

MINUTES
Social Services Committee
Meeting #4 - June 7, 2021

1. Pursuant to motion, and in accordance with Standing Order 72, the Committee met at 9:04 a.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. Georges-Humber

Hon. Sarah Stoodley, Mount Scio substituting for Lucy Stoyles, Mount Pearl North

Jim Dinn, St. John's Centre

Hon. Bernard Davis, Virginia Waters - Pleasantville substituting for Paul Pike, Burin - Grand Bank

Also present:

Perry Trimper, Lake Melville

Paul Lane, Mount Pearl - Southlands (arrived at 9:43 a.m.)

Scott Fleming, Researcher, Third Party Caucus

Darrell Hynes, Director of Legislation and Policy Affairs, Official Opposition Office

3. Appearing from the **Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs** were:

Hon. Krista Lynn Howell, St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows

Bren Hanlon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs

Jacqueline Howard, Director of Communications

Ted Lomond, Deputy Minister

Randy Simms, Executive Assistant

Bonnie Steele, Departmental Controller

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 reviewed and passed without amendment the Estimates of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

6. On motion of MHA Dinn, the Minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2021 (Department of Education) were adopted as circulated.
7. On motion of MHA Wall, the Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. (Department of Health and Community Services).

Mark Jerrett
Acting Clerk