



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: June 14, 2023

Location: House of Assembly Committee Room

Time: 9 a.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

Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista

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

Other

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk/Clerk Assistant (A)

Bobbi Russell, Policy and Communications Officer

Regrets

Lela Evans, MHA (NDP), Torngat Mountains

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

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Chair reported decisions from *in camera* meetings held on February 21, 2023; May 24, 2023; and June 7, 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 2023-028 The Commission approved Minutes of meetings held on:

- February 21, 2023;
- February 22, 2023;
- May 24, 2023; and
- June 7, 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 as follows:

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| - Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans | \$172.50 & \$209.88 |
| - Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde | \$18.11 |

- Member for Windsor Lake	\$107.08; \$53.54; \$343.97 & \$134.90
- Member for Torngat Mountains \$4016.15	\$4763.97; \$4043.19; \$1869.89; &
- Member for Gander	\$460.00

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, financial reports of the Legislature as well as actual expenditures of Members were presented to the Commission for the following reporting periods:

- April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; and
- April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

In accordance with the House of Assembly Transfer of Funds Policy, a report of all budget transfers processed during fiscal year 2022-23 was presented to the Commission.

CM 2023-029 Pursuant to subsection 15(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the following amendment to Schedule A of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*:

1. The *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* are amended by repealing Schedule A and by substituting the following:

Schedule A

House Operations Estimates of Intra-constituency Costs

District No.	Electoral District	Total
1	Baie Verte - Green Bay	\$14,100
2	Bonavista	\$12,200
3	Burgeo - La Poile	\$14,100
4	Burin - Grand Bank	\$12,200
5	Cape St. Francis	\$5,600
6	Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde	\$8,200
7	Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair	\$26,800
8	Conception Bay East - Bell Island	\$8,400
9	Conception Bay South	\$5,600
10	Corner Brook	\$5,600
11	Exploits	\$8,200
12	Ferryland	\$12,200
13	Fogo Island - Cape Freels	\$14,100
14	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune	\$12,200
15	Gander	\$8,200
16	Grand Falls-Windsor -	\$8,200

	Buchans	
17	Harbour Grace - Port de Grave	\$5,600
18	Harbour Main	\$8,200
19	Humber - Bay of Islands	\$8,200
20	Humber - Gros Morne	\$12,200
21	Labrador West	\$5,600
22	Lake Melville	\$12,200
23	Lewisporte - Twillingate	\$12,200
24	Mount Pearl - Southlands	\$5,600
25	Mount Pearl North	\$5,600
26	Mount Scio	\$5,600
27	Placentia - St. Mary's	\$12,200
28	Placentia West - Bellevue	\$14,100
29	St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows	\$14,100
30	St. George's - Humber	\$14,100
31	St. John's Centre	\$5,600
32	St. John's East - Quidi Vidi	\$5,600
33	St. John's West	\$5,600
34	Stephenville - Port au Port	\$8,200
35	Terra Nova	\$12,200
36	Topsail - Paradise	\$5,600
37	Torngat Mountains	\$20,700
38	Virginia Waters - Pleasantville	\$5,600
39	Waterford Valley	\$5,600
40	Windsor Lake	\$5,600
	Total	\$391,700

CM 2023-030 The Commission approved the following revision to the Code of Conduct for Officers and Employees of the House of Assembly, as recommended by the Audit Committee, that clause 3 read as follows:

"We will consistently strive to ensure that we maintain the confidence and trust of Members of the House of Assembly and provide fair, confidential and impartial service equally to Members and staff of all parties."

CM 2023-031 The Commission directed the following respecting Christmas greetings:

- a. That Section 6.0 of the Advertising and Publications Policy for Members of the House of Assembly be amended to remove the restriction for messages of greeting, to allow Christmas greetings in MHA advertising; and
- b. That subsection 24(2) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended as follows:

"For the purpose of subsection (1), "special occasion cards" means anniversary, birthday, sympathy, Christmas or seasonal cards."

CM 2023-032 The Commission directed an interim measure, until the next Members' Compensation Review Committee conducts a review of the Severance Policy for Members of the House of Assembly, that for a resigning Member first-elected on or after November 30, 2015, severance provisions be administered as follows:

- a. partial severance to be calculated and paid at the time the Member departs, based on the full general assemblies the Member has served; and
- b. remaining severance for the partial general assembly to be calculated and paid when the 50th General Assembly dissolves and its length is confirmed.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, directed that once the draft correspondence to the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands is concurred in by a majority of Commission members via email, that the Chair proceed to send the correspondence to the Member on the Commission's behalf.

Adjournment: 10 a.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)



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