

Wednesday, June 4th, 2014

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize the volunteers responsible for the Leary's Brook Junior High Breakfast Club.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate residents of Burgeo – La Poile who took part in Shave for the Brave.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Graham Letto who recently received the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Roll of Honour Award.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize Rexford Lodge for his contribution to the community of Trinity Bay North.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Rachel Mills who has received the Frank and Flossie Antle Memorial Scholarship.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Suzanne (Shannie) Duff who has been awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. French) made a Statement to inform the House that the Provincial Government has permanently appointed four new Assistant Superintendents at provincial correctional facilities.

The Member for St. Barbe and Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (Mr. Bennett) tabled the 2nd Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the 47th General Assembly.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman), pursuant to Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for April, 2014.

The Honourable the Attorney General (Mr. Felix Collins) gave an oral answer to a question asked by the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) about a class action suit filed by Inuit plaintiffs against the federal government for which notice had been given.

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The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that a Nurse Practitioner clinical practice be established at the Strait of Bell Isle Health Centre to be fully integrated with the clinical practices of physicians.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to have the Beach breakwater repaired.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to request that Eastern Health and the Provincial Government direct the staff at Placement Services to continue to honour the existing agreement and past practice of having the tenants of the St. Luke's Cottages move over to St. Luke's Homes when they can no longer manage to live in their cottages.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge):

“WHEREAS our Province is unique in Canada in having its principal population base connected to its neighbours, not by land links, but by marine services;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is constitutionally obligated under the Terms of Union to maintain the Gulf ferry service;

AND WHEREAS following our Province's entry into Confederation in 1949, the Federal Government enacted the *Trans-Canada Highway Act* to spearhead the completion of the TCH to give all members of the federation the benefit of a truly national highway to facilitate the flow of people and goods freely and fairly throughout the federation;

AND WHEREAS it is unacceptable to view the Gulf ferry service as anything less than an essential and integral component of the Trans-Canada Highway and the National Highway System;

AND WHEREAS the cost-recovery and scheduling policies of the federal Crown corporation Marine Atlantic have served to impede the flow of people and to undermine the free trade of goods to and from our Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government should be sensitive to the impacts of higher Marine Atlantic prices and fewer crossings on our province's tourism industry and

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on the costs of living and doing business in our province relative to the costs in other provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls on the Federal Government to direct and enable Marine Atlantic to reduce user prices and restore transit frequency on the Gulf ferry service.”

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Speaker then adjourned the House without question put pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.