

Disclosure Statement Concerning an Election Commitment

(Transparency in Election Commitments Act, S.N.B. 2018, c.1, ss.4 and 5)



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Part A: Election commitment	
Registered political party	Green Party of New Brunswick
Number	003
Title	Border tolls
Description	Establish border tolls on the four-lane highways.
Type of commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party commitment <input type="checkbox"/> Leader commitment
Party platform reference	
Type of disclosure statement	<p>Check one of the boxes:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Cost estimate; i.e. an estimate of the commitment's cost or financial implications.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (b) Maximum cost statement; i.e. if the commitment relates to a new or expanded program or service, the maximum cost to which the party commits if it forms the next government.</p> <p>(c) An estimate of the financial implications of the election commitment has not been prepared because:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient information was available to prepare a cost estimate;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The election commitment will not have financial implications for the Province; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The party declines to prepare a cost estimate or a maximum cost statement with respect to the election commitment.</p>
Complementary disclosure statement	<p>If a maximum cost statement is checked above and the election commitment indicates it will also increase or reduce revenue, the following disclosure statement is also filed:</p> <p>Number and Title</p>

Part B: Financial implications							
Fiscal Year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Subsequent	Total
Operating Budget – Revenue	N.A.	\$0	\$43 million	\$43 million	\$43 million		\$129 million
Operating Budget – Expenses	N.A.	\$0	\$4 million	\$4 million	\$4 million		\$12 million
Capital Budget – Expenditures	N.A.	\$16 million	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$16 million
<input type="checkbox"/> These financial implications are included in the <i>Summary of Election Commitments</i> filed with this statement.							

Part C: Additional required information

Each significant assumption made in determining the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- Border tolls would be established at the Quebec and Nova Scotia borders on Highway 2, the US Border at Woodstock (Highway 95) and the US border at St. Stephen (Highway 1). As was outlined in “model 2” of the Government of New Brunswick Strategic Program Review in 2016.
- This review estimated that traffic at these border crossings to equal 26,000 vehicles per year.
- At a cost of \$5 per car and \$20 per truck per crossing, the total annual revenue was estimated to be \$43 million.
- The capital construction costs are projected to be \$16 million
- Annual operating and maintenance costs are projected to be \$4 million

The sources of information used in preparing the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- Highway tolls – GNB: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/pdf/en/Tolls.pdf>
- CBC News - “Highway tolls could raise \$60 million for cash strapped government” - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/highway-tolls-raise-government-1.3412360>

The computations done to prepare the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

Part D: Publication

This disclosure statement has been made public by the registered political party; i.e. by or through any media, including a press release, a post on a website or any other public information media.

Part E: Signature

- Official representative of the registered political party, or
 Chief agent of the registered political party

Name
Burt Folkins

Written signature



Date
22 August 2018

or Electronic signature (Type name)

Date