



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: June 7, 2023

Location: Speaker's boardroom/Videoconference

Time: 9:50 a.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. John Hogan, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader (by video)

Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA (LIB), Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (by video)

Lela Evans, MHA (NDP), Torngat Mountains (by phone)

Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista

Paul Pike, MHA (LIB), Burin - Grand Bank

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission

Other

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk/Clerk Assistant (A)

Bobbi Russell, Policy and Communications Officer

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, provided direction on a review of the provisions of Section 16 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, provided direction on the Members' Compensation Review Committee for the 50th General Assembly.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, recommended to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that effective May 26, 2023, Travis Wooley be appointed acting Chief Electoral Officer at the appropriate step on the EP-06 scale, pursuant to subsection 5.5(1) of the *Elections Act, 1991*, and waived the 2-day waiting period for this decision.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, recommended to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that effective May 26, 2023, Ann Chafe be appointed acting Commissioner for Legislative Standards at the appropriate step on the EP-06 scale, pursuant to subsection 34(8) of the *House of Assembly Act*, and waived the 2-day waiting period for this decision.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved reimbursement of legal fees in accordance with the exception provisions of the Guidelines on the Reimbursement of Legal Fees for Members of the House of Assembly for the Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave in the amounts of \$3,842.15 and \$563.50.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, confirmed the Newfoundland and Labrador Legislature's support towards the cost of a Clerk's Table for the Prince Edward Island Legislature,

further to a request from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and directed the Speaker to respond accordingly.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, provided direction of office space leases for the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the payment of Registered Social Worker professional fees, in the amount of \$400 per year, for the Child and Youth Advocate.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, directed the Law Clerk to draft a response to the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands respecting his correspondence of February 2, 2023; April 26, 2023; May 10, 2023; and May 19, 2023; for review by the Commission at its next *in camera* meeting.

Adjournment: 10:48 a.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission