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Dear Minister:

Pursuant to Section 43 of the *Coroners Act*, I have the honour to submit the Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the Chief Coroner for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Yours very truly,

JÉRÔME OUELLETTE Chief Coroner Province of New Brunswick

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Our Mission

Coroner Services is an independent and publicly accountable investigation of death agency. Coroner Services is mandated by statute to review all suspicious or questionable deaths in New Brunswick, conduct inquests as may be required in the public interest and does not have a vested interest of any kind in the outcome of death investigations.

Historical Background

Origin of the Office of the Coroner

The office of the coroner is one of the oldest institutions known to English law.

One of the early functions of the office was to enquire into sudden and unexpected deaths. It was the duty of the coroner to establish the facts relating to the death. The coroner used a jury to enable him to ascertain this and to determine whether foul play was involved in the death; if so, the town or village was liable for an additional fine if no felon could be found responsible for this death. This particular function of the office of coroner (to determine the facts surrounding a death), as modified throughout the years, survives as the basis for all coroner systems, which are presently existing in common law jurisdictions.

In the ensuing seven hundred years, no improvement has been made upon the basic questions and they remain: "who was the deceased? How, when, where and by what means did he die?"

An inquest is not a forum to resolve civil disputes nor to conduct prosecutions. An inquest is not a trial and a coroner is not a judge. The proceedings are inquisitional as opposed to accusatory or adversarial.

Coroners in New Brunswick have been instructed to protect the civil rights of all persons who may have had some connection with the death of the deceased and to ensure that the coroner's jury has not expressed any conclusion of civil or criminal responsibility or named any person or persons responsible for any act or omission which may have contributed to the death.

The New Brunswick Coroner System

Organizational Structure

In New Brunswick, Coroner Services falls under the Department of Justice & Public Safety for administrative purposes. Supervision of the service is the responsibility of the Chief Coroner who is assisted by a full time Deputy Chief Coroner.

The five full time staff who serve as Regional Coroners in Fredericton/Woodstock, Moncton/Miramichi, Saint John, Bathurst/Campbellton and Edmundston, report to the Chief Coroner.

In addition to the five Regional Coroners, experienced investigative staff from other branches with the Department of Public Safety serve as Investigating Coroners. This group provides services primarily on nights and weekends.

Fee-For-Service Coroners continue to provide additional investigative capacity and geographic coverage.

The Regional Coroners provide guidance to the Investigating Coroners and Fee-For-Service Coroners and participate in the development and delivery of training.

Notification Requirement

In New Brunswick the only death exempt from notification to a coroner is one where the person dies of disease or sickness while under treatment of a duly qualified medical practitioner (as long as the death: (i) did not occur during or as a result of pregnancy; (ii) was not sudden and unexpected; and (iii) was not under circumstances which may require an investigation). Coroner Services is responsible for the investigation of all reported deaths in order to determine for each case the identity of the deceased and the facts as to how, when, where and by what means the deceased came to his/her death. The system, therefore, is a vital part of public safety in initially determining whether such reported deaths are due to natural causes, accident, suicide or homicide.

Investigative Capacity of Coroner Services

For investigational purposes Coroner Services has available on request the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or municipal police acting within their respective jurisdictions. Also available to Coroner Services are the services of pathologists located at Regional Laboratories situated at Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Campbellton, Bathurst and Edmundston and also the services of the Provincial Forensic Toxicologist located at Saint John and Moncton.

The identification of a death as a "Type II" case, which needs the special consideration of a forensic pathologist, results in the utilization of the forensic service and requires that the body be transported to Saint John or Moncton for the autopsy.

Where circumstances warrant, specialized expertise may be provided from outside the Province on complex cases for evidentiary or identification purposes.

Purpose of Coroner's Investigation

The purpose of the coroner's investigation for many years was directed towards the investigation of the actual medical cause of death. Now the medical cause of death is only one of many factors to be considered. The non-medical factors causing death are equally important, and in many cases, call for remedial measures to correct conditions hazardous to public safety.

The Inquest Decision

One of the most difficult decisions a coroner has to make is whether or not to hold an inquest.

The Chief Coroner may order an inquest into a death. In some circumstances, a coroner may hold an inquest when required to do so in writing by a Judge of The Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick, a member of the Executive Council or the Chief Coroner

In September 2008, the *Coroners Act* was amended to require a coroner to hold an inquest when a worker dies as a result of an accident occurring in the course of his or her employment at or in a woodland operation, sawmill, lumber processing plant, food processing plant, fish processing plant, construction project site, mining plant or mine including a pit or quarry.

The holding of an inquest has the effect of drawing public attention to the many contributing causes of sudden and unexpected deaths. It is expected that the Coroners Jury will make recommendations directed toward the avoidance of death in similar circumstances.

The Chief Coroner is responsible for bringing the findings and recommendations arising out of inquests to the attention of appropriate persons, agencies and government departments.

Summary

Coroner Services investigates about 22.7 percent of the total of approximately 7,700 deaths per year in the Province. A high percentage of the investigated deaths are determined to be from natural causes. The coroner, in approximately 30.2 percent of the cases, orders autopsies and inquests are ordered in slightly less than one percent of all investigated deaths.

