



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: March 20, 2013

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Ross Wiseman, Speaker

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi

Mr. Vaughn Granter, MHA (PC) Humber West

Hon. Joan Shea, MHA (PC) St. Georges – Stephenville

Mr. Dwight Ball, MHA (L) Humber Valley

Other

Mr. Wade Verge, MHA (PC), Lewisporte, Deputy Speaker

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer, Clerk's Office

Regrets

Ms. Yvonne Jones, MHA (L) Cartwright - L'Anse Au Clair

CM 2013-029

The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on February 27, 2013 were approved, with an amendment to include Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader, in the list of attendees and to remove Hon. Jerome Kennedy from the list of attendees.

CM 2013-030

The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on February 28, 2013 were approved, with an amendment to include Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader, in the list of attendees and to remove Hon. Jerome Kennedy from the list of attendees.

CM 2013-031

The Commission increased the kilometers from 8,800 to 20,000 for the District of Cartwright L'Anse au Clair and directed that the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended to add \$3,975 to the intra-constituency allowance allocation for that District.

CM 2013-032

The Commission added \$1,500 to the intra-constituency allowance allocation for the District of Cartwright L'Anse au Clair for increased ferry travel and directed that the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended to add \$1,500 to the intra-constituency allowance allocation for that District.

CM 2013-033

The Commission approved the following allocations for helicopter travel and directed that the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended to reflect the new allocations for helicopter travel:

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| Burgeo-LaPoile = | \$21,000 |
| Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair = | \$21,000 |
| Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune = | \$24,600 |
| Torngat Mountains = | \$10,500 |

CM 2013-034

Pursuant to subsections 20(7), 15(5) and section 20 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* (the Act) the Commission gave first approval to the following proposed amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel:

1. Section 10 of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(2.1) Subsection (2) does not apply to an allowance claimed under subsection 19(4).”

2. Subsections 18(2), (3) and (4) of the Rules are repealed and the following is substituted:

“(2) A member is entitled to the constituency office accommodation expenses described in subsection 19(1).

(3) The maximum allowance available to a member for office operations and supplies is \$12,000.”

3. Subsection 19(1) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words and figures:

“allowance referred to in paragraph 18(2)(a)” and substituting the words and figures “expenses referred to in subsection 18(2)”.

4. Subsection 20(7) of the Rules is repealed.

5. The Rules are amended by adding immediately after section 33 the following:

“33.1 (1) Notwithstanding sections 31 and 33, a member whose permanent residence is outside the capital region at a distance greater than commuting distance may opt to travel between that residence and the capital region each day that the House of Assembly is in session and sitting and may claim the actual transportation cost of each daily return trip.

(2) A member who opts to claim an actual transportation cost for a day under subsection (1) cannot claim for costs described in paragraphs 31(1)(b) and (c) and 33(1)(b) and (c).

(3) This section shall apply only to members who represent the Districts of:

- a) Bellevue
- b) Carbonear-Harbour Grace
- c) Ferryland
- d) Harbour Main

- e) Placentia-St. Mary's
- f) Port de Grave; and
- g) Trinity-Bay de Verde.

6. Subsection 38(3) is amended by adding immediately after the word "*Schedule*" the letter "A".
7. The Rules are amended by adding immediately after section 38 the following:

“Helicopter travel

38.1 (1) Where less expensive travel is not available a member from a district listed in Schedule B may, with the prior approval of the Speaker, be reimbursed for the cost of helicopter travel while acting on constituency business within his or her constituency.

(2) The maximum amount which a member may claim in a fiscal year for intra-constituency travel under this section is the amount set out in Schedule B.

8. Subsection 46(3) is amended by adding immediately before paragraph (f) the following:

“(e.2) the expense of renting short term accommodation in one or more locations in the member’s constituency to facilitate travel of the member throughout the district to meet with residents on constituency issues;

9. The Schedule to the Act is repealed and the following is substituted:

Schedule A
House Operations
Estimates of Intra-Constituency Costs


| Riding No. | Riding Name | Total |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Baie Verte-Springdale | \$10,100 |
| 2 | Bay of Islands | 12,500 |
| 3 | Bellevue | 13,100 |
| 4 | Bonavista North | 10,100 |
| 5 | Bonavista South | 10,100 |
| 6 | Burgeo-LaPoile | 11,300 |
| 7 | Burin-Placentia West | 8,200 |
| 8 | Cape St. Francis | 7,200 |
| 9 | Carbonear-Harbour Grace | 7,700 |
| 10 | Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair | 25,600 |
| 11 | Conception Bay East-Bell Island | 7,700 |

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| 12 | Conception Bay South | 7,200 |
| 13 | Exploits | 10,100 |
| 14 | Ferryland | 10,100 |
| 15 | Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune | 16,300 |
| 16 | Gander | 7,700 |
| 17 | Grand Bank | 12,000 |
| 18 | Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans | 9,100 |
| 19 | Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South | 7,200 |
| 20 | Harbour Main | 6,900 |
| 21 | Humber East | 6,300 |
| 22 | Humber Valley | 12,000 |
| 23 | Humber West | 8,200 |
| 24 | Kilbride | 7,200 |
| 25 | Labrador West | 7,700 |
| 26 | Lake Melville | 8,000 |
| 27 | Lewisporte | 9,200 |
| 28 | Mount Pearl North | 6,000 |
| 29 | Mount Pearl South | 6,000 |
| 30 | Placentia-St. Mary's | 11,500 |
| 31 | Port au Port | 6,800 |
| 32 | Port de Grave | 7,700 |
| 33 | Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi | 6,000 |
| 34 | St. Barbe | 11,900 |
| 35 | St. George's-Stephenville East | 7,700 |
| 36 | St. John's Centre | 6,000 |
| 37 | St. John's East | 6,000 |
| 38 | St. John's North | 6,000 |
| 39 | St. John's South | 6,000 |
| 40 | St. John's West | 6,000 |
| 41 | Terra Nova | 10,200 |
| 42 | The Isle of Notre Dame | 9,800 |
| 43 | The Straits-White Bay North | 10,100 |
| 44 | Topsail | 6,000 |
| 45 | Torngat Mountains | 20,700 |
| 46 | Trinity-Bay de Verde | 8,600 |
| 47 | Trinity North | 8,200 |
| 48 | Virginia Waters | 6,000 |
| | Total | <u>\$442,000</u> |

Schedule B
Helicopter Allocation

| Electoral District | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Burgeo-LaPoile | \$21,000 |
| Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair | 21,000 |
| Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune | 24,600 |
| Tornгат Mountains | 10,500 |

Adjournment: 5:40 p.m.
Hon. Ross Wiseman, MHA
Speaker and Chair


Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission