



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting Held at
10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 24, 2019
Room 254 Legislative Building

DECISIONS

1. **Criteria for Advertising paid for with Public Funds: Werier Report**

Michael Werier, the Commissioner for Appeals under the Members' Allowances Regulations was appointed to prepare interim criteria/guidelines for advertising by Members paid by public funds, as per s. 6.1 of *The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act*.

Mr. Werier reported the following to the Commission:

- (1) The current rules as set out in the Members Allowances Regulation will continue to apply to the constituency allowance.
- (2) With respect to other areas, i.e. Special Supplies and Assistance Payments, Caucus Office and Franking, Members and caucuses of recognized political parties must adhere to the following with respect to all the communications set out in section 6.1(1) of *The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act*:
 - a) May reference a word or initial that would identify a political party, for example NDP government, Conservative opposition, Liberal Members, NDP Caucus, PC Caucus, Liberal Caucus, NDP, PC (or Conservative), Liberal.

- b) May use statements that are supportive or non-supportive of an MLA's position or a political party's position or a caucus' position or a government position.
- c) May not use the colour or device or logo of any political party, for example NDP or PC or Liberal party logo, slogan and colour is not allowed.
- d) Must be free of any statements advocating that money or votes not be given to a person or a political party; and
- e) Must be free of any statement advocating that a person
 - Join or not join a political party, or
 - Continue to be, or cease to be a member of a political party
- f) May not promote MLA's own or spouse's financial interest or the interest of any persons provided under the definition of "relative" in the Members' Allowances Regulation.
- g) May not promote any "for profit" business or organization.
- h) All transactions must be "non-arm's length" as defined in the Members' Allowances Regulations.
- i) Members and caucuses cannot use derogatory language against another Member or quote from extraneous material critical of another Member. Members cannot use offensive words against a Member or party or misrepresent the position of another Member.



Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and application of the criteria and guidelines shall be referred for decision to the Appeals Commissioner appointed by the LAMC under the Members' Allowance Regulation. As noted, these guidelines are in effect until such a time when the Commission makes consensus changes.