



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Social Services Committee**

Date: May 2, 2022

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Steve Crocker – Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde (substituting for Sherry Gambin-Walsh – Placentia - St. Mary's) (by video conference)

Gerry Byrne – Corner Brook (substituting for Paul Pike – Burin - Grand Bank)

Lucy Stoyles – Mount Pearl North

Paul Dinn – Topsail - Paradise (substituting for Jeff Dwyer – Placentia West - Bellevue)

Scott Reid – St. George's - Humber (Chair (A))

Lela Evans – Torngat Mountains (substituting for James Dinn – St. John's Centre)

Other:

Perry Trimper, Lake Melville

Steven Kent, Third Party

Benjamin Pollard, Government Members Office

Bradley Russell, Official Opposition

House of Assembly Service:

Mark Jerrett, Clerk of Committee (A)

Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Health and Community Services

John Haggie, Minister

Andrea McKenna, Deputy Minister

John McGrath, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services (by video conference)

Gillian Sweeney, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population Health and Wellness

Fiona Langor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs

Vanessa Mercer-Oldford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Services

Blair White, Assistant Deputy Minister, Digital Health

Chad Antle, Departmental Controller (by video conference)

Melony O'Neill, Director of Communications

Alicia Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Minister

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Committee agreed to allow unaffiliated Members present to participate in the proceedings in the following manner: 10 minutes at the end of the Head of Expenditure.

On motion, the Minutes of April 13, 2022 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:06 p.m. and resumed at 7:18 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 8:13 p.m. to Friday, May 6, 2022 at 1 p.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Education.

Scott Reid
Chair (A)



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Clerk of Committee (A)