

# **House of Assembly** Newfoundland and Labrador

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

Date: February 24, 2020

Location: HOA Committee Room

Time: 8:45 a.m.

# **Members Present:**

Hon. Scott Reid, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. Siobhan Coady, Government House Leader

Mr. David Brazil, Opposition House Leader

Ms. Alison Coffin, MHA (NDP), St. John's East-Quidi Vidi

Hon. John Haggie, MHA (LIB), Gander

Mr. Elvis Loveless, MHA (LIB), Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

### Other

Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer

Ms. Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk

Ms. Wanda Lee Mercer, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Wanda Strowbridge, Manager of Financial Planning and Reporting

### Regrets

Mr. Barry Petten, MHA (PC), Conception Bay South Mr. Derek Bennett, MHA (LIB), Deputy Speaker

CM 2020-001 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved the 2020-2021 estimates for the following Activities to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the 2020 Estimates and voted on in the Legislature; and directed the amounts be adjusted as necessary by the Department of Finance for the 27th pay period:

- Office of the Auditor General \$3,809,700
- Office of the Chief Electoral Officer \$1,850,800
- Office of the Citizens' Representative \$1,009,400
- Office of the Child and Youth Advocate \$1,398,900
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner -\$1,336,100
- Office of the Seniors' Advocate \$472,200
- Administrative Support \$2,205,700

- Legislative Library and Records Management \$727,100
- Hansard and Broadcast Centre \$927,300
- Members' Resources \$8,891,500
- House Operations \$398,400
- Government Members' Caucus \$378,800
- Official Opposition Caucus \$1,268,100
- Third Party Caucus \$470,400
- **CM 2020-002** The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, directed the following be available in contingency:
  - \$85,300 for general election requirements (Administrative Support Activity)
  - \$202,500 for the Members' Compensation Review Committee (Members' Resources Activity)
  - \$250,000 for the Select Committee on Democratic Reform (House Operations Activity)
  - \$5,495,000 for general election funding requirements (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Activity)
- CM 2020-003 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved payment of \$30,160 in the 2019-20 fiscal year for the Newfoundland and Labrador contribution to the 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference.
- CM 2020-004 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved creation of the position of Intake Officer/Investigator in the Office of the Citizens' Representative.
- CM 2020-005 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved a pre-commitment of funds for the Office of the Citizens' Representative for fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 related to an increase in office space lease costs.
- CM 2020-006 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, directed that the 2020-21 estimate of \$57,600 in new funding for Professional Services, Office of the Citizens' Representative, be used for those purposes only and any other use will require Management Commission approval.
- CM 2020-007 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved a pre-commitment of funds for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for fiscal year 2021-22 related to hosting the 2021-22 Federal/ Provincial/Territorial Information and Privacy Commissioners/Ombudspersons Annual Conference.

CM 2020-008 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, directed a review of the classification for constituency assistants, to be brought forward at a future meeting.

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.

Hon. Scott Reid Speaker (Chair)

Sandra Barnes

Clerk and Secretary to the Commission