

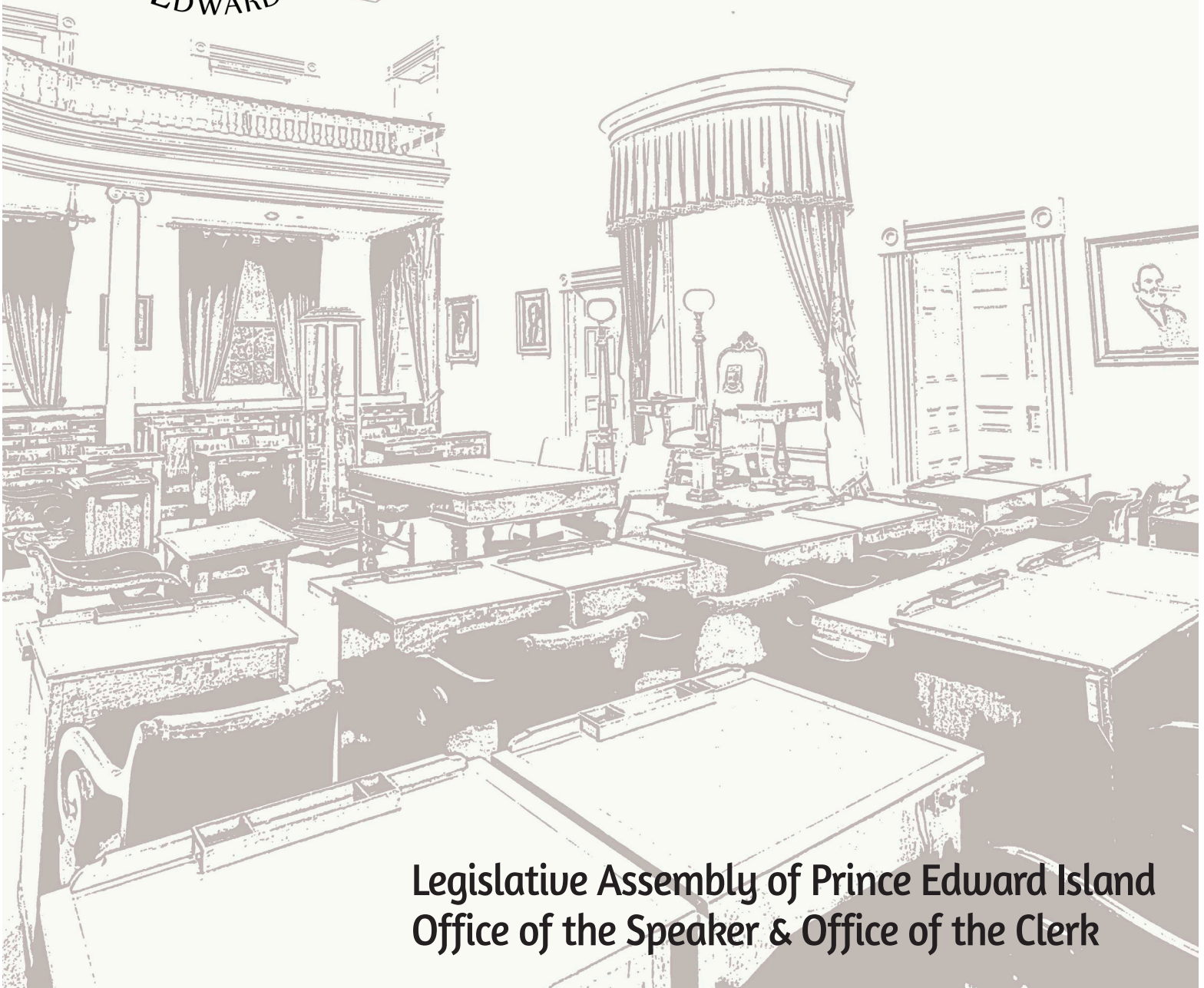
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

2019 Annual Report

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019



Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island
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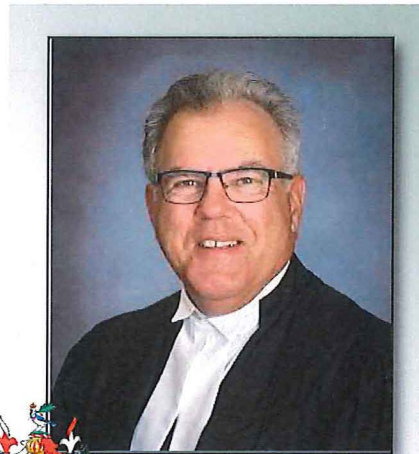
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February 12, 2021

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of
Prince Edward Island,
Charlottetown

On June 13, 2019, I was extremely honoured to be chosen
as the new Speaker for the Legislative Assembly on Prince
Edward.



I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report of the
Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island and the P.E.I. Branch of the Commonwealth
Parliamentary Association for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The spring
2019 sitting of the First Session of the 66th General Assembly began on June 14, 2019 with
the Speech from the Throne delivered by the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant
Governor of Prince Edward Island and concluded on July 12, 2019. The fall session of the
Second Session of the 66th General Assembly began on November 12, 2019 and concluded
November 28, 2019.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all staff for their contribution and commitment for their
work in supporting the Members and operations of the Legislative Assembly on Prince
Edward Island.

Respectfully,

Honourable Colin Lavie, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Our Values and Ethics



Democratic Values

Helping parliamentarians, under law, to serve the public interest.

Professional Values

Serving with competence, excellence, efficiency, objectivity, and impartiality.

Ethical Values

Acting at all times to uphold the public trust.

People Values

Demonstrating respect, fairness, and courtesy in our relations with the public, colleagues, and fellow public servants.



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February 12, 2021

Honourable Colin LaVie
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
197 Richmond Street, Charlottetown

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure of presenting my first Annual Report for the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. This annual report highlights our organizational achievements for the year.

This has been significant year for the Legislative Assembly. An election was held on May 4, 2019 that resulted in the 66th General Assembly and a minority government - the first one in modern history in Prince Edward Island. With three relatively large caucuses represented in the legislature, many adjustments to policies and practices had to be made to facilitate operations. The Office of the Legislative Assembly has ensured that all Members of the Legislative Assembly are supported in this new environment.

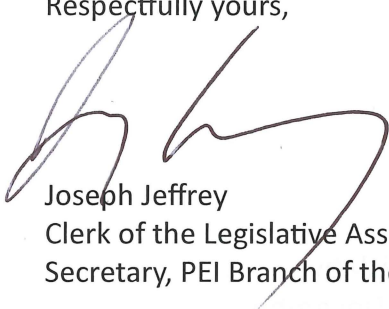
As you know, Mr. Speaker, this past year Charles MacKay retired after 33 years of service to the Legislative Assembly. He left behind immeasurable contributions and always worked to achieve excellence for the legislature. We wish Charlie all the best for a well-deserved retirement.

As I continue to gain experience in this role, I have appreciated the support of you Mr. Speaker and the Members of the Standing Committee on Legislative

Management in dealing with matters necessary for the operation of the Legislative Assembly.

I am proud of what our team has accomplished together. Their professionalism and dedication make the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island a vibrant organization that excels as a modern day parliamentary institution.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Jeffrey', written over the typed name.

Joseph Jeffrey
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and
Secretary, PEI Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Prince Edward Island's government was not always led by one House of elected representatives; for roughly the first 120 years of Island governance, there were two legislative bodies, the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly. A two-body Legislature is known as a bicameral Legislature.

- 1770 The island's civil administration takes shape with the arrival of Governor Patterson on the 19th of September.
- 1773 *The first House of Assembly was elected.*
- 1825 The House established committees charged with the discussion and analysis of particular issues, taking some of the workload off the main body of the House. Committees are still important in today's Legislative Assembly.
- 1839 The Legislative Council was separated into a Legislative Council and an Executive Council, and Members of the House of Assembly were placed on the Executive Council. This had the effect of reducing the unelected Legislative Council's power.
- 1851 *PEI's attainment of responsible government (self-government) due largely to the existence of an elected House of Assembly.*
- 1862 Responsible government was strengthened with an Act that required the Legislative Council to be elected rather than appointed.
- 1864 *In September, Prince Edward Island played host to the Charlottetown Conference, which was intended to negotiate a Maritime or Canadian Union.*
- 1866 *Premier James Pope rejects the terms of Confederation established at the Quebec Conference.*
- 1871 Railway construction begins on the Island. James Pope believed a railway network would generate employment, provide efficient transportation of goods, and benefit tourism. Widespread concern soon arose over the mounting cost of the project.
- 1873 *James Pope campaigns on a promise he can obtain better terms for Confederation. Pope won a majority and led a new delegation to Ottawa where they succeeded in gaining even better terms for the Island. The Island officially joins Confederation on July 1.*
- 1893 The House of Assembly and the Legislative Council were combined to form the Legislative Assembly. From 1893 to 1966, PEI's Legislative Assembly was made up of 30 Members, half of which were elected as Assemblymen, half as Councilors.

Our Services

The Office of the Legislative Assembly provides nonpartisan procedural, administrative, educational and outreach services to the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the public.

Standing Committee on Legislative Management

The Standing Committee on Legislative Management deals with the administration of the House and the provision of all services and facilities to Members. Chaired by the Speaker, its mandate and membership are specified in the Rules of the Legislative Assembly.

Office of the Speaker

The Speaker is the presiding officer of the Legislative Assembly, and is responsible for maintaining order, and regulating debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House. The Speaker plays a role ensuring all viewpoints have the opportunity of a hearing in debate and must cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

Office of the Clerk

Members are supported in their parliamentary functions by services administered by the Clerk, the chief executive officer of the Legislative Assembly. The Clerk has both procedural and managerial responsibilities, and oversees the delivery of nonpartisan services to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.



Committees

The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island enjoys flexibility available through its standing committees. Committee work provides topical information to Members of the Legislative Assembly on issues of concern and often provokes important public debate. Committees provide an immediate channel between elected representatives and Islanders. In 2019, the standing committees completed a busy and productive schedule of 62 meetings and presented a total of 10 reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Communications & External Relations

Communications and External Relations provides proactive strategic corporate (internal and external) communications planning, implementation, and advice for the Assembly. The position is responsible for the development and implementation of communications, marketing strategies, public engagement and special projects, to ensure the consistency of proposed approaches, plans and their compliance with Assembly priorities. This position also serves as Secretary to the Order of Prince Edward Island Advisory Council.

Corporate Services

This office supports the work of the Speaker, Members and Office of the Clerk by assisting with financial, administrative and human resource management services.

Hansard

Hansard first started transcribing the daily debates of the Legislative Assembly in February 1996. As of the end of 2019, Hansard has published 1011 transcripts. In 2006, Hansard took over the responsibility for transcribing committee proceedings. Since 2007, Hansard has produced detailed indexes to both the daily debates and committee meetings.

Library & Research

The Legislative Library and Research Service is a nonpartisan and confidential source of information, news, and reference services to Members of the Legislative Assembly, their caucus staff, standing committees, and staff of the Legislature.

Multimedia & Broadcast Services

Multimedia & Broadcast Services is responsible for producing the television broadcast and webcast of parliamentary proceedings, as well as maintaining a video archive of all legislative proceedings. The team provides audio, video and technical support to Members of the Legislative Assembly, media, and presenters to standing committees.

Parliamentary Counsel

A new position of Parliamentary Counsel was created in 2019. The Parliamentary Counsel position serves as the legal advisor in the Office of the Clerk and provides legal and procedural advice to the Clerk of the House and to the Legislative Assembly as a whole, including the Speaker and Members in matters of parliamentary law, procedure and privilege.

Security

The Sergeant-At-Arms is part of the office of the Legislative Assembly as defined in the *Legislative Assembly Act, RSPEI 1988 Cap I-7*. The position is steeped in parliamentary tradition; with the Sergeant-At-Arms and the mace, the House may exercise its considerable rights and privileges, and carry out various functions assigned to it. Today, the Sergeant-At-Arms is also responsible for the operational security of the Legislative Assembly. The objective is to provide a safe and secure environment for MLAs and Assembly staff to conduct their parliamentary responsibilities.

Sessional Administration

During the sittings of the Legislative Assembly, additional administrative support is required. The Sessional Administration Office supports the Clerk with regard to the production, dissemination and safekeeping of documents.

Independent Offices of the Legislative Assembly

- **The Auditor General** conducts independent audits and examinations that provide objective information, advice, and assurance to the Legislative Assembly. The Office promotes accountability and best practices in government operations.

- **Child and Youth Advocate** promotes and protects the rights of children and youth and provides oversight of government funded programs and services to children and youth.

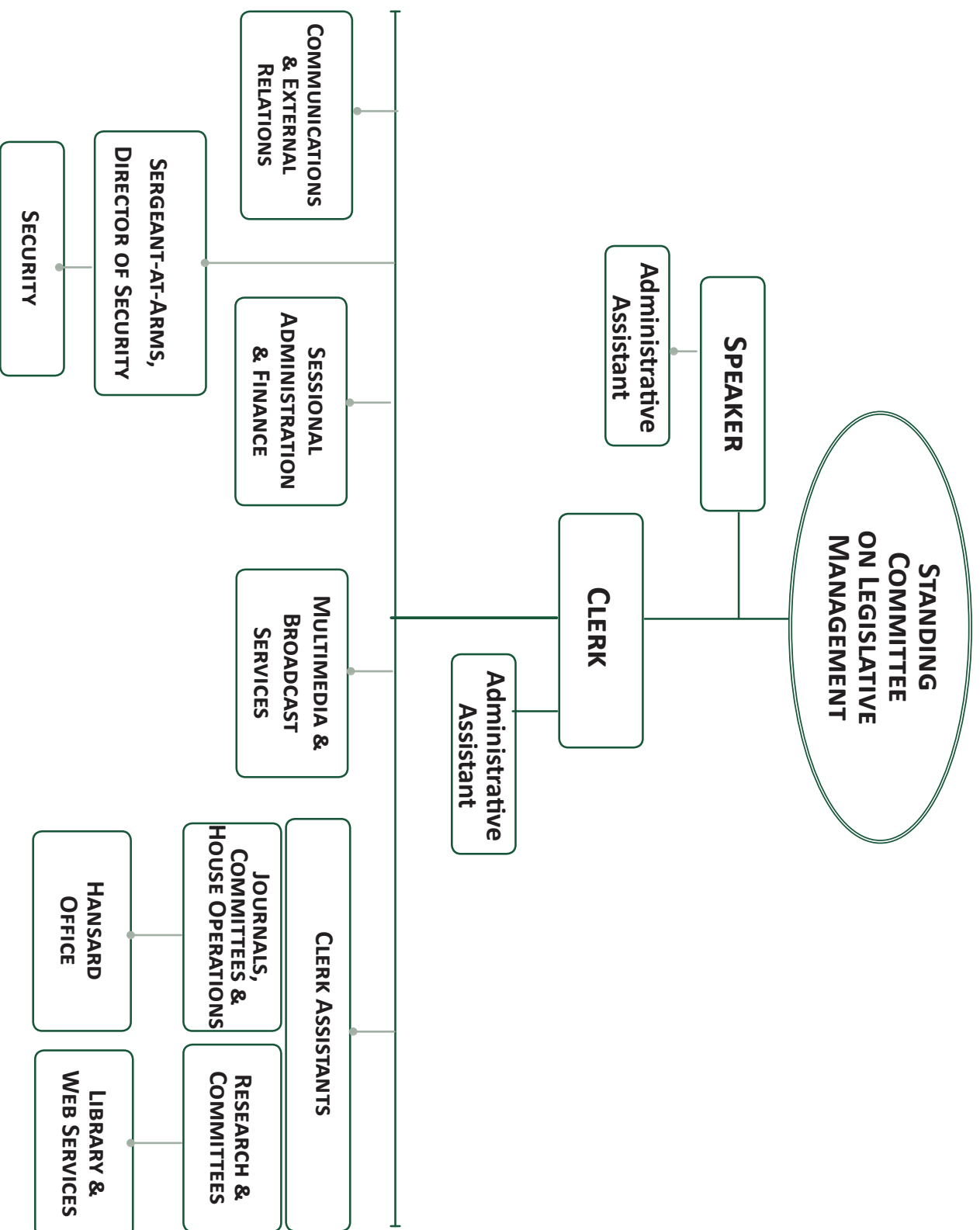
- **The Conflict of Interest Commissioner** assists Members and Ministers in reconciling their private and public interests to enhance public confidence in the Legislative Assembly.

- **Elections PEI's** mandate is to administer Provincial General Elections, By-elections, Referendums and Plebiscites. Elections PEI assists with Municipal Elections as they are hired by four municipalities to administer their elections and by-elections along with the School Board Elections on PEI.

- **The Information and Privacy Commissioner** accepts appeals from applicants, or third parties, who are not satisfied with the response they receive from public bodies as a result of an access to information request. The Commissioner also investigates privacy complaints.

- **The Indemnities and Allowances Commission** is a non-partisan body that reviews and establishes salaries and benefits for the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Our Team: Officers & Staff of the Legislative Assembly



Events Parliamentary Precinct Plan

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly and the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy developed a *Parliamentary Precinct Master Plan* which was approved by the Standing Committee on Legislative Management for the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

The objective of the Master Plan is to identify a vision for the continued use and redevelopment of the buildings that house the Offices of the Legislative Assembly in order to provide a secure and functional environment for parliamentarians, staff, and visitors. The Plan also establishes a strategy for the most efficient use of the available space within the buildings after the re-occupation of Province House following the completion of ongoing renovations.

The buildings included in the Parliamentary Precinct are:



Province House

3 story building plus basement (7,300 sq ft per floor)



Hon. George Coles Building

4 story building plus basement (4,800 sq ft per floor)



J. Angus MacLean Building

4 story building (2,300 sq ft per floor)



197 Richmond Street

2 story building (1,650 sq ft per floor)

Space within the precinct is allocated for the following:

- Legislative Assembly administration
- Legislative Chamber
- Caucus Offices for Members of the Legislative Assembly
- Independent Statutory Offices
- Security
- Library
- Standing Committee meetings

The Honourable George Coles Building is the temporary home of the Legislative Chamber as well as offices for elected politicians and support staff. In order to accommodate all offices two main basement storage rooms were cleared out and converted to office space in 2019. The Public Archives and Records Office relocated to the Atlantic Technology Centre from the Honourable George Coles Building in 2019, making the fourth floor available to the Assembly for office space. Renovations to the building are ongoing to improve the use of available space and to modernize the building.

Charles MacKay, Clerk, Retires

In March 2019, Charles Mackay, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, retired after serving the Assembly for almost 33 years. Over his career, almost 19 years of which he served as Clerk, Mr. MacKay made significant contributions to the province, improving the operation of the province's parliament and providing professional guidance and support to Members.



Mr. MacKay joined the Legislative Assembly in 1986 following his graduation from the political science program at the University of New Brunswick. He first served as a messenger but quickly moved into the role of committee clerk, eventually being appointed as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on May 18, 2000.



As the chief permanent officer of the House, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly records the decisions of the House and is responsible for collecting and preserving the documents presented in the House. The Clerk provides administrative support to the Speaker, the House, and Members, and serves as the secretary to the Standing Committee on Legislative Management, which oversees the operation of the House.

Over his time with the Legislative Assembly, Mr. MacKay served Members from nine different General Assemblies and witnessed many changes from the technological to the diversity of representation in the House, as well as seeing many debates on issues that marked turning points in Island history, such as the fixed link and abortion access.

As Clerk, Mr. MacKay was instrumental in expanding the professional staffing and services of the Legislative Assembly. Following the direction of the Standing Committee on Legislative Management, Mr. MacKay re-introduced a library to the Assembly precinct and established a research service to support members and staff. Changes in broadcasting services and social media presence improved public access to debates and committee proceedings, and supporting partnerships with Island schools and the University of Prince Edward Island created opportunities for Island students to experience the nonpartisan work of the legislature.

Former MLA Buck Watts, who served as Speaker during Mr. MacKay's last general assembly, called Mr. MacKay "the heart and soul and face of the Legislative Assembly of P.E.I. We will all experience a major void in his absence. Anyone

who has had the opportunity to work with and get to know Charlie is now a better person."



On March 31, 2019, the distinctive black robe of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly was handed to Mr. Joseph Jeffrey.

Joseph Jeffrey Steps into Role as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly appointed Mr. Joseph Jeffrey, Director of Corporate Services, as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly effective March 31, 2019, following a public competition for the position in 2018. This was first time in the history of Prince Edward Island there was a public competition for the position. Mr. Jeffrey was identified as the top candidate.



Mr. Jeffrey served the Legislative Assembly as Director of Corporate Services for six years and as a Committee Clerk (both in the House and with Standing Committees), and as past Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Parliamentary Administration (CAPA). His appointment was unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Jeffrey has a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a major in finance from St. Mary's University in Halifax. Growing up in a military family, he has lived in many places but moved back to Prince Edward Island in 2007. Before joining the Legislative Assembly in 2012, he worked for the Population Secretariat.

Electoral Reform Referendum

In November 2018, the Prince Edward Island legislature unanimously appointed Gerard Mitchell as the new referendum commissioner. The role of the commissioner was to inform and educate Islanders on the referendum options on electoral reform which would be voted on in conjunction with the 2019 provincial general election. A communication and education campaign was undertaken to explain Prince Edward Island's current First Past the Post system, and to introduce proportional representation and Mixed Member Proportional systems, as well as to explain the rules pertaining to the referendum. A number of public meetings were held across the province.

On February 1st the referendum period began. The referendum results were binding on government if more than 50 per cent of

total voters voted the same way on the question and a majority of voters in at least 60 per cent of the Island's electoral districts also voted the same way, according to the legislation.

The referendum was held in conjunction with the provincial general election on April 23, 2019. Islanders were asked whether they wanted to change the current voting system from First Past the Post (FPTP) to a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system.

More than 50% of Island voters voted to not change the system of voting, though 14 districts did vote to change to MMP. However, the threshold of winning the majority of votes as well as the majority of districts as laid out in the legislation was not met, so no reforms were introduced.

2019 Provincial General Election Tragedy

On April 19, 2019, an accident claimed the life of a young teacher and Green party candidate, Josh Underhay, and his young son Oliver. The shock hit islanders within a matter of hours and the entire province was shaken. All parties suspended campaigning in order to pay respect to the tragic loss of Josh and Oliver. The Island mourned for Josh, Oliver and the young family who remember them. A celebration of life was organized for Josh and Oliver by friends and family which included a concert and jam session to pay their respects through music.



The Underhay Family, L to R: Oliver, Linden, Karri Shea, and Josh

Charlottetown-Hillsborough Deferred Election

Section 45 of P.E.I.'s *Election Act* states that if an officially-nominated candidate dies between the closing of nominations and the election, the province's Chief Electoral Officer shall order the withdrawal of the poll. A new polling day, no more than three months after the death, is then fixed, according to the legislation.

A deferred election was held on July 15, 2019, and Natalie Jameson was elected the MLA for District 9, Charlottetown-Hillsborough Park.



Orientation Day for New MLAs

There were 11 first-time Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in 2019. An orientation day was held on May 15, 2019 which allowed the newly elected MLAs to learn how things are run in the Legislative Assembly and offer them an opportunity to ask questions. The first part of the orientation focused on things that would be familiar to any Islander on their first day on the job like meeting with the human resources department. The next part of it was to walk Members through the regular business of a sitting day in the Legislative Assembly for example, how bills go through, how Members ask questions, and how they make statements. A later more in-depth orientation was held when the House opened that discussed specifics of how a budget is moved through the House, how motions work and what a speech from the throne entails.



Minority Government in the Legislature

Prince Edward Island elected the first minority government to make it to the Legislative Chamber in 2019.

Below is the breakdown, by party, of representatives elected to the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly as of the fall 2019 sitting, including the names of party leaders. A chart of all MLAs is available on the following page.

Progressive Conservatives

13 seats

All eight of the PC incumbents were re-elected, and they added five more to their legislative roster, including a new leader and Premier.

Leader: Hon. Dennis King

Green Party

8 seats

The Greens seat count increased from 2015, when the party had only one representative elected. In this election the Greens elected eight in total.

Leader: Hon. Peter Bevan-Baker

Liberal Party

6 seats

The Liberals seat count was reduced to 6 in 2019, with 5 incumbents retaining their seats and one new MLA. 12 members including the incumbent premier lost their seats in the house.

Leader: Sonny Gallant

First Session of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly

The First Session of the 66th General Assembly began on June 14, 2019 with the Speech from the Throne delivered by the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island for Prince Edward Island's first minority government. The session concluded on July 12,



2019. On June 13, 2019, the Honourable Colin LaVie was chosen by a vote to become the new Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on Prince Edward Island. The fall session of the Second

Session of the 66th General Assembly began on November 12, 2019 and concluded November 28, 2019.

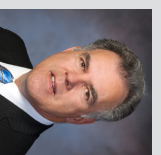
Members of the 66th General Assembly



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Tyne Valley-
Sherbrooke



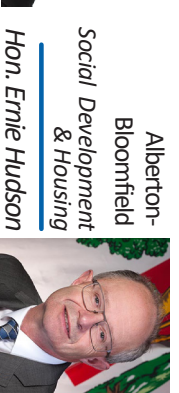
Michele Beaton
Mernaid-
Stratford



Hon. Colin LaVie
Speaker
Souris-
Elmira



Hon. Steven Myers
Georgetown-
Powan
Transportation,
Infrastructure & Energy



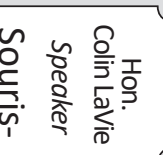
Hon. Ernie Hudson
Alberton-
Bloomfield
Social Development
& Housing



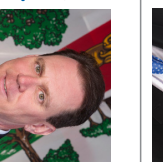
Ole Hammarlund
Charlottetown-
Brighton



Hannah Bell
Charlottetown-
Belvedere
Opposition House
Leader



Hon. James Aylward
Stratford-Keppoch
Health & Wellness



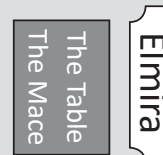
Hon. Bradley G. Trivers
Rustico-Emerald
Education &
Lifelong Learning
Environment, Water &
Climate Change



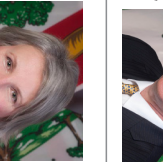
Lynne Lund
Summerside-
Willmot
Opposition Whip



Karla Bernard
Charlottetown-
Victoria Park



Murray River
Belfast-
Finance
Hon. Darlene
Compton



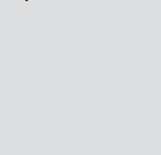
Hon. Matthew Mackay
Kensington-
Malpeque
Economic Growth,
Tourism & Culture



Stephen Howard
Summerside-
South Drive



Hon. Peter Bevan-Baker
New Haven-Rocky
Point
Leader of the Opposition



Hunter River
Brackley-
Premier
Hon. Dennis King



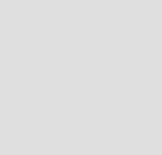
Justice & Public Safety & Attorney General
Stanhope-
Marshfield
Agriculture & Land



Hal Perry
Tignish-Palmer Road
Deputy Speaker



Sonny Gallant
Evangeline-Miscouche
Leader of the Third Party



Sidney MacEwen
Morell-Donagh
Government House
Leader



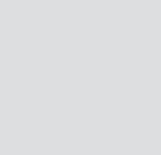
Hon. Bryce Thompson
Charlottetown-
Hillsborough Park



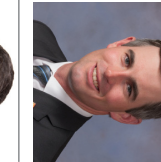
Gordon McNeilly
Charlottetown-
West Royalty



Heath MacDonald
Cornwall-Meadowbank
Third Party House Leader



Borden-Kinkora
Fisheries &
Communities
Hon. Jamie Fox



Natalie Jameson*
Charlottetown-
Hillsborough Park



Robert Henderson
O'Leary-Inverness
Third Party Whip



Robert Mitchell
Charlottetown-
Winsloe



Sergeant-at-Arms

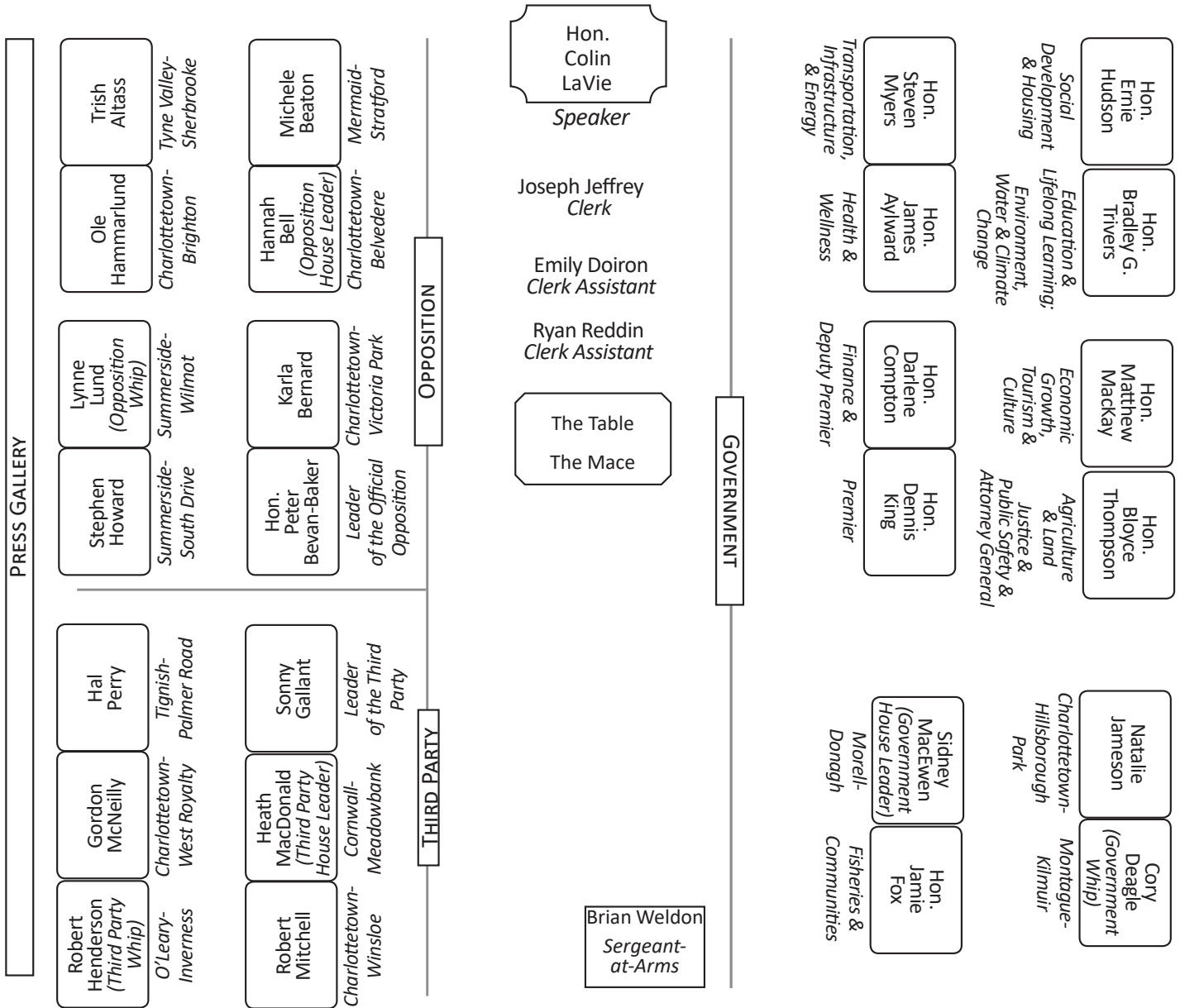


Montague-Kilmuir
Government Whip
Cory Deagle



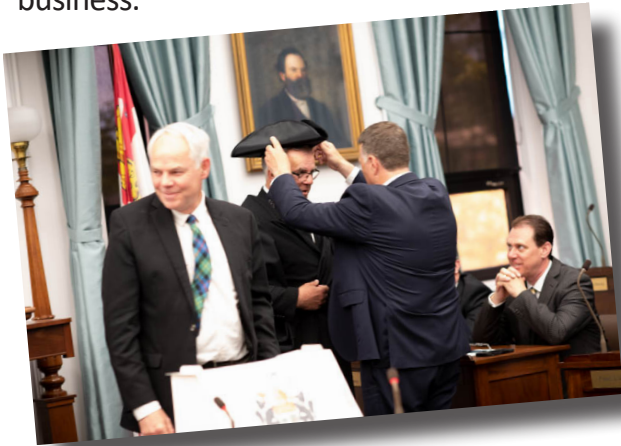
*Natalie Jameson won the July 2019 deferred by-election for Charlottetown-Hillsborough Park

Seating plan of the House (as of Fall 2019 sitting)



Honourable Colin LaVie Elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

The Honourable Colin LaVie, MLA, was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by secret ballot on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Hal Perry, MLA, took on the role of Deputy Speaker. The election of a Speaker is the first order of business for a new General Assembly as the role signifies the rights and privileges of the House to govern itself and conduct its business.



Upon his election, Honourable Mr. LaVie thanked his fellow elected members for their support and accepted the honour of sitting in the Speaker's chair.

Honourable Colin LaVie was first elected as the MLA for Souris-Elmira in the general election of 2011 and was re-elected in the general elections of 2015 and 2019.

During his time as an MLA, Mr. LaVie served as Opposition Critic for Fisheries and Agriculture and as Opposition Whip. He has been a member on many legislative standing committees including the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Agriculture and the Standing Committee on Communities, Lands and

Environment.

A fourth-generation lobster fisherman, Mr. LaVie has fished out of Souris harbour for the last 25 years.

A lifelong resident of Souris and deeply involved in his community, he is the longtime Chief of the Souris Fire Department and is a volunteer fixture at the Eastern Kings Sportsplex.

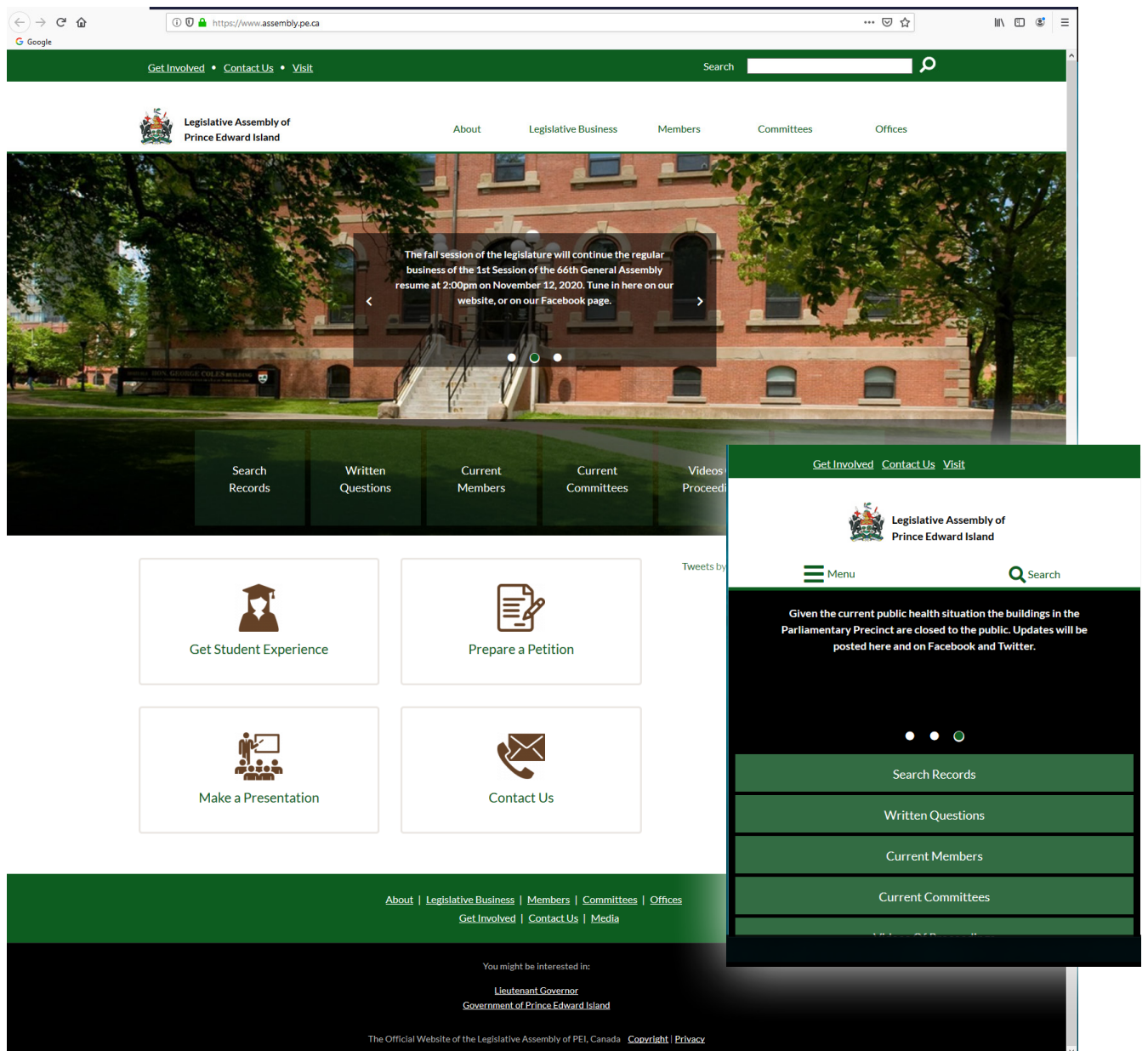


Legislative Assembly Website Upgrade

The Legislative Assembly launched a rebuilt website in the fall of 2019 after two years of redevelopment with the support of Information Technology Shared Services in the Department of Finance. The website was built as a proof of concept for a set of templates being built in Drupal 8 by a third party developer to replace the 20-year-old custom-built content management system of the previous website. The new site

allowed for extensive content revision and redevelopment and added new search features for key resources, such as house and committee transcripts and records.