For the period covered by this Report, the Registrar of Vital Statistics recorded 7,793 deaths in the Province of which 1,747 or 22.4% were reported to a coroner. By comparison in the previous year there were 7,679 deaths in the Province of which 1,649 or 21.5% were reported to a coroner.

Appreciation is expressed to all law enforcement agencies and to all other related agencies who have, through the year, co-operated and assisted in the investigations which have been processed through Coroner Services. Also, gratitude is expressed to all coroners who have shown, once again, a high level of dedication and professionalism, frequently under adverse conditions.

The Chief Coroner invites comments or suggestions for modifying or improving any part of the report or regarding any aspect of the overall delivery of coroner services in the Province.

Comments should be directed to:

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Statistical Summary of Investigated Deaths

The information provided in this Annual Report is presented for the calendar year 2019.

Annual Reports of the Chief Coroner were presented by calendar year from 1972 to 1992. In 1992/93, the Chief Coroner changed the reporting period to fiscal year to coincide with the implementation of a new computer system. In 2005, the Chief Coroner made the decision to revert to calendar year to coincide with statistical reporting by other Coroner and Medical Examiners across Canada. This will facilitate data sharing and comparison with other provincial and federal government agencies.

Since January 1, 1987 deaths reported to and investigated by Coroner Services have been classified in five distinct categories: natural, accident, suicide, homicide and undetermined.

The **natural** category covers all deaths by disease or illness of natural origins.

The **accident** category includes deaths due to unintentional or unexpected injury. It includes deaths resulting from complications reasonably attributed to the accident.

The **suicide** category covers all cases where the deceased intentionally caused their own death.

The **homicide** category covers all cases where a person intentionally causes another's death.

The **undetermined** category covers any death where it is impossible to determine whether the death was accidental, suicide, homicide or natural. Coroners are instructed to make all possible efforts to classify deaths in one of the other categories before considering this category. An example of a difficult case, which might fall in this category, is that of drug overdose where it is impossible to determine whether death was accidental, suicide or homicide.

The tables included in this report identify the **Environment**, that is the principal **location** of where the death occurred and the **Death Factor**, that is an action, force, instrument or disease which led directly toward death.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY - SCHEDULE A-1

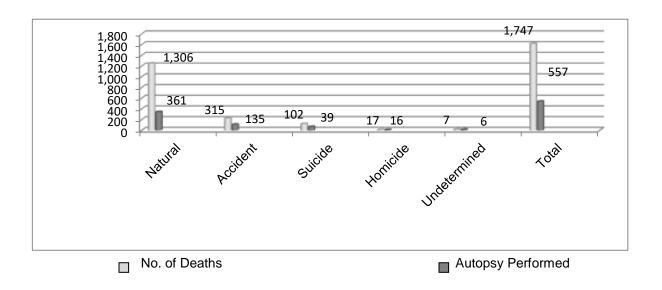
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Classification	No. of Deaths	% of Deaths	Rate per 100,000 Population	Autopsy Performed	% of classification
Natural	1,306	74.8	168.2	361	27.6
Accident	315	18.0	40.4	135	43.0
Suicide	102	5.8	13.1	39	38.2
Homicide	17	1.0	2.2	16	94.1
Undetermined	7	0.4	0.9	6	85.7
Total	1,747	100.0		557	

Based on a population of 776,827

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY - SCHEDULE A-1

from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31



NOTE: Based upon Statistics Canada postcensal population estimates for N. B. census divisions (released June 6, 2020). Sub-county estimates are based on the 2019 Census population share of the county.

Provincial Summary - Deaths Investigated by Classification, by Month - Schedule A-2 from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Total	1,306	315	102	17	7	1,747
Dec	128	23	80	ო	0	162
Nov	105	18	2	~	0	129
Oct	120	33	12	က	2	170
Sept	98	24	14	0	0	126
Aug	63	34	۷	က	0	137
July	68	38	9	-	2	136
June	66	28	4	_	~	133
Мау	124	21	15	0	0	160
April	96	26	7	0	~	130
Mar	102	18	∞	-	0	129
Feb	120	24	-	8	0	157
Jan	144	28	5	0	~	178
Classification	Natural	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	Total

DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE A-3 from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31537

			jbnC	Judicial Districts					
	Bathurst	Campbellton	Edmundston	Fredericton	Miramichi	Moncton	Saint John	Woodstock	Province
Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	95 26 6 0	70 15 12 0	89 29 3 0	152 67 22 4 3	63 28 7 1	283 96 20 6 6	513 52 28 6	4 2 4 0	1,306 315 102 17
Total	127	26	121	248	66	407	009	48	1,747
% of Provincial Total	7.7	5.5	6.9	14.1	5.7	23.2	34.2	2.7	100
Population	78,858	30,909	41,466	146,236	45,540	222,694	174,172	36,952	776,827
Death Rate per 100,000 population Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	120.5 32.9 7.6 0.0	226.5 48.5 38.8 0.0 0.0	214.6 69.9 7.2 0.0	103.9 45.8 15.0 2.7 2.1	138.3 61.5 15.4 2.2 0.0	127.1 43.1 9.0 2.7 0.9	295.1 29.3 16.1 3.4 0.6	111.0 5.4 10.8 0.0 2.7	168.2 40.4 13.1 2.2 0.9
Total deaths by trauma (accident, suicide, homicide)	32	27	32	93	36	122	85	9	433
Rate per 100,000 population	40.6	87.4	77.2	63.6	79.1	54.8	48.8	16.2	55.7

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE B-1
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

% of Classification	6.7	4.4 6.8	20.7	9.6	23.7	24.4	1.5		100.0				
Autopsies	o (9 21	28	13	32	33	2		135				
% of Classification	8.3	8. 4.8 9.2	21.3	8.9	30.6	16.3	9.0		100.0				
Total	56	15 29	29	28	96	52	7		315				
Total Females	Φ .	8 7	25	6	35	19	0			119	37.9		
Total Males	18	7 14	42	19	61	33	2	196	62.2				
Over 70 M F		8 4	17 14	9 2	17 22	2 9	0 0	63	19.7	29	21.3	129	41.1
61 - 70 M F	£ .	4 ε L L	6 2	2 1	4	12 4	0 0	37	11.8	14	4.5	51	16.2
51 - 60 M F	2 -	3 0	2 6	3 0	5 4	წ წ	0	19	6.1	47	5.4	36	11.5
41 - 50 M F		0 - 2 0 2	8	2 0	0	0	0 0	19	6.1	9	1.9	25	8.0
31 - 40 M F		0 2	2 0	0	₈	5 2	0	21	6.7	7	2.2	28	8.9
20 - 30 M F		0 0	0 9	0 0	12 1	5 2	0 0	26	8.3	3	1.0	29	9.2
0 - 19 R		0 0	0 1	2 3	7	-	0 0	11	3.5	5	1.6	91	5.1
Judicial Districts	Bathurst	Campbellton Edmundston	Fredericton	Miramichi	Moncton	Saint John	Woodstock	Males	% Total - Males	Females	% Total -Females	Total for Age Group	% of Classification Total

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE B-2 from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Death Factor	0 - 19	20 - 30	e 8	31 - 40	41 - 50	╂─	51 - 60	61 - 70	╂─	Over 70	0	Total	Total	Total	% of	Autopsies	% of
Description	M	Σ	Ь	M	Σ	<u>-</u>	A	Σ	D	Σ	Ь	Males	remanes		Classification		Ciassilication
Drowning - Open Water	0 0	1	0	1 0	0 0	0	0 0	1 1) 0	0	3	1	4	1.3	4	3.0
Drowning – Public Pool	0 1	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0		0	0	0	1	1	0.3	0	0.0
Trauma of Vehicle Collision	3 1	16	0	7 1	2 1		1 2	10 3		4	8	43	11	54	17.2	21	15.7
Trauma of Vehicle Upset/Rollover	3 2	2	-	2 0	1 0	0	1 1	2 0	-	1	-	12	5	17	5.4	11	8.2
Trauma of Vehicle/Pedestrian Collision	0 0	-	0	0 0	1	0	0 0	0 0		0		2	-	3	1.0	ю	2.2
Trauma of Recreational Vehicle Collision	0 0	2	0	0 0	2 0	0	4 0	2 0		0	0	10	0	10	3.2	S	3.7
Trauma of Recreational Vehicle Upset/Rollover	0 0	7	0	1 0	0	0	1	0 0		0	0	3	1	4	1.3	2	1.5
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	1 0	1 0		0	0	2	0	2	9.0	2	1.5
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning - Vehicle Exhaust	0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	1 0	0 0		0	0	1	0	1	0.3	0	0.0

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE B-2 from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Death Factor	0 - 19	20	20 - 30	31 - 40	-	41 - 50	51	51 - 60	61	61 - 70	Over 70	02	Total	Total	Total	., of	Autopsies	% of
Description	E E	Σ	LL	Σ	Σ	H N	Σ	ш	Σ	ш	Σ	ш	Males	Leilaies		Classification		Classification
Exposure to Heat	1 0	0	0	0 0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.3	-	0.7
Exposure to cold	1 0	0	0	2 0		-	0	0	-	0	2	0	7	-	80	2.5	5	3.7
Crushed and/or Buried	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.3	0	0.0
Caught in Machinery	0 0	0	0	0 0		0 0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	~	0.3	~	0.7
Electrocution	0 0	0	0	0 0		0 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.3	0	0:0
Fire - Vehicle	0 0	0	0	0 0		0 0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.3	-	2'0
Fire - Self	0 0	0	0	0 0		1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.3	1	2.0
Fire – Structural	0 1	0	0	0 0		0 0	-	2	2	-	3	0	9	4	10	3.2	6	2'9
Fall or jump – same level	0 0	0	0	1 0		1 0	0	1	3	3	45	58	50	62	112	35.7	9	4.4
Fall or jump – different level height; eg. bridge, building	0 0	0	0	0		0 0	-	0	7	0	0	0	4	0	4	1.3	т	2.2
Blunt Trauma, Accidental	0 0	0	0	0 0		1 0	2	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	2	1.6	8	2.2

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE B-2
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

s % of	Ciassilication	0.7	0.0	1.5	0.7	3.7	2.0	4.4	20.1	0.6
Autopsies		-	0	7	-	Ŋ	-	9	27	12
% of	Casso	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.3	1.9	0.3	2.2	8.8	5.1
Total		-	-	9	4	9	-	7	28	16
Total		0	0	2	4	~	0	1	17	2
Total	200	-	-	4	0	2	-	9	11	6
Over 70	¥ ¥	0 0	0	2 1	0 2	2 0	0 0	0	0 1	0 0
61 - 70	Δ E	0 1	0 0	-	1 0	0 1	0 0	3 1	2	0 1
51 - 60	E E	0 0	0 0	0	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 1	2 7	0 1
41 - 50	E E	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	3 2	4 2
31 - 40	L Z	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4	4 2
20 - 30	LL ∑	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 1	1 1
0 - 19	L Z	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Death Factor	Description	Blunt Trauma	Strangulation	Object Caught in Throat	Aspiration	Asphyxia	Positional Asphyxia	Alcohol Intoxication	Drug	Drug (street)

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE B-2
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

% of Classification	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0		100.0	
Autopsies	1	0	0	1		135	
% of Classification	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		100.0	
Total	1	-	1	1		315	
Total Females	0	0	0	0		119	
Total Males	1	1	1	1	196		
Over 70 M F	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	63	29	129
61 - 70 M F	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	37	41	51
51 - 60 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	19	11	36
41 - 50 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	19	9	25
31-40 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	21	2	28
20 - 30 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	26	8	29
0 - 19 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	11	5	16
Death Factor Description	Shooting - Rifle	Shooting - Shotgun	Therapeutic Misadventure	Undetermined	Males	Females	Total for Age Group

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE B-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Environment	0 - 19	20 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70	ŏ	Over 70	Total	Total	Total	% of	Autopsies	% of
Description	E E	LL S	LL E	Σ E	ь Б	⊾ ∑	Σ	ш	Males	remales		Classification		Classification
Work Place	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0	0	0	2	0	2	9.0	-	0.7
Open water (river, lake, stream, brook)	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.3	-	2.0
Ocean	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0	0	1	0	-	0.3	-	2.0
Beach/Shoreline	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	-	0	-	-	2	9.0	-	0.7
Other Outdoor Recreation	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0	1	0	1	0.3	1	2.0
Camping / Tenting	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	0 0	0	0	2	0	2	9:0	2	1.5
Hospital Other (ward, ICU, etc.)	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	9	4	7	4	11	3.5	0	0.0
Hospital Emergency – NON DOA	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0	1	0	-	0.3	0	0.0
Rehabilitation Facility	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0	0	1	0	-	0.3	-	0.7
School – Employee (teacher, janitor)	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0	0	1	0	1	0.3	1	0.7

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE B-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Environment	0	0 - 19	20 - 30	30	31 - 40	40	41 - 50	- 12	09-	61 - 70	Over 70	02.	Total	Total	Total	% of	Autopsies	% of
Description	Σ	ш	Σ	ш	Σ	ш	lL ∑	Σ	ш	LL Σ	Σ	ш	Males	Females		Classification		Classification
Railway – not on board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.3	0	0.0
Public Road - Driver	4	0	10	0	2	-	2 0	0	8	~	4	0	35	4	39	12.5	20	14.9
Public Road – motorcycle driver	-	0	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0 4	0	0	12	0	12	ი.	ю	2.3
Public Road – passenger	-	8	က	-	-	0	0 0	7	-	0 2	-	4	80	11	19	6.1	თ	6.7
Public Road - pedestrian	0	0	-	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	-	-	-	2	0.6	7	ر . د
Non Public Road - Driver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	1 0	0	0	1	0	_	0.3	7	7.0
ATV driver – on public road	0	0	1	0	0	0	1 0	3	0	0 0	0	0	4	~	5	1.6	ю	2.3
ATV driver – off public road	0	0	1	0	1	0	0 0	0		0 0	1	0	3	~	4	1.3	2	1.5
ATV passenger – off public road	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 0	0	0	0 0	0	0	-	0	_	0.3	0	0

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE B-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

f ation	0.0	5: -	51.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
% of Classification	J	\ <u>-</u>	51)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	J	
Autopsies	0	2	69	1	1	1	0	0
% of Classification	0.3	1.3	43.4	2.2	3.9	9.2	0.3	0.3
Total	-	4	136	7	12	58	1	ļ
Total Females	0	0	59	4	8	22	1	1
Total Males	-	4	11	3	4	2	0	0
Over 70 M F	0	0	35 25	3 4	3 7	7 21	1	0 0
61 - 70 M F	0 0	0	16 8	0 0	1 1	0 1	0 0	0 0
51 - 60 M F	0	0	3 13	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
41 - 50 M F	0 0	0	10 5	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
31-40 M F	0 0	0 0	7 5	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
) - 30 F	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
0 - 19 2C	0	0	3 - 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0 1 0
Environment Oescription	Snowmobiling (on public road) - driver	Snowmobiling (anywhere off public road) – driver	Living inside, residence or on property	Seniors Complex 0	Homes for Special 0	Nursing Home 0	Community Residence	Hotel / Motel 0

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE B-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

es % of Classification	3.0	2.0	2.0	0.7	1.5	2.3	100.0		
Autopsies	4	-	_	-	2	ဗ	135		
% of Classification	1.3	0.3	6.0	0.3	9:1	1.0	100.0		
Total	4	-	-	-	9	3	314		
Total Females	-	0	0	0	0	0		119	
Total Males	ю	-	-	-	9	е	195		
Over 70 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	62	29	129
61 - 70 M F	0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0	1 0	37	14	51
51 - 60 M F	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	19	17	36
41 - 50 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	19	9	25
31-40 M F	-	0 0	0 1	0 0	0	0 0	21	7	28
20 - 30 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	26	3	29
0 - 19 R	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	1 0	1-	5	91
Environment Description	Rooming/Boarding House/Halfway House/Group Home	Farm or Ranch	Federal Institution	Aircraft - on board	Urban Outdoors – public place & other (not residence)	Rural Outdoors (not built up place or near residence)	Males	Females	Total for Age Group

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
SUICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE C-1
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

	¥ .			<u> </u>	1	<u>-</u>	-	er 7	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
Judicial Districts	Σ Σ	Σ Σ		A F	Σ Σ	Σ Σ	M F	ш Z						
Bathurst	1 0	1 0	0	0 0	0 1	0 1	0 1	1 0	3	3	9	5.9	2	5.1
Campbellton	0 0	-	0	3 1	1 0	3	2 0	0 1	10	2	12	11.8	က	7.7
Edmundston	0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 2	0 0	_	2	ო	2.9	-	2.6
Fredericton	2	9	_	3 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	3 0	20	2	22	21.6	4	10.3
Miramichi	0 0	4	0	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	7	0	7	6.9	~	2.6
Moncton	0 0	2		2 2	0 2	0	1	0 1	12	∞	20	19.6	7	17.9
Saint John	0	4	7	3 2	1 2	3	5 0	0 4	20	œ	28	27.5	20	51.3
Woodstock	0 0	1		1 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	3	1	4	3.9	1	2.6
Males	3		19	12	12	10	11	6	76					
% Total - Males	2.9	18.6	9.	11.8	11.8	9.8	10.8	8.8	74.5				l	
Females	2		5	5	3	5	4	2		26	102	100.0	36	100.0
% Total - Females	2.0		4.9	4.9	2.9	4.9	3.9	2.0		25.5				
Total for Age Group	5		24	17	15	15	15	11						
% of Classification Total	4.9	23.5	75	16.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	10.8						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
SUICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE C-2
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

% of	Classification	23.0	2.6	7.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	5.1	5.1	2.6
Autopsies		6	-	ю	-	-	F	2	2	-
% of	Classification	38.3	2.0	3.9	1.0	2.9	1.0	4.9	3.9	1.0
Total		39	2	4	-	8	-	5	4	1
Total	Females	6	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	1
Total	Males	30	2	2	0	-	-	4	4	0
Over 70	ш	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
ð	Σ	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 - 70	ш	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	Σ	7	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
51 - 60	ш	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0
51	Σ	7	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
41 - 50	ш	-	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Σ	က	0	0	0	0	-	-	2	0
40	ш	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
31 - 40	Σ	9	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
30	ш	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
20 - 30	Σ	12	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
61	ш	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0 - 19	Σ	ဗ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Death Factor	Description	Hanging	Cuts, Stabs	Drowning - Open Water	Drowning - Bathtub	Asphyxia	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning - Vehicle Exhaust	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	Fall or jump – different level, eg. bridge, bldg.	Fall or Jump - same level

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
SUICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE C-2
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Death Factor Description	0 - 19 M F	20 - 30 M F	31 - 40 M F	41 - 50 M F	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
Shooting - Rifle	0 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	3 0	13	0	13	12.7	ю	7.7
Shooting - Shotgun	0 0	3 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	1 0	1 0	6	0	6	89.	3	7.7
Shooting - Handgun	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	4	0	4	9.6	е	7.7
Drug (street)	0 0	1 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	-	-	2	2.0	0	0.0
	0 0	0 1	2 1	1 1	2 3	0 2	0 1	5	6	14	13.7	6	23.0
	3	19	12	12	10	11	6	92		102	100.0	39	100.0
	2	Ð	S	ю	Ŋ	4	2		56				
Total for Age Group	5	24	17	15	15	15	11						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
SUICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE C-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
SUICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE C-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

% of Classification	10.2	7.7	100.0		
Autopsies	4	ဇ	39		
% of Classification	8. 6	5.9	100.0		
Total	10	9	102		
Total Females	7	2		26	
Total Males	∞	4	92		
Over 70 M F	0	0 0	თ	2	11
61 - 70 M F	1 0	1 0	11	4	15
51 - 60 M F	-	0 0	10	ß	15
41 - 50 M F	-	2 1	12	ε	15
31 - 40 M F	0	1 0	12	5	17
20 - 30 M F	0	0 1	19	5	24
0 - 19 M F	0 0	0 0	ε	2	9
Environment Description	Urban Outdoors - public place and other (not residence)	Rural Outdoors (not built up place or near residence)	Males	Females	Total for Age Group

