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of the

FIFTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

of

NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR

2021

**Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Office to
Members-elect**

AND

The Election of the Speaker of the House of Assembly

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Monday, the Twelfth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, being the Seventieth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Monday, April 12, 2021

In accordance with the Elections Act, 1991, the General Election of February 13, 2021 was held, after which Her Honour, the Honourable Judy M. Foote, PC, ONL, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador issued the following Proclamation:

“ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories **QUEEN**, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Judy M. Foote
Lieutenant Governor

Krista Lynn Howell
Registrar General

TO: Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly

and

Kim Hawley George
Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly (Acting)

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS under section 128 of the Constitution Act, 1867, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the General Election held on February 13th, 2021;

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AND WHEREAS under section 5 of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer an Oath or Affirmation of Office to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the said General Election;

AND WHEREAS the said sections of the Constitution Act, 1867 and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act further require that the persons declared elected as Members during the General Election held on the said date must take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before they can take their seats in the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Sandra Barnes and Kim Hawley George, or either of you, to request that the Members Elect gather in the House of Assembly Chamber on Monday, April 12th, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in order to take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before me.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Judy M. Foote, Member of our Privy Council of Canada, Chancellor of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's this 6th day of April, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Krista Lynn Howell
REGISTRAR GENERAL”

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The following is the list of names of persons returned for the several Electoral Districts to represent those Districts in the General Assembly:

Brian Warr	Baie Verte - Green Bay
Craig Pardy	Bonavista
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo - La Poile
Paul Pike	Burin - Grand Bank
Joedy Wall	Cape St. Francis
Steve Crocker	Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde
Lisa Dempster	Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair
David Brazil	Conception Bay East - Bell Island
Barry Petten	Conception Bay South
Gerry Byrne	Corner Brook
Pleaman Forsey	Exploits
Loyola O'Driscoll	Ferryland
Derrick Bragg	Fogo Island - Cape Freels
Elvis Loveless	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
John Haggie	Gander
Chris Tibbs	Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans
Pam Parsons	Harbour Grace - Port de Grave
Helen Conway Ottenheimer	Harbour Main
Eddie Joyce	Humber - Bay of Islands
Andrew Furey	Humber - Gros Morne

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Jordan Brown	Labrador West
Perry Trimper	Lake Melville
Derek Bennett	Lewisporte - Twillingate
Lucy Stoyles	Mount Pearl North
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl - Southlands
Sarah Stoodley	Mount Scio
Sherry Gambin-Walsh	Placentia - St. Mary's
Jeff Dwyer	Placentia West - Bellevue
Krista Lynn Howell	St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows
Scott Reid	St. George's - Humber
James Dinn	St. John's Centre
Siobhan Coady	St. John's West
Tony Wakeham	Stephenville - Port au Port
Lloyd Parrott	Terra Nova
Paul Dinn	Topsail - Paradise
Lela Evans	Torngat Mountains
Bernard Davis	Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Tom Osborne	Waterford Valley
John Hogan	Windsor Lake

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Swearing-In of Members

At 10 a.m., those Members returned as noted above and as confirmed eligible by the Chief Electoral Officer in “Notices” published in an extraordinary edition of The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette on April 12, 2021 gathered within the precinct. The Clerk of the House of Assembly, Clerk Assistant and Lieutenant Governor assembled in the Chamber.

The Clerk addressed the gathering and then read the above-noted Proclamation as issued under the Great Seal of the Province.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly having called the names of the Members returned for the several Districts, those eligible Members-elect appeared and took and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

Brian Warr	Baie Verte - Green Bay
Craig Pardy	Bonavista
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo - La Poile
Paul Pike	Burin - Grand Bank
Joedy Wall	Cape St. Francis
Steve Crocker	Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde
Lisa Dempster	Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair
David Brazil	Conception Bay East - Bell Island
Barry Petten	Conception Bay South
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Elvis Loveless	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
John Haggie	Gander
Chris Tibbs	Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans
Pam Parsons	Harbour Grace - Port de Grave
Helen Conway Ottenheimer	Harbour Main
Eddie Joyce	Humber - Bay of Islands
Andrew Furey	Humber - Gros Morne
Jordan Brown	Labrador West
Perry Trimper	Lake Melville
Derek Bennett	Lewisporte - Twillingate
Lucy Stoyles	Mount Pearl North
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After each Member had taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office, signed the Roll of Members and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office, the Lieutenant Governor signed the Roll of Members, followed by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the Clerk Assistant (Acting) and the Law Clerk, who witnessed the signatures on the Roll.

The Lieutenant Governor then left the Chamber.

The Clerk ended the proceedings.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

The House met at 3 p.m.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took the Chair.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly read the following Proclamation as issued by the Lieutenant Governor:

“ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories **QUEEN**, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Judy M. Foote
Lieutenant Governor

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GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS a General Election of the Members of the General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador was held on February 13th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Speaker of the House of Assembly is vacant and it is expedient to call together the Fiftieth General Assembly for the Members of the House of Assembly to proceed to elect their choice of Speaker;

NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Sandra Barnes and Kim Hawley George, or either of you, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly to assemble for the dispatch of business on Monday, April 12th, 2021 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to choose some person to be their Speaker and to present such person for my approbation.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Judy M. Foote, Member of Our Privy Council of Canada, Chancellor of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's this 6th day of April, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Krista Lynn Howell
REGISTRAR GENERAL”

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The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.

The Clerk informed the Members that at the close of nominations for the Office of Speaker at 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021, the following candidates had put their name forward:

MHA Derek Bennett
MHA Paul Dinn
MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh
MHA Scott Reid
MHA Brian Warr

The House proceeded to the election of the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2.

Once the voting was completed, the Clerks-at-the-Table withdrew to count the ballots.

The Clerk returned, announced that no one candidate had received a majority of votes and advised that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(14), the following were the remaining candidates:

MHA Derek Bennett
MHA Paul Dinn
MHA Scott Reid
MHA Brian Warr

The House proceeded to a second ballot for the election of Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 4(15).

Once the voting was completed, the Clerks-at-the-Table withdrew to count the ballots.

The Clerk returned and announced that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(11), the Member for the District of Lewisporte - Twillingate, Derek Bennett had been elected as Speaker.

D. Bennett was escorted to the Speaker's Chair by the Leader of the Government in the House (A. Furey) and the Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil).

The Speaker assumed the Chair and addressed the House.

On behalf of the Members of the House of Assembly, the Speaker offered condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family on the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

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APPROBATION

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Leader of the Government in the House (A. Furey) addressed the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

“May it please Your Honour:

The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour’s Command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Derek Bennett, Member for the District of Lewisporte - Twillingate, to that office, and by their direction, I present them for Your Honour’s approval.”

The Lieutenant Governor replied:

“On behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as the Speaker.”

The Speaker (D. Bennett) addressed the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

“Your Honour having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as its Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, the people of this Province, respectfully to claim of Your Honour their accustomed rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament and that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour’s presence at all reasonable times, and that they have confirmed to them all their ancient rights and privileges which have been confirmed to them by Your Honour’s Predecessors.”

The Lieutenant Governor replied:

“On behalf of Her Majesty, I do confirm this House in the enjoyment of all their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges.”

The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) resumed the Chair.

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The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) advised the House that the motion to appoint a Deputy Speaker would be made at a later date.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m. for the Speech from the Throne.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) put the question and, on motion, the House adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.