



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: May 4, 2026

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West (Chair)

Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue

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

Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's Humber

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre

Keith White, Member for St. John's West (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin Grand Bank)

Other:

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees

Witnesses Appearing:

Social Supports and Well-Being

Joedy Wall, Minister of Social Supports and Well-Being

Tracy King, Deputy Minister of Social Supports and Well-Being

Sara Dow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Improvement

Mark Griffin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Youth Services

Lori Rose, Assistant Deputy Minister, Prevention and Early Intervention

Robert Hodder, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs

Tanya Noseworthy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Communities

Barb Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Minister

Gayle St. Croix, Communications Director

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Joedy Wall, Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Mike Tizzard, Chief Executive Officer, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Krista Connolly, Executive Director, Financial and Corporate Services

Melissa Penney, Director of Finance

Joe Mercer, Executive Director, Regional Operations and Engineering

Melanie Thomas, Executive Director, Programs, Community Partnerships and Homelessness
Mike Budgell, Director of Communications
Barb Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Minister
Tina Neary, Ministerial Liason

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

On motion, the Minutes of April 29, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:38 p.m. and resumed at 7:51 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Social Supports and Well-Being.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 8:25 p.m. and resumed at 8:33 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9 a.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Joseph Power
Chair

Bobbi Russell

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