

## Next Steps

### Fact Sheet

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- Over the coming year, government will develop a transparent and achievable fiscal plan that will lead to a balanced budget by 2014-2015 based on four main pillars:
  - Effectively changing the way government spends by developing a culture of cost control, accountability and providing value for money;
  - Effectively managing the expectations of the public in terms of our ability to fund essential, high-quality services;
  - Increasing revenues in a fair and efficient manner;
  - And providing the environment for growing the New Brunswick economy and creating jobs and prosperity.
- In 2011-2012, government will conduct a structural review of core government departments, applying professional management approaches to looking at measures such as regionalization of services; consolidation or sharing of administration and other services; and maximizing utilization of schools, hospitals and other government facilities.
- Government expects all departments, school districts, health authorities and other organizations to live within their budgets and will be instituting a comprehensive spending review of all departments in 2011-2012.
- A multi-year capital spending plan will be tabled starting with the 2012-2013 Capital Estimates.
- By the end of 2011-2012, government will complete a review of public sector pension plans to confirm they are managed as efficiently as possible and operate in a fair, transparent and sustainable manner.
- Government members and MLAs must lead by example. The MLA Pensions Review Panel's recommendations will be the basis for introducing legislation in this legislative session.
- Government will continue to evaluate other revenue initiatives brought forward in our pre-budget consultations, such as the introduction of highway tolls in strategic areas of the province, increasing royalties on our natural resources and selling assets, and will also continue to identify areas of government operations for full cost recovery.
- Government takes seriously the repayment and collection of revenue owed to the province and will be implementing measures that will improve the collection of these amounts.