



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly  
Resource Committee**

**Date:** May 5, 2026

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 6:02 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Mark Butt, Member for Lewisporte - Twillingate (Chair)

Riley Balsom, Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde

Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune

Pam Parsons, Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West

Keith Russell, Member for Lake Melville

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi)

**Other:**

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Margot Pitcher, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

**House of Assembly Service:**

Evan Beazley, Clerk of Committee (A)

**Witnesses Appearing:**

**Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands**

Pleaman Forsey, Minister

Jamie Chippett, Deputy Minister

Dr. Blair Adams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Forestry and Wildlife

Steve Balsom, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture

Neil Croke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Services

Kellee Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conception Bay North Response and Recovery

Denise Woodrow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Crown Lands

Brad Nofall, Departmental Controller

Linda Skinner, Director of Communications

Sara Rideout, Media Manager

Nicholas Hillier, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

On motion, the Minutes of May 4, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:35 p.m. and resumed at 7:46 p.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 9:19 p.m. and resumed at 9:29 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 10:08 p.m. to Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the Estimates of the Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development.

Mark Butt  
Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evan Beazley".

Evan Beazley  
Clerk of Committee (A)