



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: December 4 & 5, 2012

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Ross Wiseman, Speaker

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Jerome Kennedy, Government House Leader

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

Mr. Vaughn Granter, MHA (PC) Humber West

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

Hon. Joan Shea, MHA (PC) St. Georges – Stephenville

Mr. Dwight Ball, MHA (L) Humber Valley

Other

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

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer, Clerk's Office

CM 2012-035 The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on September 18, 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 November 28, 2012. The Speaker reported the following approvals:

- \$12,000, (HST excluded) for office accommodations for the Member for Terra Nova, Mr. Sandy Collins. This was the lowest proposal submitted.

- \$14,400 (HST excluded) for office accommodations for the Member for Labrador West, Mr. Nick McGrath. This was the lowest proposal submitted.
- \$18,594.65 (HST excluded) for office accommodations for the Member for Bay of Islands, Mr. Eddie Joyce. This was the lowest proposal submitted.
- \$200 for the cost of a sign adjacent to the office accommodations for the Member for Bonavista South, Mr. Glen Little.

The Clerk reported on authorization given for furniture and equipment expenditures for the period ending November 28, 2012. The approvals are as follows:

- \$199.99 was approved for a 48” round table for the constituency office of Mr. Nick McGrath, District of Labrador West; and,
- \$655.68 was approved for a lateral filing cabinet for the constituency office of Ms. Joan Shea, District of St. George’s – Stephenville East.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the Report from the 2012 Members’ Compensation Review Committee and considered a process for dealing with the recommendations of the Report. The Commission decided to meet in January, 2013 to deal with issues that had budgetary implications for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The audited financial information for the Office of the Auditor General was presented to the Commission for review. No decision was required.

CM 2012-036 Pursuant to subsection 25(1) of the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*, the Commission directed that the standard office allocation be amended to provide a television (including accessories) which is not greater than 32 inches.

As the House of Assembly was resuming sitting at 7:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. until the following day, December 5, 2012, at which time the remaining agenda item would be considered.

The meeting resumed at 5:25 p.m. on December 5, 2012 with all members present.

CM 2012-037 The Commission considered a motion from the Leader of the Third Party to approve a transfer of funds to the salary main object from other main objects within the Third Party Caucus activity. The motion was defeated.

Adjournment: 5:40 p.m.
Hon. Ross Wiseman, MHA
Speaker and Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Barnes".

Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission