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Mr. Forestell:

Pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the *Fees Act*, I have the honour to present the 2017 *Annual Report on Fees*.

Yours truly,



Cathy Rogers  
Minister of Finance

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## INTRODUCTION

The *Fees Act* (see **Appendix A**) received Royal assent in the spring of 2008. This legislation, which applies to Part I of the public service, established a transparent process governing fees charged by government departments.

It requires detailed information to be made public on all upcoming fee increases and all new fees at least 60 days before implementation by government departments.

The act also specifies that, by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year, the Minister of Finance must file a document containing such information with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. The 2017 document contains detailed information regarding fee changes and/or new fees planned by government departments for the upcoming fiscal year of 2017-2018.

The report also includes information such as the legal authority to charge each fee, the current fee amount, the new fee amount, effective date of the change, revenue details, and departmental contact information.

The first section in the 2017 report summarizes fee changes and/or new fees approved by Treasury Board since publication of the 2016 report.

The second section summarizes upcoming fee changes and/or new fees approved by Treasury Board for the fiscal year 2017-2018. In keeping with the requirement of 60-day minimum notice to the public, none of these fees will take effect until at least April 1, 2017. It is recommended that the effective dates specified in this report be verified with the respective departments as they may be extended following the publication of this report.

It should be noted that the *Fees Act* does allow a department to create or increase fees *during* the upcoming fiscal year. If this occurs, the individual department will file a document with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly containing the same type of details as are included in this report. The fee change is also subject to the requirement of a minimum 60-day notice to the public.

If there are any mid-year changes, the details of these single filings will be summarized and published in the 2018 report on fees. This compilation will maintain accuracy and transparency concerning fees.

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## How to Read this Report

Section 3(2) of the *Fees Act* requires this *Annual Report on Fees* to present the following information for new and increased fees proposed for the next fiscal year:

- (a) the name of the department that proposed the fee;
- (b) the name of the fee;
- (c) the legislative authority for the fee;
- (d) the amount of the current fee, if any;
- (e) the amount of the new fee or the increased fee;
- (f) the effective date for the new fee or the increased fee;
- (g) the total annual revenue expected from the fee;
- (h) the change in the annual revenue expected from the fee; and
- (i) the name of the contact person.

In this report, the above information is presented in the following format:

<b>Department Name</b> <b>Contact:</b> Name, Telephone Number (506)	<b>Name of the fee</b> <i>Name of the Act</i> Regulation Number
<b>Current Fee:</b> \$X <b>Proposed Fee:</b> \$Y <b>Effective Date:</b> Month, Day, Year	<b>New Annual Revenue Estimate:</b> \$AA,AAA  <b>Change in Annual Revenue:</b> \$B,BBB
<b>Comments:</b>	

Readers should note that “New Annual Revenue Estimate” presents the total expected revenue from the fee at the proposed or increased rate for the upcoming fiscal year. “Change in Annual Revenue” indicates how much additional annual revenue is expected per fiscal year from the new fee rate, as opposed to the prior rate.

While the Minister of Finance is responsible to file this document each January with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, information about particular fees should always be obtained from the specific departments and contacts listed in the description of each fee.

This document, and future editions, will be posted in the Publications section of the finance department’s website at <http://www2.qnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/publications.html>

General information about fees charged by all government departments is available on the government’s Web-based Directory of Services. This directory is located at <http://www2.qnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services.html> (Key word: fees)

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**FEE CHANGES TAKING**

**EFFECT BEFORE**

**APRIL 1, 2017**

**(already publicly announced)**

<b>Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries</b> <b>Contact:</b> Greg Sweetland, (506) 453-2109	<b>New Brunswick Dairy Laboratory</b> <i>Financial Administration Act (Paragraph 56(i))</i> Regulation 2005-17, Schedule D
<b>Current Fee:</b> See schedule <b>Proposed Fee:</b> See schedule <b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2016	<b>New Annual Revenue Estimate:</b> \$104,000 <b>Change in Annual Revenue:</b> \$24,000
<b>Comments:</b> A new fee is being established to provide a volume discount for testing a second batch per week.	

<b>Schedule – New Brunswick Dairy Laboratory</b>		
<b>Fee or licence</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>\$ (excluding HST)</b>	<b>\$ (excluding HST)</b>
<b>Fees for the New Brunswick Dairy Laboratory</b>		
Fat, protein and lactose content, with or without somatic cell count per sample (weekly-first batch of samples-per sample) shipping included.	\$4.25	\$4.25
Fat, protein and lactose content, with or without somatic cell count per sample (weekly-first batch of samples-per sample) shipping not included.	\$3.75	\$3.75
Fat, protein and lactose content, with or without somatic cell count per sample (twice a week-additional batches of samples-per sample) shipping included.	N/A	\$2.50
Fat, protein and lactose content, with or without somatic cell count per sample (twice a week-additional batches of samples-per sample) shipping not included.	N/A	\$2.00
Somatic cell count per sample (weekly-first batch of samples-per sample) shipping included.	\$4.25	\$4.25
Somatic cell count per sample (weekly-first batch of samples-per sample) shipping not included.	\$3.75	\$3.75
Somatic cell count per sample (twice a week-additional batches of samples-per sample) shipping included.	N/A	\$2.50
Somatic cell count per sample (twice a week-additional batches of samples-per sample) shipping not included.	N/A	\$2.00



<b>Department of Environment and Local Government</b>  <b>Contact:</b> Mark Miller, (506) 453-6329	<b>Beverage Container Handling</b> <i>Beverage Containers Act</i> Regulation 99-66 – General
<b>Handling fee for empty refillable beer containers:</b> <b>Current Fee:</b> \$0.02899 <b>Proposed Fee:</b> \$0.03044  <b>Handling fee for all other empty containers:</b> <b>Current Fee:</b> \$0.04059 <b>Proposed Fee:</b> \$0.04262  <b>Effective Date:</b> December 12, 2016	<b>New Annual Revenue Estimate:</b> \$0.00*  <b>Change in Annual Revenue:</b> \$0.00
<p><b>Comments:</b> Beverage container handling fees are paid by beverage distributors to New Brunswick's privately-run beverage container redemption centres as compensation for activities such as receiving, sorting and storing returned beverage containers and paying refunds to customers. There are currently 78 beverage container redemption centres processing approximately 290 million empty beverage containers annually.</p> <p>*These handling fees are paid directly to the redemption centres and therefore will not increase revenue for the Province. Revenue increases will benefit redemption centres exclusively.</p>	

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**FEE CHANGES**

**TAKING EFFECT**

**APRIL 1, 2017**

**OR LATER**

<b>Department of Environment and Local Government</b>  <b>Contact:</b> Mark Miller, (506) 453-6329	<b>Beverage Container Handling</b> <i>Beverage Containers Act</i> General Regulation 99-66
<b>Handling fee for empty refillable beer containers:</b> <b>Current Fee:</b> \$0.03044 <b>Proposed Fee:</b> \$0.03120  <b>Handling fee for all other empty containers:</b> <b>Current Fee:</b> \$0.04262 <b>Proposed Fee:</b> \$0.04368  <b>Effective Date:</b> April 1, 2017	<b>New Annual Revenue Estimate:</b> \$0.00*  <b>Change in Annual Revenue:</b> \$0.00
<p><b>Comments:</b> Beverage container handling fees are paid by beverage distributors to New Brunswick's privately-run beverage container redemption centres as compensation for activities such as receiving, sorting and storing returned beverage containers and paying refunds to customers. There are currently 78 beverage container redemption centres processing approximately 290 million empty beverage containers annually.</p> <p>*These handling fees are paid directly to the redemption centres and therefore will not increase revenue for the Province. Revenue increases will benefit redemption centres exclusively.</p>	

<b>Service New Brunswick</b>  <b>Contact:</b> Nichole Bowman, (506) 444-3194	<b>Vital Statistics Registry</b> <i>Vital Statistics Act</i> , Regulation 93-104 <i>Change of Name Act</i> , Regulation 88-57 <i>Marriage Act</i> , Regulation 85-30
<b>Current Fee:</b> See schedule  <b>Proposed Fee:</b> See schedule  <b>Effective Dates:</b> April 3, 2017 April 2, 2018 April 1, 2019	<b>New Annual Revenue Estimate:</b> April 3, 2017: \$53,165 April 2, 2018: \$477,975 April 1, 2019: \$2,605  <b>Change in Annual Revenue:</b> April 3, 2017: \$10,610 April 2, 2018: \$45,310 April 1, 2019: \$550
<p><b>Comments:</b> The fees in the Vital Statistics Registry increased last year (2016) for the first time since 1993 excepting a \$5 increase to birth certificates in 2008. Because of this, most of the fees will be increased in two steps.</p>	

**Schedule – Vital Statistics Registry**

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Apr. 3, 2017</b>	<b>Apr. 2, 2018</b>	<b>Apr. 1, 2019</b>
Birth certificate - short form	\$40			
Birth certificate - long form	\$40			
Marriage certificate	\$40			
Death certificate	\$40			
Extra \$5 for certificates applied for in person or by mail (to encourage online applications)	\$5			
Expedited service	\$50			
Marriage Licence	\$115		\$125	
Marriage Licence Replacement	\$20		\$35	
Photographic Print Marriage Record	\$40		\$50	
Delayed Registration	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$75
Change of Name - Given Name (\$50 non-refundable)	\$100	\$115	\$130	
Change of Name - Surname (\$50 non-refundable)	\$125	\$130		
Change of Name - Additional Family Members	\$50	\$65	\$75	
Change of Name - Search	\$15	\$20	\$30	
Change of Name - Duplicate Certificate	\$15	\$20	\$30	
Change of Name - Serve Notice Fees	\$40	\$60	\$80	
Amendment to a record	\$20	\$35	\$50	
Search (per 3 year increment)	\$10		\$25	\$35
Certified extract of a registration of birth	\$0		\$50	
Genealogical Search (per 3 years)	\$15		\$25	
Cause of Death Statement	\$15		\$25	\$35

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## APPENDIX A

### 2011, c.158 *Fees Act*

*Deposited May 13, 2011*

#### Definitions

1 The following definitions apply in this Act.

“department” means a portion of the Public Service specified in Part 1 of the First Schedule of the *Public Service Labour Relations Act*. (*ministère*)

“fee” means a fee, levy, royalty or other charge fixed by regulation under the authority of a public Act of the Province. (*droit*)

2008, c.F-8.5, s.1.

#### Application

2 This Act applies to all fees proposed by departments.

2008, c.F-8.5, s.2.

#### Annual report on fees

3(1) On or before January 31 in each fiscal year, the Minister of Finance shall file an annual report on fees with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

3(2) The annual report shall contain the following information for every new fee and increase in a fee proposed for the next fiscal year:

- (a) the name of the department that proposed the fee;
- (b) the name of the fee;
- (c) the legislative authority for the fee;
- (d) the amount of the current fee, if any;
- (e) the amount of the new fee or the increased fee;
- (f) the effective date for the new fee or the increased fee;
- (g) the total annual revenue expected from the fee;
- (h) the change in the annual revenue expected from the fee; and
- (i) the name of the contact person.

3(3) The effective date for a new fee or an increased fee shall be not less than 60 days after the annual report is filed.

3(4) The annual report shall also contain information regarding the fees introduced, changed or eliminated since the previous annual report.

2008, c.F-8.5, s.3.

### **Other reports on fees**

4(1) If a new fee or an increase in a fee is proposed during a fiscal year and the fee is not included in the annual report referred to in subsection 3(1), the Minister responsible for the Act that authorizes the fee shall file a report with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly at least 60 days before the effective date for the new fee or the increased fee.

4(2) The report shall contain the information referred to in subsection 3(2).

2008, s.F-8.5, s.4.

**N.B.** This Act was proclaimed and came into force September 1, 2011.

**N.B.** This Act is consolidated to September 1, 2011.