

# House of Assembly Newfoundiand and Labrador

# Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission

Date: May 30, 2018 Location: House of Assembly Chamber Time: 5:20 pm

### **Members Present:**

Hon. Perry Trimper, Speaker (Chair) Mr. Mark Browne, MHA (Lib) Placentia West – Bellevue Hon. Siobhan Coady, MHA (Lib), St. John's West Mr. Paul Davis, MHA (PC) Topsail-Paradise Mr. Keith Hutchings, Opposition House Leader Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP), St. John's East-Quidi Vidi Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

#### Other

Mr. Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer Mr. Bruce Chaulk, Commissioner for Legislative Standards

- CM 2018-027 The Minutes of the Management Commission meeting held on May 16, 2018 were approved as read.
- CM 2018-028 The Commission approved the payment of expenses totaling \$250.00 for the Member for Placentia West-Bellevue with the expenses to be paid within the appropriate allocation for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Mr. Browne recused himself from the discussion.
- **CM 2018-029** The Commission approved the payment of expenses totaling \$86.25 for the Member for Harbour Grace-Port de Grave with the expenses to be paid within the appropriate allocation for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

# CM 2018-030 The Commission directed interim application of the Executive Branch Harassment-Free Workplace Policy (effective June 1, 2018), in situations involving Members of the House of Assembly, using the adjusted process as proposed at the May 16, 2018 meeting, with the following amendments:

- Complaint process notifications to include:
  - notification to the Clerk of the House of Assembly if the complainant is a public service or political support employee of the Legislature; and
  - notification to the Clerk of Executive Council if the complainant is an employee of the Executive branch.
- Investigation reporting process to include:
  - Subject to agreement of the complainant, providing a copy of the report to the Leader of the caucus of the respondent Member, at the point when the report is provided to the Privileges and Elections Committee.

The interim application will continue until directed otherwise by the Management Commission. The provisions of the Code of Conduct for Members will also continue to apply.

The Management Commission agreed that with respect to the adjusted process approved in CM 2018-030 for interim application of the Executive Branch Harassment-Free Workplace Policy, further analysis be completed and brought back to the Commission respecting the implications of assigning responsibility to the Citizens' Representative.

CM 2018-031 The Commission approved a policy change to allow the elected Member recognized as the Leader of the caucus for parliamentary purposes in the House of Assembly, to utilize the funding allocated to that Caucus for Leader's travel.

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Hon. Perry Trimper, MHA Speaker (Chair)

Sandra Barnes ( Clerk and Secretary to the Commission