



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Management Commission**

Date: February 17, 2010

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Mr. William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly
Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Opposition House Leader
Mr. Bob Ridgley, MHA (PC) St. John's North
Hon. Jerome Kennedy, MHA (PC) Carbonear – Harbour Grace
Mr. Tom Osborne, MHA (PC) St. John's South

Regrets:

Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, Speaker
Hon. Joan Burke, Government House Leader
Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi
Ms. Yvonne Jones, MHA (L) Cartwright - L'Anse Au Clair

Other:

Ms. Marlene Lambe, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy and Communications Officer

CM 2010-023 The minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on February 3, 2010 were approved with the typographical error of 2009 amended to 2010.

CM 2010-024 Pursuant to paragraph 15(5)(c) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission gave **final** approval to the following proposed amendments to the *Members'*

Resources and Allowances Rules, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel:

The *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* are amended by adding the following immediately after section 37:

Accommodations when traveling long distances

37.1(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sections 31 to 37, a member who maintains

- (a) a permanent residence in his or her constituency which is outside the capital region; or
- (b) a permanent residence within the capital region but represents a constituency outside the capital region; or
- (c) a permanent residence outside the capital region in a location that is not in his or her constituency and the constituency is outside the capital region,

and his or her permanent residence or constituency is in a district listed in subsection (2), that member may claim reimbursement for the costs associated with travel between his or her constituency or permanent residence and the capital region, as follows

- (d) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for one night while in transit; or
- (e) without receipts, \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador for one night while in transit when staying in private accommodations; and
- (f) without receipts, the prorated portion of the \$50 daily meal allowance, as contribution to the cost of meals while in transit.

(2) The districts to which subsection (1) applies are:

- (a) Baie Verte-Springdale;
- (b) Bay of Islands;
- (c) Bonavista North
- (d) Burgeo-La Poile;

- (e) Cartwright-L'anse au Clair;
- (f) Exploits;
- (g) Fortune Bay-Cape LaHune
- (h) Grand Bank;
- (i) Grand Falls-Winsor-Buchans;
- (j) Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South;
- (k) Humber East;
- (l) Humber Valley;
- (m) Humber West;
- (n) Labrador West;
- (o) Lake Melville;
- (p) Lewisporte;
- (q) Port au Port;
- (r) St. Barbe;
- (s) St. George's-Stephenville East;
- (t) The Isles of Notre Dame;
- (u) The Straits-White Bay North; and
- (v) Torngat Mountains.

- (3) Where a claim is made under subsection (1), the night for which an amount was claimed shall not be included in the number of nights of allowable accommodation permitted under this Part.

CM 2010-025

Pursuant to paragraph 15(5)(c) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission gave **final** approval to the following proposed amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel:

- 1.(1) Subsection 31(1) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* is amended by renumbering it as section 31.
- (2) Paragraph 31(1)(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted:
 - (b) for each day that the House of Assembly is in session,
 - (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or

- (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
- (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

(3) Subsection 31(2) of the Rules is repealed.

2. Paragraph 32(2(b)) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for a maximum of 3 nights during a trip,

- (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
- (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
- (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

3. Paragraph 33(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for a maximum of 3 nights during a trip,

- (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
- (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or

- (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

4. Paragraph 35(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for not more than 50 nights

- (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
- (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
- (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

5. Paragraph 36(2)(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for not more than 50 nights

- (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
- (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
- (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

6. Paragraph 37(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

- (b) for not more than 50 nights
 - (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
 - (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
 - (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

7. Paragraph 38(2)(b) is repealed and the following is substituted

- (b) within his or her constituency
 - (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
 - (ii) without receipts, a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
 - (iii) without receipts, \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

8. Subsections 41(2), (3) and (4) of the Rules are repealed.

CM 2010-026

Pursuant to paragraph 15(5)(c) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission gave **final** approval to the following proposed amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

- 1.(1) Paragraph 38(2)(a) of the Rules is amended by deleting the comma, words and number “, in accordance with section 40”.

2. Section 40 of the Rules is amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following:

(3.1) Notwithstanding subsection (2), where, on a regular basis, a member proposes to travel by means other than the means mentioned in subsection (1), the member may make a proposal to the commission respecting that travel and the commission may, by directive approve that travel upon those terms and conditions that the commission considers to be appropriate without further need for the member to make an application under subsection (2).

CM 2010-027 The Commission approved the following transfer of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 (HOA) Members Resources' – Allowances and Assistance \$151,800

To:

Subdivision 4.1.01.05 Office of the Citizens' Representative – Professional Services \$64,100

Subdivision 1.1.01.05 Administrative Support – Professional Services \$87,700

CM 2010-028 The Commission appointed Mr. Bob Ridgley as the new member of the Audit Committee, effective immediately.

CM 2010-029 The Commission appointed Mr. Bob Ridgley as the new Chair of the Audit Committee, effective immediately.

Adjournment: 9:30 a.m.

Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, MHA
Speaker and Chair


Wm. MacKenzie
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission