



New Brunswick
Nurses Union

Syndicat des
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du Nouveau-Brunswick

VIA Email: nben@nben.ca

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Tim Leblanc Murphy
Executive Director
NB Environmental Network
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Dear Mr. Murphy,

The New Brunswick Nurses Union (NBNU) is a 9,000-member strong labour union representing Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Practical Nurses in various unionized facilities throughout the province. NBNU is an open and democratic organization that promotes, through its internal structures, the participation of the maximum number of members in decision-making. Its values include equality and diversity, language of choice, trust and respect, communication and education, accountability and transparency, professional responsibility, and unionism and solidarity. We are committed to researching and upholding key health issues aimed at helping the well-being of nurses and their patients/residents/clients, but also to lobbying government on health-related issues including proposing legislative changes.

Nurses serve on the front-line and are the backbone of our healthcare system. Nurses are professionally educated and strive to uphold prevention of illness, early intervention when necessary, and to provide the best care possible to enable New Brunswickers to live as healthy and well as possible.

These points made, NBNU was very pleased to have adopted a resolution supporting the environment and climate change at our Annual General Meeting in the fall of 2021. More specifically, we resolved to support the proposed Environmental Bill of Rights and will – by your side – advocate and lobby for the right to a healthy environment in New Brunswick.

Below is a precise replication of NBNU's actual motion:

WHEREAS The NB Environmental Right Caucus of NB Environmental Network has proposed the Environmental Bill of Rights: An Act protecting Children, All New Brunswickers and Nature. Currently there is no provincial environmental legislation that protects the health of our citizens against these environmental harms. Only two provinces, Ontario and Quebec, have an Act for addressing a Healthy Environment.

WHEREAS CFNU’s Climate Change and health discussion paper of 2019 recognize that climate change is a global crisis and health emergency. It is important to engage with community stakeholders to obtain a commitment from the NB Government to ensure restoration and repair of the Earth’s systems, so that future generations will have a sustainable planet on which to live, work, play and raise their families.

BE IT RESOLVED that NBNU support the proposed Environmental Bill of Rights by advocating and lobbying for the right to a Healthy environment in NB.

In this regard, thank you for all you do in this area. We recognize that our environment is a major determinant of health, and we support and applaud your efforts. We hope you will consider us full partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Doucet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Paula Doucet
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