

JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR
2015

**Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Office to
Members-elect**

AND

The Election of the Speaker of the House of Assembly

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Friday, the Eighteenth Day of December, Two Thousand and Fifteen, being the Sixty-Fourth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Friday, December 18th, 2015

In accordance with the **Elections Act, 1991**, a General Election was held on the 30th day of November, 2015 after which His Honour, the Honourable Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador issued the following Proclamation:

“ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories **QUEEN**, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Frank F. Fagan
Lieutenant Governor

Edward Joyce
Registrar General

TO: Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly

and

Elizabeth Murphy
Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS under section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the General Election held on November 30th, 2015;

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AND WHEREAS under section 5 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer an Oath or Affirmation of Office to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the said General Election;

AND WHEREAS the said sections of the Constitution Act, 1867 and the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* further require that the persons declared elected as Members during the General Election held on the said date must take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before they can take their seats in the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Sandra Barnes and Elizabeth Murphy, or either of you, to request that the Members Elect gather in the House of Assembly Chamber on Friday, December 18th, 2015 at 10 o'clock in the morning in order to take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before me.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frank F. Fagan, Member of the Order of Canada, Chancellor of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's this 17th day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen in the sixty-fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Edward Joyce
REGISTRAR GENERAL”

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The following is the list of names of those persons returned by the returning officers for the several Electoral Districts to represent those Districts in the General Assembly:

Brian Warr	Baie Verte – Green Bay
Neil King	Bonavista
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo – La Poile
Carol Anne Haley	Burin – Grand Bank
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis
Steve Crocker	Carbonear – Trinity – Bay de Verde
Lisa Dempster	Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair
David Brazil	Conception Bay East – Bell Island
Barry Petten	Conception Bay South
Gerry Byrne	Corner Brook
Jerry Dean	Exploits
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland
Derrick Bragg	Fogo Island – Cape Freels
Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
John Haggie	Gander
Allan Hawkins	Grand Falls-Windsor – Buchans
Pam Parsons	Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
Betty Parsley	Harbour Main
Eddie Joyce	Humber – Bay of Islands

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Dwight Ball	Humber – Gros Morne
Graham Letto	Labrador West
Perry Trimper	Lake Melville
Derek Bennett	Lewisporte - Twillingate
Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl – Southlands
Dale Kirby	Mount Scio
Sherry Gambin-Walsh	Placentia – St. Mary's
Mark Browne	Placentia West – Bellevue
Christopher Mitchelmore	St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows
Scott Reid	St. George's – Humber
Gerry Rogers	St. John's Centre
Lorraine Michael	St. John's East – Quidi Vidi
Siobhan Coady	St. John's West
John Finn	Stephenville – Port au Port
Colin Holloway	Terra Nova
Paul Davis	Topsail – Paradise
Randy Edmunds	Torngat Mountains
Bernard Davis	Virginia Waters – Pleasantville
Tom Osborne	Waterford Valley
Cathy Bennett	Windsor Lake

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At 10:00 o'clock in the morning, those Members returned by the returning officers as noted above and as confirmed by the Chief Electoral Officer in a Notice published in an Extraordinary Edition of **The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette** on December 16th, 2015, gathered in the Assembly Chamber with family and friends seated in the Public Galleries. Whereupon, Sandra Barnes, the Clerk of the House of Assembly, and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant preceded by Wayne Harnum, the Sergeant-at-Arms, entered the Chamber followed by the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Honourable Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA.

The Clerk of the House addressed the gathering and then read the above-noted Proclamation as issued under the Great Seal of the Province.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly having called the names of the Members returned for the several Districts, those Members-elect appeared and took and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the presence of the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

Brian Warr	Baie Verte – Green Bay
Neil King	Bonavista
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo – La Poile
Carol Anne Haley	Burin – Grand Bank
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis
Steve Crocker	Carbonear – Trinity – Bay de Verde
Lisa Dempster	Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
David Brazil	Conception Bay East – Bell Island
Barry Petten	Conception Bay South
Gerry Byrne	Corner Brook
Jerry Dean	Exploits
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland
Derrick Bragg	Fogo Island – Cape Freels

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Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
John Haggie	Gander
Allan Hawkins	Grand Falls-Windsor – Buchans
Pam Parsons	Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
Betty Parsley	Harbour Main
Eddie Joyce	Humber – Bay of Islands
Dwight Ball	Humber – Gros Morne
Graham Letto	Labrador West
Perry Trimper	Lake Melville
Derek Bennett	Lewisporte – Twillingate
Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl – Southlands
Dale Kirby	Mount Scio
Sherry Gambin-Walsh	Placentia – St. Mary's
Mark Browne	Placentia West – Bellevue
Christopher Mitchelmore	St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows
Scott Reid	St. George's – Humber
Gerry Rogers	St. John's Centre
Lorraine Michael	St. John's East – Quidi Vidi
Siobhan Coady	St. John's West
John Finn	Stephenville – Port au Port

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Colin Holloway	Terra Nova
Paul Davis	Topsail – Paradise
Randy Edmunds	Torngat Mountains
Bernard Davis	Virginia Waters – Pleasantville
Tom Osborne	Waterford Valley
Cathy Bennett	Windsor Lake

The Clerk noted that the Member-elect for the District of Topsail – Paradise was unavoidably absent during the ceremony.

After each Member had taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office, signed the Roll of Members and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor signed the Roll of Members, followed by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the Clerk Assistant, and the Law Clerk who witnessed the signatures on the Roll.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor addressed the Members of the House of Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then left the Assembly Chamber.

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Clerk that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Speaker's Chair.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly then read the following Proclamation as issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

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“ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories **QUEEN**, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Frank F. Fagan
Lieutenant Governor

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS a General Election of the Members of the General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador was held on November 30th, 2015;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Speaker of the House of Assembly is vacant and it is expedient to call together the Forty-Eighth General Assembly for the Members of the House of Assembly to proceed to elect their choice of Speaker;

NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Sandra Barnes and Elizabeth Murphy, or either of you, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly to assemble for the dispatch of business on Friday, December 18th, 2015 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to choose some person to be their Speaker and to present such person for my approbation when I call the House of Assembly together in session.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frank F. Fagan, Member of the Order of Canada, Chancellor of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in
Our City of St. John's this 17th day of

Friday, December 18th, 2015

December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen in the sixty-fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Edward Joyce
REGISTRAR GENERAL”

Whereupon His Honour the Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.

The Clerk informed the Members that at the close of nominations on Thursday, December 17th, Mr. Tom Osborne and Mr. Scott Reid had informed the Clerk of their intention to stand for election to the Office of Speaker.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 2, at 2:00 o'clock the House proceeded to the election of the Speaker.

At 2:20 o'clock the voting procedure was completed and the sitting was suspended to the call of the Chair for the counting of the ballots by the Clerks-at-the-Table.

At 2:35 o'clock the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Suborder 4(11) the Clerk announced that the Member for the District of Waterford Valley, Mr. Tom Osborne had been elected as Speaker.

Mr. Osborne was conducted to the Speaker's Chair by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) and the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings).

Whereupon, the Honourable the Speaker having seated himself in the Speaker's Chair addressed the House, expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Members for the high honour they had unanimously accorded him by electing him Speaker of the House of Assembly.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball), seconded by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings), the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) was elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

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On motion of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball), seconded by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings), the Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) was elected Deputy Chair of Committees.

The House adjourned at 2:47 o'clock in the afternoon *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.