



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: March 13, 2019

Location: *In camera* meeting – Speaker’s Boardroom; Televised meeting – House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 5:15 pm

Members Present:

Hon. Perry Trimper, 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. Paul Dinn, MHA (PC), Topsail-Paradise
Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP), St. John’s East-Quidi Vidi
Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Other

Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer
Ms. Kim HawleyGeorge, Law Clerk

CM 2019-006 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved recommending to the Lieutenant Governor in Council the appointment of Ms. Victoria Woodworth-Lynas in an acting capacity as Information and Privacy Commissioner, until such time as the new Information and Privacy Commissioner is appointed on resolution of the House of Assembly with the appointment to be effective as of March 21, 2019 and Ms. Woodworth-Lynas to be compensated at Step 1 of the EP-10 scale (\$121, 283).

In accordance with Section 19 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker reported decisions from an *in camera* meeting held on January 23, 2019 as follows:

- The Commission 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

- The Commission 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;
- The Commission 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
- The Commission Directed that the two-day waiting period to give effect to these Commission decisions be waived.
- The Commission 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

In accordance with Section 19 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker reported decisions from an *in camera* meeting held on February 20, 2019 as follows:

- The Commission approved the 2019-2020 estimates, to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the 2019 Estimates and voted on in the Legislature.
- The Commission approved a pre-commitment of funds for fiscal year 2020-21 for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer related to estimated subsidies for the 2019 general election.
- The Commission approved a pre-commitment of funds for fiscal year 2020-21 for the purpose of hosting the 2020 Canadian Association of Parliamentary Administration Conference.

CM 2019-007 The Minutes of the Commission meetings held on December 19, 2018 and January 23, 2019 were approved as read.

As required under the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker reported rulings on allowance use for the period ended March 7, 2019.

As required by **CM 2008-95**, the Speaker reported a decision made under the delegated authority respecting urgent financial matters relating to the administration of the House of Assembly and the Statutory Offices.

The financial reports for the Legislature for the periods April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 were provided to the Commission for review. The Members' Accountability and Disclosure Reports were provided for the same period.

CM 2019-008 Pursuant to subparagraph 20(6)(b)(ii) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the following amendment to the Caucus Operational Funding Grants Policy:

The Policy is amended by adding immediately after Section 7.0, the following:

8.0 Return of Accumulated Funds at Dissolution of General Assembly

Following the dissolution of a general assembly, all caucuses must return to the House of Assembly, all accumulated funds that were paid in accordance with this Policy.

The annual report required under Section 7.0, detailing expenditures from the start of the fiscal year up to dissolution, must also be submitted upon return of the funds.

CM 2019-009 Pursuant to the Transfer of Funds Policy, the Commission approved the following transfer of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance
\$17,400

To:

Subdivision 3.1.01.10 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer – Grant and Subsidies
\$17,400

Adjournment: 5:40 pm

Hon. Perry Trimper, MHA
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission