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 485 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - encouraging the liberal government to prepare for the Spring session and the lost time of this Fall Question Period will be made up in the Spring session.

Res. No. 486 - Hon. G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating the Glace Bay Volunteer Fire Department and volunteers for providing a tremendous parade.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 487 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the efforts of Jan and Brenda Van Zutphen to raise the next generation of Nova Scotians with the birth of their identical triplet boys.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 488 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating and commending the volunteers who make up the New Ross Fire Department for the work they do for their community.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 489 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing

the members of Woodlawn United Church for their commitment to serving Dartmouth East.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 490 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, House Leader for the Official Opposition - thanking the staff of the Nova Scotia Legislature for everything they do to ensure the important work of the House of Assembly continues as it should.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 491 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Peggy Cameron and the Friends of Halifax Commons for their dedicated efforts and creating the booklet, *Celebrate the Common 250*.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 492 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West, on behalf of Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker - recognizing the contributions of the Auditor General Jacques LaPointe on his retirement.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

The Chair reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 13. Ladies of the Sacred Heart at Halifax Act

No. 14. Justices of the Peace Act and Provincial Court Act

No. 15. February Holiday Act

No. 20. House of Assembly Act

And also, the following bills, without further amendments:

No. 12. Occupational Health and Safety Act**No. 19. Trade Union Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on this day.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. A. Younger, Minister of Energy, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 1. Electricity Reform (2013) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Environment, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 5. Importation of Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater Prohibition Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. MacFarlane, C. Porter, L. Zann and Hon. R. Delorey in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. A. Younger, Minister of Energy, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 7. Public Service Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. M. Samson, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 9. Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: T. Houston and Hon. M. Samson in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. A. Younger, Minister of Energy, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 10. Maritime Link Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont, Hon. D. Wilson and Hon. A. Younger in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. M. Samson, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, on behalf of the Hon. S. McNeil, Premier, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 17. Executive Council Act and Public Service Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 12. Occupational Health and Safety Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 14. Justices of the Peace Act and Provincial Court Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 15. February Holiday Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 19. Trade Union Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, L. Zann and Hon. K. Regan in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

J. Stroink, Halifax-Chebucto, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 13. Ladies of the Sacred Heart at Halifax Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 20. House of Assembly Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne was then resumed. The debate continued with B. Horne, A. MacMaster, A. MacLeod and Hon. J. Bernard.

ROYAL ASSENT

At 4:15 P.M. this day, His Honour, the Honourable J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and seated in the Speaker's Chair, was addressed by the Speaker as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in 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."

His Honour was then pleased to give his assent to the following bills:

- No. 1. Electricity Reform (2013) Act**
- No. 5. Importation of Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater Prohibition Act**
- No. 7. Public Service Act**
- No. 9. Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act**
- No. 10. Maritime Link Act**
- No. 12. Occupational Health and Safety Act**
- No. 13. Ladies of the Sacred Heart at Halifax Act**
- No. 14. Justices of the Peace Act and Provincial Court Act**
- No. 15. February Holiday Act**

No. 17. Executive Council Act and Public Service Act**No. 19. Trade Union Act****No. 20. House of Assembly Act**

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker then asked all Members to rise and join him in the singing of the national anthem.

The Hon. Deputy Premier then moved that the House adjourn to meet again at the call of the Speaker. The motion carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 493 - B. Jessome, Hammonds Plains-Lucasville - congratulating Pamela Streeter and staff of Creative Kids Education Centre and Birch Hills Academy on their successful application and wishing them success in their future endeavours.

Res. No. 494 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Fortress Louisbourg National Historic Site as they celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Louisbourg in 2013.

Res. No. 495 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Whidden's Park Campground and Cottages on receiving the Tourism Business of the Year Award.

Res. No. 496 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Petit de Grat Richmond Angels on their gold medal victory.

Res. No. 497 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Janelle Garon on finishing second in Figure Class A and fourth in Figure Short for the master class.

Res. No. 498 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Andre Bezanson on receiving the Mitacs PhD Award for Outstanding Innovation.

Res. No. 499 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Carl Sparkes on receiving the Tourism Innovator Award.

Res. No. 500 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Casino Nova Scotia on receiving the Human Resource Leadership Award.

Res. No. 501 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Delta Hotels - Halifax and Barrington on receiving the Crystal Tourism Community Service Award.

Res. No. 502 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Gillespie House Inn on receiving the Sustainable Tourism Award.

Res. No. 503 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Friends of the Public Gardens on receiving the Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award.

Res. No. 504 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Jim Laceby on receiving the Alastair and Frances Campbell Tourism Achievement Award.

Res. No. 505 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating New Glasgow Riverfront Jamboree on receiving the Global Hospitality Award.

Res. No. 506 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Little Anse Hawks on their well-earned RABA championship.

Res. No. 507 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - recognizing the legacy of an exceptional young woman by hosting the first annual Breanna Lundrigan Memorial Soccer Tournament.

Res. No. 508 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating the organizers and participants of the 9th Annual Martell-Richard Mini-Marathon on another successful event.

Res. No. 509 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating St. Peters Cougars Mosquito baseball team on their championship season.

Res. No. 510 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond -

congratulating the St. Peters Cougars Pee Wee team on their successful season.

Res. No. 511 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Sasha Repko on her impressive accomplishment and wishing her the best of luck at the nationals.

Res. No. 512 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Isle Madam Boat Club on this wonderful opportunity for children in the area.

Res. No. 513 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - thanking The Shelby Shines on Acts of Kindness Society for the fundraising they do in the community.

Res. No. 514 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating SAERC Saints girls volleyball team on winning the Niki King Memorial Volleyball Tournament.

Res. No. 515 - Hon. K. Regan, Bedford - congratulating Fred George for sharing his time and talents and earning the recognition and respect of his peers.

Res. No. 516 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating the owners and staff of LaHave Forest Inc. for their innovations and enhancing the reputation to do business here in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 517 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating the owners and staff of Terra Beata for its continued growth and success locally, nationally and abroad.

Res. No. 518 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Laurie Swim on being awarded the coveted 2013 Portia White prize and wishing her success and happiness in her career.

Res. No. 519 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Gary Mailman on being inducted into the Sapphire Circle by EXIT Reality Corp. International.

Res. No. 520 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating David Custance on his valued 20 years of service as a volunteer firefighter with the Oakhill and District Fire Department.

Res. No. 521 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating

Lunenburg Auto and Sporting Supplies Company Limited on their 50 years in business.

Res. No. 522 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Caitlin Creaser on receiving a bronze standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Res. No. 523 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Zechariah Suederick on his hard work and achievements in earning his bronze standards of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Res. No. 524 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Jack Creaser on his successful surgery and return to the sport he loves above all others.

Res. No. 525 - S. Gough, Sackville-Beaver Bank - recognizing Shane Shaw of Millwood High as a teacher who goes above and beyond for his students in any way he can.

Res. No. 526 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Richard Boudreau and Allan Samson on their contributions to winning a national title.

Res. No. 527 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Evan Phinney on being a tremendous ambassador for Nova Scotia and wishing her continued success in her future endeavours.

Res. No. 528 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Shannex Parkland Retirement Living on their 15 years of successful service and wishing them the best in the future.

Res. No. 529 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - commending Adam Perr on his selfless efforts to help six children and wishing him continued success in his future endeavours.

Res. No. 530 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - applauding Langley and Macquire Burke for amazing creative energy and wishing them success with this creation.

Res. No. 531 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating Gary Ross and the rest of his team on their success at the Maritime Horseshoe Pitching Championship.

Res. No. 532 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg -

congratulating Riverview High School and all their players for all their dedication and hard work.

Res. No. 533 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating Interact Club of Riverview on their \$500 donation and dedication to their surrounding communities.

Res. No. 534 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating Owen Fitzgerald on receiving the Cape Breton Regional Municipal Ambassador of the Year, People's Choice Award.

Res. No. 535 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking everyone who worked on the NDP campaign in Chester-St. Margaret's for all their hard work and commitment.

Res. No. 536 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating Carlos Decarvalho for his years of service to the St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club and his continued service to the community.

Res. No. 537 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Colin MacDonald and Carol Hanson for their generosity and support during the 2013 Election.

Res. No. 538 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Bay Chorale for the beautiful gift of music and wishing them all the best in their upcoming performances of Christmas music.

Res. No. 539 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating the Chester Brass Band on 140 years of bringing their unique music to Chester.

Res. No. 540 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating Lillian Viau on her years of dedication to Bay Grandmothers and their work to put an end to AIDS.

Res. No. 541 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking various NDP campaign workers and the importance of signs during an election campaign.

Res. No. 542 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating St. Margaret's Bay Sailing Club on their 58 years of dedication to the community.

Res. No. 543 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's

- congratulating Wishing Stones proprietor and artisan Hillary Dionne on her success.

Res. No. 544 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's
- congratulating Mary Lou Milligan for generously donating this year's Christmas tree for Boston.

Res. No. 545 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's
- recognizing the fine talent of all who were involved in the production of *Relative Happiness* and wishing them success in their future endeavours.

Res. No. 546 - B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Bianca Paquin on her outstanding performance at the National Boxing Championships and wishing her continued success in her boxing career.

Res. No. 547 - B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - commending Sue Paul Canton on her efforts to protect the Sambro Island Lighthouse and raise awareness to its historical value to our Nova Scotia heritage.

Res. No. 548 - B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - commending Stephanie Smith on her efforts to protect the Sambro Island Lighthouse and raise awareness to its historical value to our Nova Scotia heritage.

Res. No. 549 - B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Spryfield and District Business Commission for its outstanding organization of this year's parade.

Res. No. 550 - B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Christopher Webb and Victoria Foulger on receiving the 2014 Chamber of Commerce Award nomination and wishing them continued success.

Res. No. 551 - A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - recognizing North Woodside Community Association for their important work and commitment to the community.

Res. No. 552 - A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - recognizing Penhorn Lake Area Trail Association for their meaningful endeavours and wishing them continued success in meeting their future goals.

Res. No. 553 - Hon. K. Murphy, Eastern Shore - thanking Cyril Young for his continued service to the people of the Eastern Shore.

Res. No. 554 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Gary Long

on being named President of the 82nd Apple Blossom Festival.

Res. No. 555 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - congratulating Ben Cowan-Dewar and Cabot Links for their success and recognition by *Golf Magazine*.

Res. No. 556 - E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - congratulating Corrie Stewart on receiving the Public Service Award of Excellence from the Governor General of Canada.

Res. No. 557 - E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - congratulating the members of The Capers Plus 1 on their victory and wishing them luck in next year's Tuna Cup.

Res. No. 558 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Albion Lodge No. 5 on their 175th anniversary.

Res. No. 559 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Kylee Evans on receiving a Broadway World nomination and wishing her well in her career.

Res. No. 560 - I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Pastor Lisa Vaughn on her 10 years of outstanding service to her community.

Res. No. 561 - Hon. C. d'Entremont - Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Garth, Scott and Chris Davis on receiving the Customer Service Award and wishing them well in their future endeavours.

Res. No. 562 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Giant Tiger and management staff on the official opening of the New Glasgow location.

Res. No. 563 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Tammy MacLaren on bring awareness to the need for coverage of insulin pumps for children of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 564 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - extending best wishes to Maude Lorde-Cox on her 70th birthday.

Res. No. 565 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - congratulating students of Pictou Academy on completing the bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in October 2013.

Res. No. 566 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - congratulating Kevin O'Brien and his family on their entrepreneurial spirit and wishing them the best in their new business venture.

Res. No. 567 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - congratulating and thanking the congregation of the Pictou United Church for their unique project, CAN-struction and willing to help those in need.

Res. No. 568 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - congratulating Nina Davey and Ella Parsons on being accepted into the four-week ballet program in Manitoba.

Res. No. 569 - Hon. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulating the Jubilate Singers, the congregation of St. Mark's Church and the Choir supporters for 25 years of service to the community.

Res. No. 570 - Hon. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulating Ecology Action Centre on being named The Coast's Best Activist Organization for 2013.

Res. No. 571 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating John Cotterill for his hard work in obtaining his designation as a Chartered Insurance Professional.

Res. No. 572 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Tom's Family Restaurant for their sixth consecutive title as The Coast's Best Sackville Restaurant.

Res. No. 573 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Michelle Lin and Richard Woo on their opening of Wasabi House and with them all the best in the future.

Res. No. 574 - L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - saluting the dedication and bravery of the members of the Brookfield Fire Department for keeping their community safe.

