

Business New Brunswick

Board members sought for Research and Productivity Council (08/07/24)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - Opportunities are now available for up to nine New Brunswickers to serve on the board of the Research and Productivity Council (RPC).

"We are looking for visionary board members with an appreciation for science and technology," said Minister of Business New Brunswick Greg Byrne. "They need an understanding of New Brunswick industry, and a conviction that innovation is crucial to be successful in business and help our province move closer to self-sufficiency by 2026. Board members also should be experienced as organizational leaders, business owners, and/or corporate executives. They will be expected to provide insight regarding emerging trends and future direction of technology that can, or will, affect New Brunswick business."

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization. Its vision is to excel in technological innovation, enabling partners in business and industry to create wealth and high-quality employment opportunities. It helps small and medium-size enterprises develop and apply new technology, and provides specialized, laboratory-based technical services to clients in New Brunswick and the global marketplace.

Since 1962, RPC has led innovation and supported industry with specialized science and engineering services in key sectors such as environment, energy, aquaculture, mining, manufacturing and natural resources.

"Opening the appointment process reflects the government's commitment to improve the way appointments are made," Byrne said. "These current opportunities will allow New Brunswickers to submit their names and to be considered for appointment."

Expressions of interest to serve will be received until Aug. 15.

As part of a pilot project, the Government of New Brunswick website now lists available opportunities, and provides details on where people may send their expressions of interest to serve. Initially, three departments are involved: Agriculture and Aquaculture; Business New Brunswick; and Public Safety.

Agencies, boards and commissions provide advice to government, deliver services to New Brunswickers, and regulate key sectors of the economy. They function at arms-length from government departments, and

undertake important work on behalf of the people of New Brunswick.

For more information on current opportunities to serve on provincial agencies, boards and commissions, visit: www.gnb.ca/abc.

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