



Newfoundland & Labrador

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

### DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: 2016-004

<b>Effective Date:</b> July 4, 2016	<b>Commission Minute:</b> CM 2016-022
<b>Subject:</b> Delegated Authority Respecting Urgent Financial Matters	<b>Reference:</b> HOAMC Meeting - June 29, 2016
<b>Issued To:</b> Members of the House of Assembly; Comptroller General; Directors of Government Accounting, Professional Services and Internal Audit, Financial Systems Control, and Corporate Services; Office of the Auditor General; Office Managers of Government Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus, NDP Caucus; Assistant Deputy Clerk, Executive Council; Director of Operations, Office of the Premier.	<b>Contact:</b> Wanda Lee Mercer Chief Financial Officer 729-2923

### BACKGROUND

At its meeting on November 18, 2008, the Management Commission delegated authority to the Speaker respecting urgent financial matters provided there was consultation with the Government House Leader, Opposition House Leader and the Leader of the Third Party (CM 2008-095 refers).

Subsection 18(2) of the Act outlines the required membership of the Commission, which includes the positions of Government House Leader, Official Opposition House Leader, and one member from the third party. It does not stipulate that the third party representative must be the leader of that caucus. When CM 2008-095 was made, the third party's representative on the Commission was the leader of the caucus and no issues arose from the Speaker using the delegated authority. Circumstances have changed such that the third party representative is no longer the leader.

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Pursuant to Subsection 20(4) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission delegates to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in consultation with the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader and the Third Party representative on the Commission, the power to make decisions respecting financial matters relating to the administration of the House of Assembly and Statutory Offices provided that the decision is urgently required and the Commission is unable to meet on the matter in a timely manner. A decision made under this directive and reasons for it shall be recorded and reported back at the next meeting of the Commission.

Sandra Barnes  
Clerk of the House of Assembly