

July 9, 2015

**Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment
First Report of the First Session, Sixty-fifth General Assembly
Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission**

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly;

The Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment is charged with matters concerning municipal affairs and provincial planning, land and local governance, environment, water, forests, wildlife; and justice and public safety, intergovernmental affairs, Aboriginal affairs, Acadian and Francophone affairs, Status of Women, the PEI Human Rights Commission, charities and emergency measures.

Committee Membership

Permanent members of your committee are:

Kathleen Casey, Chair (District 14, Charlottetown – Lewis Point)
Peter Bevan-Baker (District 17, Kellys Cross – Cumberland)
Robert Henderson (District 25, O’Leary – Inverness)
Sidney MacEwen (District 7, Morell – Mermaid)
Tina Mundy (District 22, Summerside – St. Eleanors)
Janice Sherry (District 21, Summerside – Wilmot)
Brad Trivers (District 18, Rustico – Emerald)

Sonny Gallant (District 24, Evangeline – Miscouche) served as a substitute member.

Committee Activities

On July 7, 2015 your committee met for the purpose of electing its Chair. Ms. Kathleen Casey was duly elected.

On July 8, 2015 your committee met *in camera* to discuss appointments to the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission. The terms of the following Commissioners expired earlier this year:

- Ms. Anne Nicholson, Chairperson (expired May 19, 2015)
- Mr. Robert Acorn, Commissioner (expired April 17, 2015)
- Mr. George Lyle, Commissioner (expired April 17, 2015)
- Mr. Maurice Rio, Commissioner (expired April 17, 2015)

At this meeting your committee also considered its report to the Legislative Assembly.

Recommendations

As a result of its deliberations on this matter, your committee is pleased to recommend to the Legislative Assembly:

1. That Mr. George Lyle be reappointed to the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, to expire on July 9, 2018.
2. That Mr. Maurice Rio be reappointed to the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, to expire on July 9, 2018.
3. That Mr. John Rogers be designated the Chairperson of the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission.

Following adoption of this report, the composition of the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission will be as follows:

Mr. John Rogers, Chairperson (term expiring May 2, 2017)
Mr. Alcide Bernard, Commissioner (term expiring May 2, 2017)
The Honourable Ellen Macdonald, Commissioner (term expiring May 2, 2017)
Ms. Carmen de Pontbriand, Commissioner (term expiring May 2, 2017)
Mr. George Lyle, Commissioner (term expiring July 9, 2018)
Mr. Maurice Rio, Commissioner (term expiring July 9, 2018)

Conclusion

Your committee thanks the members of the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission for their continued role in upholding human rights in our province. Your committee also thanks outgoing Chairperson Anne Nicholson and Commissioner Robert Acorn for their service on the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Casey, MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment