



House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador

Minutes of the House of Assembly
Management Commission

Date: May 21, 2024

Location: HOA Committee Room

Time: 9:30 a.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

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Deputy Speaker

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees/Director of Policy

Gerrie Smith, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel

CM 2024-014 The Commission approved the Minutes of meetings held on February 21, 2024; April 11, 2024; and May 1, 2024.

The Speaker presented a report of rulings on allowance use, in accordance with Section 24 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*. Since the last report, the Commission issued rulings to reimburse expenditures as follows:

Torngat Mountains	Lela Evans	\$2919.40
Stephenville - Port au Port	Tony Wakeham	\$70.84
Torngat Mountains	Lela Evans	\$4360.57 \$1254.88 \$2366.83 \$1793.22
Harbour Main	Helen Conway Ottenheimer	\$126.49
Harbour Grace - Port de Grave	Pam Parsons	\$100.92 \$137.99

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, financial reports of the Legislature, as well as actual expenditures of Members, were presented to the Commission for the period from April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

CM 2024-015 The Commission ratified the following transfer of funds in accordance with section 5 of the Transfer of Funds Policy:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.01 Members' Resources – Salaries
\$150,000

To:

Subdivision 6.1.01.01 Office of the Information and Privacy
Commissioner – Salaries
\$150,000

Due to a tie, the Chair delivered a casting vote in favour of the motion to issue the following decision and the motion carried:

CM 2024-016 The Commission accepted, without modification, all recommendations of the 2024 Members' Compensation Review Committee.

CM 2024-017 For the purposes of implementing the direction in CM 2024-016, the Commission further directed:

- a. That House officials proceed to submit the recommendations as accepted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council regarding required amendments to the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* and the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* to give effect to recommendations of the 2024 Members' Compensation Review Committee;
- b. That House officials proceed to submit the recommendations as accepted to Treasury Board Secretariat regarding required amendments to the *Members of the House of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act* to give effect to recommendations of the 2024 Members' Compensation Review Committee; and
- c. That House officials proceed to draft directives and proposed policy amendments, for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting, required to give effect to recommendations of the 2024 Members' Compensation Review Committee as accepted.

CM 2024-018 Further to correspondence from the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands dated May 6, 2024, the Commission directed the following:

- a. That an invitation to appear before the Commission at an upcoming *in camera* meeting (date to be determined) be issued to the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands to discuss matters contained in the Member's correspondence;
- b. That the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands be advised, as the Commission has advised in previous correspondence to the Member on these matters, that the Commission does not have the legal authority to change a decision of the House or review it, only the House has that authority; and
- c. That the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands be reminded that parliamentary privilege does not apply to meetings of the Management Commission, as it would in proceedings of the House of Assembly or its Standing/Select Committees.

Adjournment: 1:05 p.m.

Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)


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

