



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: February 16, 2022

Location: HOA Chamber/videoconference

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. Steve Crocker, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader

Helen Conway Ottenheimer, MHA (PC), Harbour Main

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

Jim Dinn, MHA (NDP), St. John's Centre

Paul Pike, MHA (LIB), Burin - Grand Bank

Sandra Barnes, Clerk & Secretary to the Commission

Other

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer

Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk/Clerk Assistant (A)

Wanda Lee Mercer, Chief Financial Officer

Wanda Strowbridge, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting

Denise Hanrahan, Auditor General

Bruce Chaulk, Chief Electoral Officer

CM 2022-016 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved the 2022-2023 estimates for the following activities to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the 2022 Estimates and voted on in the Legislature:

- Administrative Support - \$2,332,000
- Legislative Library and Records Management - \$748,600
- Hansard and Broadcast Centre - \$972,400
- Members' Resources - \$9,734,500
- House Operations - \$413,200
- Government Members' Caucus - \$399,300
- Official Opposition Caucus - \$1,233,700
- Third Party Caucus - \$458,400
- Office of the Auditor General - \$7,552,800
- Office of the Chief Electoral Officer - \$1,478,300
- Office of the Citizens' Representative - \$1,030,500
- Office of the Child and Youth Advocate - \$1,445,400
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner - \$1,521,100
- Office of the Seniors' Advocate - \$486,700

CM 2022-017 The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the following amendments to the schedule of fees for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, effective April 1, 2022:

- Returning Officer: Increase to \$7,500.
- Election Clerk: Increase to \$5,750.
- Office rentals (public office rental for Returning Officer): Increase CEO approval to monthly base rental over \$2,000. Set maximum rental at discretion of CEO.
- Snow clearing: Increase to \$200
- Polling station rentals (one polling station only): Increase to \$200.
- Multiple polls (two or more polling stations): Increase to \$200 for first poll; increase to \$100 for each additional poll.
- Building fee to hold training of election officials: Increase to \$250; requires approval of CEO over \$100.

Adjournment: 12:23 p.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission