



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly  
Management Commission**

**Date:** January 25, 2012

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Ross Wiseman, Speaker

Mr. William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Jerome Kennedy, Government House Leader

Hon. Joan Burke, MHA (PC) St. Georges - Stephenville

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi

Mr. Kevin Parsons, MHA (PC) Cape St. Francis

Ms. Yvonne Jones, MHA (L) Cartwright - L'Anse Au Clair

Mr. Dwight Ball, MHA (L) Humber Valley

**Other:**

Mr. Wade Verge, MHA (PC) Lewisporte, Deputy Speaker

Ms. Marlene Lambe, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy and Communications Officer

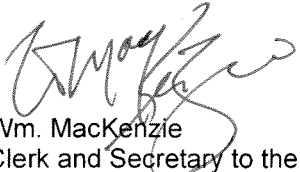
**CM 2012-001**            The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on December 14, 2011 were approved as read.

In response to a request at its December 14 meeting, the Commission was given a current update of leasing costs for constituency offices located in private buildings. The majority of leasing costs exceed the maximum of \$7000 established under the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*. Given the potential budget implications of adjusting the \$7000 maximum, the discussion on this issue was postponed to the budget meeting scheduled for that afternoon.

- CM 2012-002** The Commission adopted the 2008 Metrics EFG Report, “Review of Caucus Resources – House of Assembly”.
- CM 2012-003** The Commission decided to request that Executive Council introduce a Bill to amend S. 12(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* to create the position of Third Party House Leader.
- CM 2012-004** The Commission decided to allow Members in the Capital region to avail of the short-term accommodations allowance as provided for in Rule 20 (7) of the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*.
- CM 2012-005** The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, approved expense claims totaling \$475.88 which were submitted by the Member for St. Georges-Stephenville East later than the 60 day deadline as required under subsection 7(6) of the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*.
- CM 2012-006** The Commission, at *in camera* meeting, approved the 2012-2013 budget estimates for the Legislature to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the Estimates 2012 and voted on in the House of Assembly.

**Adjournment:** 11:10 a.m.

Hon. Ross Wiseman, MHA  
Speaker and Chair

  
Wm. MacKenzie  
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission