



NB MEDIA CO-OP

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HOUSING IN THE NEWS

Is New Brunswick's so-called "double tax" increasing your rent?

By Kristi Allain

Rental review highlights need for strengthened tenant protections

By Aditya Rao

Higgs sleepwalking into massive housing crisis with rental reforms

By Matthew Hayes

New Brunswick government rejects rent control bill despite no plan to tackle housing crisis

By Susan O'Donnell

Living with a disability under New Brunswick's Household Income Policy

By Kaitlyn Layden

New Brunswick fails to provide safe housing for our most vulnerable populations

By Claire Mudge

Fredericton's Ward 11 election race one to watch for people wanting action on housing

By Tracy Glynn

Rent hikes and stagnant incomes leave New Brunswickers without housing this COVID winter

By Helen Chenell

The NB Media Co-op partnered with Charlotte County Television to bring viewers *the NB debrief*, a political talk show.

Show host Tobin Haley, a community-engaged scholar, asks hard-hitting political questions about New Brunswick to the province's community-builders and change-shapers, the movers and the shakers.

Watch season 1 on UHF and Fibe 26, Cable 126 and BellTV 539 as well as on CHCO-TV's Youtube channel and at nbdebrief.org.



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TOP STORIES

Our website has an average of 25,000 readers every month. We have 2,508 followers on Twitter (+392) and 3,769 on Facebook (+402).

Most read news story - 4,605 readers

Pandemic inequality: Premier Higgs attempts to squeeze money from unionized front-line public sector workers while billionaire wealth rises

By Susan O'Donnell

Most read commentary - 6,139 readers

New Brunswick gives a \$20 million gift to American nuclear company

By Susan O'Donnell



The Brief, the NB Media Co-op's broadsheet print publication, is distributed across the province in cafes, clinics, markets and other places every two months.

We had another successful year partnering with the **RAVEN (Rural Action and Voices for the Environment)** project at the University of New Brunswick. RAVEN assisted with the publication of 48 stories and several videos of public talks. Stay tuned for the launch of a book based on our popular "Letters from New Brunswick's Future" series.



FAREWELLS

We mourn the loss of Wolastoqiyik traditional leader Dan Ennis of Tobique, retired postal worker and union organizer Donald Miller of Fredericton and anti-poverty advocate Johanne Petitpas of Moncton. Our deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

EVENTS

Video publisher of the **Tertulias Fredericton** Series & the **Environmental Praxis** Lecture Series

Social Justice & the City Panel

The **Far Right in New Brunswick** Panel

Webinars on **nuclear power**: Bay of Fundy: Natural Wonder or Nuclear Industry Test Site? / Ending the Global Security Threats of Nuclear / Calculating the Risks & Benefits of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors

Nora Loreto: **Fighting COVID Austerity** for a Just World

BRIAN BEATON ANNUAL PRIZE IN JOURNALISM FOR JUSTICE



The **Brian Beaton Annual Prize in Journalism for Justice** is inspired by Brian Beaton, a social justice activist and NB Media Co-op writer. The prize will be awarded annually to a news writer for their coverage of a story that challenges power and oppression in New Brunswick. On July 29, NB Media Co-op members gathered at Fredericton's Carleton Park to award the inaugural prize to Abram Lutes.

THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS, DONORS & EVENT PARTNERS

Membership month was a huge success! A big thank you to all 85 people and organizations who supported the NB Media Co-op in March. We nearly tripled our fundraising goal bringing in close to \$6,000, and substantially increased our membership base with 35 more donations made than in March 2020.

Canada Research Chair in Global & International Studies

Canada Research Chair in Physical Culture & Social Life

Common Front for Social Justice

AUNBT - Association of the University of New Brunswick Teachers

CUPE NB / CUPE 3433 / CUPE 1418

Canadian Union of Postal Workers Atlantic, Fredericton/Oromocto, Liverpool & Gander

MAFA - Mount Allison Faculty Association

NB Council of Nursing Home Unions

Unifor 4504 / Unifor 504

UNB Faculty of Arts

Société de l'Acadie du N-B (SANB)

Tertulias Fredericton