



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: January 31, 2023

Location: House of Assembly Chamber (televised)/House of Assembly Committee Room (*in camera*)

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. John Hogan, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader

Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA (LIB), Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair

Lela Evans, MHA (NDP), Torngat Mountains

Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista

Paul Pike, MHA (LIB), Burin - Grand Bank

Kim Hawley George, Clerk Assistant (A)/Secretary to the Commission (A)

Other

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Bobbi Russell, Policy and Communications Officer

Regrets

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Chair reported decisions from *in camera* meetings held on December 5, 2022 and January 13, 2023. Details of decisions made at those meetings were included with the Minutes circulated to the Commission for approval and are posted on the House of Assembly website.

CM 2023-003 The Commission approved the Minutes of meetings held on November 24, 2022; December 5, 2022; and January 13, 2023.

The Speaker presented a report of rulings on allowance use, in accordance with Section 24 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*. Since the last report, the Commission issued rulings to reimburse expenditures for the following Members:

- St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows	\$438.66 & \$1,451.97
- Labrador West	\$1,095.94
- Harbour Grace - Port de Grave	\$58.56

It was noted for the Commission that there was a typo in correspondence from the Audit Committee dated November 3, 2022, and the correct date at the end of paragraphs one and two should be March 31, 2022.

- CM 2023-004** The Commission approved the audited financial information for the fiscal year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 for the House of Assembly and Statutory Offices, as recommended by the Audit Committee.
- CM 2023-005** The Commission directed, pursuant to subsection 43(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, that the Auditor General of Newfoundland and Labrador be appointed to audit the accounts of the House of Assembly and the Statutory Offices for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2023, as recommended by the Audit Committee.
- CM 2023-006** The Commission approved the following transfer of funds:
From:
Subdivision 1.1.04.10 Members' Resources – Grants and Subsidies
\$900
To:
Subdivision 1.1.06.10 Government Members Caucus – Grants and Subsidies
\$900
- CM 2023-007** The Commission concurred in recommendations of the Audit Committee and directed House officials to proceed with drafting the necessary policy amendments and/or directives, to be brought forward at a future meeting of the Commission for consideration.

The Chair recessed the televised portion of the meeting to transition to an *in camera* session.

The Chair resumed the *in camera* portion of the meeting.

The Commission directed no further action, at this time, respecting the response from the Citizens' Representative dated December 12, 2022. The Speaker recused from the discussion.

Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)



Kim Hawley George, KC
Clerk Assistant (A) and Secretary to the Commission (A)