

**Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints  
Commission Panel of Adjudicators**

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Annual Report 2017-18

## Message from the Chief Adjudicator

As the Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General and the Minister with responsibility for Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission Panel of Adjudicators, I hereby submit the 2017-18 Annual Activity Report which reports on activities of adjudicators from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. In accordance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, my signature below is on behalf of the Panel. The report was prepared under the direction of the Panel, which is accountable for the results reported.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Parsons', written over a faint circular stamp.

Honourable Andrew Parsons, QC  
Minister of Justice and Public Safety  
and Attorney General

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## Overview

Section 29 of the **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992**, provides for the appointment of a panel of twelve lawyers to serve the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission (RNCPPC) as adjudicators with one being named as chief adjudicator.

As per Section 28 of the **Act**, the Commissioner will forward matters to the chief adjudicator when a public hearing is deemed necessary. The chief adjudicator may hear the matter or may assign it to another adjudicator. Hearings are open to the public; however if it is considered by the adjudicator that the conditions set out in Section 32 of the **Act** apply, all or part of the hearing may be held in private.

During fiscal year 2017-18, the panel of adjudicators was comprised of the following adjudicators:

Donald E. Anthony, Chief Adjudicator  
Lisa Anne Byrne, Q.C.  
Andrew Conway  
Raymond Critch  
Kellie Cullihall  
Gregory A. French  
Colleen Anne Hanrahan  
Kimberley R. Horwood  
Kimberly Mackay  
David A. Mills, Q.C.  
John V.B. O'Dea, Q.C.  
Andrew Wadden

## Activity

### Issue – Inquiring into Complaints

An adjudicator has the powers of a commissioner appointed under the **Public Inquiries Act, 2006** when holding a hearing. These powers require that hearings be held without delay giving full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations in person or through counsel. The Panel will report on the following objective and indicators again in 2018-19.

**Objective:** By March 31, 2018, upon referral of a matter, the Adjudicator will have held public hearings to inquire into all matters referred to him or her and give full opportunity for the presentation of evidence.

Indicators	Results
Number of hearings held as required by the <b>Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992</b> .	There were no hearings required by the <b>Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992</b> .

Number of decisions issued within three months of hearings.	As there were no hearings, there were no decisions required.
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## **Financial Report**

The Panel of Adjudicators does not have a separate budget. Expenses are captured under the budget of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission. For fiscal year 2017-18, no expenditures were required for the Panel of Adjudicators.