



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: April 11, 2008

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Members Present:

Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, Speaker

Mr. William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Tom Rideout, Government House Leader

Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Opposition House Leader

Hon. Trevor Taylor, Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development

Ms. Beth Marshall, MHA (PC) Topsail

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

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

Other:

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer

Invited Guests:

Mr. John Noseworthy, Auditor General

Hon. J. Derek Green, Commissioner, Review Commission on Constituency Allowances and Related Matters

Regrets:

None

CM 2008 - 018

The minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission Meeting held on January 23, 2008 and the minutes of the *in camera* meeting held on February 6, 2008, were approved as read.

CM 2008 - 019

The Commission approved the contract for the Review of Caucus Resources to be awarded to "Company A".

CM 2008 - 020

The Commission approved the application of the Ministerial Expense Reimbursement Policies for the travel allocation of the Leader of the New Democratic Party, effective October 9, 2007, with the following modification:

“Minister” is interpreted as “Speaker”, or “Leader of the Official Opposition” or “Leader of the Third Party”.

CM 2008 - 021

The Commission approved the proposed draft amendment to Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules as follows:

1. Respecting Temporary Accommodations:

Subparagraphs 31(1)(b)(i), 33(b)(i), 35(b)(i) and Paragraph 38(2)(b) are repealed and the following is substituted:

“the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations, with receipts, for every night the accommodations are actually occupied by the member”

Subparagraphs 32(2)(b)(i), 36(2)(b)(i) and 37(b)(i) are repealed and the following substituted:

“the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations in the constituency for every night actually spent in the constituency ”

2. Respecting Private Accommodations:

Subparagraphs 31(1)(b)(ii), 32(2)(b)(ii), 33(b)(ii), 35(b)(ii), 36(2)(b)(ii), 37(b)(ii) and paragraph 38 (2)(b) are amended by deleting the amount of “\$25” and substituting the amounts and words “\$53 on the island and \$71 in Labrador”.

3. Respecting Maximum number of nights allowable when the House is not in session:

Paragraphs 35(b), 36(2)(b) and 37(b) are amended by deleting the number “35” and substituting the number “50”.

4. Respecting Meal per diems while traveling to/from the Capital Region:

Subsection 31(2) is amended by deleting the word, brackets and letter “or (c)”.

Adjournment: 12:00

Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, MHA
Speaker and Chair

Wm. MacKenzie
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission