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House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission

Date: May 16, 2018 Location: House of Assembly Chamber Time: 5:30 pm

Members Present:

Hon. Perry Trimper, Speaker (Chair) Mr. Mark Browne, MHA (Lib) Placentia West – Bellevue Hon. Siobhan Coady, MHA (Lib), St. John's West Mr. Paul Davis, MHA (PC) Topsail-Paradise Mr. Keith Hutchings, Opposition House Leader Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP), St. John's East-Quidi Vidi Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Other

Mr. Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker Ms. Bobbi Russell, Policy & Communications Officer Ms. Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk Mr. Bruce Chaulk, Commissioner for Legislative Standards

CM 2018-022 The Minutes of the Management Commission meeting held on April 18, 2018 were approved as read.

CM 2018-023 Pursuant to Section 64 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and* Administration Act, the Commission approved the proposed amendments to Section 46 of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* prohibiting the reimbursement of cannabis, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel. The Commission directed that the timing of publication be coordinated with the coming into force of anticipated statutory changes required to effect legalization.

- CM 2018-024 The Commission deferred a decision with respect to access to the Leader's Travel fund of \$42,100 under the Official Opposition Caucus for members of the caucus and staff, as delegated by the member designated as Leader of the Official Opposition Caucus for administrative purposes.
- CM 2018-025 The Commission deferred a decision as to whether application of the Executive branch Harassment-Free Workplace Policy (effective June 1), with adjustments as outlined, is required in the interim in situations involving Members of the House of Assembly (in addition to the Code of Conduct).
- CM 2018-026 The Commission directed the Law Clerk to draft amendments to Section 22 of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act that would make attendance at training mandatory for Members of the House of Assembly, with the draft amendments to be brought forward at a future meeting for approval.

Adjournment: 7:35 pm

Hon. Perry Trimper, MHA Speaker (Chair)

Sandra Barnes Clerk and Secretary to the Commission