



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: September 22, 2015

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Wade Verge, MHA, Lewisporte, Speaker

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

Hon. Keith Hutchings, MHA (PC) Ferryland

Hon. Darin King, Government House Leader

Mr. Andrew Parsons, MHA (L) Burgeo-LaPoile

Regrets:

Mr. Dwight Ball, MHA (L) Humber Valley

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Mr. Kevin Pollard, MHA (PC) Baie Verte - Springdale

Other

Mr. Glen Littlejohn, MHA (PC), Port de Grave, Deputy Speaker

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer

Lorna Proudfoot, Law Clerk

Wanda Lee Mercer, Chief Financial Officer

CM 2015-030

At an *in camera* meeting, the Commission directed that its solicitors take action to pursue payment of the costs as ordered by the court decision respecting Fraser March.

At the *in camera* meeting, the Commission discussed a personnel issue but there was no decision to report.

- CM 2015-031** The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on March 31, 2015 were approved as read.
- CM 2015-032** The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on May 26, 2015 were approved as read.
- CM 2015-033** The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on June 8, 2015 were approved as read.

The Speaker gave an update on authorizations made under section 43 of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* for the period ending September 16, 2015. The amount of \$196.02 was approved for former Member for Labrador West, Mr. Nick McGrath, for travel, accommodations and meals. These costs were incurred because of extra travel time required for the Member to return to his district when the House adjourned.

The Speaker gave an update on rulings on allowance use under section 24 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* for the period ending September 16, 2015. The amount of \$200.00 was approved for the Member for Mount Pearl South, Mr. Paul Lane, for expenses which were in compliance with the Rules but were submitted past the 60-day deadline.

The financial reports for the Legislature for the periods April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 and April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 were provided to the Commission for review. The Members' Accountability and Disclosure Reports were provided for the same periods.

The Eighth report of the Audit Committee was submitted to the Commission for review.

- CM 2015-034** Pursuant to subsection 43(2) of the *House of Assembly, Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission appointed the Auditor General as auditor of the House of Assembly and Statutory Offices for the year ending 31 March 2016.

CM 2015-035

The Commission approved the audited financial information for April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 for the House of Assembly and its Statutory Offices as recommended by the Audit Committee.

The audited financial information for the Office of the Auditor General for fiscal year ended 31 March 2015 was submitted to the Commission for review only.

The Caucus Operational Funding Expenditure Reports for the period April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015 for the Office of the Speaker, Government Members' Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus and the Third Party Caucus were submitted to the Commission for review.

CM 2015-036

Pursuant to subparagraph 20(6)(b)(ii) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission approved the revised Caucus Operational Funding Grants Policy.

Wade Verge, MHA
Speaker and Chair



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission