

June 18, 2019

**Special Committee on Committees
First Report of the First Session Sixty-sixth General Assembly
Composition of the Standing Committees**

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

A Special Committee on Committees was appointed by motion of this House on June 13, 2019, to prepare and report back, with all dispatch, a list of Honourable Members to compose the Standing Committees now ordered pursuant to the Rules of the Legislative Assembly.

Membership

By the terms of the motion, the Special Committee on Committees is composed of the following members:

Sidney MacEwen, Government House Leader, as Chair
Hannah Bell, Opposition House Leader
Cory Deagle, Montague-Kilmuir
Sonny Gallant, Third Party House Leader
Hon. Steven Myers, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy

Committee Activity and Recommendations

Your committee met on June 17, 2019, to discuss its recommendations to the Legislative Assembly. As a result, your committee is pleased to recommend the following:

1. **Your committee recommends that the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges be composed of the following members:**

**Hannah Bell
Sonny Gallant
Lynne Lund
Sidney MacEwen
Hon. Matthew MacKay
Gordon McNeilly**

2. **Your committee recommends that the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges meet to consider the advisability of re-aligning the mandates of the remaining standing committees (Rule 95). In addition to reviewing Rule 95, your committee recommends that the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges also consider the advisability of making amendments to Rule 90 (Committee Membership).**

Your committee offers the suggestion to the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges that the number of standing committees, excluding the Standing Committee on Legislative Management, be limited to five or six committees, those being the Standing Committee on Public Accounts; the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges; and three to four other standing committees that focus on particular policy areas.

3. **Your committee further recommends that the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges hold a public meeting on this topic.**

Your committee advises that it will reconvene to prepare and report back, with all dispatch, a list of Honourable Members to compose the remaining standing committees, once the report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges has been adopted by this House.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney MacEwen
Chair
Committee on Committees