



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly  
Management Commission**

**Date:** January 27, 2009

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, Speaker

Mr. William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Joan Burke, Government House Leader

Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Opposition House Leader

Ms. Beth Marshall, MHA (PC) Topsail

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi

Hon. Trevor Taylor, MHA (PC) The Straits - White Bay North

**Other:**

Mr. Tom Osborne, Deputy Speaker

Ms. Marlene Lambe, Chief Financial Officer

**Regrets:**

Ms. Yvonne Jones, MHA (L) Cartwright - L'Anse Au Clair

The Commission held an *in camera* session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss a legal matter. There was no decision made at the *in camera* session to be reported at the televised portion of the meeting.

**CM 2009 – 001**      The minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on December 3, 2008 were approved as read.

The Speaker gave an update on authorizations made under Section 18(4) of the *Members Resources and Allowances Rules*. The amount of \$ 460.00 was approved for a security camera for the Constituency Office of the Member for Bay of Islands because of security issues at the Member's office. The amount of \$10,285.00 (HST excluded) was approved for the leasing costs for the Constituency Office for the Member for Port de Grave as this was the lowest bid on public tender.

- CM 2009 – 002**      The Commission approved the pre-commitment of funds up to \$60,000 for the 2009-2010, 2010-11 and 2011-12 budget appropriations for consulting services for the management certification process.
- CM 2009 - 003**      The Commission approved the pre-commitment of funds up to \$10,000 for the 2009-2010, 2010-11 and 2011-12 budget appropriations for audit services for the annual audits of the Office of the Auditor General.
- CM 2009 - 004**      The Commission, pursuant to S. 24(9) of the *Act*, approved the reimbursement of expenses totaling \$1,878.12, as detailed in the Member's correspondence received September 30, 2008, which were submitted by the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair later than the 60 day deadline as required by S.7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*.
- CM 2009 - 005**      The Commission, pursuant to S. 24(9) of the *Act*, approved expense claims totaling \$229.36, as detailed in the Member's correspondence of November 28, 2008, which were submitted by the Member for The Isles of Notre Dame later than the 60 day deadline as required by S.7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*.
- CM 2009 – 006**      The Commission directed the Clerk to draft amendments to Section 20 of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* such that the provisions of the *Public Tender Act* would apply to the leasing of Members' constituency offices.
- CM 2009 – 007**      The Commission approved, pursuant to the House of Assembly Transfer of Funds policy, the transfer of \$11,600 from Caucus Operations and Members' Expenses – Purchased Services to Caucus Operations and Members' Expenses – Grants and Subsidies.
- CM 2009 – 008**      The Commission approved, pursuant to the House of Assembly Transfer of Funds policy, the transfer of \$14,000 from Office of the Chief Electoral Officer – Professional Services to Office of the Chief Electoral Officer – Grants and Subsidies.

*In Camera*

**CM 2009 – 009**      The Commission, at *in camera* session, concluded deliberations from *in camera* budget meetings held on January 20 and 21, and approved the 2009-10 budget estimates for the Legislature to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the 2010 Estimates and voted on in the House of Assembly.

**Adjournment:** 5:00 p.m.  
Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, MHA  
Speaker and Chair

Wm. MacKenzie  
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission