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**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: November 23, 2016

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Tom Osborne, MHA, Waterford Valley, Speaker

Ms. Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Andrew Parsons, Government House Leader

Mr. Paul Davis, MHA (PC) Topsail – Paradise

Mr. Keith Hutchings, MHA (PC) Ferryland

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) St. John's East - Quidi Vidi

Hon. Siobhan Coady, MHA (Lib), St. John's West

Mr. Mark Browne, MHA (Lib) Placentia West - Bellevue

Other

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer

CM 2016-037

The Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on August 24, 2016 were approved as read.

The financial information of the Office of the Auditor General for fiscal year ended 31 March 2016 as prepared by Grant Thornton, the independent auditor for the Office of the Auditor General was presented to the Commission for review purposes only as required under the Act.

The financial reports for the Legislature for the periods April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 and April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 were provided to the Commission for review. The Members' Accountability and Disclosure Reports were provided for the same periods.

CM 2016-038

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 2017.

CM 2016-039

The Commission approved the audited financial information for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 for the House of Assembly and its Statutory Offices as recommended by the Audit Committee.

The Caucus Operational Funding Expenditure Reports for the period April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016 for the Office of the Speaker, Government Members' Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus and the Third Party Caucus were submitted to the Commission for review. Due to the General Election on November 30, 2015, there were two reports for the 2015-16 reporting period. The first report covered the pre-election period. The second report covered the post-election period.

CM 2016-040

The House of Assembly Management Commission authorized the Auditor General to increase the salaries for the 2 affected employees by 5 steps on the HL 21 scale, effective June 29, 2016, provided that funds are available within the existing budget allocation for that office.

CM 2016-041

The Commission accepted recommendation 28 of MCRC and directed that a sub-committee be appointed to assess the realistic level of the I&E Allowances for all districts, under the terms and conditions outlined in this recommendation. Such a committee is to include MHA representation.

CM 2016-042

The Commission deferred decisions on the remaining recommendations on the agenda to a subsequent meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, to allow time for MHAs to be briefed on the recommendations of the MCRC report.

Adjournment: 10:25 a.m.

Tom Osborne, MHA
Speaker and Chair



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission