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Report
Standing Committee on Legislative Management
on the
Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer

Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly,

The Standing Committee on Legislative Management, pursuant to Section 2 of the Elections Act, RSPEI 1988 Cap. E 1.1 is charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Legislative Assembly persons for appointment to the positions of Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Chief Electoral, Prince Edward Island

Vacancy in Office:

Mr. Gary McLeod, Chief Electoral Officer, resigned as Chief Electoral Officer of Prince Edward Island effective June 1, 2017.

In considering Mr. McLeod's resignation, the Committee requested that Ms. Marian Johnston of Charlottetown (former Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly) assume responsibilities as Chief Electoral Officer (Acting) until such time as a public competition could be held and a recommendation made to the Legislative Assembly for appointment of Chief Electoral Officer for Prince Edward Island as required pursuant to Section 2 of the Election Act.

Advertisements were placed in local newspapers and posted on job sites. 56 applications were received and Interviews were conducted. As a result, Mr. Tim Garrity of Cornwall was recommended to the Committee as the top candidate.

Recommendation:

The Standing Committee unanimously recommends, as provided for in Section 2 of the Elections Act, that Mr. Tim Garrity of Cornwall be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Prince Edward Island effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Buck Watts

Hon. Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker and Chair,
Standing Committee on Legislative Management