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Presentation - Reflections on the UNB Presidency

by UNB President and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mazerolle



JOIN PAUL MAZEROLLE ON FEBRUARY 24 FOR HIS REFLECTIONS ON THE UNB PRESIDENCY

Dr. Paul Mazerolle, UNB’s 19th President and Vice Chancellor, announced to the University community last fall that he would be stepping down in March. In a message to all faculty and staff he said, “This has been a very difficult decision — one of the most difficult decisions I’ve had to face — but after seven incredible years at UNB, I’ll be stepping down as President next spring to take on a new leadership role in Australia, closer to my family. I have been cognizant of the competing relationship between my family in Australia and my UNB family — both are significant in my life and require great care and commitment. It is now time for my Australian family to take more attention in my life.”

He added, “Of course, this is a bittersweet moment. While I’m excited about what’s ahead, I’m also deeply reflective and immensely grateful for the journey we’ve shared as a university community. UNB has been more than a workplace. It’s been a community of passionate, committed people who care deeply about this institution and its future.”

Installed in October 2019, President Mazerolle (BA '89) faced many challenges as a leader, including the COVID pandemic, while accomplishing significant growth in programs, improved and expanded facilities, administrative reorganization and renewal, and strengthened relationships both internally and externally.

Members and Guests are welcome to attend via Zoom.

Date: Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026

Time: Zoom login will open at 9:30 AST with the presentation beginning at 10:00.

Zoom information Join from anywhere in the world. The link will be sent again prior to the event.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82015906245>

Due to the possibility of inclement weather, the presentation will be online only.

Benefits - Links to Documents and Forms Regarding Benefits

The following tables include links of interest to UNBREA members. For further explanation and eligibility, please visit UNB's "Benefits for retired UNB employees" [website](#).

Depending on your eligibility, one of the four Medavie Blue Cross booklets may provide you with useful information regarding benefit details, maximum claim amounts, co-pay amounts, exclusions and limitations, as well as when and how to make a claim. The correct plan booklet for you, depends on whether you are an early retiree, a regular retiree, an active employee, or a surviving spouse.

Benefit Categories	Medavie Blue Cross Booklet
Staff who are under age 65 Faculty who have not met the 85 Factor and are under age 65	Policy 3700 008
Staff who are over age 65 Faculty who have not met the 85 Factor and are over age 65 Faculty who have met the 85 Factor and reached the Normal Retirement Date	Policy 3700 009
Faculty who have met the 85 Factor but not reached the Normal Retirement Date	Policy 3700 013
Surviving spouses of retirees or employees	Policy 3700 007

The website also includes a variety of useful information as described in the following table.

Participating pharmacies website	Listing of participating pharmacies in Fredericton, Saint John, and New Brunswick who offer reduced dispensing fees.
UNB Overage dependent registration form	This form must be completed to register overage dependents in your health/dental plans. To qualify the dependent must be between 19 and 24 and be attending an accredited educational institution, college, or university on a full-time basis.
UNB: Virtual Health Care: registration and activation	These webpages include registration and activation instructions for GreenShield+ Health Virtual Care.
UNB: SSQ travel insurance booklet	Details on emergency out-of-province travel coverage for UNB employees, retirees, spouses, and dependents, including medical,

	dental, evacuation, repatriation, family transportation and accommodation, return of vehicle, rental expense, hotel convalescence, and referral services outside of Canada.
UNB: SSQ travel insurance card	Please carry this card with you when you travel.
UNB: SSQ travel: instructions and emergency claim report	Emergency medical travel claim form.
UNB: SSQ travel: authorization and emergency claim report	Emergency medical travel claim form as well as authorization regarding personal information.
Province of New Brunswick: Medavie Blue Cross: Drug Plan for Seniors	Province of New Brunswick drug plan for seniors. Details are sent to all UNB employees/retirees within 60 days of reaching age 65. This is the recommended option after the UNB drug plan expires at age 65.
Tuition Waiver form	This form is used to obtain a tuition benefit for the spouse or dependent child of a UNB retiree. Please contact Sherri Robichaud (sherrir@unb.ca) once registered in a course.

Final note: Our emergency travel insurance provider (SSQ Travel) will be replaced on April 1. You will receive a mailing on that soon and may also check for a notice on the [website](#).

UNBREA FYI

November presentation by Kelly Lamrock.

Our November presentation with Kelly Lamrock, New Brunswick's Child, Youth and Senior's Advocate, got off to a bit of a rocky start. It was an excellent presentation and well worth viewing. We have put it up on the UNBREA website so you can do just that through this link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLXqDfiXDVI>

A bit of UNBREA history

UNBREA believes in the value of preserving our history. As such, we have archived our newsletters and many are available at the library. We also have compiled a listing of UNBREA presidents which is on our website. . More work on preserving the history is ongoing.

Our past presidents:

- 2023-2025 - Shirley Cleave
- 2021-2023 - Larry Guitard
- 2018-2021 - John Teskey
- 2014-2018 - David Macneil
- 2012-2014 - Wolfgang Faig
- 2010-2012 - David Wiesel

CURAC

CURAC, the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada, hosts newsletters from various member institutions. UNBREA is featuring the following article on how the author leveraged his joy of

gardening to campus. A great read on a cold and snowy winter day. The full article is found starting on page seven of the [Fall 2025 edition](#) of the Langara, BC retirees newsletter. This is the introductory paragraph.

BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AT LANGARA THROUGH GARDENING By Mario Moniz de Sa, Instructor, Biology Department, Langara.

I take it as an article of faith that everyone loves a beautiful garden and enjoys the same positive feelings associated with our connection to nature. It's probably deeply engrained in our DNA because for most of human existence we lived in nature's garden and we became who we are in response to that environment. It is in this spirit that I decided to put much of my energy to beautify Langara campus through gardening, with the side benefit that it helps adapt to climate change, increases biodiversity on campus, and makes our campus more sustainable into the future.

December Socials

Thanks to everyone who attended the social in December. We had good attendance, wonderful food and enjoyed seeing and catching up with colleagues. Hope to see you at our summer socials in June!

Saint John Social



Fredericton Social



Did you Know?

Horizon Health / Zoomers in Balance offering quarterly education

Horizon's Seniors Health program is partnering with Zoomers in Balance to offer quarterly online education sessions for seniors.

The first virtual session is on **Feb. 19, 2026 at 1 p.m AST.** and is titled:

Cognition and Aging: What's Normal, What's Not, and How to Protect your Brain.

This talk will be offered by Dr. Patrick Feltmate, a Horizon geriatrician.

All seniors are welcome to tune in.

To sign up, visit [this signup form](#).

The NB Government has appointed a Senior's Minister

The following article, dated January 21, 2026, is from the [GNB website](#).

Government strengthens commitment to seniors and long-term care.

FREDERICTON (GNB) – The government is formally recognizing Lyne Chantal Boudreau as minister of seniors to demonstrate its strengthened commitment to seniors and long-term care.

“My mandate is clear,” said Boudreau. “It is to address the issues faced by seniors, to keep their needs at the forefront, and to continue the critical work of strengthening long-term care in our province.”

All matters related to seniors and long-term care – including associated budgets and staffing – are now officially Boudreau's responsibility.

Boudreau said this organizational adjustment underscores the government's dedication to ensuring New Brunswickers can live and age with dignity and independence while receiving the care they need, where and when they need it.

“When support for seniors is provided in appropriate environments, their conditions improve; healing improves; quality of life improves,” said Boudreau.

The government continues to collaborate across departments and with regional health authorities and community partners to ensure seniors have timely access to the most appropriate care in settings designed to meet their needs – including nursing homes, special care homes and other community options.

“This change gives us hope for meaningful improvements that prioritize dignity, respect and quality of care for New Brunswick seniors,” said Richard Losier, CEO of the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes. “We look forward to continued collaboration as we build a stronger New Brunswick that supports and empowers our seniors, ensuring their well-being and quality of life.”

Executive Listing for 2025-26

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