

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre, tabled a petition calling on the government to build a new P-8 school in the Town of Trenton.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. L. Glavine, Kings West, tabled the Standing Committee on Community Services Annual Report, 2020.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. B. Jessome, Minister of the Public Service Commission, tabled the *Moving Toward Equity: Employment Equity and Diversity in the Nova Scotia Public Service, 2019-2020*.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 435 - Hon. D. Mombourquette, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development - congratulating Buddy Daye Learning Institute poetry and spoken Word competition winners Toluwani Osunneye, Olivia Obadan, Malcolm Munroe and Tyra Obadan.

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

Res. No. 436 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing Lüvo Life Company's sparkling rosé on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines.

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

Res. No. 437 - Hon. B. Jessome, Minister of the Public Service Commission - recognizing the government's All Together diversity strategy.

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

Res. No. 438 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Ka'Le Bay Seafoods' leadership in the fishing industry.

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

Res. No. 439 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration and Population Growth - recognizing newcomer entrepreneurs, Andrea Rautenbach in Cookville and Ajay Vir Singh in Sydney.

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

Res. No. 440 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing John MacMillan and staff at the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for establishing and managing the Nova Scotia Freshwater Fisheries Research Cooperative.

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

Res. No. 441 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing Blomidon Estate Winery's NV Crémant on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines.

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 bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 112. An Act to Recognize Emancipation Day

(Hon. T. Ince – Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs)

No. 113. An Act Respecting Regional Health Priorities and Issues

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 114. An Act to Amend Chapter 401 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Residential Tenancies Act

(L. Roberts – Halifax Needham)

No. 115. An Act to Establish a Time of Remembrance

(A. Paon – Cape Breton-Richmond)

No. 116. An Act to Ensure the Permanent Closure of the Sackville Landfill

(B. Johns - Sackville-Beaver Bank)

No. 117. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act, Respecting School Bus Safety

(Hon. P. Dunn – Pictou Centre)

No. 118. An Act Respecting Clean Air

(K. MacFarlane – Pictou West)

No. 119. An Act to Amend Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Crown Lands Act, and Chapter 297 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(B. Johns - Sackville-Beaver Bank)

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Adams and C. Chender. The question being put by the Speaker, the motion carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairperson took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E7, E11, relating to the Department of Finance and Treasury Board. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E39, relating to the Department of Transportation and Active Transit. ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and the Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chair reported that the Committee had made progress and begged leave to sit again.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Lands and Forestry, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 4. Biodiversity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, G. Burrill, T. Rushton, L. Roberts, T. Houston, A. Paon, C. Chender and Hon. C. Porter.

POINT OF ORDER

T. Houston, Leader of the Official Opposition, rose on a point of order asking to see the documents the Minister was referring to during his remarks. The Speaker ruled there was no point of order and Hon. C. Porter closed the debate.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

T. Houston rose on a question of privilege regarding whether public consultation had occurred. Debate continued with Hon. G. MacLellan. The Speaker ruled there was no question of privilege.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 14th at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

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

Res. No. 442 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Harry and Annette Daeman for being recognized with the 2020 Volunteer Family Award for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

Res. No. 443 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Brenda MacDonald for being recognized as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Antigonish.

Res. No. 444 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Jakalee Myette for being recognized as the 2020 Youth Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Antigonish.

Res. No. 445 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Kelsie Atkinson and wishing her the best of luck on her growing and successful business, the Antigonish Nail Boutique and Spa.

Res. No. 446 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Kenny Stewart for being recognized as the 2021 Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Antigonish.

Res. No. 447 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Malak Alahmad for receiving the Nova Scotia Council of the Federation Literacy Award and recognize her many great achievements including moving to a new country with her family and learning a new language.

Res. No. 448 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Nicole MacGillivray on finding an avenue to continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and for her four years of being a business owner.

Res. No. 449 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Shirley DeCoste for being recognized as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish

Res. No. 450 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Tammy Beaton as the new executive director at the Antigonish Chamber of Commerce

Res. No. 451 - Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - recognizing and congratulating Bobby and Jean Vacheresse for creating and sustaining a remarkable business in Antigonish for 50 years.

Res. No. 452 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - congratulating Anni Isenor and acknowledging her generous efforts to keep up the spirits of those working and living at Northwood's Halifax campus.

Res. No. 453 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - congratulating the Atlantic Sewing Guild on their 25th anniversary and thanking them for the support they have shown to Northwood.

Res. No. 454 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - congratulating the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative on making their home in Halifax Needham

permanent and wishing all members and volunteers well on the work - and the shows - yet to come.

Res. No. 455 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - thanking Gail Giffin for her role in keeping families and seniors living in Northwood connected and for continuing to work under such difficult circumstances.

Res. No. 456 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - recognizing and congratulating Janessa Williams for her leadership and for her crucial role in ensuring that Needham Preschool and Daycare has continued to serve to families in Halifax Needham.

Res. No. 457 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - congratulating Kendall Worth on being recognized with both the James McGregor Stewart Society Award and the Lois Miller Tulip Award.

Res. No. 458 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - thanking Linda Verlinden for her many years of service, especially during a highly stressful time for those working and living in Northwood.

Res. No. 459 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - thanking Mary Wylde for many years of service and continued compassion to the people served in the specialty of hospice.

Res. No. 460 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Angela Lynch on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the In The Loop Board of Directors.

Res. No. 461 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Hugh Fraser on his commitment to his community and thanking him for serving on the In The Loop Board of Directors.

Res. No. 462 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Heidi Price-Musolino on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the In The Loop Board of Directors.

Res. No. 463 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Pat Langley on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the In The Loop Board of Directors.

Res. No. 464 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Sara MacFarlane on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the In The Loop Board of Directors.

Res. No. 465 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Irene Swindells on her long service and dedication to the residents of Melville Heights and wishing her all the best for her retirement.

Res. No. 466 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Adrienne Bowers on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 467 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Angie Gray on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 468 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Anna Whalen on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 469 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Chris Flemming on his commitment to his community and thanking him for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 470 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Chris Stover on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 471 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Doug Wasowski on his commitment to his community and thanking him for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 472 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Gordon MacEwan on his commitment to his community and thanking him for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 473 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Joanne Reynolds-Farmer on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 474 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Kim Reinhardt on her commitment to her community and thanking her for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 475 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Kyle Ereaux on his commitment to his community and thanking him for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 476 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Pete Rose on his commitment to his community and thanking him for serving on the KHARA Board of Directors.

Res. No. 477 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Allan Marryatt on his commitment to preserving the history of our

communities and thanking him for his service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 478 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating C. Ernest Pass on his commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking him for his service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 479 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Fay Deviller on her commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking her for her service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 480 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Grace Dobson on her commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking her for her service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 481 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Iris Shea on her commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking her for her service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 482 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Leslie Harnish on her commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking her for her service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 483 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Starr Bogue on her commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking her for her service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 484 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Susan Nicholson on her commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking her for her service on the MSHS Board of Directors.

Res. No. 485 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Wayne Shellnut on his commitment to preserving the history of our communities and thanking him for his service on the MSHS Board of Director.