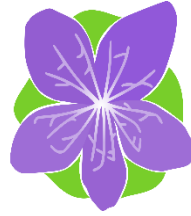


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Results of the meeting between members of the Environmental Rights Caucus and the New Brunswick Conservative Party Caucus

August 22nd, 2022, meeting minutes

Saadia Hara, Environmental Health Programs Coordinator,
New Brunswick Environmental Network

On August 22nd, 2022, the NB Conservative Party Caucus met with members of the Environmental Rights Caucus to discuss the ***NB Environmental Bill of Rights: An Act to Protect Children, all New Brunswickers and Nature***. Marg Milburn, a retired Public Health Nurse, and Bonnie Hamilton Bogart of Voices for Sustainable Communities and Environments presented the Bill. The presentation was followed by a series of questions from the NB Conservative Party Caucus.

Marg Milburn and Bonnie Hamilton Bogart shared the content and goals of the Bill. They also mentioned the historic United Nations resolution that recognizes a healthy environment as a universal human right on July 28th, 2022. Marg and Bonnie ended their presentation by emphasizing the importance of the bill to the province of New Brunswick, to children and to future generations. They then mentioned the different organizations and individuals who have signed on to support the Bill. The commitment of the different community associations shows that the Bill is very important to New Brunswickers.

Members of the Conservative Party caucus asked if the Environmental Rights Caucus had presented that to the Green and Liberal parties, and if so, what were their reactions to the Bill.

To this question, Marg Milburn replied that the Bill had been presented to both parties and that their reactions were very positive. Bonnie Hamilton Bogart also added that there was nothing stopping the three parties from working together to propose and pass the Bill.

Members of both caucuses also discussed the principle of environmental justice and its various components. Gary Crossman, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for the Development Corporation, shared that his office was open to discuss environmental projects.

The meeting ended on a positive note, and the Conservative Party caucus asked members of the Environmental Rights Caucus to send them more information on the Bill, and a list of organizations and individuals who support it.

NGO participants:

NB Environmental Network: Saadia Hara

NB Environmental Rights Caucus Representatives

Marg Milburn, Retired Public Health Nurse

Bonnie Hamilton Bogart, Voice for Sustainable Communities and Environments

NB Conservative Party Caucus

Gary Crossman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Regional Development Corporation (RDC),

Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Social Development

Gwen Savoie, Minister responsible for the Francophonie

Trevor Holder, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training, and Labour

Other members of the Conservative Party Caucus