Res. No. 575 - L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - saluting the dedication and bravery of the members of the Upper Stewiacke Fire Department for keeping their community safe.

Res. No. 576 - L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - saluting the dedication and bravery of the members of the Stewiacke Fire Department for keeping their community safe.

Res. No. 577 - T. Houston, Pictou East - thanking the Prostate Cancer Support Association and the Chediac's for their thoughtful donations.

Res. No. 578 - T. Houston, Pictou East - recognizing Shirley Harper as a teacher who truly made a difference in the life of a student.

Res. No. 579 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing the Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth for hosting the annual Boys and Girls club Olympic Day.

Res. No. 580 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Flag Shop Nova Scotia on their 20th anniversary.

Res. No. 581 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing Ben Lilly's inspiring leadership skills and encouraging him to continue to make a difference in his school and community.

Res. No. 582 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake's contributions to Canada and the renaming of a park in his memory.

Res. No. 583 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Sharon Lamb and her loved ones on a successful fundraising event.

Res. No. 584 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - applauding Coastal Dance Theatre's dedication to education and promotion to arts.

Res. No. 585 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Hope for Wildlife on successful fundraising and commitment to wildlife conservation efforts in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 586 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Jo-Ann Spillett and Physiotherapy Function team on their first anniversary.

Res. No. 587 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Mariah Godin and Emily Riddle on their championship win and wishing them continued success.

Res. No. 588 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Michael Mackley on receiving the 2014 Rhodes Scholarship becoming the 88th Rhodes Scholar in Dalhousie history.

Res. No. 589 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - thanking Nick Cuthbertson for supporting Free the Children and using film as a way to raise awareness.

Res. No. 590 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - applauding the imagination of Chef Larry Bergeron and his students at NSCC and for creating three giant gingerbread houses as a fundraising initiative.

Res. No. 591 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Dr. Patrick McGrath on receiving the 2013 Encana Principal Award.

Res. No. 592 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - thanking Pet Valu and their staff for fundraising for Cool Dog Rescue and raising awareness for this important cause.

Res. No. 593 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Rodney Habib and the Planet Paws Pet Essentials staff on receiving the 2013 Summit Retailer of the Year Award.

Res. No. 594 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - applauding the Nova Scotia chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation and the Halifax Running Room and wishing them success.

Res. No. 595 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing the importance of Shubie Park and Fairbanks Centre to the people of Dartmouth.

Res. No. 596 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - welcoming Saeed El-Darahali and his staff at SimplyCast.com and wishing them continued success in the future.

Res. No. 597 - Hon. A. Younger, Dartmouth East - thanking Heather Johnson, Ernie Arsenault and the staff at Smitty's Restaurant for raising funds towards the 50 dogs for 50 veterans in 50 days event.

Res. No. 598 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Brian Hirtle on being chosen as Deputy Warden for the Municipality of the County of Kings.

Res. No. 599 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Mayor David Corkum on being named President of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and wishing him well.

Res. No. 600 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating the Nova Agri for being awarded Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Exporter.

Res. No. 601 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Shannex for being awarded the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Large Business.

Res. No. 602 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating King Street Recycling Depot on receiving the Enviro Depot of the Year Award.

Res. No. 603 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - recognizing the outstanding efforts of the members of Greenfield Sewing Circle for the betterment of their community.

Res. No. 604 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Bonnie Hartlen Muise on the publication of her two books, *If* and *Zoos* and wishing her continued success.

Res. No. 605 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - recognizing Libby Broadbent on the publication of her third novel, *Lily's Valley*.

Res. No. 606 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - thanking Irene Swindells and Lori Cormier on a great event that brought families together and wishing the families of Melville Heights a very Merry Christmas.

Res. No. 607 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - congratulating Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax on their 75th anniversary.

Res. No. 608 - Hon. T. Ince, Cole Harbour-Portland Valley - congratulating various winners of the 8th Annual Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council Awards and thanking them for their contribution to the art and culture of this province.

Res. No. 609 - Hon. T. Ince, Cole Harbour-Portland Valley – sending condolences to the family and friends of the late Bertha Mantley.

Res. No. 610 - Hon. T. Ince, Cole Harbour-Portland Valley - congratulating Bev McGee on receiving the Emile Theriault Library and Information Technology Award.

Res. No. 611 - Hon. T. Ince, Cole Harbour-Portland Valley - congratulating Sheree Fitch on being literacy advocate and sharing her talents with Nova Scotians and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library for the 10th year.

Res. No. 612 - Hon. T. Ince, Cole Harbour-Portland Valley - congratulating Laurie Swim on was awarded The Portia White Prize and wishing her much success in her future endeavours.

Res. No. 613 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging the leadership of Martha McDonald in building and developing figure skating in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 614 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging Katrina MacDonald and wishing her and Admiral Lounge every future success.

Res. No. 615 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging Patricia VanZutphen on receiving the New Business of the Year Award.

Res. No. 616 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the Yarmouth Pizza Delight AA Gateways and Yarmouth Midget AA Gateways team on their championship seasons.

Res. No. 617 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Hudson Grimshaw-Surette on his many track and field accomplishments and wishing him more success in the future.

Res. No. 618 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Al Mohle and Eric Burns on receiving the 2013 Yarmouth County Official of the Year Award.

Res. No. 619 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Lieutenant Jeremy Bain and the 92 Chebogue Corps on the Royal Canadian Navy Centennial Trophy.

Res. No. 620 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Dwayne Robicheau on his many karate accomplishments.

Res. No. 621 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Cliff Hood on his many achievements and wishing him many more years of active life in the community.

Res. No. 622 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating

Paul MacDonald on receiving the 2013 Yarmouth County Sport Volunteer Award and thanking him for his many examples of good citizenship.

Res. No. 623 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating U14 Tier 1 girls team from the Fusion Yarmouth-Southwest Club on their spectacular season.

Res. No. 624 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating U14 Tier II girls volleyball team from the Fusion Yarmouth-Southwest Club and their coaches on their excellent 2013 season.

Res. No. 625 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - thanking Tracy Marr and Needs to Deeds program for their efforts on behalf of the Yarmouth Community.

Res. No. 626 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the players and coach of the Southwest Thunder Atom Major hockey team and wishing them well in their future endeavours.

Res. No. 627 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Atlantic Youth Bowlers from Yarmouth's Brunswick Lanes and their coach, on such a spectacular season.

Res. No. 628 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Grace McGray on her many achievements and wishing her much success in her future endeavours.

Res. No. 629 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the members of Yarmouth Consolidated High School Grade Nine Baseball team.

Res. No. 630 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the Yarmouth Thunder Bantam Boys Basketball Team.

Res. No. 631 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating the headmaster, Joe Seagram, his students and the board of directors of the King's-Edgehill on the celebration of the 225 years.

Res. No. 632 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding the Golf Central owners and the principal of Brooklyn Elementary School wanting to ensure her students learn the sport of golf.

Res. No. 633 - C. Porter, Hants West - commending Windsor

Midget baseball team on their outstanding 2013 season.

Res. No. 634 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding the various athletes in capturing three prestigious league awards in 2013 and a great 2014 season.

Res. No. 635 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Terri Lynn and Sherry Blanchard for their optimistic community spirit and wishing them continued success.

Res. No. 636 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Dylan and Dawson Hayman for their tremendous fundraising efforts for the Hantsport and Area Community Food Bank.

Res. No. 637 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Greg Pottier on receiving the Business Marketing Award and thanking him for his service to the community.

Res. No. 638 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Monica Taylor for opening The Medicine Shoppe and thanking her for her dedication to the local community.

Res. No. 639 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Bonnie Shand-Symonds on her 60th birthday.

Res. No. 640 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Cape Sable Island Christmas Club on supporting vulnerable families.

Res. No. 641 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Jillian, Lynsay and Katie Thurber for their dedication and hard work in supporting the Barrington and Area Lions Club.

Res. No. 642 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - thanking Irene Swindells and Lori Cormier for putting on a great event that brought people families together and wishing residents of Melville Heights a Merry Christmas.

Res. No. 643 - P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - congratulating the team at Atlantic Acura on an impressive re-opening ceremony.

Res. No. 644 - P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - commending École Burton Ettinger and its Green Team for their contributions to their school and community on the Green School Project.

Res. No. 645 - K. Irving, Kings South - thanking the Hayman family for their donations to Hantsport and Area Community Food Bank.

Res. No. 646 - B. Jessome, Hammonds Plains-Lucasville - congratulating the organizers, vendors and volunteers for the success of the Hammonds Plains Farmer's Market.

Res. No. 647 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Siobhan MacDonald's dedication that earned her the opportunity to representing Nova Scotia at the 2013 Canada Games.

Res. No. 648 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing James Gillis who will represent Nova Scotia at the 2013 Canada Games.

Res. No. 649 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Hayley Wilson who will represent Nova Scotia at the 2013 Canada Games.

Res. No. 650 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Brooke Hawley who will represent Nova Scotia at the 2013 Canada Games.

Res. No. 651 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Jeff Dee and his business Eastern Sanitation Limited on winning the Ian Spencer Excellence in Business Award.

Res. No. 652 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Pauline Doyle on winning the Outstanding Customer Service Award.

Res. No. 653 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Kelly Farrell on winning the Young Entrepreneur Award.

Res. No. 654 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Morgan Bona on winning the Outstanding Youth Award.

Res. No. 655 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Morgan Bona on being the Nova Scotia representative to the RCMP Youth program.

Res. No. 656 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating the owner and staff of A-1 Gutter Systems was named the Chamber's Club 25.

Res. No. 657 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating everyone involved with The ROC Society and being named to The Chamber's Club 25.

Res. No. 658 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Margaret Mauger as one of the first recipients of the Dr. Burnley Allan “Rocky” Jones Human Rights Award.

Res. No. 659 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - coming together and agreeing to clear the air inside Province House and outdoors as well.

Res. No. 660 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Colchester East Hants Health authority on the good work in providing health services to the residents.

Res. No. 661 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Sharon Corcoran, Kim Langille, Sarah Howlett and Dale Toole on receiving various awards and wishing them continued business success.

Res. No. 662 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating the owners of “Somebeachsomewhere” on their success.

Res. No. 663 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Wayne Burns on receiving the Nova Scotia Talent Trust 2013 scholarship.

Res. No. 664 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Stephen Marshall on being part of the “Wild Food” documentary and all his contributions.

Res. No. 665 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture for Environmental Farm Plan and congratulate the three finalists in this year’s awards.

Res. No. 666 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating the Cobequid Education Centre students regarding aid for the Philippines effort.

Res. No. 667 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Marilyn Carroll on receiving the Navy League of Canada Distinguished Service Award.

Res. No. 668 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Robyn Harnson on receiving the Nova Scotia

Talent Trust scholarship.

Res. No. 669 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - coming together and agreeing to clear the air inside Province House and outdoors as well.

Res. No. 670 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Jamie Freeman for astute actions rescuing a child from a pool.

Res. No. 671 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Fred Ansems for having the longest gourd and heaviest pumpkin.

Res. No. 672 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Alex Rawding on receiving a gold medal at the 2013 Legion Canadian Youth Championships.

Res. No. 673 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - expressing appreciation to Donna Shunamon for her volunteer service and congratulating her on her RCMP award.

Res. No. 674 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating the staff of Atlantic Food and Horticultural Research Canada on monitoring the weather for 100 years.

Res. No. 675 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Jim Sherrard and Elsie Parrish for their hard work and devotion in their service to others.

Res. No. 676 - Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Kirkland Huntley on his Army cadet achievements and receiving his Wings.

Res. No. 677 - Hon. K. Regan, Belford - congratulating Jason Sparkes, Greg Kutney and Randy Johnson for risking their lives to save others and receiving an award presented by the Governor General David Johnston in Ottawa.

Res. No. 678 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - saluting Sean McColl on receiving the Outstanding Customer Service Award.

Res. No. 679 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Leona Burkey on the release of her six-track EP called The Margaret Marie EP.

Res. No. 680 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Kevin Boudreau on receiving the Exemplary Service Medal.

Res. No. 681 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - Kenny Petitpas on winning the 103.5 talent search contest.

Res. No. 682 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - thanking the volunteer firemen of Isle Madame for their dedication and bravery.

Res. No. 683 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating students and staff of the East Richmond Education Centre on receiving the School of the Year Award.

Res. No. 684 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - thanking everyone involved in 2013 St. Peters Children's Wish Walk.

Res. No. 685 - Hon. M. Samson, Cape Breton-Richmond - congratulating Lisa and Brian Boudreau on receiving the Excellence in Business Award.