



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: February 21, 2024

Location: HOA Committee Room

Time: 1 p.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. John Hogan, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader

Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA (LIB), Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair

Lela Evans, MHA (NDP), Torngat Mountains

Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista

Lucy Stoyles, MHA (LIB), Mount Pearl North

Kim Hawley George, Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission (A)

Other

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees/Director of Policy

Wanda Lee Mercer, Chief Financial Officer

Wanda Strowbridge, Manager of Financial Planning & Reporting

Gerrie Smith, Law Clerk & Parliamentary Counsel

Travis Wooley, Chief Electoral Officer (1:11 p.m. - 1:33 p.m.)

Michael Harvey, Information & Privacy Commissioner (1:41 p.m. - 2:02 p.m.)

Susan Walsh, Seniors' Advocate (2:12 p.m. - 2:34 p.m.)

Ann Chafe, Commissioner for Legislative Standards (3:10 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.)

CM 2024-004 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the following 2024-2025 estimates for the Legislature, to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the 2024 Estimates and voted on in the House of Assembly:

- Administrative Support: **\$2,043,600**
- Legislative Library, Proceedings Support and Research, Records Management, Hansard: **\$1,312,700**
- Committees, Policy and Communications: **\$1,554,100**
- Members' Resources: **\$9,463,600**
- House Operations: **\$420,400**

- Government Members Caucus: **\$452,400**
- Official Opposition Caucus: **\$1,262,600**
- Third Party Caucus: **\$510,800**
- Office of the Auditor General: **\$9,294,100**
- Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: **\$3,926,500**
- Office of the Citizens' Representative: **\$1,106,700**
- Office of the Child and Youth Advocate: **\$1,530,300**
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner: **\$1,546,600**
- Office of the Seniors' Advocate: **\$660,100**
- Office of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards: **\$283,700**

CM 2024-005 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved funding of up to \$60,000 for the 2024-25 fiscal year for a policy analyst position in the Office of the Seniors' Advocate.

CM 2024-006 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved creation of the position of Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards, at the proposed classification of HL 13, with the final classification to be submitted and approved at a later date.

CM 2024-007 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, directed that distribution of the House of Assembly broadcast signal by satellite be discontinued when the current contract expires (October 31, 2024); and further directed the expansion of closed captioning to include gavel-to-gavel coverage of House of Assembly proceedings and special ceremonies, effective April 1, 2024.

CM 2024-008 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the following transfer of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance
\$166,400

To:

Subdivision 1.1.01.01 Administrative Support - Salaries
\$40,600
Subdivision 4.1.01.01 Office of the Citizens' Representative - Salaries
\$36,800
Subdivision 6.1.01.01 Office of the Information and Privacy - Salaries
\$89,000

Adjournment: 4:03 p.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)

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Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission (A)