

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

## **DIRECTIVE**

2023-006

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Subject: Amendment to Advertising and Publications Policy for Members of the House of Assembly	Reference: HOAMC Meeting, August 23, 2023 Agenda Item 4
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## **BACKGROUND**

Further to direction of the Commission, House officials conducted a review of the provisions respecting messages of welcome and congratulations in the <u>Advertising and Publications Policy for MHAs</u>. The provisions caused confusion in that they allowed reimbursement of all messages of welcome and congratulations in Member-created publications (e.g. newsletters and other householders), but prohibited reimbursement of expenses from the same funding allocation for these types of messages in advertising depending on the purpose (i.e., unless the purpose of the message was recognizing a week/day/event at the national/provincial/constituency level).

The Commission considered this matter at its August 23, 2023 meeting and issued the following directive.

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The Commission directed amendments to Section 6.0 of the <u>Advertising and Publications</u> <u>Policy for Members of the House of Assembly</u> to remove the restriction regarding messages of welcome and congratulations in advertising, to make it consistent with the provisions for Member-created publications.

The revised <u>Advertising and Publications Policy for Members of the House of Assembly</u> is attached.

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