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
HOMICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE D-1
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Indicial Districts	0 - 19	20 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70	Over 70	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
	ш Б	L . ≥	ш Б	ш Б	L ∑	ц Б	ц Б						
Fredericton	1 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	4	0	4	23.5	4	25.0
Miramichi	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	~	0	_	5.9	~	6.3
Moncton	1 0	<u></u>	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	-	4	2	9	35.3	9	37.5
Saint John	<u></u>	0	0	0	0	0	0 1	ო	ю	9	35.3	S	31.3
Males	က	ю	0	3	~	0	2	12					
% Total - Males	17.6	17.6	0.0	17.6	5.9	0.0	11.8	70.5		17	100.0	16	100.0
Females	1	۲	0	0	0	1	2		5				
% Total - Females	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	11.8		29.5				
Total for Age Group	4	4	0	3	1	1	4						
% of Classification Total	23.5	23.5	0.0	17.6	6:9	5.9	23.5						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
HOMICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE D-2
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Death Factor	0 - 19	20 - 30		31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70		Over 70	Total	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
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Blunt Trauma - Altercation	0	0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	7-	0	-	5.9	~	6.3
Blunt Trauma, Beating	0 0	0 0	0 (0	0 0	0	0	0	0 0	-	0	-	5.9	~	6.3
Cuts, Stabs	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	0 0	0	0	0 0	က	0	က	17.6	က	18.7
Shooting - Rifle	0	0	0	0 (0 0	0 0	0	-	0 0	-	2	ю	17.6	ю	18.7
Shooting - Shotgun	1 0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	ю	0	ю	17.6	2	12.4
Shooting - Handgun	0 0	1 0	0 (0	0 0	0 0) 0	0	1 2	5	2	4	23.6	4	25.0
Shooting - Unspecified	1 0	0 0	0	0 (0 0	0 0) 0	0	0 0	-	0	1	5.9	~	6.3
Umdetermined	0 1	0 0	0 (0 (0 0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	1	-	5.9	1	6.3
Males	ဇ	8		0	ဇ	1		0	2	12		17	100.0	16	100.00
Females	1		_	0	0	0			2		ટ				
Total for Age Group	4	4		0	က	-		-	4						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
HOMICIDE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE D-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Environment	0 - 19	20 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70	Over 70	Total	Total	Total	% of	Autopsies	% of
Description	ц ∑	L Σ	L Z	L Z	L S	L S	L Z	Males	remales		Classification		Classification
Federal Institution	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	~	0	-	5.9	٢	6.3
Living Inside, Residence or on Property	2 1	2 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	2	7	4	1	64.6	10	62.2
Nursing Home	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	-	0	-	5.9	-	6.3
Factory, Plant, Warehouse (inside)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	5.9	٢	6.3
Public Road - Pedestrian	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1	0	1	5.9	1	6.3
Urban Outdoors - public place and other (not residence)	0	0	0	0	1 0	0 0	0	-	0	-	5.9	-	6.3
Rural Outdoors (not built up place or near residence)	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	+	0	1	5.9	1	6.3
Males	က	в	0		F	0	2	12					
Females	~	F	0	0	0	-	2		2	17	100.0	16	100.0
Total for Age Group	4	4	0	ε	1	7-	4						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
NATURAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE E-1
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Judicial Districts	0 - 19 M F	20 - 30 M F	31 - 40 M F	41 - 50 M F	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
Bathurst	1 0	0 1	2 1	3 2	4 4	20 8	33 16	64	31	92	7.3	41	3.9
Campbellton	0	0 0	0 0	0 2	5 3	16 7	20 16	41	29	70	5.4	13	3.6
Edmundston	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 2	8 5	10 5	33 26	51	38	88	8.9	12	3.3
Fredericton	3	2 1	1 0	e 9	14 5	28 13	50 26	104	48	152	11.6	64	17.7
Miramichi	0	0 0	۲ ۲	2 0	4	16 5	16 17	39	24	63	8.4	13	3.6
Moncton		0	2	9	24 12	46 27	81 68	167	116	283	21.7	115	31.9
Saint John	3 1	1	6 5	11 6	44 23	98 46	138 132	300	214	514	39.3	118	32.7
Woodstock	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	3 2	8	15 9	27	4	41	3.1	12	3.3
Males	8	ည	4	32	106	242	386	793					
% Total - Males	9.0	0.4	1.1	2.4	8.1	18.5	29.5	9.09		1 307	000	96	000
Females	3	2	6	21	25	114	310		514	-		5	
% Total - Females	0.2	0.1	0.7	1.6	4.2	8.7	23.7		39.3				
Total for Age Group	11	2	23	53	161	356	969						
% of Classification Total	0.8	0.5	1.8	4.1	12.3	27.2	53.3						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
NATURAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE E-2

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Death Factor Description	0 - 19 M F	20 - 30 M F	31 - 40 M F	41 - 50 M F	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
Natural Disease	8	2	14 9	32 21	106 55	242 114	385 309	792	513	1305	6.66	360	266
Malnutrition	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0	1	1	0.1	1	0.3
Males	8	Ŋ	14	32	106	242	386	792		1,306	100.0	361	100.0
Females	ε	2	o	21	55	114	310		514				
Total for Age Group	11	7	23	53	161	356	969						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
NATURAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE E-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

0-19 20-30 M F M F	8 г	31-40 M F		41 - 50 M F	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
0 0 0 0 0	0	0			0 0	0 1	0 0	0	-	-	0.1	0	
0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0			0 0	1 0	0 0	-	0	1	0.1	7	0.3
0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0		0	0 0	0 0	4 11	4	11	15	1.1	-	0.3
0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0			0 0	3 5	14 35	17	40	57	4.3	4	1.1
0 0 0 0 1 1 0	1	-	1 0		1 2	3 2	11 15	16	20	36	2.7	9	1.6
3 3 2 10 8 27 21	8 27	27			88 51	211 100	335 240	678	425	1103	84.4	310	85.8
0 0 0 1 0 0 0	0	0			1 0	1 0	0 0	8	0	3	0.2	2	0.6
0 0 0 0 0 0	0	0			0 0	1 0	2 1	м	-	4	0.3	0	0.0

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
NATURAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE E-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Environment Description	0 - 19 M F	6 ц	20 - 30 M F		31 - 40 M F		41 - 50 M F	5 Z	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	70 F	Over 70 M F	02	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification	
Hotel / Motel	0	0	0	0	0 0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	е	0	က	0.2	1	0.3	
Hospital Other (ward, ICU, etc.)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	ю	-	4	_	2	2	17	4	21	1.6	ю	8.0	_
Hospital Operating Room	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0		0	0	0	7	0	2	0	7	0.2	0	0.0	
Hospital Post Op (recovery room)	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	_	-	0	-	_	7	0.2	-	6.0	
Hospital Emergency – NON DOA	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	2	2	0.2	0	0.0	
Doctor's Office	0 0	_	0 0		0 0	0	0	0	0) 0	0	0	-	0	1	1	0.1	0	0.0	
Factory, Plant, Warehouse (inside)	0 0	-	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	-	0.1	1	6.0	
Custody Federal Institution	0 0	_	0	0	0 0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.1	1	6.0	
Camping / Tenting	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	2	4	9	0.5	2	9.0	

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
NATURAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE E-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

ation	1.6	4.1	9.0	0.0	0.0
% of Classification	,		0	0	0
Autopsies	9	S	2	0	0
% of Classification	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total	7	5	2	-	-
Total Females	0	1	0	0	0
Total Males	7	4	2	٢	7
Over 70 M F	0	0	0	0	0
οΣ	2	0	0	-	0
61 - 70 M F	0	0	0	0	0
	-	-	0	0	-
51 - 60 M F	0	-	0	0	0
. 5 Z	2	2	-	0	0
41 - 50 M F	0	0	0	0	0
4 ∑	2	0	0	0	0
. 40 F	0	0	0	0	0
31 - 40 M F	0	0	0	0	0
20 - 30 M F	0	0	0	0	0
- 20 M	0	-	-	0	0
19 F	((
0 - 19 M F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Environment Description	Public Road – Driver	Public Road - Passenger	Public Road - Pedestrian	Public Road – bicycle (not motorized vehicle)	Public Transit (bus, train, et.c)

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
NATURAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE E-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Environment Description	0 - 19 M F	20 - 30 M F	31-40 M F	41 - 50 M F	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
ATV Driver (off public road)	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	-	0	~	0.1	-	0.3
Urban Outdoors- public place and other (not residence)	0	0	2 0	0	0	6	7 1	22	ю	25	o.	27	3.2
Rural Outdoors (not built up place or near residence)	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	0	υ	0	5	0.4	2	9.0
Males	8	5	14	32	106	242	385	792					
Females	3	2	6	21	92	114	310		514	1,306	100.0	361	100.0
Total for Age Group	11	7	23	23	161	356	695						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
UNDETERMINED DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE F-1
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Judicial Districts	0 - 19 M F	20 - 30 M F	31 - 40 M F	41 - 50 M F	51-60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification
Fredericton	0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	-	2	3	42.9	2	33.3
Moncton	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	_	~	2	28.6	2	33.3
Saint John	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	_	0	_	14.3	~	16.7
Woodstock	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	-	0	~	14.3	-	16.7
Males	-	0	0	0	ю	0	0	4					
% Total - Males	14.3	0.0	0.0	0:0	42.9	0.0	0.0	57.2		7	100.0	9	100.0
Females	1	0	0	5	0	0	0		8				
% Total - Females	14.3	0.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0		42.9				
Total for Age Group	2	0	0	2	3	0	0						
% of Classification Total	28.6	0.0	0.0	28.6	42.9	0.0	0.0						

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
UNDETERMINED DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND DEATH FACTOR - SCHEDULE F-2 from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Autopsies % of	Classification	1 16.7	5 83.3	a c		
% of	Classification	14.3	85.7	000	2.00	
Total		-	9	,	~	
Total	remales	-	2		က	
Total	Males	0	4	4		
Over 70	L ∑	0	0 0	0	0	0
61 - 70	LL S	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
51 - 60	E E	0 0	3 0	3	0	е
41 - 50	L Z	0	0 1	0	7	2
31 - 40	L ∑	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
20 - 30	L Z	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
0 - 19	LL S	0 0	1 1	-	-	2
: :	Death Factor Description	Drug	Undetermined	Males	Females	Total for Age

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY
UNDETERMINED DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT - SCHEDULE F-3
from 2019.01.01 to 2019.12.31

Environment Description	0 - 19 M	20 - 30 M F	31 - 40 M F	41 - 50 M F	51 - 60 M F	61 - 70 M F	Over 70 M F	Total Males	Total Females	Total	% of Classification	Autopsies	% of Classification	
Living inside, residence or on property		0 0	0 0	0 2	3 0	0 0	0 0	4	ဇ	7	100.0	9	100.0	
Males	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4		7	100.0	9	100.0	
Females	-	0	0	2	0	0	0		3					
Total for Age Group	2	0	0	2	г	0	0							

Schedule F

Undetermined Deaths (Means of death impossible to determine)

There were seven deaths classified as Undetermined.

