



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

**Date:** April 6, 2023

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

Helen Conway Ottenheimer, Harbour Main (substituting for Joedy Wall, Cape St. Francis, Vice-Chair)

Chris Tibbs, Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (substituting for Jeff Dwyer, Placentia West - Bellevue)

Lucy Stoyles, Mount Pearl North

Sarah Stoodley, Mount Scio (substituting for Scott Reid, St. George's - Humber)

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

Bernard Davis, Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (substituting for Paul Pike, Burin - Grand Bank)

**Other:**

Annie McCarthy, Government Members' Caucus

Megan Winter, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

**House of Assembly Service:**

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of Committee (A)

**Witnesses Appearing:**

**Department of Justice and Public Safety**

John Hogan, K.C., Minister and Attorney General

Denis Mahoney, K.C., Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General

Debbie Dunphy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Services

Mike Noseworthy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Corporate Services

Gerrie Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Correctional Services

Denise Woodrow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Legal Services

Andrew Green, Departmental Controller

Kellee Martin, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning

Joanne Turner, Director, Provincial Court Services

Lisa Stead, K.C., Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions (A)

Pat Roche, Chief, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary

Kim Harding, Executive Director, Support Services, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary

Sharleen Simmons, Strategic Policy Analyst, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Mark Vardy, Manager of Financial Operations, HMP

Shelley Organ, Chief Executive Officer, Supreme Court

Derek Peddle, High Sheriff, Office of the High Sheriff  
Danielle Barron, Director of Communications  
Lesley Clarke, Media Relations Manager  
Tom Hayward, Manager of Budgeting  
Glenda Hearn-Ellis, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

The Committee agreed that should Members who were not part of the Committee attend they would participate in the proceedings in the following manner: Members in attendance who were not Committee Members could ask questions at the end of each sub-head.

On motion, the Minutes of April 5, 2023 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:32 a.m. and resumed at 10:45 a.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Public Safety.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Sherry Gambin-Walsh  
Chair



Sandra Barnes  
Clerk of Committee (A)