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

I am pleased to present the 2021 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, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The spring 2021 sitting for the official opening of the Second Session of the 66th General Assembly began on February 25, 2021 and concluded on May 13, 2021. The continuation of fall session began on October 19, 2021 and concluded November 17, 2021.



As the conservation project for Province House is still underway, we encourage the public of Prince Edward Island to visit our interim Assembly Chamber in the Honourable George Coles Building, Monday to Friday or take part when the Legislature is in session.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is my pleasure to present the 2021 Annual Report for the Legislature. This report highlights organizational accomplishments during the third year of the 66th Assembly and the second year of the Global COVID 19 Pandemic.

One of the roles of the Office of the Legislative Assembly is to implement direction provided by the Legislative Assembly and Standing Committees. We deliver services to elected Members and support them in their work representing Islanders. For example, as a result of the passing of the Ombudsperson Act, an Ombudsperson was hired and appointed in the house. This new office will assist Islanders with ensuring administrative fairness in the public service and municipal councils. Our Office also coordinated 95 standing committee meetings. Standing committees are an important extension of the House that allow members to gather information and closely examine issues important to Islanders. They also facilitate transparency and accountability in government.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the support of you, and the Members of the Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly Management in dealing with matters necessary for the efficient operation of the Legislative Assembly.

It has been another productive year, and I am proud of the professional staff who work to serve this important institution. Islanders can be confident that the staff of the Legislative Assembly work to facilitate the transparency and accountability of our proceedings while ensuring that Islanders, through their elected members, are able to question decisions made by those in power.

Sincerely,

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

Establishing a colonial government isn't an easy task but on July 7, 1773, the first meeting of the House of Assembly happened here in St. John's Island, a British North American colony. British colonial authorities decided in 1769 that our tiny island colony should have its own administration, separate from the government of its Nova Scotia colony. They appointed Walter Patterson as the Island's first Governor and gave him the job of setting up government in the colony. Patterson appointed a Council but an Assembly of representatives elected by the local population was needed to properly enact legislation, so Patterson held an election in 1773; both voters and candidates were required to be Protestant, male, and living on the Island. Eighteen men were elected and, due to a colonial lack of public buildings, the Assembly's first meeting took place in a tavern.

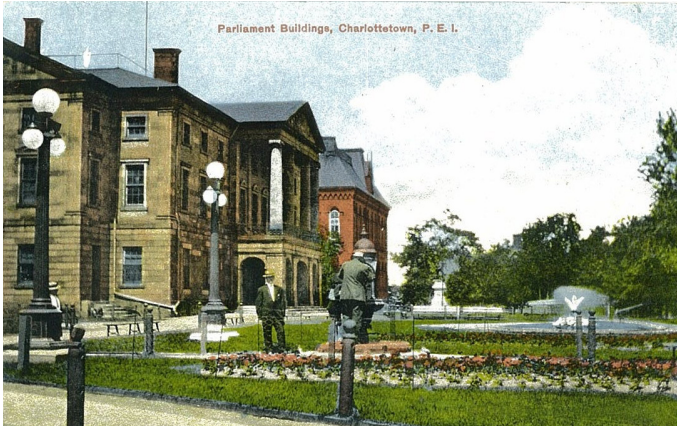
The Assembly first met in Province House in 1847 and in 1851, PEI gained responsible government, forming executive government from within the membership of the Assembly and, more importantly, making that executive accountable to the Assembly. From this point forward government was led by a Premier, with Honourable George Coles the first to hold this position. With governance established locally and the colonial office removed from operational decisions, PEI was working its way towards self-sufficiency. In 1864 PEI hosted the meeting of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, PEI and Quebec delegates that led to the formation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867 - though PEI did not join until 1873.



Near the end of the 19th century the Legislative Council and House of Assembly merged into a unicameral house called the Legislative Assembly. Other provinces abolished their upper houses but PEI's decision to merge them led to a unique, dual-member electoral system in which each district elected both a Councillor and an Assemblyman. Every voter could cast a ballot for an Assemblyman but the property requirement remained in place until 1963 for voters who wanted to cast a ballot for a Councillor.

In 1966, Province House had gained enough fame as the site of the initial talks for confederation that it was designated a National Historic Site primarily for this reason. Upkeep of the building had become a concern; in 1974, the provincial and federal governments co-signed a 99-year lease agreement aimed at preserving the building. The agreement allowed the province to continue its ownership of the building as the seat of the provincial legislature while the federal government maintained the structure and interpreted it as a national historic site. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the building underwent significant restoration to return it to a mid-19th century appearance.

At the outset of the 20th century only men could vote and hold office but this changed significantly over the course of the century. Women gained the right to vote in provincial elections in 1922, and in 1951, Hilda Ramsay became the first woman to run in a general election. The first female MLA, Jean Canfield, was elected in 1970 and in 1972 she became the first female member of Cabinet. Since her election in 1970, every General Assembly has included at least one female MLA. Marion Reid set several firsts; she was the first female Deputy Speaker (1979), the first female Speaker (1983), and the first female Lieutenant Governor (1990). In 1993, five of the most prominent political positions in PEI were simultaneously held by women: in addition to Reid as Lieutenant Governor, Catherine Callbeck was PEI's first female Premier, Pat Mella was Leader of the Official Opposition, Nancy Guptill was Speaker and Libbe Hubley was Deputy Speaker. These women have come to be known as PEI's Famous Five, and such a situation has yet to occur anywhere else in Canada.



The mid-1990s PEI's dual-member electoral system ended after the provincial Supreme Court found PEI's electoral boundaries law to be at odds with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Government established a commission to propose a new system, which recommended shifting to a single-member system of 30 districts. The Assembly passed an *Electoral Boundaries Act* creating 27 districts instead of the recommended 30, but proceeded with the shift to single-member representation. In 1996 the first general election was held under this new system. The Legislative Assembly features 27 seats to this day.



The Legislative Assembly possesses the privileges necessary for it to function independently and without hindrance from external entities. This is based on historical precedents within the Westminster Parliamentary System and on written law. A significant challenge to these privileges arose in 2001, when officials of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) refused to meet with a committee of the Legislative Assembly. After the committee issued subpoenas for these officials to appear, the federal

government took the matter to the Supreme Court of PEI, arguing that a committee of a provincial legislature did not have the authority to compel the appearance of employees of the federal government. The case was heard in 2002, and in 2003, the challenge was dismissed, with the Court confirming that committees of the Legislative Assembly are extensions of the Assembly itself and enjoy a constitutional power to compel the attendance of witnesses, even if the witnesses are employees of another level of government. The CFIA witnesses appeared before the committee in May 2003. The Assembly later amended the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the law that articulates the institution's authority and powers, to emphasize that committees may compel the attendance of such persons as it considers necessary. After further evolution over the years, in 2020 the Assembly saw fit to pass a new version of the *Legislative Assembly Act*. A key addition to this new law is the establishment of a legislative precinct as a physical area under the management and control of the Speaker.

After serving as the home of the legislature for almost 170 years it was necessary to close Province House for a major restoration project in January 2015. An architect's report had found that water infiltration had caused structural problems, including the deterioration of the building's foundation and load-bearing walls. The repairs suggested in the report were extensive and would require years to complete. To accommodate the restoration, the committee room in the Hon. George Coles Building was adapted to serve as the temporary chamber of the Assembly, and offices were relocated to other buildings of the precinct. The Assembly first met in the temporary chamber in June 2015.

In recent years the Assembly has established several new independent offices, such as the Child and Youth Advocate, and Ombudsperson and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, while modernizing the legislation governing longer-running offices, such as the Auditor General and Elections PEI. Assembly administration developed and expanded services for members and the public in areas such as security, communications, library and research, Hansard, audio-visual, and web and social media.

Today the Legislative Assembly of PEI is a fully modern institution with features and services comparable to other legislatures in Canada.

Our Offices

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

Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly Management

The Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly 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. The Speaker also chairs the Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly Management.

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. The Clerk advises the Speaker and Members on parliamentary procedure, traditions, and precedents, and presides over the election of the Speaker.

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 2021, the standing committees completed a busy and productive schedule of 95 meetings and presented a total of 12 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 (including Province House), 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 2021, Hansard has published 1102 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. The librarian maintains the Assembly's website and assists with print publication design. The research service undertakes jurisdictional scans on legislative and policy issues and other current issues for Members.

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

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.

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The **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.

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The **CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER** assists Members and Ministers in reconciling their private and public interests to enhance public confidence in the Legislative Assembly.

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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.

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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.

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The **INDEMNITIES AND ALLOWANCES COMMISSION** is a non-partisan body that reviews and establishes salaries and benefits for the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

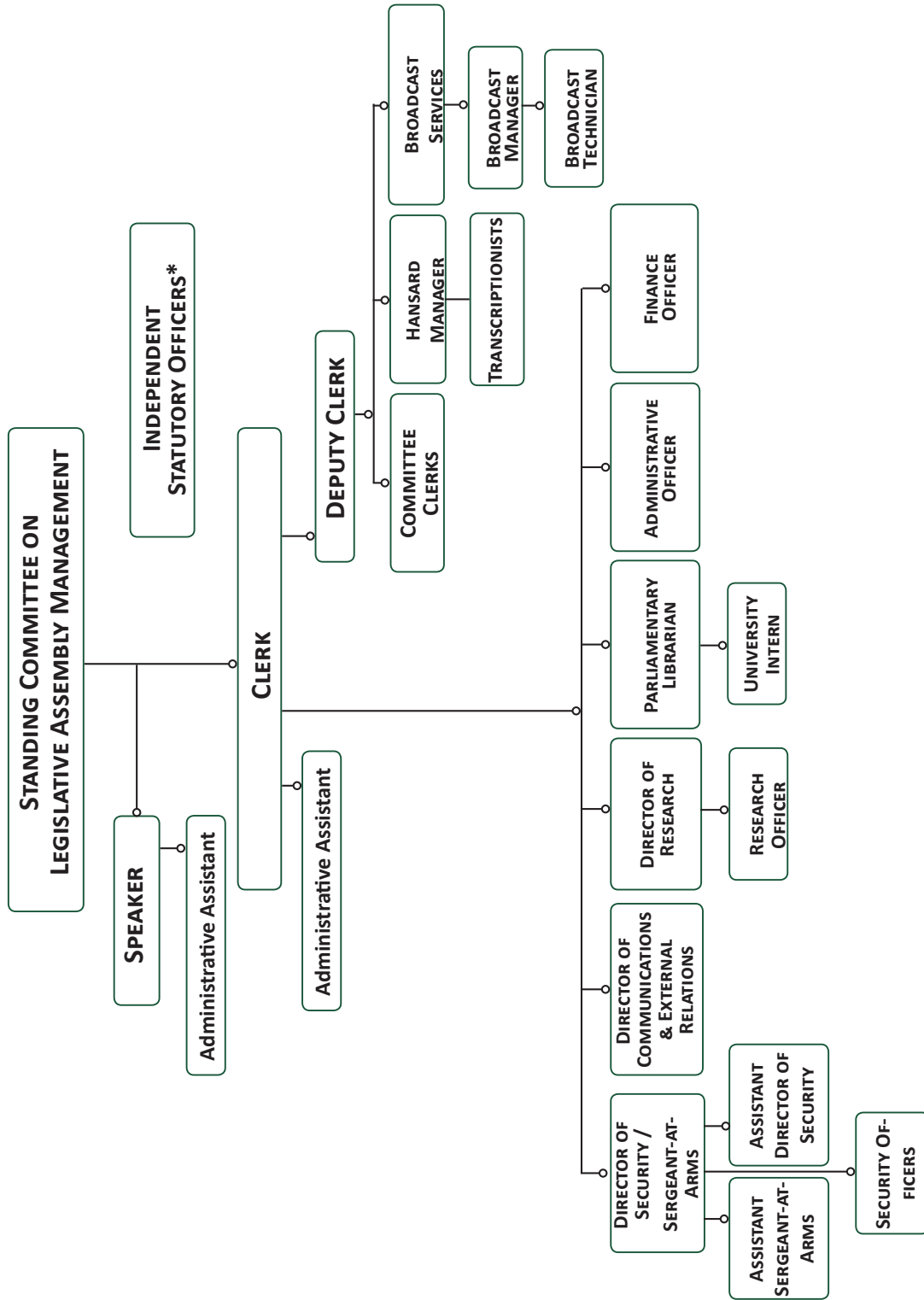
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The **OMBUDSPERSON & PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE COMMISSIONER** promotes fairness and transparency in the public sector to enhance good governance and public confidence in government. The office looks for fair resolutions and make recommendations to improve the practices of public agencies



Offices of the Legislative Assembly



*Independent Statutory Officers – Auditor General, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Elections PEI, Child and Youth Advocate, and Ombudsperson & Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Events

Staffing Changes

A few Legislative Assembly employees changed jobs over the course of 2021 along with adding an additional person for the audio-visual team. Due to the increase in the number of legislative committee meetings at the Assembly the following positions were created: Samantha Lilley was appointed as a Committee Clerk; and John Ross Fitzpatrick joined the audio-visual team. Former Clerk Assistant – Research and Committees Ryan Reddin took on the new role of Director of Parliamentary Research effective February 19th.

Emily Doiron, PEI's First Deputy Clerk



On March 4th the Legislative Assembly appointed Emily Doiron as Deputy Clerk. Reporting to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, the Deputy Clerk is a senior level, non-partisan position managing core functions of the Legislative Assembly and is the second in command to the Clerk.

Ms. Doiron has held a variety of positions at the Assembly which all began as a Page while in high school. Some of her past positions included an internship with the Office of the Clerk in 2011, worked sessional (microphones and video broadcast) in 2012, as a permanent employee as administrative clerk/committee clerk in 2013, and in November 2017 was appointed Clerk Assistant.

The role of the Deputy Clerk requires strong communications with excellent inter-personal skills, superior organizational skills and the ability to build strong professional relationships, all of which Ms. Doiron has demonstrated in her roles at the Legislative Assembly.

The Deputy Clerk supervises several areas of Legislative Services including Hansard, Broadcasting, and House Administration, and fills the role of Clerk of Committees. In the legislature, the Deputy Clerk serves as a Clerk-at-the-Table and is responsible for the preparation of official records of the House during meetings of the Assembly, Committees of the Whole and Standing Committees. The position also assists in the planning and organizing of procedural research and analysis resulting in the drafting of papers and rulings.

The position is a skilled professional role requiring both depth and breadth of experience, knowledge, and training regarding parliamentary procedure and operations in a parliamentary setting.

New Independent Officer Appointed: Ombudsperson & Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

Ombudsperson

On November 4, 2021, the Legislative Assembly unanimously approved a motion for the appointment of Ms. Sandra Hermiston to become the first Ombudsperson and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner for Prince Edward Island. This independent officer position is non-partisan and serves an important role in assisting the Legislative Assembly in providing government oversight.



Sandy Hermiston was appointed the province's first Ombudsperson and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. With 35 years of experience as a lawyer, most spent in public service, Sandy most recently served as the Cayman Island's first-ever Ombudsman.

The Office of the Ombudsperson (Ombuds) is an impartial and independent office of the Legislature. The office promotes fairness and acts as a bridge between the people of PEI and the public sector.

The office was established by the *Ombudsperson Act* with the power and authority to investigate complaints about fairness in process, treatment and decision-making by public agencies.

Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

The Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner (Commissioner) is an impartial and independent office of the Legislature. The Commissioner provides a safe avenue for PEI's public sector employees (and former employees in certain cases) to submit complaints of wrongdoing or reprisal occurring in their workplace. The office was established by the *Public Interest Disclosure and Whistleblower Protection Act*.

Cabinet Changes

On February 4th, Premier Dennis King announced changes in the responsibilities of Cabinet members:

- James Aylward, formerly Minister of Health and Wellness, became Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure;
- Ernie Hudson, formerly Minister of Social Development and Housing, became Minister of Health and Wellness;
- Natalie Jameson, formerly Minister of Environment, Water and Climate Change, became Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, while retaining

responsibility for the Status of Women;

- Steven Myers, formerly Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy, became Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Action; and
- Brad Trivers, formerly Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, became Minister of Social Development and Housing.

No members were added or removed from Cabinet, and so it remained at ten members.

Second Session of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly



On the advice of Executive Council, Lieutenant Governor Antoinette Perry prorogued the 1st Session of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly effective February 23, 2021 and summoned the Legislative Assembly to meet for the 2nd Session on February 25, 2021.

The opening of the 2nd Session marked the first time the Assembly met according to a new parliamentary calendar and new sitting hours, which were brought about by rule changes adopted in June 2020 to take effect in January 2021. The calendar continues to include two sittings per year but shifts them to a winter-spring sitting beginning on the fourth Tuesday of February, and fall sitting on the third Tuesday of October, whereas previously the sittings began in April and November.

The new calendar also includes, after every third sitting week, a planning week in which the Assembly will not meet. The new sitting hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday. This schedule retains the same sitting days and total sitting hours as before, but eliminates Tuesday and Thursday evening sittings, with those hours redistributed to the afternoons.

The spring sitting of the 2nd Session of the 66th General Assembly adjourned to the call of the Speaker on May 13, 2021, after 35 sitting days. It had opened with a Speech from the Throne on February 25. The total duration of the winter-spring sitting was lengthened by the observance of planning weeks, in which the House does not sit, after every third sitting week, in accordance with recent changes to the parliamentary calendar. By unanimous consent the House opted to continue to sit



during the week of May 10 despite it being scheduled as a planning week.

Speech from the Throne



Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Antoinette Perry opened the 2nd Session with a Speech from the Throne. It provided an overview of Government's plans for the new legislative session. The speech addressed the ongoing disruption caused by the pandemic, and discussed economic recovery efforts, geared toward the tourism sector and related businesses, and in transitioning Islanders from emergency supports back to meaningful employment. In healthcare, a new model will focus on community-based care over acute and long-term care. Government has set an objective of 300 new childcare spaces this year, and the speech indicated budgetary measures for childcare staff professional development and wage improvements would be forthcoming. Government will create a School-to-Workforce Transition Team, and a new Agency for Workforce Development. Business and educational supports for the development of clean technology will be provided, and environmental measures will be implemented to encourage the use of electric vehicles, reduce food waste and single-use plastics, improve soil health, and increase the level of protected land in the province. Various other initiatives in the areas of justice, diversity and well-being were raised. Debate on the Draft Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne commenced on February 26 and concluded when the Assembly carried the Address on March 9.



Budget

Minister of Finance Darlene Compton provided the 2021-22 Budget Address on March 12. The Road to Recovery was the general theme of the address. Spending highlights included, in health care, funding to revitalize primary health care, develop a Centre for Mental Well-Being, and provide a free shingles vaccine to Islanders aged 65 and older. In education, a new universal half-day Pre-Kindergarten Program will be implemented, funding

The operating budget is the estimates of revenue and expenditure that detail spending plans by the Government of Prince Edward Island to operate each department for the next fiscal year.

will be directed to reducing childcare rates, and 80 new frontline educational positions will be added. The budget includes a new \$5,000 provincial rebate on the purchase of new and used electric vehicles, and a rural transit pilot project to launch in fall, 2021. The basic personal tax amount will be raised to \$11,250, and the small business tax rate will be reduced to 1%. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure were tabled on the same day as the Budget Address.

After reviewing the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure in Committee of the Whole House over several days, the House passed Bill 20, *Appropriate Act (Current Expenditures) 2021* on May 13, approving an operating budget of \$2.3 billion for the 2021-22 fiscal year. A deficit of \$112 million is forecast.

Recognizing the Death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Upon preliminary reports of the death of His Royal Highness on April 9, the House adjourned for the day. Speaker Colin LaVie and Premier Dennis King both issued statements to express their condolences, noting Prince Philip's multiple visits to Prince Edward Island over the years and his connection to Islanders. On April 20, the House expressed its sympathy in a Humble Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

Government and Private Members' Bills

During the 2021 legislative year, the House saw the introduction of 64 bills, 52 of which passed all stages and received Royal Assent. Government introduced 42 bills, 39 of which received Royal Assent. Among these were:

- *Bill 12, Missing Persons Act*, authorizes police to apply to judicial justices of the peace for search orders or records access orders when investigating cases of missing persons;
- *Bill 36, Class Proceedings Act*, which establishes the possibility of class actions in PEI courts, whereas previously only representative actions were possible under the Rules of Civil Procedure;
- *Bill 42, An Act to Amend the Lands Protection Act (No. 2)* updates the Act to define direct and indirect control of corporations, change requirements around transfers of land ownership accomplished via transfers of corporate shares, and implement other changes as recommended by the Land Matters Advisory Committee.

22 private member's bills were introduced by Members of the Official Opposition and Third Party, and 13 of these received Royal Assent. These included:

- *Bill 107, Poverty Elimination Strategy Act*, which legislates targets for the reduction and elimination of poverty in PEI;
- *Bill 106, An Act to Amend the Health Services Act*, also ultimately passed after significant debate, amendment, and a casting vote by the Speaker to break a tie on whether to adopt a Committee of the Whole House report that did not recommend the bill (the Speaker voted against adoption of the report, so that further debate could be had on the bill). The main aim of the bill is to shift certain responsibilities for and authority over Health PEI from the Minister of Health and Wellness to the Health PEI Board of Directors; and
- *Bill 118, Non-disclosure Agreements Act*, prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements in cases of harassment or discrimination unless such agreements are sought by the victim of the harassment or discrimination. It also permits the victim to disclose information related to the harassment or discrimination, despite the presence of a non-disclosure agreement, to certain authorities, such as police, lawyers and doctors.

Five private member's bills relating to offices and functions of the Legislative Assembly were passed during the year; they arose from the work of the Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly Management, and thus were sponsored by the Deputy Speaker. All five of these bills passed and brought changes to a range of independent offices of the legislature.

Reinstated Galleries

Effective November 16, 2021, the Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly Management reinstated the press and the public galleries for the Legislative Assembly. A mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy was required to access the Honourable George Coles Building and security personnel verified everyone's status.

Access to the Legislative Chamber was permitted for the Press Gallery and the general public. Once seated in the Press Gallery media could remove their masks as there was a plexiglass partition between them and the Members. There was no limit for the media personnel in the Press Room of the 1st floor of



the Coles Building.

Masks were mandatory at all times for members of the public gallery. As the public gallery was reduced in size, the Assembly can accommodate approximately 12-15 people.

Resignation of Member



On August 18, 2021, Heath MacDonald resigned as the Member for District 16: Cornwall-Meadowbank, in order to run as the Liberal candidate in the district of Malpeque in the September 20, 2021 federal election. He was elected, receiving 41.8% of the vote. As a member of the provincial Liberal Party, Mr. MacDonald had served in the Legislative Assembly since 2015, being re-elected in the 2019 general election. During the 2015-2019 period, he served as Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, and then as Minister of Finance. From 2019 until his resignation, he served as Third Party House Leader.

New MLA for District 16: Cornwall-Meadowbank

Elected on November 15, 2021, Mark McLane was sworn in on November 29, 2021 as the MLA for Cornwall-Meadowbank. McLane was accompanied by his wife Margie and daughters, as he took the oath of office by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Joseph Jeffrey.



The by-election for District 16 was called following the resignation of Heath MacDonald. Mr. McLane swore the Oath of Allegiance, as required pursuant to the Constitution Act 1867 and sought his permission to take his seat in the House during the fall sitting.



*The McLane Family, L to R:
Bethany, Catherine, Margie, Mark, and Maria*

Photo Unveiling: PEI's Famous Five

On October 19, Hon. Colin Lavie, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, unveiled a new portrait in the legislative chamber celebrating the moment in PEI's history when women were elected and/or appointed to the five most powerful positions in the province: Lieutenant Governor, Premier, Leader of the Opposition, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Most historically conscious Canadians are familiar with the original Famous Five, the five Alberta women whose 1927-1929 Supreme Court of Canada petition (the Persons Case) finally established women as persons in the eyes of the law. The victorious quintet – activists Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise Crummy McKinney, Emily Murphy and Irene Parlby – became icons as champions of women's rights. But fewer Canadians know about Prince Edward Island's local version of the Famous Five from 1993, when women occupied five key executive and parliamentary positions in PEI's provincial administration – the first such landmark representation in any Canadian political jurisdiction.



The Honourable Catherine Callbeck, Premier

With or without the rest of the latter-day Famous Five, 1993 would have marked a historic breakthrough for the Hon. Catherine Callbeck. A Prince Edward Island political veteran who had served as a 1970s provincial MLA and Cabinet minister, Callbeck had left PEI politics to concentrate on her family's business (Callbecks Ltd.) in 1978. Returning to elected politics a decade later as a federal MP in 1988, Callbeck came back to provincial politics in 1993 when she ran successfully for the newly vacant leadership of PEI's then-ruling Liberals, becoming the party's first female leader and PEI's first female Premier.



Appointed Premier in January, she became PEI's (and Canada's) first-ever elected female Premier in the subsequent March election.

Leader of the Opposition Pat Mella



It was a tough year to be a Progressive Conservative. The federal version of the party would be reduced to a mere two seats in the 1993 federal election, and PEI's provincial PCs had even worse luck that March, reduced to a single seat. That lone opposition seat was filled by the Hon. Pat Mella. Once a faculty member at Ottawa's St. Patrick's College, Mella had come home to raise her family and pursue a teaching career in PEI's secondary schools, winning the leadership of the provincial Progressive Conservative party in 1990. She was the first female leader of a political party in PEI history, and the 1993 campaign pitting her PCs against the Callbeck Liberals marked the first election in which both main contenders for the Premier's job were women. As the only PEI PC elected in 1993, Mella served as Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly thereafter.

Speaker Nancy Guptill and Deputy Speaker Elizabeth "Libbe" Hubley



Callbeck and Mella were not the only prominent women in the 1993 Legislative Assembly. The Hon. Nancy Guptill, a Liberal MLA since 1987 (and a 1989-1993 Cabinet minister), was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly after the 1993 election, and her caucus colleague Elizabeth "Libbe" Hubley (an MLA since 1989) became the new Deputy Speaker. Guptill and Hubley were the second women in PEI history to hold their respective posts.



The Honourable Marion Reid, Lieutenant Governor



The first woman to serve in either of those roles on PEI was the Hon. Marion L. Reid. First elected to the PEI Legislative Assembly in 1979, Reid had served as Deputy Speaker (1979-1983) and Speaker (1983-1986) before leaving electoral politics in 1989. Appointed as Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island in 1990, she was the first woman to serve in that role in the province, as well as the first female Lieutenant

Governor in Atlantic Canada.

The Famous Five

With Reid already in place as Lieutenant Governor since 1990, the ascension of Callbeck, Mella, Guptill and Hubley to their new posts in 1993 meant that the five most powerful executive and parliamentary roles in PEI government were now filled by women, the first (and thus far only) time in PEI's history that women filled all five of those jobs simultaneously. It was also the first time anywhere in Canada that all five of those positions were held by women, an outcome yet to be repeated in any Canadian jurisdiction. The quintet became known as PEI's Famous Five.



The Famous Five era lasted less than three years. Reid left the Lieutenant Governor job in 1995, the others' stints in their respective posts all ended in 1996, and all five women were succeeded by men. But the Famous Five period remains a milestone for women's political representation in Canada, and others have since followed in their footsteps, PEI having had various female Speakers, Deputy Speakers and Lieutenant Governors in the ensuing years.

Indemnities & Allowances Commission Report

The Commission is responsible for establishing employment benefits for the role of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), to provide reasonable remuneration for the scope of work required, and to ensure it is accessible without financial hardship for anyone who chooses to run.

The Indemnities and Allowances Commission's authority arises from Sections 53 and 54 of the Legislative Assembly Act RSPEI 1988, Cap. L-7.1. In summary, it establishes an independent



Commission to review the remuneration paid to the Members of the Legislative Assembly and to deliver a binding report to the Speaker.

The Commission presented its 2021 report to the Speaker on December 1, 2021.

Province House Conservation Project: A Legislature for Prince Edward Island

Completed in 1847, Province House was built in neo-classical style by local architect Isaac Smith to accommodate the provincial legislature and administrative offices. It also housed the Island's Supreme Court until 1872. The first session of the Prince Edward Island Legislature, held in the new Colonial



Building in January 1847, marked the official opening of the structure. The small Island community had designed, built and furnished a major public building comparable to those in other British colonies in North America. The Colonial Building represented the epitome of Island craftsmanship during the mid-19th century, a time of unprecedented prosperity and optimism.

Today, Province House retains its central role in Island public life, with the Assembly holding sessions here until the building closed for conservation work in 2015.

Province House National Historic Site is currently undergoing the most extensive conservation effort in its 175-year history. The project is being managed by



Public Services and Procurement Canada, on behalf of Parks Canada.

Conservation Work

Masonry work on the interior and exterior walls, a key component of Phase 2, is ongoing at Province House National Historic Site (NHS). Some pretty exciting milestones occurred this year, including the removal of the old capital stone and the installation of the newly carved capital stone on the south portico, the completion of the west pavilion wall in the Confederation Chamber, north elevation rebuilds (on either side of the north portico) as well as the south/west elevation rebuilds.

The completion of the west pavilion wall in the Confederation Chamber is stunning and showcases one of the largest sections of restored masonry in one of the most important rooms in the building.

Some of ongoing work includes:

- Basement interior (wythe) work with select rooms nearing full completion.
- Interior (wythe) work on the east pavilion wall in Legislative Chamber.
- Attic truss reinforcements.



Photo credit: Parks Canada

Work slated to begin in coming months includes:

- A roof mockup to allow for the roof framing to begin.
- The dismantling of select vaults in the basement.
- The remaining sections of the central core

(housing the elevator and bathrooms) will be dismantled.

The design work for Phase 3 is currently under way. This phase includes fit up work such as the interior finishes (painting and flooring) and upgrades to the operational component such as fire and safety systems, information technology and audio visual, plumbing and electrical systems as well as heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. There will also be numerous improvements to universal accessibility at Province House, including exterior building access, universally accessible washrooms, and improvements to lighting and signage to assist the visually impaired.

The final portion of the project, Phase 4, involves the design, development and installation of the new visitor experience offer at Province House. Parks Canada hosted several virtual engagement sessions with various stakeholders, including Legislative Assembly staff and representatives from cultural communities and Indigenous community members to gather information, ideas and perspectives for the interpretive plan. The interpretive plan will help guide the research and content development for the exhibits. Over the next year, the exhibits project team (that includes Legislative Assembly team members JoAnne Holden, Laura Morrell, and Ryan Reddin) will be working on content development and exhibit design.

The Province House conservation project is the most extensive project in the building's 174-year history. As with any project of this size, the timeline typically fluctuates; however, the COVID-19 pandemic created delays that could not have anticipated when the conservation project began in 2015. The new anticipated completion date of the conservation project is 2024.

Community Engagement

Legislative Pages

Legislative pages are Grade 11 and 12 honour students who have shown an interest in the Legislative Assembly and public affairs. Active members of their schools and communities, their pursuits often include such things as 4-H, music, Rotary Youth Parliament, sports, student council, volunteering and writing.

The Legislative Page Program gives them a unique chance to see the Legislature's work firsthand. 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.



Pictured, L to R: Leo Czank, Caleb Jones, Alizée Cyr-Comeault, Kelly Tuttle, Hon. Colin LaVie, Sophie Linton, Rebecca Collins, Bjorn Schmidt, Matthew Murphy

Legislative Pages during the Fall 2021 sitting (listed by school) included the following students:

- *Bluefield High School* - Kelly Tuttle
- *Charlottetown Rural High School* - Rebecca Collins
- *Colonel Gray High School* - Sophie Linton
- *École François-Buote* - Alizée Cyr-Comeault
- *Kensington Intermediate High School* - Bjorn Schmidt
- *Kinkora Regional High School* - Matthew Murphy
- *Montague Regional High School* - Leo Czank
- *Morell Regional High School* - Caleb Jones

University Legislative 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

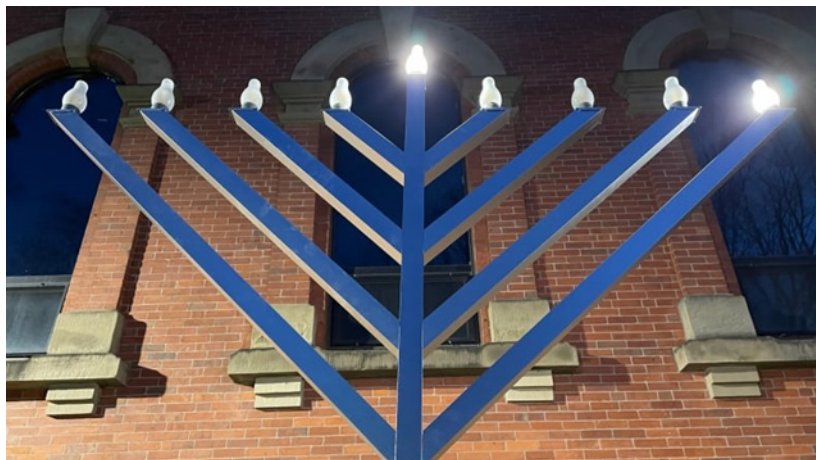
faculty to participate in a paid internship at the Legislative Assembly in each of the fall and winter semesters. The Internship promotes a deeper understanding of the functions and processes of the Legislative Assembly within the university faculties and provides students with an opportunity to work 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.

In 2021, Ben Morrissey joined the Assembly staff during the winter term and Christine Miller participated during the fall term.

First Hanukkah Celebration on Legislative Grounds

On November 28, 2021, the Speaker and Clerk attended the first P.E.I. Jewish community celebration of Hanukkah with three metre electric menorah outside the Hon. George Coles Building.

It was a historic moment for the P.E.I. Jewish community as they lit their first public menorah on the lawn of the provincial legislature to celebrate 120 years as part of the province. More than 60 members of the community gathered in Charlottetown to see the first light on an almost three-metre-electric menorah on Sunday evening. The Menorah has eight electric candles and one service light. Each night another light will come on at sundown until the Menorah is fully lit on the last day of Hanukkah. The holiday is rooted in the story of Jews running out of oil for their menorah and only finding what they thought was enough for one day but it lasted eight days, which turned into the celebration of the festival of lights, Hanukkah. The Menorah was on display until Dec. 6, the last day of the holiday.



2021 was the first public ceremony marking Hanukkah with the Jewish community on the legislature's grounds.

Parliamentary Matters

Committee Activities

Committees are a key aspect of the Legislative Assembly. Committee work provides topical information to Members of the Legislative Assembly on issues of concern and often provokes important public debate. In addition, because committees interact directly with the public, they provide an immediate channel between elected representatives and Islanders.

Standing and Special Committees have equal membership from all recognized parties in the House, with each party having an equal number of Members on each committee. Committees investigate matters according to their mandates.

Standing and Special Committees in 2021 included:

- 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 Government Records Retention
- Special Committee on Poverty in PEI

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

Second Session of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Note: (ic) indicates a partial or full in camera meeting

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

MEMBERS

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

Note: This Special Committee is formed at the start of a General Assembly to establish the membership of each standing committee of the legislature. Its own membership is laid out in the Rules of the Legislative Assembly and its work is completed once its report is adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Karla Bernard, Chair (until May 25)
Zachary Bell, Chair (as of Jan 8)
Trish Altass (as of May 25)
Hon. James Aylward (until Jan 8)
Robert Henderson (until May 28)
Hon. Ernie Hudson
Stephen Howard (as of May 25)
Lynne Lund (until May 25)
Heath MacDonald
Gordon McNeilly (as of May 28)

MEETING DATES

Jan 12	Sept 28
Jan 26	Oct 5
Feb 9	Oct 8
Jun 8	Nov 3
Jun 15	Dec 7
Jun 22	Dec 14
Jul 13	
Jul 27	
Sept 10	
Sept 17	
Sept 21	

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Motion No. 46
(Oct 19)

Committee
Activities
(Nov 4)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Gordon McNeilly, Chair
Trish Altass (until May 25)
Michele Beaton (as of May 25)
Hannah Bell (until May 25)
Zachary Bell (as of Jan 8)
Karla Bernard (as of May 25)
Hon. Jamie Fox (until Jan 8)
Robert Henderson (as of May 28)
Heath MacDonald (until May 28)
Gordon McNeilly
Hon. Brad Trivers (until Jun 23)
Sidney MacEwen (as of Jun 23)

MEETING DATES

Jan 6	Jun 25
Jan 13	Jun 25
Jan 20	Jul 16
Jan 28	Jul 21
Feb 5	Jul 29
Feb 10	Sept 15
Feb 10	Sept 22
Feb 17	Sept 29
Feb 17	Oct 1
Feb 26 (ic)	Oct 6 (ic)
Mar 5 (ic)	Oct 14 (ic)
Mar 31 (ic)	Oct 27 (ic)
Apr 7 (ic)	Nov 4 (ic)
Apr 21 (ic)	Nov 9 (ic)
Jun 2	Nov 24
Jun 9	Dec 8
Jun 16	Dec 10
Jun 23	

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PEI Human Rights
Commission
(Apr 22, 2021)

Committee Activities
(Apr 27, 2021)

IRAC
(Apr 28, 2021)

Motion No. 45
(Oct 22, 2021)

Committee Activities
(Nov 17, 2021)

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Cory Deagle, Chair
 Hon. Darlene Compton
 Hannah Bell (as of May 25)
 Cory Deagle
 Ole Hammarlund (as of May 25)
 Robert Henderson
 Steve Howard (until May 25)
 Lynne Lund (until May 25)
 Hal Perry

MEETING DATES

Jan 21	Sep 16
Feb 4	Sep 23
Feb 18	Oct 7
Mar 25	Oct 8
Apr 8	Oct 28
Apr 22 (ic)	Nov 2
May 27	Dec 2
Jun 3	Dec 16
Jun 10 (ic)	Dec 17
Jun 24	
Jun 24	

REPORTS

Committee Activities
(Apr 27, 2021)

 Committee Activities
(Nov 2)

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Michele Beaton, Chair
 Cory Deagle, Vice-Chair
 Michele Beaton (until May 25)
 Hannah Bell (as of May 25)
 Karla Bernard (until May 25)
 Cory Deagle
 Sonny Gallant (as of Aug 17)
 Robert Henderson (until May 28)

MEETING DATES

Jan 5	Jun 29
Jan 12	Aug 10
Jan 19	Aug 31
Feb 9	Sep 14
Mar 24 (ic)	Sep 28
Jun 8	Oct 5
Jun 15	Oct 12 (ic)
Jun 22	

REPORTS

Committee Activities
(Mar 25, 2021)

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

MEMBERS

Hannah Bell, Chair (until May 25)
 Lynne Lund, Chair (as of June 20)
 Karla Bernard (as of May 25)
 Sonny Gallant
 Lynne Lund
 Sidney MacEwen
 Matthew MacKay
 Gordon McNeilly

MEETING DATES

Jan 22
Mar 30 (ic)
April 6 (ic)
June 30

REPORTS

Motion No. 96, petitions and other updates
(April 8, 2021)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
CLIMATE CHANGE**

MEMBERS

Lynne Lund, Chair
 Sonny Gallant
 Steve Howard
 Hon. Natalie Jameson
 Lynne Lund
 Sidney MacEwen
 Hal Perry

MEETING DATES

Jan 7 (ic)
Feb 24 (ic)
May 4 (ic)

REPORTS

Final Report: Motion 37 - Creation of a Special Committee on Climate Change
(May 12, 2021)

Order of Prince Edward Island

The Order of Prince Edward Island, first conferred in 1996, 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.



Hon. Antoinette Perry (L), Lieutenant Governor, and Hon. Dennis King (R), Premier, with the 2021 recipients of the Order of PEI.

The three Islanders selected to receive the honour from a total of 44 nominations were: Noreen Corrigan-Murphy of Ten Mile House; Maitland MacIsaac of Charlottetown; and, Dr. Heather Morrison of Charlottetown. The Insignia of the Order was presented to each of them at a special investiture ceremony in September 2021 at Government House, Charlottetown.

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

- Mr. Gerard Greenan, Chair;
- 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;
- Brian Annear, Lower Montague;
- Debbie Buchanan, Stanhope;
- Doug LeBlanc, Victoria West;
- Heather Mullen, Canavoy;
- Dianne Porter, Charlottetown; and
- JoAnne Holden, Secretary for the Order of Prince Edward Island.

The Advisory Council membership underwent some membership changes in 2021:

- Hon. James Gormley, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island replaced long-standing council member Hon. David Jenkins following Jenkins' retirement.
- Dr. Greg Keefe, Interim President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Prince Edward Island, replaced Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz following Aziz's resignation.
- Dan Campbell, Clerk of Executive Council, replaced Paul Ledwell upon Ledwell's resignation.

The Order of Prince Edward Island Advisory Council said goodbye to its longest-serving member, Chief Justice David Jenkins, in October.

Noreen Corrigan, 2021 Recipient of the Medal of Merit

Born in Covehead, Prince Edward Island, Noreen Corrigan-Murphy is a very successful business person and an advocate for seniors. She is a person that does not like spending a lot of money but thinks nothing of giving plenty of it away.

Noreen Corrigan exemplifies an Islander who attains great professional success and uses the success to help others

After raising 9 children, including two foster children, while working part-time as a cook, Corrigan worked for the province in home care looking after seniors. Then, at 49, she became an entrepreneur. She converted a house on Ellis

Road in Charlottetown to Corrigan Lodge, a resident care home. She expanded the building twice, and then ten years later opened Corrigan Home. An advocate for seniors, Noreen's priority was always to provide a loving and caring environment that maximizes the independence of the residents and their comfort and safety. This was achieved, in part, with the essential support of her children, late husband George, and many wonderful staff over the years.

Noreen's business has been a financial success. She has always done the shopping for locally sourced groceries for both the Corrigan Lodge and Corrigan Home. Vegetables grown at her home in Ten Mile House, where her late husband, George, tended a mixed farm, remained a steady part of the much-enjoyed home-cooked meals served to her residents.



For many years, Corrigan put in long hours, typically working 12 hours a day, and seven days a week. In 2013, when Noreen sold Corrigan Lodge, she decided to make several charitable gifts to organizations such as the Queen Elizabeth

Hospital Foundation. Noreen wanted to inspire her children and grandchildren and to help them understand the importance of giving back.

Corrigan donated \$100,000 for the creation of the Noreen and George Corrigan Scholarship Fund. The fund supports P.E.I. residents under the age of 30 who are either single mothers or individuals who have a learning disability, to enroll in post-secondary education. This endowment is open-ended, meaning that further contributions can be made at any time.

Corrigan has also established a \$500,000 education fund for her 16 grandchildren and her future great-grandchildren. Noreen values her loved ones in getting a good education. She always says, “If you educate them, you don’t have to feed them.”

Noreen Corrigan exemplifies an Islander who attains great professional success and uses the success to help others. As an advocate for seniors, along with her outstanding community contributions, Noreen is a most deserving recipient for the 2021 Order of PEI.

Maitland MacIsaac, 2021 Recipient of the Medal of Merit

Maitland MacIsaac has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to fostering wellness, promoting literacy and learning, and empowering and enriching the lives of individuals, families, and communities both on Prince Edward Island and beyond.

Maitland MacIsaac is a capacity-builder and a visionary who sees people as a resource to themselves and others.

For decades, Maitland has taken a leading role in many service organizations, spearheading humanitarian projects, as well as opening doors of hope and opportunity for many individuals. Maitland is a capacity-builder and a visionary who sees people as a resource to themselves and others. He inspires, encourages and believes that by working with others we can achieve a better world – he has literally changed lives of many.



Maitland MacIsaac’s resume is impressive. Whether as a founding board member of The Adventure Group, following the passing of his son Shane in 1992, and turn his grief to help others, or creating the PEI Passport to

Employment, assisting mature workers to re-enter the workforce. Maitland didn't stop there! Continuing his commitment of caring, in 1999, he was the Chair of the International Children's Memorial Place. He developed and presented healing workshops and developed 'Nature's Hospital' and a Path to Remembrance, a place to celebrate life. Now, as a senior, he began to focus his attention on wellness issues faced often by seniors.

Maitland has received numerous awards (too many to include all of them), including the Senate 150th Anniversary Medal, which makes their communities a better place to live; the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Awards for his substantial contribution to Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs; Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award and the Provincial "Health for Life" Award for exceptional service to the community in the area of health promotion.

Mait has embraced Maya Angelou's quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

A compassionate teacher, counselor, mentor and friend....to teachers, students, youth with challenges, parents, grandparents, grieving families, seniors, and the community as a whole, Maitland MacIsaac has richly and selflessly contributed to Islanders and beyond over his lifetime and is a most worthy recipient for the 2021 Order of Prince Edward Island.



Dr. Heather Morrison, 2021 Recipient of the Medal of Merit

Heather Morrison has set the standard for grace, calmness, professionalism and excellence and has become a role model as a woman in a non-traditional role, as well as an inspirational and caring leader.

Heather developed a deep respect for hard work growing up on the family farm in York Point. As a leader in high school, she successfully established the first SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) Chapter for PEI and Atlantic Canada. She received numerous awards in exceptional academic achievement over the years, including: the Atlantic Canada

James Bayer Memorial Scholarship, the Hattie Prize for the highest standing in internal medicine; in 2016, was recognized as UPEI's Alumna of the Year, and in 2020, awarded The Guardian's Newsmaker of the Year.

As PEI's first female Rhodes Scholar, she completed both a Doctor of Philosophy and Masters Degree focusing on Social Policy and Comparative Social Research

Dr. Morrison's devotion as a medical professional is obvious but most recognizable in her leadership to keep Islanders safe.

at Oxford University. Academically brilliant, bilingual and athletic, Dr. Morrison returned to Canada for her medicine training at Dalhousie University, followed by a residency in community medicine at the University of Toronto (and additional training in emergency medicine).

Dr. Morrison was appointed Chief Public Health Officer for PEI in July 2007. Heather's every day job is to take care of – and to protect - the public health of Islanders which is a great responsibility in normal everyday life. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of PEI delegated that responsibility to Dr. Morrison. A daunting task but she continues to deliver her messages bilingually in an empathetic, people-focused way of science communications. In addition to her full-time role, Dr. Morrison continued to practice emergency medicine for 18 years.

Dr. Morrison has served nationally in a variety of leadership roles including: Chair of the Canadian Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health , PEI's representative on the Public Health Network Council of Canada, and the province's representative on the National Special Advisory Committee on H1N1, Ebola and the national opioid crisis just to name a few.

Dr. Morrison has proven that her exemplary leadership and commitment to community happens when we all come together (while staying apart). She relishes the joy that comes with balancing her work with a passion for spending time with her husband and 4 young children.

