



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

**Date:** May 5, 2026

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West (Chair)

Jim Parsons, Member for Corner Brook (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank)

Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels

Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North (substituted for Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue

Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's Humber

Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (substituted for Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre)

**Other:**

Margot Pitcher, Official Opposition Caucus

David Hamlyn, Official Opposition Caucus

Steven Kent, Third Party Caucus

**House of Assembly Service:**

Emily Gushue, Clerk of Committee (A)

Evan Beazley, Committee Analyst

**Witnesses Appearing:**

**Department of Municipal and Community Affairs**

Chris Tibbs, Minister

Candice Ennis-Williams, Deputy Minister

Gerry Osmand, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal and Community Support Branch

Mark Healy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Engagement Branch

Michelle Hunt-Grouchy, Director of Communications

Christopher Stamp, Director of Municipal Support Division

Lori Evoy, Director of Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division

Jennifer Torrville, Departmental Controller

Paul Forristall, Manager of Finance, Budget and General Operations

David Thomlyn, Executive Assistant

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

On motion, the Minutes of May 4, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:18 a.m. and resumed at 10:33 a.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:54 a.m. and resumed at 10:58 a.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 11:53 a.m. to May 19, 2026 at 9 a.m. to consider the estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.

Joseph Power  
Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Gushue".

Emily Gushue  
Clerk of Committee (A)