



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: December 19, 2018

Location: *In camera* meeting – Speaker’s Boardroom; Televised meeting – House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9:30 am

Members Present:

Hon. Perry Trimper, Speaker (Chair)

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

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

Mr. Ches Crosbie, MHA (PC), Windsor Lake

Mr. Keith Hutchings, Opposition House Leader

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

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Other

Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer

Mr. Brian Warr, MHA, Deputy Speaker

Regrets

Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader

CM 2018-045 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, directed the Law Clerk to respond on its behalf to legal counsel for the Member for Humber-Bay of Islands. The Commission further directed waiving the 2-day waiting period for Commission decisions to expedite sending the response.

CM 2018-046 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, directed a write-off of \$12,446.95 in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, related to severance overpayments made between April 2017 and November 2018.

The Member for St. John’s West recused herself from the vote on CM 2018-046.

CM 2018-047 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, deferred a decision with respect to reimbursement of legal expenses for Members.

In accordance with Section 19 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker reported decisions from the *in camera* meeting held prior to the televised portion of the meeting, as noted above (CM 2018-045; CM 2018-046; CM 2018-047).

CM 2018-048 The Minutes of the Commission meeting held on November 7, 2018 were approved as read.

CM 2018-049 The Commission approved the following transfers of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance
\$46,800

To:

Subdivision 1.1.04.02 Members' Resources – Training
\$46,800

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance
\$30,000

To:

Subdivision 1.1.04.02 Members' Resources – Travel
\$30,000

CM 2018-050 The Commission adopted the direction of the Executive Branch with respect to the extinguishment of severance entitlements and implementation of a termination benefit for political support staff. The Commission further directed that implementation of the new policy be targeted for January 31, 2019 with the Clerk to advise, following consultation with Corporate and Members' Services, whether or not this implementation date is achievable.

CM 2018-051 The Commission directed a review of salary and other benefits of political support staff employed by the Legislature.

CM 2018-052 The Commission approved payment of an invoice in the amount of \$1,512.00 for the constituency office for the Member for Lewisporte-Twillingate.

Adjournment: 11:38 am

Hon. Perry Trimper, MHA
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission