

MINUTES
Social Services Committee
Meeting #5 - June 8, 2021

1. Pursuant to motion, and in accordance with Standing Order 72, the Committee met at 6:04 p.m. in the Assembly Chamber.

2. Present from the Committee were:

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Placentia - St. Mary's, Chair

Joedy Wall, Cape St. Francis, Vice-Chair

Hon. Lisa Dempster, Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair substituting for Scott Reid, St. George's - Humber

Hon. Elvis Loveless, Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune substituting for Paul Pike, Burin - Grand Bank

Lucy Stoyles, Mount Pearl North

Paul Dinn, Topsail - Paradise substituting for Jeff Dwyer, Placentia West - Bellevue

Jim Dinn, St. John's Centre

Also present:

Perry Trimper, Lake Melville

Steven Kent, Researcher, Third Party

Denise Tubrett, Chief of Staff, Official Opposition

3. Appearing from the **Department of Health and Community Services** were:

Hon. John Haggie, Gander

Chad Antle, Departmental Controller (A)

Alan Doody, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Services (A)

Tina Follett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Planning and Performance Monitoring

John McGrath, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services (A)

Andrea McKenna, Associate Deputy Minister

Tina Newhook, Communications Director

Karen Stone, Deputy Minister

4. The Committee agreed to allow independent MHAs to participate in the proceedings in the following manner: question time would alternate between the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party for two turns each and then an independent MHA would be allowed to have a 10 minute turn. In total, 20 minutes was allocated to questions from independent Members.

5. The Committee recessed at 7:40 p.m. and resumed proceedings at 7:54 p.m.

6. The Committee reviewed and passed without amendment the Estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.
7. On motion of MHA Loveless, the Minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2021 (Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs) were adopted as circulated.
8. On motion of MHA Wall, the Committee adjourned at 8:25 p.m., *sine die*.

Kim Hawley George
Acting Clerk