

# House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

# Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission

Date: November 30, 2016

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 5:40 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Hon. Tom Osborne, MHA, Waterford Valley, Speaker Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader

Mr. Paul Davis, MHA (PC) Topsail - Paradise (by telephone)

Mr. Keith Hutchings, MHA (PC) Ferryland

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) St. John's East - Quidi Vidi

Hon. Siobhan Coady, MHA (Lib), St. John's West Mr. Mark Browne, MHA (Lib) Placentia West - Bellevue

#### Other

Ms. Lisa Dempster, Deputy Speaker

Ms. Sandra Burke, Chair, Members' Compensation Review Committee

Ms. Lorna Proudfoot, Law Clerk

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer

## CM 2016-043

The Commission approved the following transfer of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance \$ 26,500

To:

Subdivision 1.1.04.02 Members' Resources – Purchased Services \$ 26,500

### CM 2016-044

The Commission accepted recommendations 19 & 20 and directed House officials to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for hotel and apartment-type accommodations in the Capitol Region, with the terms and conditions outlined in these recommendations.

CM 2016-045

The Commission accepted recommendations 1 & 2 and directed that MHA salaries shall be adjusted in accordance with those recommendations.

CM 2016-046

The Commission accepted recommendation 3 that Legislative Office salaries shall not be adjusted in accordance with the Committee recommendations regarding MHA salaries during the 48th General Assembly.

CM 2016-047

The Commission accepted recommendation 4 that subsection 12(1) of the Act be amended to change the salaries of the following Legislative Offices, effective April 1, 2017:

- a. Speaker of the House \$48,665
- b. Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees \$12,166
- c. Leader of the Official Opposition \$48,665
- d. Opposition House Leader \$24,330
- e. Leader of the Third Party \$24,330
- f. Chair of the Public Accounts Committee \$12,166
- g. Vice-Chair of the Public Accounts Committee \$9,300

CM 2016-048

The Commission accepted recommendation 5 that subsection 12(1) of the Act be amended such that there be no salary for the following Legislative Offices, effective April 1, 2017:

- a. Deputy Chair of Committees;
- b. Deputy Opposition House Leader;
- c. Party Whip; and
- d. Caucus Chair.

CM 2016-049

The Commission adopted recommendation 6 that subsection 12(1) of the Act be amended to add a Legislative Office position and salary, effective April 1, 2017, as follows:

a. Third Party House Leader - \$12,166

CM 2016-050

The Commission accepted recommendation 10 and 11 that the recovery of expenses incurred for seasonal and special occasion cards and messages of welcome, greetings and congratulations are prohibited.

CM 2016-051

The Commission accepted recommendation 17 that the Office Operations, Supplies & Communications remain capped at \$12,000 (inclusive of HST).

CM 2016-052

The Commission accepted recommendation 16 that, upon determination by the HOA as to the promotional items it has budgeted, such promotional items shall be made available to the MHAs based on the population in their respective districts, on a pro rata basis.

CM 2016-053

The Commission accepted recommendation 18 that Paragraph 28(e) "Private Accommodation" be amended to delete the reference to Members' children.

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

Tom Osborne, MHA Speaker and Chair

Sandra Barnes

Clerk and Secretary to the Commission

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