



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: March 20, 2013

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Ross Wiseman, Speaker

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader

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

Mr. Vaughn Granter, MHA (PC) Humber West

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

Regrets

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

CM 2013-029

The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on February 27, 2013 were approved, with an amendment to include Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader, in the list of attendees and to remove Hon. Jerome Kennedy from the list of attendees.

CM 2013-030

The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on February 28, 2013 were approved, with an amendment to include Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader, in the list of attendees and to remove Hon. Jerome Kennedy from the list of attendees.

CM 2013-031

The Commission increased the kilometers from 8,800 to 20,000 for the District of Cartwright L'Anse au Clair and directed that the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended to add \$3,975 to the intra-constituency allowance allocation for that District.

CM 2013-032

The Commission added \$1,500 to the intra-constituency allowance allocation for the District of Cartwright L'Anse au Clair for increased ferry travel and directed that the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended to add \$1,500 to the intra-constituency allowance allocation for that District.

CM 2013-033

The Commission approved the following allocations for helicopter travel and directed that the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* be amended to reflect the new allocations for helicopter travel:

Burgeo-LaPoile =	\$21,000
Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair =	\$21,000
Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune =	\$24,600
Tornгат Mountains =	\$10,500

CM 2013-034

Pursuant to subsections 20(7), 15(5) and section 20 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* (the Act) the Commission gave first approval to the following proposed amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel:

1. Section 10 of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(2.1) Subsection (2) does not apply to an allowance claimed under subsection 19(4).”

2. Subsections 18(2), (3) and (4) of the Rules are repealed and the following is substituted:

“(2) A member is entitled to the constituency office accommodation expenses described in subsection 19(1).

(3) The maximum allowance available to a member for office operations and supplies is \$12,000.”

3. Subsection 19(1) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words and figures:

“allowance referred to in paragraph 18(2)(a)” and substituting the words and figures “expenses referred to in subsection 18(2)”.

4. Subsection 20(7) of the Rules is repealed.

5. The Rules are amended by adding immediately after section 33 the following:

“33.1 (1) Notwithstanding sections 31 and 33, a member whose permanent residence is outside the capital region at a distance greater than commuting distance may opt to travel between that residence and the capital region each day that the House of Assembly is in session and sitting and may claim the actual transportation cost of each daily return trip.

(2) A member who opts to claim an actual transportation cost for a day under subsection (1) cannot claim for costs described in paragraphs 31(1)(b) and (c) and 33(1)(b) and (c).

(3) This section shall apply only to members who represent the Districts of:

- a) Bellevue
- b) Carbonear-Harbour Grace
- c) Ferryland
- d) Harbour Main

- e) Placentia-St. Mary's
- f) Port de Grave; and
- g) Trinity-Bay de Verde.

6. Subsection 38(3) is amended by adding immediately after the word "*Schedule*" the letter "A".
7. The Rules are amended by adding immediately after section 38 the following:

“Helicopter travel

38.1 (1) Where less expensive travel is not available a member from a district listed in Schedule B may, with the prior approval of the Speaker, be reimbursed for the cost of helicopter travel while acting on constituency business within his or her constituency.

(2) The maximum amount which a member may claim in a fiscal year for intra-constituency travel under this section is the amount set out in Schedule B.

8. Subsection 46(3) is amended by adding immediately before paragraph (f) the following:

“(e.2) the expense of renting short term accommodation in one or more locations in the member’s constituency to facilitate travel of the member throughout the district to meet with residents on constituency issues;

9. The Schedule to the Act is repealed and the following is substituted:

Schedule A
House Operations
Estimates of Intra-Constituency Costs


Riding No.	Riding Name	Total
1	Baie Verte-Springdale	\$10,100
2	Bay of Islands	12,500
3	Bellevue	13,100
4	Bonavista North	10,100
5	Bonavista South	10,100
6	Burgeo-LaPoile	11,300
7	Burin-Placentia West	8,200
8	Cape St. Francis	7,200
9	Carbonear-Harbour Grace	7,700
10	Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair	25,600
11	Conception Bay East-Bell Island	7,700

12	Conception Bay South	7,200
13	Exploits	10,100
14	Ferryland	10,100
15	Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune	16,300
16	Gander	7,700
17	Grand Bank	12,000
18	Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans	9,100
19	Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South	7,200
20	Harbour Main	6,900
21	Humber East	6,300
22	Humber Valley	12,000
23	Humber West	8,200
24	Kilbride	7,200
25	Labrador West	7,700
26	Lake Melville	8,000
27	Lewisporte	9,200
28	Mount Pearl North	6,000
29	Mount Pearl South	6,000
30	Placentia-St. Mary's	11,500
31	Port au Port	6,800
32	Port de Grave	7,700
33	Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi	6,000
34	St. Barbe	11,900
35	St. George's-Stephenville East	7,700
36	St. John's Centre	6,000
37	St. John's East	6,000
38	St. John's North	6,000
39	St. John's South	6,000
40	St. John's West	6,000
41	Terra Nova	10,200
42	The Isle of Notre Dame	9,800
43	The Straits-White Bay North	10,100
44	Topsail	6,000
45	Torngat Mountains	20,700
46	Trinity-Bay de Verde	8,600
47	Trinity North	8,200
48	Virginia Waters	6,000
	Total	<u>\$442,000</u>

Schedule B
Helicopter Allocation

Electoral District	Total
Burgeo-LaPoile	\$21,000
Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair	21,000
Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune	24,600
Tornгат Mountains	10,500

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


Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission