



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

**Date:** May 17, 2017

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 5:35 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Tom Osborne, MHA, Waterford Valley, Speaker

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader

Mr. Paul Davis, MHA (PC) Topsail-Paradise

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP), St. John's East-Quidi Vidi

Mr. Mark Browne, MHA (Lib) Placentia West - Bellevue

Mr. Keith Hutchings, MHA (PC), Ferryland

Hon. Siobhan Coady, MHA (Lib), St. John's West

**Other**

Ms. Lisa Dempster, Deputy Speaker

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer

**CM 2017-046**

The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on March 15, 2017 were approved as read.

As required under the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker reported rulings on allowance use for the period ended May 12, 2017. The reported expenditure of \$288.79 for the Member for Stephenville-Port au Port was rejected for payment because it was not submitted within 60-days of being made; however it was a permitted expense and complied with all other provisions of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*.

**CM 2017-047**

Pursuant to Section 64 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the proposed amendment to paragraph 46(4)(g) of the Members' Resources and Allowances Rules, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

The Commission further directed that a clarification of the rules be issued pursuant to its authority under subparagraph 20(6)(b)(i) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, stating that should a Member claim meal expenditures in a restaurant under Section 46 for the purpose of an event, the name, purpose and number of attendees at the event must be identified with the supporting documentation for the expenditure.

**CM 2017-048**

Pursuant to subsections 15(5) and 20(7) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the proposed amendments, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

**CM 2017-049**

The Commission approved the proposed amendment to the House of Assembly Transfer of Funds Policy.

**CM 2017-050**

The Commission accepted recommendation 43 that the Defined Benefit Plan as outlined in the Morneau Shepell Report (Option 2) attached as Appendix H of the 2016 MCRC Report, shall apply to Members of the House of Assembly who were first elected on or after November 30, 2015. Mr. Browne and Ms. Coady recused themselves from the vote.

**Adjournment: 6:05 p.m.**

Tom Osborne, MHA  
Speaker and Chair of the Commission



Sandra Barnes  
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission