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COALITION OF NEW BRUNSWICKERS: PUBLIC POWER FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD
(FORMERLY NB POWER NOT FOR SALE)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Coalition of New Brunswickers is to facilitate the participation of the citizens of New Brunswick in the development of public policy for the public good.

Preamble:

Together, as citizens, we know we can change how politics are practiced in our province.

People power works. We know because we have seen it.

The people of New Brunswick stepped up. The short-term goal of stopping the proposed sale of assets of NB Power was achieved.

We must continue. If citizens are to be involved in the substantive changes needed for the future of our province, the Coalition must engage in a long term strategies that results in meaningful participation by New Brunswickers in the formation of good public policy, in the best interest of the citizens of New Brunswick.

Our New Brunswick is what we make it. Without the involvement of its citizens our New Brunswick will not be what we want it to be but what someone else tells us it should be. The Coalition will push New Brunswick politicians to have meaningful engagement by citizens through our roles as voters, citizens, taxpayers, rate payers and consumers.

Our Mission:

- **We are New Brunswickers** from different political perspectives and backgrounds including the public and private sectors, politics, labour business, non governmental organizations and civil societies.
- **We believe** that together we can work in the spirit of engagement and partnership with others who seek to apply and uphold our rights as citizens for open and democratic process(es).

- **We believe** that the public, the citizens of New Brunswick, must work together and participate effectively in the development of public policy for the public good.

Values and Principles:

The work of the Coalition shall be based on, and the Partners must display, the following guiding values and principles:

- Non partisan
- Non profit
- Community based/grass roots
- Inclusive
- Open, respectful and forthright communications
- Doing the best we can, and doing it with integrity

What We Do:

- Educate,
- Coordinate; and
- Mobilize citizens into activities to create a new political will for meaningful public participation in public policy in the best interests of the common good for all New Brunswickers.

Methods of Operation

- Social networking
- Keeping to the message
- Providing reliable information and analysis through:
 - town hall meetings -lobbying
 - websites -campaigning
 - rallies

New Brunswickers expect from their government a means of participating effectively in the development of public policy. They want their views respected. In return, their responsibility is to both participate and to hold government accountable for both their decisions and their actions.