Heather's devotion as a medical professional is obvious but most recognizable is her leadership to keep Islanders safe. Her slogan "be patient and kind" offers a reminder of the importance and value of caring while working together. Dr. Heather Morrison is a leader, a role model, who has selflessly served all Islanders and is most deserving as a recipient for the 2021 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
Olive Bryanton
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
Noreen Corrigan-Murphy
Heather Cutcliffe
Sibyl Cutcliffe

D

Eleanor Davies
Donald M. Deacon, O.C., M.C.
Sister Mary Deighan
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, C.M.
James Hogan
Arthur Hudson

I

Dr. Albert “Bud” Ings

J

Irene Jewell

K

Derek Key, Q.C.

L

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

M

James C. MacAulay
Elmer MacDonald
Maitland MacIsaac
H. Wade MacLauchlan, C.M.
William MacLean
Helen Stewart MacRae
Dr. Joyce Madigane
Dr. John H. Maloney
Maylea Manning
Shirley McGinn
Barbara McNeill
Dr. Heather Morrison
Heather Leanne Moyse
Ray Murphy

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Dr. Hubert O’Hanley

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Honourable Antoinette Perry
Ulric Poirier
Henry Purdy

R

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

S

Paul H. Schurman, C.M.
B.E. (Bev) Simpson
Father Brady Smith

T

Dr. Charles St. Clair Trainor

W

Kay Wall
Elmer Williams
Noel Wilson
Dr. David Wong

Z

Frank Zakem



Parliamentary Meetings

Virtual Events

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to reduce travel in general worldwide in 2021, and continued to curb air travel. As a result, many of the conferences typically attended by legislative professionals were postponed or converted into online virtual conferences that people could attend safely from anywhere.

Those conferences and other virtual events included:

Annual General Meeting of the Association of the Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada – September 2021 (virtual)

Participants: Joseph Jeffrey, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; Emily Doiron, Clerk Assistant - Journals, Committees & House Operations; Neil Ferguson, Parliamentary Counsel

Annual Director’s Meeting for the Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada - September 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Participant: Laura Morrell

Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation (CAAF) workshop on Effective Questioning - March 10, 2021; facilitated by Kate Faragher, CEO of BeSpokeSkills, a London UK consultancy, and looked at the purpose and impact of Public Accounts Committees’ questions during hearings.

Participant: Ryan Reddin, Director of Parliamentary Research

Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees/Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors (CCPAC/CCOLA) Annual Joint Conference – September 18-9, 2021 via Microsoft Teams; hosted by Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Business program topics included the effects of COVID-19 on auditing and parliamentary oversight; follow up practices of public accounts committees on implementation of audit recommendations; and information and privacy issues in a post-COVID-19 world.

Participant: Ryan Reddin, Director of Parliamentary Research

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK’s Public Accounts Committee Inquiry Workshop - October 15, 2021, via Microsoft Teams

Presentation made on “Getting Government Responses Following Committee Inquiries”

Presenter: Ryan Reddin, Director of Parliamentary Research

Parliamentary Visitor Services Association - 2021

September 20-24, 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Participant: JoAnne Holden, Director of Communications and External Relations

How Government Works - February 11 & October 15, 2021, Public Service

Commission of PEI. Presentation to government employees.

Presenter: Ryan Reddin, Director of Parliamentary Research

2021 House Statistics

	2019	2020	2021
Number of sitting days	27	42	49
Government bills brought	35	42	42
Government bills passed	34	40	39
Private members' bills brought	9	19	22
Private members' bills passed	7	9	13
Private bills brought	0	2	0
Private bills passed	0	2	
Oral Question Period			
Total number of questions	788	1,244	1,358
Longest question asked	1 min., 27sec.	1 min., 39 sec.	1 min., 33 sec.
Longest answer given	2 min., 18 sec.	2 min., 11 sec.	2 min., 15 sec.
Shortest question asked	9 seconds	6 seconds	2 seconds
Shortest answer given	3 seconds	4 seconds	2 seconds
Member Statements			
Total number of statements	78	123	146
Longest statement	3 min., 21 sec.	4 min., 14 sec.	4 min., 24 sec.
Shortest statement	59 sec.	1 min., 2 sec.	58 seconds
Ministerial Statements			
Total number of statements	43	87	82
Longest statement	4 mins., 47 sec.	5 min., 57 sec.	5 min., 43 sec.
Shortest statement	1 min., 13 sec.	1 min., 17 sec.	1 min., 1 sec.
Motions			
Total number of motions	65	43	79
Government	19	10	7
Other than Government	44	32	72
Introduced Jointly	3	1	0
Passed	19	13	22
Number of written questions submitted	76	166	109
Number of written answers submitted	28	166	102

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, 2021. The Public Accounts provide the most current information comparing budgeted estimates (Estimates column) to actual expenditures (Expenses column).

Legislative Assembly

Legislative Services

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
Legislative Services		
Administration	203,179	178,100
Equipment	69,950	97,500
Materials, Supplies and Services	72,978	117,800
Professional Services	10,878	30,000
Salaries	1,727,483	1,789,000
Travel and Training	7,534	65,000
	<u>2,092,002</u>	<u>2,277,400</u>
Government Members' Office		
Administration	15,000	129,000
Salaries	183,254	186,000
	<u>198,254</u>	<u>315,000</u>
Opposition Members' Office		
Administration	52,180	155,100
Equipment	979	-
Salaries	417,329	385,900
	<u>470,488</u>	<u>541,000</u>
Third Party Office		
Administration	181,422	183,500
Materials, Supplies and Services	465	-
Salaries	230,800	235,500
	<u>412,687</u>	<u>419,000</u>
Total Legislative Services	<u>3,173,431</u>	<u>3,552,400</u>

Members

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
Members		
Administration	-	15,000
Materials, Supplies and Services	117	-
Salaries	2,411,692	2,443,600
Travel and Training	105,507	140,000
	<u>2,517,316</u>	<u>2,598,600</u>
Total Members	<u>2,517,316</u>	<u>2,598,600</u>

Legislative Assembly

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate		
Administration	22,472	20,700
Equipment	51,194	5,000
Materials, Supplies and Services	8,793	20,100
Professional Services	705	50,000
Salaries	512,158	621,700
Travel and Training	1,004	22,000
	596,326	739,500
Total Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	596,326	739,500

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner		
Salaries	54,545	50,000
Travel and Training	-	3,200
	54,545	53,200
Total Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner	54,545	53,200

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		
Administration	6,491	4,900
Materials, Supplies and Services	214	1,600
Professional Services	-	18,800
Salaries	283,029	287,000
Travel and Training	424	5,000
	290,158	317,300
Total Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	290,158	317,300

Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner		
Salaries	-	46,900
Travel and Training	-	3,200
	-	50,100
Total Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner	-	50,100

Elections PEI

	Expenses	Estimates
	\$	\$
Elections PEI		
Administration	47,176	8,200
Equipment	4,952	1,300
Materials, Supplies and Services	15,877	2,500
Professional Services	2,400	14,000
Salaries	326,353	320,700
Travel and Training	817	10,000
	397,575	356,700
Total Elections PEI	397,575	356,700
Total Legislative Assembly	7,029,351	7,667,800

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