



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
RULE AMENDMENT – SECONDARY RESIDENCES
PROPERTY TAXES

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BACKGROUND

Property taxes were not listed as an eligible expense under the secondary residence rules in subsection 41(2) of the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*. Paragraph 41(2)(h) of the Rules allows the addition, as eligible expenses under the secondary residence rules, of “those other items that may be directed by the commission”.

At the July 3 meeting, the Commission approved the following draft amendment

Subsection 41(2) of the *Members’ Resources and Allowance Rules* is amended by adding immediately after paragraph (c) the following:
(c.1) property taxes;

As required under subsection 15(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the amendment received first approval at the October 15, 2008 meeting, was posted on the House of Assembly website, distributed to Members of the House of Assembly and received final approval at the Commission meeting held on November 18, 2008.

The rule amendment became effective on November 28, 2008, the date of publication in the NL Gazette.

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