Three were in the Fredericton Judicial District:

Case #1

Death Factor: Undetermined

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Property

Age Group: 0 - 10 Sex: Female An autopsy was performed.

Case #2

Death Factor: Undetermined

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Properyt

Age Group: 40 - 50 Sex: Female An autopsy was performed.

Case #3

Death Factor: Undetermined

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Property

Age Group: 50 - 60 Sex: Male An autopsy was performed.

Two were in the Moncton Judicial District:

Case #1

Death Factor: Undetermined

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Property

Age Group: 0 - 10 Sex: Male An autopsy was performed.

Undetermined Deaths (Means of death impossible to determine)

Case #2

Death Factor: Drug

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Property

Age Group: 40 - 50 Sex: Female An autopsy was performed.

One was in the Saint John Judicial District:

Case #1

Death Factor: Undetermined

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Property

Age Group: 50 - 60 Sex: Male An autopsy was performed.

One was in the Woodstock Judicial District:

Case #1

Death Factor: Blunt Trauma

Environment: Living Inside, Residence or on Property

Age Group: 50 - 60 Sex: Male An autopsy was performed.

Summary of Inquests and Recommendations

One inquest was held during the reporting period. This report mentions the replies received by the Office of the Chief Coroner in response to the recommendations on the inquest conducted during the year.

Wanny Pelletier

Wanny Pelletier, just 17, was an employee of Groupe Savoie Inc. in Saint-Quentin. On Thursday, December 22, 2016, Mr. Pelletier went to the plant for his shift. Assigned to clean the wood pellet plant equipment, he began his work as usual. At around 18:30, he was found caught in the conveyor. Mr. Pelletier was taken to the Edmundston Regional Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at 13:28 on December 26, 2016. Following the investigation, WorkSafeNB initiated legal proceedings on two charges against Groupe Savoie Inc. under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

First charge:

The employer must provide the supervision that is necessary to ensure an employee's health and safety (paragraph 9(2)(c.3).

Second charge:

An employer shall ensure that a machine is erected, installed, assembled, started, operated, used, handled, stored, stopped, serviced, tested, cleaned, adjusted, maintained, repaired and dismantled in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications (subsection 235(1) of Regulation 91-191

On November 5, 2018, Groupe Savoie Inc. pleaded guilty to the first charge of not being able to provide the supervision that is necessary to ensure its employees health and safety. On February 12, 2019, Groupe Savoie Inc. was sentenced to pay a fine of \$125.000.

The investigation, conducted on June 24 and 25, 2019, was held in accordance with subsection 7b) of the *Coroners Act*, which specifies that a coroner shall hold an inquest when a worker dies as a result of an accident occurring in the course of his or her employment at or in a woodland operation, sawmill, lumber processing plant, food processing plant, fish processing plant, construction project site, mining plant or mine, including a pit or quarry.

A total of 22 witnesses were heard by a five-person jury, which made the following recommendations:

- 1. Orientation at the work station should be done by the same supervisor on the same shift.
- 2. If a supervisor/controller is absent from his or her work station, an alternate should be in the control room until his or her return.

Wanny Pelletier (continued)

The Presiding Coroner made the following recommendation:

That WorkSafeNB implement a hazard alert awareness campaign in the lumber processing industry in the province of New Brunswick regarding potential hazards in these industries.

These recommendations were sent to the President and Chief Executive Officer of WorkSafeNB.

Recommendation #1

Orientation at the work station should be done by the same supervisor on the same shift.

Recommendation #2

If a supervisor/controller is absent from his or her work station, an alternate should be in the control room until his or her return.

WorkSafeNB supports these recommendations. However, it is their opinion that the two recommendations from the jury are recommendations that needs to be addressed by the employer Groupe Savoie Inc. As a result, Group Savoie Inc. should receive these recommendations for their consideration.

Coroner Services has communicated the responses from WorkSafeNB to Groupe Savoie Inc. who indicated their intention to implement same.

Presiding Coroner recommendation:

That WorkSafeNB implement a hazard alert awareness campaign in the lumber processing industry in the province of New Brunswick regarding potential hazards in these industries.

WorkSafeNB agrees with this recommendation and is partnering with the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association (NBFSA) for its implementation. NBFSA is a not-for-profit organization aimed at eliminating workplace accidents in the forest industry through education and training. The initiative will include the following actions:

- Developing a hazard alert that will address the importance of verifying that all safety features are in place following repairs to a machine. NBFSA will include the hazard alert as part of their machine safety course (currently under development by NBFSA).
- WorkSafeNB will promote on social media the safety courses offered by NBFSA.