A key piece of the redevelopment provided an upgrade to the site for mobile access (inset below), simplifying the site's layout when opened on mobile technology. The new layout for the full desktop website provides a cleaner layout and more flexibility in placing content.



Order of Prince Edward Island

First conferred in 1996, the Order of Prince Edward Island is the highest honour that can be accorded to a citizen of the province. It is awarded annually following a public nomination process with not less than three recipients being selected by the independent Advisory Council.

The Order of Prince Edward Island has been established as a way of encouraging and acknowledging the outstanding achievements of individual citizens of the province. It is a special act of appreciation to nominate someone you believe is deserving of such an honour. The Order of PEI Advisory Council considers each nomination and makes final recommendations to the Premier as President of Executive Council. The Premier then forwards those recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor, who is Chancellor of the Order of Prince Edward Island.

This year's medal recipients were Jeanette Arsenault of Albany, Leo Broderick of Charlottetown, and Dr. Najmul H. Chishti of Charlottetown. The Insignia of the Order was presented to each of them at a special investiture ceremony in September 2019 at Government House, Charlottetown.

Members of the Order of Prince Edward Island Advisory Council include:

Mr. Gerard Greenan, Chair

Ex-officio Members

Hon. David Jenkins, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island

Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz, President, University of Prince Edward Island

Paul Ledwell, Clerk of Executive Council

Members

Brian Annear, Lower Montague

Debbie Buchanan, Stanhope

Doug LeBlanc, Victoria West

Heather Mullen, Canavoy

Dianne Porter, Charlottetown

JoAnne Holden, Secretary for the Order of Prince Edward Island



2019 Recipients of the Order of Prince Edward Island

Jeanette Arsenault

Jeannette Arsenault was born in Abram Village and grew up in a house with 9 siblings, her parents and grandparents. She learned from her mother at a very early age to always give one hundred percent, how to respect everyone, and treat others fairly. This is Jeannette everyday!

Jeannette was the co-founder and owner of the largest gift shop in Atlantic Canada since 1989, Shop and Play, formerly Cavendish Figurines and is still there as the manager. Jeannette has mentored many of her fellow Islanders over the years. She never holds a grudge as she believes that you are much more likely to get the job done if you turn an opponent into an ally. Her attitude is that if you work hard and smart, everything will work out.

Providing over 30 years of service to her community, Jeannette deals fairly and honourably with everyone – acquaintances, customers and staff. When she is in charge, everyone knows that fairness reigns yet she is very modest.

Jeannette is no stranger to receiving awards for her excellent entrepreneurial skills. In 2002, she was the first Islander who was awarded “one of Canada’s most powerful women” by the Women’s Executive Network. In 2013, Jeannette was awarded the Queen’s Jubilee Medal and, in 2017, received the Senate Canada 150 Medal whose criteria are generosity,



dedication, volunteerism and hard work to make their communities a better place to live. In 2018, she very proudly received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Acadian and Francophone Chamber of Commerce.

Jeannette’s community extends to all of Canada. She has held many positions with different organizations and most of them on a volunteer basis. Jeannette’s vast contribution to the business world and in mentoring others is inspirational. Jeannette Arsenault is an energetic community leader, tremendous role model for young girls and women, and represents the Acadian “joie de vivre” in all of her goals and is a very deserving recipient for the 2019 Order of Prince Edward Island.

Leo Broderick

Leo Broderick is a passionate activist for social and environmental justice with a deep understanding of global and local issues. In addition to his distinguished career as an educator, he consistently proves how ordinary citizens can have an influence to make the world a safer, fairer place.

Activists are generally unsung heroes and encourage us to put the common good above our own self-interests. Leo is not afraid to speak out or take a stand on issues. His commitment to these issues was influenced by his exposure to the cooperative movement in Tignish, PEI where he was born in 1945. Leo continually strives to understand and demonstrate the impact of world events on local communities and how this impact on local communities can, in turn have on world issues.

Leo Broderick has been on the Board of Directors for the Council of Canadians, Canada's leading social action organization with more than 50 chapters across Canada. In 2017, he was elected to the volunteer position as national Chairperson.

Over the years, he has attended several World Trade Organization Summits, World Social Forums, and International events from Cologne, to Seattle, to Hong Kong to Nairobi. In 2001, he attended the Quebec City Peoples Summit with his family protesting globalization, the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas and corporatization and along with many fellow Islanders was tear-gassed.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts from St.



Dunstan's University, a Bachelor of Education from UPEI and a Masters of Education from Dalhousie University. He spent most of his professional teaching career at Colonel Gray Senior High School in Charlottetown where he demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to the education of Islanders.

Leo's longstanding career was further exemplified with his involvement in the PEI Teacher's Federation. He served in many capacities including President from 1993-95. In 1994, he was elected Vice-President of the Canadian Teacher's Federation, the first PEI teacher to serve on the national executive.

Mr. Broderick's family will tell you that despite his frequent engagement with the wider world, Leo never forgets his roots. His love for this Island keeps him humble, grounded and inspired to work every day to improve life for its people. Leo's courage, compassion and dedication have indeed changed our Island and the world. Leo Broderick's influences to work towards making the world more peaceful and sustainable is why he is being named a worthy recipient for the 2019 Order of Prince Edward Island.

Dr. Najmul H. Chishti

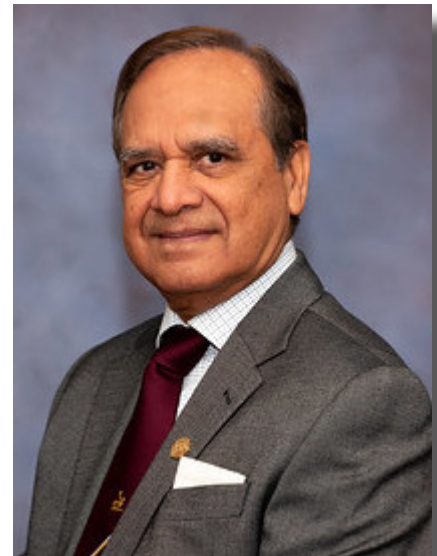
Dr. Najmul H. Chishti is a man of many endeavours and accomplishments. Dr. Chishti is a retired Research Scientist in the advancement of the successful and innovative Diagnostic Chemicals BioVectra. A community leader and the driving force of youth table tennis for over 32 years. Dr. Chishti has been instrumental as the President of the Muslim Society of Prince Edward Island.

Dr. Chishti has involved himself in many community efforts. Some efforts grew out of his children's schooling such as the Canadian Parents for French, a leader in promoting French language education and others from his own interest in Table Tennis. For over 40 years, he has been a driving force of table tennis on Prince Edward Island in the roles of coach, referee, administrator, and as an international accredited official and he continues to remain active in the sport. As the recipient of many Sport PEI awards, table tennis would probably not have survived in PEI without his efforts and dedication. Beyond PEI, he serves as chairperson for the Member's Council of Table Tennis Canada and on the board for Table Tennis Canada.

Dr. Chishti has been instrumental in building the first mosque in Charlottetown and his committee fundraised over \$800,000 for the project. This also led him to work, along with his wife Farida, in refugee settlement and integrate into their new environment. It is surely a challenging task to accommodate

29 different countries refugees and immigrants when each one has a different cultural experience.

Dr. Najmul Chishti is the recipient of numerous awards including Top 25 Immigrant in recognition of vision, leadership and a positive impact on the maritime community in 2017; the President's award for Sport PEI for outstanding achievement and promotion of sport among youth; and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 for over 30 years of volunteer work. Dr. Chishti continues to be passionate about the Island's youth, and the continuation of the Island's cultural heritage and is a most worthy inductee to the 2019 Order of Prince Edward Island.



Members of the Order of Prince Edward Island

A

Angèle Arsenault, O.C.
Jeanette Arsenault
Mark Arendz
Reverend Éloi Arsenault
Georges Arsenault

B

Leone Bagnall, C.M.
Carolyn Bateman
Chief Darlene Bernard
Honourable J.Léonce Bernard
Reverend Dr. F.W.P. Bolger, C.M.
Leo Broderick
Emily Bryant
Marlene Bryenton
Garnet Rankin Buell
Marie Burge

C

Honourable Catherine Callbeck, C.M.
William Callbeck
Dr. Sheldon Cameron
Alexander Bradshaw Campbell
Bill Campbell
Reverend Charles Cheverie
Dr. Najmul H. Chishti
Honourable Gilbert R. Clements
Heather Cutcliffe
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Dr. George Dewar, C.M.
Vera Elizabeth Dewar
Gerald Sheldon Dixon
Dr. Dagny Dryer
Anna Duffy
Regis Duffy, C.M.

E

Edith Eldershaw
Dr. Kent Ellis

G

J. Henri Gaudet, C.M.
Allan Graham
Diane Griffin

H

Honourable Barbara Hagerman
H. Wayne Hambly, C.M.
Wilma Hambly
Nancy Ann Hamill
Catherine Hennessey
James Hogan
Arthur Hudson

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Dr. Albert “Bud” Ings

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Irene Jewell

K

Derek Key, Q.C.

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Frank Ledwell
Dorothy Lewis
Honourable H. Frank Lewis
Charles Linkletter, C.M.

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Elmer MacDonald
H. Wade MacLauchlan
William MacLean
Helen Stewart MacRae
Dr. Joyce Madigane
Dr. John H. Maloney
Maylea Manning
Shirley McGinn
Barbara McNeill
Heather Leanne Moyse
Ray Murphy

O

Dr. Hubert O’Hanley

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Honourable Antoinette Perry
Ulric Poirier

R

Honourable Marion Reid, C.M.
Antoine Richard, C.M.
Helen Robbins

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Paul H. Schurman, C.M.
Father Brady Smith

T

Dr. Charles St. Clair Trainor

W

Kay Wall
Elmer Williams
Noel Wilson
Dr. David Wong

Z

Frank Zakem



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Wintertide

The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island once again partnered with the City of Charlottetown to host the Wintertide Holiday Festival Opening on November 29, 2019.

The Wintertide Holiday Festival Tree Lighting event begins with a candlelight walk from Peakes Wharf to the Confederation Centre of the Arts Upper Plaza. Approximately 1,000 people attended the ceremony to usher in the holiday season in Historic Downtown Charlottetown with Father Christmas, the Confederation Centre Youth Chorus and Julia Dunn.

The parade arrived at the Confederation Centre of the Arts Upper Plaza to a large gathering crowd with the voices of the Confederation Centre Children's Youth Chorus singing Christmas carols in the background. Following the tree illumination, hot chocolate and cookies were served and all enjoyed the tree and lights in the surrounding area. Christmas carols were played in the background to maintain the festival atmosphere.

The event itself is presented by the City of Charlottetown in partnership with the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island. The evening was once again a great success and served as the official launch of the Holiday Season in the capital city.



Visitor Services

The Chamber of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in the Honourable George Coles Building (Coles Building), welcomed 725 visitors between June 10 and August 30, 2019. During the summer from Monday to Friday, a Student Intern - Visitor Guide is on site to greet visitors and tell them about the Assembly, with services offered in both French and English.

In 2019, the guide at the Legislative Assembly was Jake Godfrey. The Legislative Assembly Chamber was located on the second floor of Province House until January 2015. The building was closed for major conservation work that year and is slated to reopen in 2022. With conservation efforts underway, the Chamber is now located on

the 1st floor of the Honourable George Coles Building, located at 175 Richmond Street.

While Province House is closed for conservation work, the Assembly had the opportunity to adapt the Visitor Guide program to the new interpretive space in the Coles Building. Guide duties also expanded to include research and other tasks similar to those performed by legislative interns. Some of the topics that are typically covered in the guide program include the long and colorful history of the Assembly, the importance of the various symbols and objects found within the Chamber, as well as the role that the Assembly plays today in passing laws and upholding our democratic traditions.

Doors Open PEI

The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island partnered with “Doors Open PEI,” an initiative of Creative PEI, on June 1, 2019, and welcomed visitors from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to visit the legislative chamber in the Honourable George Coles Building. Our Student Intern - Visitor Guide greeted visitors and shared information about the Assembly.

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Doors Open is an international festival that allows art, culture and heritage buildings that are not generally accessible to the public to open their doors for a day, offering tours and sharing the unique features and stories of their spaces.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day is the most recognized career exploration event in Canada. More than 200,000 Grade 9 students explored their career options and interests through job shadows, office tours, interviews and group activities at thousands of workplaces across Canada. Students spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend, or volunteer host. Through Take Our Kids to Work Day, students are able to witness the world of work firsthand, prompting early career planning, and enabling students to make informed decisions pertaining to their future goals and endeavours.

In 2019, Grade 9 students from across the Island toured the Provincial Administration Buildings and visited the Cabinet Room, toured the courthouse, and saw the bilingual recruitment media room in the department of Health and Wellness. The morning's events were sponsored by the Public Service Commission. In the afternoon, a small group of students went on to tour the Legislative Assembly and meet with staff, visiting the chamber in the Honourable George Coles Building.

By participating in Take Our Kids to Work Day, students are able to learn about a variety of careers, industries, and sectors. In particular, it is an opportunity to show that the public service is stable and reliable, yet flexible and innovative. We promote workplaces where employees are inspired to make a positive impact and proud to shape the future of our Island community. Take Our Kids to Work Day also creates a great opportunity for employee engagement within the workplace. It is an event that encourages team building, productivity, social interactions, and employee involvement can significantly boost morale around the office.



Joseph Jeffrey (left), Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, escorts students in the Legislative Chamber.

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Rotary Youth Parliament

The Rotary Clubs of P.E.I. hosted the 32nd annual Rotary Youth Parliament, Nov. 22-23, 2019. The Honourable Colin LaVie, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, welcomed students to the 32nd Annual Rotary Youth Parliament on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 1:45 pm with the Speech from the Throne delivered by the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

Students from across the province debated under the direction of the Speaker of the Legislature,

and continued throughout the weekend. Topics debated are of current concern and chosen by the youth participating.

Rotary Clubs of PEI have organized this annual two-day event for Island High School students for 30 years. Students from all over the Island act as MLAs during the event and have the opportunity



to present and debate acts and resolutions on the floor of the legislature. In preparation for the mock assembly, participants meet with fellow students from all over the Island to prepare their platform and organize their debate. While it does require a time commitment from participating students, it is a unique opportunity for them to present their ideas for the future of Prince Edward Island, and perhaps influence current MLAs.



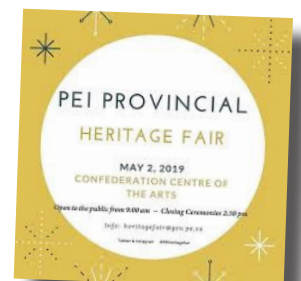
Rotary Youth Parliament is held in Charlottetown, and the proceedings took place in the Legislative Chamber (Coles Building) where MLAs debate and pass laws and resolutions.



The selection process is determined by participating high schools.

Heritage Fair

The provincial heritage fair was held on May 2nd at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. JoAnne Holden, Director of Communications and External Relations at the Legislative Assembly, participated as a judge. The Fair is an annual exhibition for students in Grades 5 to 9 to present their heritage projects. Students learn about a Canadian heritage topic that interests them and then present their work through displays, creative writing or performance. All participating students present their projects at their school and the top presenters are selected to attend the provincial heritage fair held annually in May.



UPEI-Legislative Assembly Internship

The Legislative Internship Program is run in partnership with the Department of Political Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island. Each year, a third or fourth year student majoring in history and/or political science is selected by their faculty to participate in a paid internship at the Legislative Assembly in each of the fall and winter semesters. The Internship promotes a deeper understanding of the functions and processes of the Legislative Assembly within the university faculties and provides students with an opportunity to work in their field of study while gaining real-world, practical knowledge of the provincial

institution that governs the Island. Students are also encouraged to pursue projects within their areas of academic interest while they put their research skills and political studies knowledge to use.

Since its inception in 2008, the program has been well received by both partner institutions, and provided work placement for 23 students. In 2019, Jake Godfrey and Samantha Clark worked at the legislature with both students gaining valuable work experience and contributing to the important work of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Legislative Pages for 2019

Legislative pages are Grade 11 and 12 students, who have shown an interest in the Legislative Assembly and public affairs. They are active members of their schools and communities, participating in different activities, including sports, music, writing, volunteering, 4-H, Rotary Youth Parliament and student council. The Legislative Page Program provides them with a unique experience to see first-hand the work of the Legislature. Pages are responsible for delivering documents, making photocopies, serving refreshments to Members, and other general responsibilities as assigned by the Speaker and Clerks. Their work term follows the academic year, commencing with the fall sitting in November, and ending with the close of the spring sitting.

In 2019, we had 17 students serving as pages at the Legislative Assembly, eight for the spring sitting (June-July) following the provincial general election and nine during the fall sitting.

The spring 2019 pages (no photo available) were:

Abby Griffin,
Morell Regional High School

Alyx Hodson,
Charlottetown Rural High School

Rebecca Proctor,
Three Oaks Senior High School

Zach Wilson,
Bluefield High School

Dakota MacWilliams,
Kinkora Regional High School

Shona Arsenault,
École François-Buote

Ellen O’Rielly,
Colonel Gray Senior High School

Emily Maxfield,
Westisle Composite High School

The fall 2019 pages were:



Pictured L to R: **Adam MacKenzie**-Charlottetown Rural High School; **Erin MacDougall**-Westisle Composite High School; **Vlersim Musliu**-Three Oaks Senior High School; **Susie Hamilton**-Grace Christian School; Hon. Colin LaVie, Speaker; **Shaeya Thibodeau**-Colonel Gray High School; **Luca LeClair**-École François Buote; **Elizabeth Phillips**-Kinkora Regional High School; **Oliver Batchilder**-Bluefield High School; **Connor Minnis**-Morell Regional High School

Visit from the Australian Capital Territory Parliament

Hon. Colin LaVie welcomed representatives from the Parliament of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), the Hon. Joy Burch, Speaker for the ACT, and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Tom Duncan. The two MLA's have established a partnership between the two Legislatures.

The parliamentary partnership agreement aims to promote the exchange of institutional knowledge between members and parliamentary staff of the two legislative assemblies, particularly around legislating, governance, and community education and engagement. It sets out several key activities, including regular parliamentary exchanges, joint training programs, and information exchanges.

The Parliament of the ACT was established after self-government in 1989 and is made up of 25 elected seats, the majority of which are currently held by women. The territorial legislature is unique because it combines both state and local levels of government.



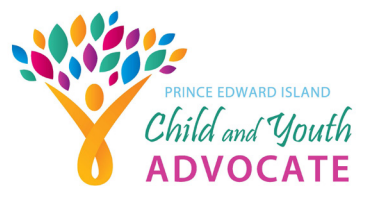
Above: Hon. Colin LaVie, Speaker of PEI's Legislative Assembly; Hon. Joy Burch, Speaker of the ACT

New Independent Office: Child and Youth Advocate

New legislation was established in the Legislative Assembly for an independent Child and Youth Advocate position. This legislation establishes a Child and Youth Advocate that is responsible to the Legislative Assembly.

