

House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission

Date: January 23, 2019 Location: Speaker's Boardroom Time: 9:00 am

Members Present:

Mr. Brian Warr, MHA, Deputy Speaker (Chair) Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader Mr. Keith Hutchings, Opposition House Leader Mr. Mark Browne, MHA (Lib) Placentia West-Bellevue Hon. Siobhan Coady, MHA (Lib), St. John's West Mr. Ches Crosbie, MHA (PC), Windsor Lake Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP), St. John's East-Quidi Vidi Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Other

Hon. Perry Trimper, Speaker (via phone) Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer Ms. Kim HawleyGeorge, Law Clerk

CM 2019-001 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting:

Approved reimbursement of legal expenses only, incurred up to November 6, 2018, as a result of the Member's participation in the reviews of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards under the Code of Conduct for Members, as follows:

Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune:	\$12,502.80
Member for Harbour Grace-Port de Grave:	\$2,219.51
Member for Placentia-St. Mary's:	\$14,559.00
Member for Mount Scio:	\$26,277.50

 Directed that this decision will not be considered by the Commission to be a precedent in similar matters, and that the future policy direction of the Management Commission on reimbursement of legal fees will not be constrained by the Commission's decision in this matter;

- Directed that the Member for Humber-Bay of Islands has to submit details of his legal expenses by January 31, 2019 in order to be considered for reimbursement by the Management Commission; and
- Directed that the two-day waiting period to give effect to Commission decisions be waived.
- CM 2019-002 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the creation of Professional Services as a Sub-object in the Members' Resources Activity; and the following transfer of funds:
 From: Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance \$56,000
 To: Subdivision 1.1.04.02 Members' Resources – Professional Services \$56,000

Adjournment: 10:05 am

Mr. Brian Warr, MHA Deputy Speaker (Chair)

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Sandra Barnes Clerk and Secretary to the Commission