



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: December 4, 2019

Location: HOA Committee Room

Time: 5:15 pm

Members Present:

Hon. Scott Reid, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. Siobhan Coady, Government House Leader

Mr. David Brazil, Opposition House Leader

Ms. Alison Coffin, MHA (NDP), St. John's East-Quidi Vidi

Hon. John Haggie, MHA (Lib), Gander

Mr. Elvis Loveless, MHA (Lib), Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune

Mr. Barry Petten, MHA (PC), Conception Bay South

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Mr. Derek Bennett, MHA (Lib), Deputy Speaker

Other

Ms. Kim HawleyGeorge, Law Clerk

Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer

At an *in camera* meeting, the Commission considered and provided direction with respect to a personnel/HR issue in the House of Assembly Service.

CM 2019-032 The Minutes of the Commission meeting held on November 6, 2019 were approved as read.

A report from the Speaker was presented to the Commission outlining Rulings on Allowance Use for Members in accordance with Section 24 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*. These expenditures were rejected for payment because they were not submitted within 60-days of being incurred, but were in compliance with all other provisions of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*. The Speaker reported the following:

Member for Bonavista	Mr. Craig Pardy	\$143.67
Member for Torngat Mountains	Ms. Lela Evans	\$1482.93

The financial reports for the Legislature for the periods April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 were provided to the Commission for review. Members' expenditure reports were also provided for the same period.

CM 2019-033 Pursuant to subparagraph 20(6)(b)(ii) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the *Guidelines on Reimbursement of Legal Fees for Members of the House of Assembly* as presented in Attachment 1, and directed the following:

- The discretionary authority for the Management Commission to grant an exemption as provided for in Section 3.0 to be added to Section 4.0; and
- The amount of financial assistance for the initial legal consultation in Section 5.0 to be determined by the Commission on a case-by-case basis.

CM 2019-034 The Commission directed cost estimates be prepared for consideration during the 2020-21 budget process for webcasting, with and without closed captioning, of non-concurrent public meetings of House of Assembly Committee proceedings held in either the Chamber or Committee Room.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Hon. Scott Reid
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission