Tabled by the Speaker
K. Hawley George
March 5, 2024

House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador

Minutes of the House of Assembly
Management Commission

Date: October 22, 2024
Location: HOA Committee Room
Time: 1:30 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
Jim Dinn, MHA (NDP), St. John's Centre
Jamie Korab, MHA (LIB), Waterford Valley
Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista
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 (A)

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Chair reported decisions from *in camera* meetings held on August 27 and September 18, 2024. Details of decisions made at those meetings were included with the Minutes circulated to the Commission for approval and posted on the House of Assembly website.

CM 2024-026 The Commission approved the Minutes of the meetings held on August 27 and September 18, 2024.

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, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

CM 2024-027 The Commission approved the audited financial statements for the House of Assembly and statutory offices for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CM 2024-028 The Commission approved payment of expenses in the amount of $573.44 related to leased office accommodations for the District of Baie Verte - Green

Bay for the 2023-24 fiscal year, with the expenses to be charged to the applicable allocation for the current fiscal year (2024-25).

The Commission took a brief recess to transition to an *in camera* session.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved payment of the annual registration fee for the NL Association of Social Workers for the Seniors' Advocate.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved a pre-commitment of funds for fiscal year 2025-26 for the purpose of hosting the 2025 APCC/ALCC conference.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved proposed amendments as presented to the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* regarding applicability of the *Accessibility Act*, SNL 2021, c.A-1.001, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, directed the following:

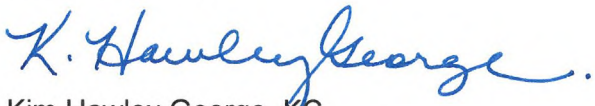
1. Re-appointment of Gerrie Smith as Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel in an acting capacity, effective October 23, 2024, until the previous incumbent returns or the position is permanently filled, for a period not to exceed 12 months;

2. Confirmation of the salary at Solicitor V, Step 9, as well as the payment of annual fees for the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

3. Waiving the two-day waiting period for Commission decisions.

Adjournment: 2:04 p.m.

Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)



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