

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION Minutes of a Meeting Held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Room 254 Legislative Building

DECISIONS

1. Annual Report of Audit Committee

Ms. Wegner advised the commission of the establishment of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba Audit Committee and provided the commission with the Terms of Reference. She also provided annual reports of the Audit Committee for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 fiscal years.

2. <u>Legislative change to s. 52.27(1) of *The Legislative Assembly Act,* to change the responsibility of tabling the report of amounts paid to Members from the Minister of Finance to the Speaker (BP 1-20)</u>

Ms. Wegner presented an amendment to *The Legislative Assembly Act* regarding changing the responsibility for tabling the Report of the Amounts Paid to Members from the Minister of Finance to the Speaker.

The Commission approved in principle having a change to *The Legislative Assembly Act* go forward, as outlined below:

s. 52.27 (a) be removed and replaced by the following:



Statement re payments

52.27(1) Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Speaker must prepare a statement showing the amounts approved for payment of indemnities and allowances under this Part for that fiscal year to each person who has been a member of the Assembly during that fiscal year, other than amounts paid as retirement benefits.

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Tabling statement in the Assembly

52.27(1.1) The Speaker must table a copy of the statement in the Assembly on any of the first 15 days on which the Assembly is sitting after the statement is prepared.

The Commission approved the request that the Government take responsibility for introducing a Bill in the Assembly that makes this change to *The Legislative Assembly Act*.

3. <u>Amendments to The Legislative Assembly Act/Regulations re severance/transition</u> payments (BP 2-20)

Ms. Wegner presented a potential amendment to *The Legislative Assembly Act/*Regulations re severance/transition payments that would seek to change the classification of severance/transition payments to Members from being termed an allowance and instead be classified as a payment.

The Commission approved in principle having a change to *The Legislative Assembly Act/*Regulations go forward as outlined below.



change the word "allowance" to the word "payment" as per pg. 66 of the July 2017 Report of the Commissioner on Salaries, Allowances and Retirement Benefits for Members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly:
Members' Retirement Benefits Regulations (see Appendix #4)
Part 5 Transition Allowance s. 49, 50, 51
Members' Salary Regulation (See Appendix #5) s. 1

The Commission approved the request that the Government take responsibility for introducing a Bill in the Assembly that amends s. 52.21(3) of *The Legislative Assembly Act*.