



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: April 25, 2012

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 5:30 p.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

The Commission agreed to amend the agenda to include an appeal from the Member for St. Barbe respecting payment of an expense claim.

CM 2012-007 The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on January 25, 2012 were approved as read.

Reports

The Speaker gave an update on authorizations made under subsection 18(4) of the *Members Resources and Allowances Rules* for the period ending April 18, 2012. The approvals are as follows:

- \$16,200.00 (HST excluded) was approved for office accommodations for the Member for Harbour Main, Mr. Tom Hedderson;
- \$9,492.00 was approved for office accommodations for the Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune, Ms. Tracey Perry;
- \$17,820.00 was approved for office accommodations for the Member for Bonavista South, Mr. Glen Little;
- \$8,962.80 was approved for office accommodations for the Member for Port au Port, Mr. Tony Cornect;
- \$14,100.00 was approved for office accommodations for the Member for St. Barbe, Mr. Jim Bennett; and,
- \$12,000.00 was approved for office accommodations for the Member for Burgeo – LaPoile, Mr. Andrew Parsons.

All amounts are exclusive of HST and were the lowest proposals submitted.

The Speaker reported the following authorization under Delegated Authority Respecting Urgent Matters for the period ending April 19, 2012:

The Speaker, following the required consultation with the Government House Leader, Official Opposition House Leader and the Leader of the Third Party, approved adjustments to the 2012-13 budget estimates which had been approved by the Commission at its *in camera* budget meeting held on January 25, 2012. **CM 2012-006 refers.**

As the timelines and the House being in session made it difficult to schedule a regular Commission meeting, it was considered an urgent financial matter under the provisions of **CD 2008-007**.

The Speaker reported on the appointment of an Auditor for the House of Assembly and Statutory Offices for the year ending 31 March 2012. As the Audit Committee did not recommend an auditor to the Commission, an auditor was not appointed by the end of the fiscal year. In accordance with 43(5), the Auditor General of the province will be the auditor.

As required by subsection 43(4) of the Act, the Speaker will report the appointment to the House of Assembly.

The Clerk reported on authorization given for furniture and equipment expenditures. The approvals are as follows:

- \$320.00 was approved for a wireless telephone headset for the constituency office of Mr. Christopher Mitchelmore, District of The Straits – White Bay North;
- \$418.00 was approved for a filing cabinet for the constituency office of Mr. Tom Marshall, District of Humber East;
- \$184.00 was approved for a refrigerator for the constituency office of Mr. Wade Verge, District of Lewisporte;
- \$329.93 was approved for a locking storage cabinet for the constituency office of Mr. Derek Dalley, District of The Isles of Notre Dame;
- \$416.64 was approved for a vertical filing cabinet for the constituency office of Mr. Derek Dalley, District of The Isles of Notre Dame;
- \$295.00 was approved for a vertical filing cabinet for the constituency office of Ms. Tracey Perry, District of Fortune Bay-Cape LaHune;
- \$372.36 was approved for a shelving unit for the constituency office of Mr. Wade Verge, District of Lewisporte; and,
- \$189.00 was approved for HP LaserJet Pro for the constituency office of Mr. Clayton Forsey, District of Exploits.

CM 2012-008 Pursuant to subsection 64(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the following amendment to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel:

Subsection 20(7) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* is amended by deleting the words “who represents a constituency that is wholly outside the capital region”.

CM 2012-009 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, waived the 60 day deadline under subsection 7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* for expense claims totaling \$330.95 for the Member for Conception Bay East-Bell Island.

CM 2012-010 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, waived the 60 day deadline under subsection 7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* for expense claims totaling \$120.00 for the Member for Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South.

CM 2012-011 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, waived the 60 day deadline under subsection 7(6) of the *Members' Resources and*

Allowances Rules for expense claims totaling \$4,306.05 for the Member for St. Barbe.

CM 2012-012 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, waived the 60 day deadline under subsection 7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* for expense claims totaling \$300.00 for the Member for St. John's Centre.

CM 2012-013 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, waived the 60 day deadline under subsection 7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* for expense claims totaling \$763.65 for the Member for Terra Nova.

CM 2012-014 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 24(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, waived the 60 day deadline under subsection 7(6) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* for expense claims totaling \$3391.61 for the Member for St. Barbe.

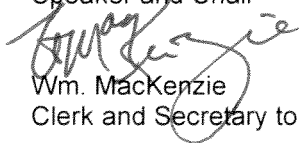
CM 2012-015 The Commission waived the required two day waiting period for confirmation of Decisions **CM 2012-009**, **CM 2012-010**, **CM 2012-011**, **CM 2012-012**, **CM 2012-013** and **CM 2012-014** to expedite the processing and payment of expense claims before the April 30, 2012 deadline.

CM 2012-016 The Commission ratified the approval of the following transfers of funds:
Budget Transfers No. HOABT2012-0024 and HOABT2012-0032 to transfer funds to Members' Resources - Salaries to cover the salary shortfall related to severance payments for outgoing Members and Constituency Assistants after the 2011 General Election.

Budget Transfers No. HOABT2012-0042 to transfer funds to Office of the Chief Electoral Officer – Grants and Subsidies to cover election subsidy payments related to the 2011 General Election.

Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Hon. Ross Wiseman, MHA
Speaker and Chair



Wm. MacKenzie
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission