



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: November 7, 2018

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 5:25 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. Ches Crosbie, MHA (PC), Windsor Lake

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

Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer

CM 2018-038 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the nomination of Ms. Kim Hawley George, Q.C., as Law Clerk, and directed a resolution be brought to the House to give effect to the nomination. Ms. Hawley George will be appointed at her current compensation level and the terms of her appointment will include the payment of fees to the Law Society as is standard practice.

CM 2018-039 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved recommending to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the appointment of Mr. Barry Fleming, Q.C., in an acting capacity as Citizens' Representative effective December 6, 2018. The appointment will continue until such time as the new Citizens' Representative is appointed on resolution of the House. Mr. Fleming will continue to receive his current salary and benefits.

CM 2018-040 The Minutes of the Commission meeting held on September 27, 2018 were approved as read.

CM 2018-041 The Commission approved the following transfer of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance
\$2,700

To:

Subdivision 1.1.04.10 Members' Resources – Grants and Subsidies
\$2,700

CM 2018-042 The Commission directed the development of a policy and/or guidelines related to reimbursement of, and/or financial support toward legal fees, to be brought back to the Commission for review and approval.

The financial reports for the Legislature for the period April 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 were provided to the Commission for review. Member Accountability and Disclosure Reports were provided for the same periods.

CM 2018-043 The Commission directed the Speaker's Office to correspond in writing to the complainants and respondents of the five recent reports from the Commissioner for Legislative Standards on the Code of Conduct for Members, to submit details of their legal costs and expenses, for the Commission's consideration. Consideration of the request from the Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune is deferred until information from the other complainants and respondents is received.

CM 2018-044 The Commission deferred a decision with respect to the extinguishment of severance entitlements and implementation of a termination benefit for political support staff, and directed that the current severance benefit for political support staff of the Legislature continue in the interim in accordance with the direction provided the 1989 Order-in-Council and specified in their employment contracts.

Adjournment: 6:01 pm

Hon. Perry Trimper, MHA
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission