



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly  
Social Services Committee**

**Date:** April 18, 2024

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (Chair)

Craig Pardy, Member for Bonavista (substituted for Chris Tibbs, Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans, Vice-Chair)

Helen Conway Ottenheimer, Member for Harbour Main (substituted for Paul Dinn, Member for Topsail - Paradise, subheads 3.1.01-3.1.02)

Perry Trimper, Member for Lake Melville

Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North

Scott Reid, Member for St. George's - Humber

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (subheads 1.1.01-1.2.02)

Paul Dinn, Member for Topsail - Paradise

Lela Evans, Member for Torngat Mountains (substituted for Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre)

**Other:**

Ashley Politi, Official Opposition Caucus

Colby Greeley, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

Jim Locke, Government Members' Caucus

Eileen Anderson, Government Members' Caucus

Annie McCarthy, Government Members' Caucus

**House of Assembly Service:**

Gerrie Smith, Clerk of Committee (A)

**Witnesses Appearing:**

**Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development**

Paul Pike, Minister

Alan Doody, Deputy Minister

Tracy English, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs

Brian Evans, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Improvement

Aisling Gogan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Prevention and Early Intervention

Lori Rose, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Youth Services

Gayle St. Croix, Communications Director

Margot Pitcher, Executive Assistant

Dave Martin, Department Controller

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

The Committee agreed to allow unaffiliated Members present to participate in the proceedings in the following manner: a 10-minute allocation per member at the end of the head of expenditure.

On motion, the Minutes of April 15, 2024 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:33 a.m. and resumed at 10:42 a.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 12:32 p.m. to Friday, April 19 at 9 a.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA  
Chair



Gerrie Smith  
Clerk of Committee (A)