

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT

**Chairperson:** Hon. Colin LaVie, Speaker

**Meeting Minutes – Meeting 2021-1**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** J. Angus Maclean Building

### **Members Present:**

Hon. Colin LaVie, Chair  
Hal Perry, MLA  
Michele Beaton, MLA  
Peter Bevan-Baker, MLA  
Sonny Gallant, MLA  
Sidney MacEwen, MLA

### **Staff Present:**

Joseph Jeffrey, Clerk

### **Minutes**

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1. The Speaker called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. The minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were approved.
3. The Agenda was adopted.
4. The Clerk updated the committee on the Coles Building construction project. Members asked about training regarding the HVAC system. Heating is still uneven in the building. The Clerk will provide updates.
5. The committee decided that An Act to Amend the Audit Act, An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act, An Act to Amend the Public Interest Disclosure and Whistleblower Act , An Act to Amend the Election Act should continue to advance. Any additional changes should be forwarded to the Clerk by January 15, 2021. The Committee agreed to come back by January 15<sup>th</sup> with any suggested changes to the Ombudsperson Act with a second draft to be finalized by January 22, 2021. A final draft of that Act must be completed by February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
6. The Committee decided that all legislation advanced by this committee must be promoted by the Deputy Speaker.

7. The Committee considered a potential budget for a future Ombudsperson Office. The Committee also considered an additional amount for the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate and will decide at a future meeting.
8. The Committee decided to hold a competition for the position of Deputy Clerk, a new position defined in the Legislative Assembly Act, passed in December 2020.
9. The Committee asked the Clerk to draft a hiring policy for staff at the Legislative Assembly.
10. The Committee considered media requests for additional access to the legislative proceedings during the pandemic but ultimately decided that no additional access could be achieved given the amount of room available in the Chamber.
11. The Committee was briefed on an ongoing consultation project regarding Queen's Square beautification in advance of the reoccupation of Province House.
12. Under new business, the Committee considered and declined amending the Caucus Funding Formula. The Committee also discussed the disrepair in the Legislative Parking Lot.
13. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.