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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2014-2015**

**THE HONOURABLE JOCELYNE ROY VIENNEAU,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Fredericton, N.B.
Friday, October 24, 2014

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the fourth session of the fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of this Province was dissolved on the twenty-first day of August, 2014;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the first session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twenty-fourth day of October, 2014 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 15th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Serge Rousselle, Q.C.
Attorney General

Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the proclamation hereinbefore annexed, and the oath having been already administered to the Members of the Legislative Assembly as named in the roll, delivered to the Clerk of the House by the Chief Electoral Officer, the said Members took their seats in the House.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then addressed himself to the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that she doth not think fit to declare the causes for which she has summoned this Legislative Assembly until a Speaker thereof shall have been duly chosen.

It is therefore Her Honour's will that you, the Members of the Legislative Assembly do proceed forthwith to choose a fit and proper person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person so chosen to Her Honour in this Assembly Chamber for Her Honour's approbation.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 11.

The Clerk informed the House of the list of Members eligible for the first ballot as follows:

COLLINS, Chris
FLEMMING, Hugh

Pursuant to Standing Rule 11(8)(e), the Clerk then invited Members to cast their ballots.

The Clerk informed the House that all Members having voted, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Rules, the Clerks-at-the Table would retire and proceed with the counting of the ballots. Before suspending the sitting, the Clerk brought to the attention of the honourable Members that when the counting of the ballots was completed, the bells to call the Members back to the House would sound for not more than five minutes.

At 2.19 p.m. the sitting was suspended during the counting of the ballots.

At 2.31 p.m. the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 11(8)(g), the Clerk announced that Chris Collins, Member for the Electoral District of Moncton Centre, had been duly elected as Speaker of the House.

The Premier, the Honourable Mr. Gallant, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Fitch, escorted Mr. Collins to the dais where, standing on the upper step, he addressed the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I will begin my remarks by repeating the traditional words spoken by a Speaker following election to the office.

It is my pleasure today to express my grateful and humble acknowledgment to the House for the great honour you have been pleased to confer on me by choosing me as your Speaker.

Conscious as I am of my comparative inexperience in parliamentary procedure, I should have hesitated before accepting a position involving so much responsibility, were it not for the fact that I shall be able at all times to rely with confidence upon the courtesy, forbearance, and kindness of every Member of the Assembly.

Again, thanking you, I now submit myself to the House.

On a personal note, I want to thank my wife Lisette Richard for being with me here today as I embark on this new chapter of serving the people of New Brunswick. Since I first entered public life, running as a candidate in the 2003 provincial election, being elected a member of Moncton City Council in 2004 and being elected the MLA for Moncton East in 2007, she has remained my compass, offering her unwavering support and encouragement.

I thank the constituents in the riding of Moncton Centre for giving me the honour on September 22 of representing them in this Chamber. I also extend my gratitude to the constituents in the former riding of Moncton East for placing their trust in me.

I know that all honourable Members of our Legislature will join me in thanking my predecessor, Dale Graham, for presiding over the deliberations in this Chamber during the previous Legislature.

I thank the Clerk, Clerks Assistant, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and all staff members, who keep the work of the Legislative Assembly flowing smoothly. I will certainly be relying on them for support and guidance.

I thank all honourable Members for entrusting me with the role of maintaining decorum and order in the House, as we debate the issues and concerns that are priorities for New Brunswickers.

Today, as I assume my new role in this House, I invite all honourable Members to reflect on the expectations of the citizens of this great province, who have bestowed upon each of us the honor of representing them in this Chamber.

More than once, as I went door to door campaigning during the recent provincial election, I heard that it is time to restore the honour and integrity that comes with the privilege of being an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

Citizens want and expect a higher level of debate. They expect and deserve decorum and conduct, which is fitting to our roles as their elected representatives. Honourable Members, that starts with how we conduct ourselves in this very Chamber where we are gathered today.

As your Speaker, I will require your respect for the rules of this House, not because they have been imposed upon us, but because we, as Members, have agreed to conduct our proceedings accordingly.

As your Speaker, I ask all honourable Members for the proper decorum, dignity, and respect in this Chamber that New Brunswickers are asking for.

The office of the Speaker demands fairness, firmness, and consistency. I will do my utmost to be fair and impartial in all my rulings while respecting the essential role of each honourable Member.

Thank you.

Thereupon Mr. Collins took the chair, and the mace was placed upon the Clerk's Table.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then entered the House and took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed Her Honour to the following effect:

May it Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having communicated your pleasure to the House, they proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important and honourable position, and I am now presented for Your Honour's approval.

The Clerk of the House then said:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that she is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the Legislative Assembly, and she doth readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May It Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having been pleased to approve the choice of the Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges, especially freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in debate, access to Your Honour when they think the public service requires it, and that the most favourable construction be put on all their proceedings and on my own behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly.

To which the Clerk of the House replied:

Mr. Speaker, Her Honour hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this Assembly of Her Majesty's person and government and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings, and she doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

With respect to yourself, Mr. Speaker, though Her Honour is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, Her Honour will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following message:

Mr. Speaker, honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, these are historic days for New Brunswick as you and I both assume new roles serving the people of this province.

On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I am pleased to offer my thanks for the work you are undertaking as eminent members of this Legislative Assembly and express my hope for your success in this endeavour. Though I want to inform you that my government is not prepared to commence a legislative session at this time, it will soon do so.

At that time, I ask you to remember that, while you are opponents, you are not enemies. May your work here be civil, friendly, and in the best interests of New Brunswickers.

It is my hope that Divine Providence will guide you in all your deliberations.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly communicated to the House the following message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that it is her pleasure that this Legislative Assembly attend before Her Honour in this Assembly Chamber at 3 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at which time Her Honour will formally open the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

Her Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 2.52 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Reports

2013-2014 FacilicorpNB	July 30, 2014
2013-2014 Vitalité Health Network	August 18, 2014
2012-2013 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	August 26, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Health Council	August 28, 2014
2013 Recycle NB	September 22, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	September 29, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation	September 30, 2014
2013-2014 Financial and Consumer Services Commission	October 2, 2014
2012-2013 New Brunswick Power Corporation	October 14, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Power Corporation	October 14, 2014
2013-2014 Labour and Employment Board	October 14, 2014
2013-2014 Ambulance New Brunswick	October 21, 2014
2013-2014 Vehicle Management Agency	October 23, 2014

Other

- Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, proposed fee change
for the revised Crown timber royalty rates
under the *Crown Lands and Forests Act*
(Regulation 86-160) July 30, 2014
- Report of the Ombudsman into the Department of
Environment's Management of the Provincial
Water Classification Program August 15, 2014
- Pursuant to the *Taxpayer Protection Act*, statement
by Mr. David Alward, Leader of the Progressive
Conservative Party of New Brunswick, regarding
proposed enabling legislation for the establishment
of a regional marketing levy entitled the
Tourism Marketing Fund (TMF) September 8, 2014
- Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, proposed fee change
with respect to impound fees for a seized
dog and the fee for multi-year dog licences
contained in the Provincial Dog Regulation
under the *Municipalities Act* September 26, 2014