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“Stronger measures are necessary to reduce the wage gap.”

The increasing wage gap is proof that pay equity legislation covering the private sector, along with other strong measures, is needed in New Brunswick, according to Marilyn MacCormack, Chair of the NB Coalition for Pay Equity, commenting on the 3rd progress report on the Wage Gap Action Plan.

“Pay inequity is one of the factors contributing to the wage gap and it is an important root cause. If jobs traditionally or predominantly held by women were paid fairly, the wage gap would be reduced considerably”, she said.

Marilyn MacCormack says that the recently adopted Pay Equity Act is a major step forward for the public sector but the private sector is being left behind.

“The majority of employees affected by pay inequity are working in the private sector. The government has put in place interesting programs for five specific non-profit groups but clearly, voluntary measures are not working for most of the private sector. Why lose another year? The government should legislate now” states the Coalition’s Chair.