

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Misel Jeddore who was awarded the 2011 Cultural Scholarship from St. Anne's School in Conne River.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate the Goulds Atom All Star Team which won the gold medal at the Provincial Atom C Tournament.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize five pupils of Tricentia Academy in Arnold's Cove for developing the "Who wants to save a life?" safety program.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize and show appreciation to the Calypso Foundation for their work on behalf of adults with developmental delays.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Chief Superintendent Richard Noble of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on his recent appointment to the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement about initiatives through which Government supports the broadening of opportunities for women in non-traditional occupations.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide funding to complete the necessary repairs to the roads at Cape Ray.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct additional parking spaces at Paradise Elementary School.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard):

**"WHEREAS** the provincial government in October 2005 published "A Provincial Policy Framework for Mental Health & Addictions Services in Newfoundland and Labrador" entitled "Working Together for Mental Health" – an approach reflecting the input of mental health professionals and public consultations involving mental health consumers and advocacy and support organizations;

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**AND WHEREAS** in the 2004 Budget, the province committed \$1 million to take immediate action on identified long-standing gaps within our mental health system, create more access to mental health services and treatment, and work to reduce the stigma that individuals suffering with mental illness face;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2005 Budget, the province committed

- \$1 million to implement the findings of the OxyContin Task Force;
- \$740,000 to upgrade facilities;
- \$1 million for enhanced mental health home and community supports and,
- \$740,000 for enhanced services for gambling addictions;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2006 Budget, the province committed

- \$1 million to enhance primary mental health services in the province;
- \$1 million to add nine new addictions counsellors in the province for primary prevention and treatment, and to respond to needs identified in the Gambling Prevalence Study;
- \$1.1 million to construct a new provincial addictions treatment centre in Corner Brook as part of a \$3 million project to provide enhanced treatment for persons with addictions, including non-medical detox services enabling a seamless transfer from detox to treatment;
- and it also that year brought forward a new *Mental Health Care and Treatment Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2007 Budget, the province committed

- \$800,000 to implement the framework for the new Act;
- \$800,000 to continue with implementation of the Policy Framework;
- \$575,000 to address problem gambling, particularly through the enhancement of prevention and treatment services, creation of a public awareness campaign and funding for research and,
- \$228,800 to establish a new Provincial Eating Disorders Program;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2008 Budget, the province committed \$1.7 million for further enhancements to services and programs for persons with mental health and addictions;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2009 Budget, the province committed

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- \$775,800 for the prevention and treatment of substance use by addressing service gaps, increasing service accessibility and involving communities in preventing addictions problems in youth;
- and also invested \$500,000 for the planning of a residential treatment centre for youth with addictions and \$500,000 for the planning of a residential treatment centre for youth with complex mental health needs;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2010 Budget, the province committed

- \$2 million for the planning and development of an adult residential addictions treatment centre in Harbour Grace;
- \$482,900 to enhance child psychiatry services at the Janeway Hospital;
- additional funding for a new psychologist to enhance the eating disorders treatment program at Eastern Health;
- \$2.4 million for continued planning and construction of a new residential treatment centre for children and youth with complex mental health needs and behavioural issues in St. John's;
- \$2 million to further the new residential treatment centre in Grand Falls-Windsor for children and youth with addictions;
- \$300,000 to support new community-based projects primarily focused on mental health and addictions issues;
- \$3.2 million to increase the rural capacity to address mental health and addictions issues;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 2011 Budget, the province committed

- \$4.5 million to begin the replacement of the Waterford Hospital with a new, specialized mental health facility;
- \$1 million to develop an interactive e-mental health service, to enhance tele-mental health services for people in rural and remote regions, and to launch a provincial public awareness campaign to decrease the stigma and discrimination while increasing understanding of how and when to seek help;
- \$402,900 for enhanced programming and the addition of two rural case managers for adults in Placentia and Bonne Bay and two rural case managers for youth in Corner Brook and Grand Falls-Windsor;
- \$195,300 for two intake workers to oversee and manage mental health and addictions referrals in Labrador West and Happy Valley-Goose Bay;
- \$180,000 to enable the Canadian Mental Health Association – Newfoundland and Labrador Division to establish and staff regional offices in Stephenville and Grand Falls-Windsor;

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- \$140,000 to enable Consumer Health Awareness Network of Newfoundland and Labrador (CHANNAL) to hire four peer support positions for the community mental health system in the central and western regions;
- \$76,000 to enable Choices for Youth to operate its “Moving Forward” program;
- \$2.2 million to place five, full-time mental health and addictions counsellors in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, and Natuashish and provide the necessary accommodations and supports;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports the significant actions this Government has taken and is continuing to take to advance mental health and addictions services throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.”

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.