The appointment will be made on the recommendation of the Standing Committee

on Legislative Management. Appointments will be for five-year terms and will require at least a two-thirds majority vote by members. The advocate's mandate will be to represent the rights, interests and viewpoints of children and youth.



Indemnities & Allowances Commission

The Commission's authority arises from a 1994 amendment to the *Legislative Assembly Act*, which established the independent Indemnities and Allowances Commission. Its purpose is to review annually the remuneration and benefits of Members of the Legislative Assembly and others, as defined by Section 46 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, and to report its decisions and findings to the Speaker by December 1 each year.

The Indemnities and Allowances Commission is appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the duration of the General Assembly in which they are appointed. The Honourable Colin LaVie, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, appointed Ron Profit, Q.C., Chair; Dennis Carver, C.P.A., C.A.; and Sharon O'Halloran, C.P.A, C.G.A., as Indemnities and Allowances Commissioners.

The Commission's 2019 report was tabled by the Honourable Speaker on December 4, 2019.

Rule Changes: Standing Committee Mandates and Membership

The first report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges was adopted by the legislature in June and outlined the names and mandates of each of the standing committees.

The report also introduced a change to how committee membership is decided. Previously, seats on committees were allocated according to the proportion of seats in the legislature held by each political party with elected representation. The new rule (Rule 90) created equal representation for all parties on each standing committee, and capped committee size at eight members:

- **Rule 90.(1)** The Committee on Committees shall appoint to each committee an equal number of members from each recognized political party in the House itself, if such an approach is practicable.

- **Rule 90.(2)** Each recognized political party shall have two members on each committee, unless a recognized political party has fewer than two members.
- **Rule 90.(3)** Membership on a standing committee shall not exceed eight members.

The Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges also presented an interim report on its progress on considering the sitting hours of the Legislative Assembly and the possibility of introducing a parliamentary calendar.

New Legislative Staff Position: Parliamentary Counsel

The Parliamentary Counsel position serves as the independent legal advisor in the Office of the Clerk and provides legal and procedural advice to the Clerk of the House and to the Legislative Assembly as a whole, including the Speaker and Members in matters of parliamentary law, procedure and privilege. In addition, the nonpartisan position provides in-house counsel and corporate legal services including advice on contracts, leases, employment matters and administrative law matters.

The Parliamentary Counsel position assists in the preparation of Private Members' bills and examining, revising and preparing amendments to bills before the House. The Parliamentary Counsel may also assist in the drafting of rulings and statements for the Speaker and other Presiding Officers, and perform the role of a Table Officer in the Assembly.

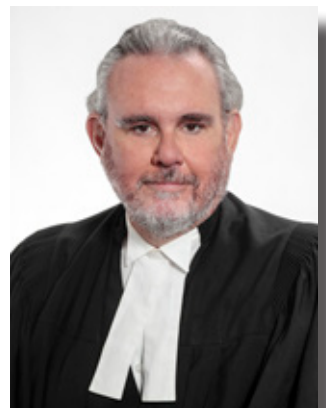
This position contributes to the organizational leadership of the Assembly including the planning of strategic priorities and objectives and the management of assigned departmental staff and resources.

Parliamentary Counsel Neil R. Ferguson, QC, was appointed on November 15, 2019 and

began work at the Assembly in February, 2020.

Neil began practicing law in Nova Scotia in 1987. Before joining the Nova Scotia Department of Justice in 1992, Neil practiced securities law. At the Department of Justice he was, from 1993 to 1995, assigned primary responsibility for review and approval of form of all provincial regulations and acted as Deputy Registrar of Regulations for the Province of Nova Scotia from 1994 to 2000. From 1995 to 2000, he was responsible for the development and implementation of the legislative program for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

In 2000, Neil joined the Office of the Legislative Counsel at the Nova Scotia House of Assembly. In April 2002, he was also appointed Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly. He is a past President of the Association of Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada and was on the executive of that organization for several years. In 2011, he was appointed Chief Clerk of the Nova Scotia House.



New Special Committees Created

Two new special committees of the legislature were created by unanimous motions of the House in July during the first sitting of the 66th General Assembly: the Special Committee on Poverty in PEI and the Special Committee on Climate Change.

The Special Committee on Poverty in PEI was tasked, by motion, “to establish clear definitions and measures of poverty in PEI, so as to set appropriate legislative and policy targets...[and make] recommendations to establish clear definitions and measures of poverty, and a living wage for Prince Edward Island.” The committee also has a goal of reporting back to the House within twelve months of the date of the motion. In November, the committee presented its first report on its activities to the legislature, and continues its work today.

The Special Committee on Climate Change was tasked, by motion, “to explore the options available to reduce GHG emissions and to make fully costed recommendations on how the province can best meet its emission reduction targets.” The committee presented its first report on its activities to the legislature in November and continues its work today.

Committee Activities

An important segment of the Legislative Assembly, both historically and currently, is that of the committee. There are three types of committee: standing committees, special committees and committee of the whole house. Committee work provides topical information to Members of the Legislative Assembly on issues of concern and provokes important public debate. Committees also interact directly with the public, providing a direct channel between elected representatives and Islanders.

Several standing committees exist during every General Assembly along with occasional special committees struck to investigate a particular issue for a limited period of time. Committees hold hearings and receive written submissions and in-person presentations from the public on topics according to their mandates.

In 2019, the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges presented a report in June outlining several new committee names and mandates. The following were the active standing and special committees in 2019:

- Standing Committee on Education and Economic Growth
- Standing Committee on Health and Social Development
- Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability
- Standing Committee on Public Accounts
- Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges
- Special Committee on Climate Change
- Special Committee on Poverty in PEI

There is also the Standing Committee on Legislative Management, chaired by the Speaker. This Committee is responsible for policies for the administration of the Legislative Assembly, approving the Assembly budget, providing facilities for the operation of the legislature and its offices, and other matters relating to the efficient and effective operation of the legislature.

Beginning on the following page is a summary of meetings and reports by committees in 2019:

Third Session of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly
January 1-March 26, 2020

**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Hal Perry, Chair
Peter Bevan-Baker
Paula Biggar
Sonny Gallant
Jamie Fox
Colin LaVie
Alan McIsaac
Chris Palmer

**MEETING
DATES**

February 1
February 8

**COMMUNITIES, LAND AND ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Kathleen Casey, Chair
Peter Bevan-Baker
Colin LaVie
Alan McIsaac
Pat Murphy
Hal Perry
Allen Roach
Bradley Trivers

**MEETING
DATES**

March 5

**DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL
SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Jordan Brown, Chair
Peter Bevan-Baker
Paula Biggar
Richard Brown
Sidney MacEwen

**MEETING
DATES**

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**EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Alan McIsaac, Chair
Hannah Bell
Paula Biggar
Robert Henderson
Sidney MacEwen
Matthew MacKay
Robert Mitchell
Pat Murphy

**MEETING
DATES**

Feb 20

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Hal Perry, Chair
Peter Bevan-Baker
Jordan Brown
Kathleen Casey
Darlene Compton
Sidney MacEwen
Chris Palmer
Hal Perry
Richard Brown

**MEETING
DATES**

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**INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Allen Roach, Chair
Hannah Bell
Jamie Fox
Sidney MacEwen
Alan McIsaac
Tina Mundy
Pat Murphy
Hal Perry
Allen Roach
Matthew MacKay

**MEETING
DATES**

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**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Bradley Trivers, Chair
Allen Roach, Vice-chair
Hannah Bell
Kathleen Casey
Jamie Fox
Alan Mclsaac
Hal Perry

**MEETING
DATES**

February 20
February 26

**RULES, REGULATIONS, PRIVATE BILLS AND PRIVILEGES
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Kathleen Casey, Chair
James Aylward
Hannah Bell
Sonny Gallant
Robert Henderson
Tina Mundy
Steven Myers
Allen Roach

**MEETING
DATES**

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**TOTAL NUMBER
OF MEETINGS**

6

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF REPORTS**

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First Session of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly April 23-December 31, 2019

Note: (ic) indicates an in camera meeting

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

MEMBERS

Sidney MacEwen, Chair
Hannah Bell
Corey Deagle
Sonny Gallant
Hon. Steven Myers

MEETING DATES

June 17 (ic)
June 27 (ic)

REPORTS

First Report
(June 18, 2019)

Second Report
(June 28, 2019)

EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Karla Bernard, Chair
Hon. James Aylward
Sonny Gallant
Ole Hammarlund
Hon. Ernie Hudson
Robert Mitchell (until Oct 7)
Heath MacDonald (as of Oct 7)

MEETING DATES

July 4
August 6
August 27
Sept. 10
Sept. 17
October 1
October 29
Nov. 26 (ic)

REPORTS

Committee
Activities
(Nov. 27, 2019)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Gordon McNeilly, Chair
Trish Altass
Hannah Bell
Hon. Jamie Fox
Sonny Gallant (until Oct. 7)
Heath MacDonald (as of Oct. 7)
Hon. Bradley Trivers

MEETING DATES

July 4
August 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
October 2
October 16
October 23
Nov. 6
Nov. 26 (ic)

REPORTS

Committee
Activities
and Prince
Edward Island
Human Rights
Commission
(Nov. 27, 2019)

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Cory Deagle, Chair
 Hon. Darlene Compton
 Robert Henderson
 Stephen Howard
 Lynne Lund
 Hal Perry

MEETING DATES

July 4
 August 29
 October 3
 October 29
 Nov. 7

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
 (Nov. 27, 2019)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Michele Beaton, Chair
 Cory Deagle, Vice-Chair
 Karla Bernard
 Robert Henderson (*as of Oct. 7*)
 Heath MacDonald (*until Oct. 7*)
 Sidney MacEwen
 Gordon McNeilly

MEETING DATES

July 4
 July 17
 Sept. 4 (*ic*)
 Sept. 11
 Sept. 18
 Oct. 2
 Oct. 9
 Oct. 16 (*ic*)
 Oct. 23
 Oct. 30
 Nov. 13 (*ic*)
 Nov. 27

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
 (Nov. 22, 2019)

RULES, REGULATIONS, PRIVATE BILLS AND PRIVILEGES STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

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

MEETING DATES

June 20
 August 14
 Sept. 6
 Sept. 27
 October 4
 October 22
 Nov. 14 (*ic*)

REPORTS

First Report to the
 Legislative Assembly
 (Jun. 26, 2019)

 Second Report
 to the Legislative
 Assembly
 (Nov. 21, 2019)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

MEMBERS

Lynne Lund, Chair
 Stephen Howard
 Heath MacDonald (*until Oct. 7*)
 Sidney MacEwen
 Robert Mitchell
 Hal Perry (*as of Oct. 7*)
 Hon. Bradley Trivers

**MEETING
DATES**

August 29
 Sept. 19
 October 24
 October 31

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
 (*Nov. 27, 2019*)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POVERTY IN PEI

MEMBERS

Trish Altass, Chair
 Hannah Bell
 Sonny Gallant
 Hon. Ernie Hudson
 Hon. Natalie Jameson (*as of
 Sept. 19*)
 Sidney MacEwen (*until Sept. 19*)
 Gordon McNeilly

**MEETING
DATES**

Sept. 5
 Sept. 19
 October 3
 October 25
 October 31
 Nov. 1
 Nov. 8
 Nov. 13 (*ic*)
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REPORTS

Motion No. 36:
 Interim Report
 on Committee
 Activities
 (*Nov. 27, 2019*)

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF MEETINGS**

56

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF REPORTS**

10

Parliamentary Meetings

Conferences provide Members with unique opportunities to have parliamentary exchanges and to discuss issues of mutual importance with colleagues (provincial, national and state parliaments as well as the legislatures of dependent territories).

Those conferences included:

36th Canadian Presiding Officers' Conference

Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NFLD: January 31-February 3, 2019

Delegates: Speaker Francis (Buck) Watts; Deputy Speaker Kathleen Casey; Charles MacKay, Clerk

Topics – Diplomatic Role of the Speaker; Primer on Parliamentary Privilege and Discussion of Recent Rulings; Recruitment of the Clerk; Zero Tolerance Policy Regarding Harassment in QB and Code of Conduct Experience in NL; Indigenous Recognition – Jurisdictional Practices; Dress Code; Speaker's Relationship with Statutory Offices.

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57th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Canadian Regional Conference

Halifax, Nova Scotia: July 14-20, 2019

Delegates: Speaker Colin LaVie; Trish Atlas; Michele Beaton; Heath MacDonald; Joseph Jeffrey, Clerk

- Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Meeting (CWP) – July 14 & 15, 2019

Topics – The Six Signature Traits of Inclusive Leadership; Inclusive Workplace and Hiring Practice; Ready-Set-Action: Next Practice in Inclusion.

- Canadian Regional Meeting – July 15 – 19, 2019

Topics – Children in Care; Carbon Tax/Climate Change; Listening to the Forest – Forestry Practices for the Twenty-first Century and Beyond; Representations: Identities, Equalities, and Pluralities; The Notwithstanding Clause; Cannabis Legislation and Administration; The Advent and Impact of Negative Campaigning; Dress in Parliament.

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59th Annual Meeting & Regional Policy Forum – Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: July 28 -31, 2019

Delegates: Heath MacDonald and Gord McNeilly

Topics: Alienated America: Why Some Places Thrive While Others Collapse; Racialization of Public Spaces; Agriculture & Rural Development: Rural Broadband; Hemp; Canada-US Relations; Energy; Environment; Health; Transportation; Education; Military and Veterans Affairs; Education

The Robert J. Thompson Eastern Leadership Academy
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania : August 25-29, 2019
Delegate: Michele Beaton

Skills Session: It Was Never About Time Management Anyway; Communicating the Trustworthiness of Science; Your Personal Influence on Leadership in State Government; Consensus Building & Dispute Resolution; Facing the Media; Effective Use of Social Media Platform: Facebook & Instagram; Legislative Leadership: Building a Culture of Excellence

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2019-20 Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors (CCPAC/CCOLA)
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON: August 18-21, 2019
Delegates: Michele Beaton, Cory Deagle, Ryan Reddin (Clerk Assistant)

Theme: Building Trust Through Accountability
Topics: Value for money audits, factors influencing government credit ratings, intellectual property, effective questioning, and good practices for Public Accounts Committees.

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41st Canadian Regional Seminar
Victoria, BC: October 17-20, 2019
Delegates: Speaker Colin LaVie, Deputy Speaker Hal Perry, Karla Bernard, Robert Henderson

Topics: Indigenous Languages; Interparliamentary Relations and Strategies: Opportunities and Best Practices; Changing the Dial: Reforming the Culture of Parliament; Strengthening Democratic Institutions; Access to Information and Disclosure: Building Parliamentary Transparency; Respectful Workplace Policies: Checking In: Challenges and Successes in Parliamentary Institutions

2019 House Statistics

	2017	2018	2019
Number of sitting days	44	53	27
Government bills brought	34	43	35
Government bills passed	32	42	34
Private members' bills brought	8	29	9
Private members' bills passed	2	8	7
Private bills brought	0	0	0
Private bills passed	0	0	0
Oral Question Period			
Total number of questions	1,406	1,703	788
Longest question asked	1 min. 42 sec.	1 min., 55 sec.	1 min., 27sec.
Longest answer given	1 min., 37 sec.	1 min., 56 sec	2 min., 18 sec.
Shortest question asked	8 seconds	7 seconds	9 seconds
Shortest answer given	7 seconds	4 seconds	3 seconds
Ministerial Statements			
Total number of statements	121	129	43
Average length of statements	2 min., 36 sec.	2 min., 20 sec.	
Longest statement	18 min., 54 sec.	5 min., 15 sec.	4 mins., 47 sec.
Shortest statement	1 min. 19 sec.	1 min., 14 sec.	1 min., 13 sec.
Motions			
Total number of motions	49	69	65
Government	7	12	19
Other than Government	42	56	44
Introduced Jointly	1	3	3
Passed	6	8	19
Number of written questions submitted	438	223	76
Number of written answers submitted	114	150	28

Legislative Assembly Budget & Expenses

The information below is from the Public Accounts of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Volume II, for the year ended March 31, 2019. The Public Accounts provide the most current information comparing budgeted estimates (Estimates column) to actual expenditures (Expenses column).

Legislative Services

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
Legislative Services		
Administration	139,984	163,100
Equipment	64,332	78,500
Materials, Supplies and Services	67,944	132,800
Professional Services	36,813	40,000
Salaries	1,441,553	1,577,300
Travel and Training	59,956	65,000
	<u>1,810,582</u>	<u>2,056,700</u>
Government Members' Office		
Administration	101,901	129,000
Salaries	201,350	296,000
	<u>303,251</u>	<u>425,000</u>
Opposition Members' Office		
Administration	157,975	155,100
Salaries	375,442	379,900
	<u>533,417</u>	<u>535,000</u>
Third Party Office		
Administration	10,230	63,500
Salaries	119,620	111,500
Travel and Training	2,649	-
	<u>132,499</u>	<u>175,000</u>
Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commission		
Salaries	-	46,900
Travel and Training	-	3,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>50,100</u>
Total Legislative Services	<u>2,779,749</u>	<u>3,241,800</u>

Members

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
Members		
Administration	132	15,000
Equipment	250	-
Materials, Supplies & Serv	498	-
Professional Services	425	-
Salaries	2,271,051	2,277,600
Travel and Training	91,858	140,000
	<u>2,364,214</u>	<u>2,432,600</u>
Total Members	<u>2,364,214</u>	<u>2,432,600</u>

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner		
Salaries	48,379	46,900
Travel and Training	1,447	3,200
	<u>49,826</u>	<u>50,100</u>
Total Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner	<u>49,826</u>	<u>50,100</u>

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		
Administration	4,965	4,900
Materials, Supplies and Services	81	1,600
Professional Services	48,154	17,000
Salaries	198,357	191,000
Travel and Training	3,266	5,000
	<u>254,823</u>	<u>219,500</u>
Total Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	<u>254,823</u>	<u>219,500</u>

Elections PEI

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Elections PEI		
Administration	73,860	8,200
Equipment	113,589	1,300
Materials, Supplies and Services	69,642	2,500
Professional Services	31,870	14,000
Salaries	455,327	289,200
Travel and Training	34,353	10,000
	<u>778,641</u>	<u>325,200</u>
Total Elections PEI	<u>778,641</u>	<u>325,200</u>

Electoral Boundaries Commission

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Electoral Boundaries Commission		
Administration	171,612	-
Equipment	1,271	-
Materials, Supplies and Services	32,658	-
Professional Services	8,125	-
Salaries	50,652	-
Travel and Training	356	-
	<u>264,674</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Electoral Boundaries Commission	<u>264,674</u>	<u>-</u>

Total Legislative Assembly	<u>6,491,927</u>	<u>6,269,200</u>
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The CPA pursues these objectives by means of

- Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences, Regional Conferences and other symposiums;
- Interparliamentary visits;
- Parliamentary Seminars and Workshops;
- Publications, notably The Parliamentarian, Canadian Parliamentary Review and two newsletters on CPA activities and on parliamentary and political events;
- Parliamentary Information and Reference Centre communication