



From: Clerk of the House of Assembly

Date: April 12, 2013

Subject: Notice of Rule Amendments

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At its March 20, 2013 meeting, the Management Commission approved several amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* (the Rules) as a result of adopting various recommendations of the 2012 Members' Compensation Review Committee, and several budget decisions (**CM 2013-034 refers**).

Under subsection 15(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* (the Act), when amending or adding to the level of expense amounts permitted under the Rules, proposed amendments must be:

- a) given first approval at a Commission meeting;
- b) tabled by the Speaker in the House if in session;
- c) distributed to each Member if the House is not in session;
- d) posted on the House of Assembly website; and
- e) voted on at a subsequent meeting of the Commission.

Once the amending process is complete, the approved amendments are forwarded to the Office of Legislative Counsel in preparation for publication in the NL Gazette. The rule amendments will become effective on the date they are Gazetted.

The attached draft amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* were given first approval by the Commission at the March 20, 2013 meeting, and tabled in the House on March 27, 2013. This notice serves to address the requirement of subsection 15(5) regarding appropriate notice of rule amendments.

The text of all amendments is subject to final drafting of the subordinate legislation by the Office of Legislative Counsel.

1. Section 10 of the Members' Resources and Allowances Rules is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(2.1) Subsection (2) does not apply to an allowance claimed under subsection 19(4).”

2. Subsections 18(2), (3) and (4) of the Rules are repealed and the following is substituted:

“(2) A member is entitled to the constituency office accommodation expenses described in subsection 19(1).

(3) The maximum allowance available to a member for office operations and supplies is \$12,000.”

3. Subsection 19(1) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words and figures “allowance referred to in paragraph 18(2)(a)” and substituting the words and figures “expenses referred to in subsection 18(2)”.

4. Subsection 20(7) of the Rules is repealed.

5. The Rules are amended by adding immediately after section 33 the following:

“33.1 (1) Notwithstanding sections 31 and 33, a member whose permanent residence is outside the capital region at a distance greater than commuting distance may opt to travel between that residence and the capital region each day that the House of Assembly is in session and sitting and may claim the actual transportation cost of each daily return trip.

(2) A member who opts to claim an actual transportation cost for a day under subsection (1) cannot claim for costs described in paragraphs 31(1)(b) and (c) and 33(1)(b) and (c).

(3) This section shall apply only to members who represent the Districts of

- a) Bellevue
- b) Carbonear-Harbour Grace
- c) Ferryland
- d) Harbour Main
- e) Placentia-St. Mary's
- f) Port de Grave; and
- g) Trinity-Bay de Verde.

6. Subsection 38(3) is amended by adding immediately after the word “Schedule” the letter “A”.

7. The Rules are amended by adding immediately after section 38 the following:

“Helicopter travel”

38.1 (1) Where less expensive travel is not available, a member from a district listed in Schedule B may , with the prior approval of the Speaker, be reimbursed for the cost of helicopter travel while acting on constituency business within his or her constituency.

(2) The maximum amount which a member may claim in a fiscal year for intra-constituency travel under this section is the amount set out in Schedule B.

8. Subsection 46(3) is amended by adding immediately before paragraph (f) the following:

“(e.2) the expense of renting short term accommodation in one or more locations in the member’s constituency to facilitate travel of the member throughout the district to meet with residents on constituency issues.”

9. The Schedule to the Act is repealed and the following is substituted:

**Schedule A**  
House Operations  
Estimates of Intra-Constituency Costs

<b>Riding No.</b>	<b>Riding Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Baie Verte-Springdale	\$10,100
2	Bay of Islands	12,500
3	Bellevue	13,100
4	Bonavista North	10,100
5	Bonavista South	10,100
6	Burgeo-LaPoile	11,300
7	Burin-Placentia West	8,200
8	Cape St. Francis	7,200
9	Carbonear-Harbour Grace	7,700
10	Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair	25,600
11	Conception Bay East-Bell Island	7,700
12	Conception Bay South	7,200
13	Exploits	10,100
14	Ferryland	10,100
15	Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune	16,300

16	Gander	7,700
17	Grand Bank	12,000
18	Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans	9,100
19	Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South	7,200
20	Harbour Main	6,900
21	Humber East	6,300
22	Humber Valley	12,000
23	Humber West	8,200
24	Kilbride	7,200
25	Labrador West	7,700
26	Lake Melville	8,000
27	Lewisporte	9,200
28	Mount Pearl North	6,000
29	Mount Pearl South	6,000
30	Placentia-St. Mary's	11,500
31	Port au Port	6,800
32	Port de Grave	7,700
33	Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi	6,000
34	St. Barbe	11,900
35	St. George's-Stephenville East	7,700
36	St. John's Centre	6,000
37	St. John's East	6,000
38	St. John's North	6,000
39	St. John's South	6,000
40	St. John's West	6,000
41	Terra Nova	10,200
42	The Isle of Notre Dame	9,800
43	The Straits-White Bay North	10,100
44	Topsail	6,000
45	Torngat Mountains	20,700
46	Trinity-Bay de Verde	8,600
47	Trinity North	8,200
48	Virginia Waters	6,000

	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$442,000</u></b>
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**Schedule B**  
Helicopter Allocation

<b>Electoral District</b>	<b>Total</b>
Burgeo-LaPoile	\$21,000
Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair	21,000
Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune	24,600
Torngat Mountains	10,500