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

I am pleased to present the 2018 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, 2018 to December 31, 2018.



The spring 2018 sitting of the Third Session of the 65th
General Assembly began sitting on April 5, 2018 and concluded on June 12, 2018. The fall
2018 sitting of the Third Session of the 65th General Assembly began sitting on November
13, 2018 and concluded on December 5, 2018.

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 operations of the Legislative Assembly on Prince Edward Island.

Respectfully,

Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, 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 Francis (Buck) Watts
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

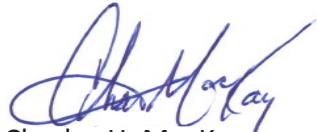
I have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report for the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The year witnessed the Legislative Assembly Office (LAO) continuing to advance innovative and thoughtful ways to more effectively deliver core Assembly programs and services. A good example of this in 2018 was the introduction of closed captioning services of legislative proceedings. The planning and infrastructure required for this new initiative was developed by Assembly staff in a creative, cost-efficient manner, leading to the introduction of a new way to access the deliberations of that is of particular importance for those in the hard of hearing/deaf community. These are the types of initiatives that make a difference.

This Report will show, once again, the dedication of LAO staff to providing Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Island public with the professional services, infrastructure, access and supports needed for the proper functioning of a sufficiently resourced parliament. These non-partisan services and programs are required to allow parliamentarians to go about their respective legislative responsibilities in the House, at committees and in their respective offices and constituencies. Initiatives and programs implemented this year continue to advance

the objects of the Legislative Assembly. Credit in this regard goes to you Mr. Speaker and Members of the Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly for your careful consideration of management issues and to the professional, dedicated and talented staff of the Legislature. Islanders can be rightfully proud that their small legislature has developed into a vibrant and professional organization that meets the modern day expectations of a parliamentary institution.

On a personal note Mr. Speaker, this Annual Report represents my last as Clerk. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to have had the opportunity to work for the advancement of PEI's most important democratic institution. I've enjoyed working side-by-side with staff and members toward the common goal of the continuance of, and absolute need for, a strong, vibrant and relevant Legislature. Much has been achieved over the years but there remains always more to do. I know that members, despite political differences, and the professional and dedicated staff of the Legislative Assembly, remain committed to advancing the principles of parliamentary democracy in our Province. The place is in good hands! My sincere thanks to you and all Members of the House for the trust you placed in me.

Respectfully yours,



Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and
Secretary, PEI Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Our History

How It All Started

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. PEI's first Governor, Walter Patterson, was instructed to establish a House of Assembly in which representatives were popularly elected (unlike Council members, who were appointed). The combination of a Council and House was a requirement for the enactment of legislation under British law. Though Patterson became Governor in 1769, the first House of Assembly was not elected until 1773. Early sessions of the Assembly met in private homes and taverns. A Sergeant-at-Arms of the time commented that this made for a "damn queer parliament".

By 1825, the House of Assembly was working on establishing its rights and privileges, particularly in terms of self regulation and authority. It followed the example of the British Parliament in seeking to secure

...freedom from arrest (save in indictable offences) during the session and for periods of forty days before and after the session, freedom of speech during debate, power to discipline members and non-members who gave insult or injury to the House or its members, the right to determine disputed elections, [and] the right to receive petitions.

The House also established committees charged with the discussion and analysis of particular matters, which took some of the workload off the main body of the House. Committees remain an important part of today's Legislative Assembly.

PEI's early Legislature often remained in office for an indefinite time, until the Lieutenant Governor saw fit to dissolve it. In 1833, the term was set to four years, with exceptions for dissolution by the Lieutenant Governor or upon the death of the King or Queen. Today, the term of the Legislative Assembly may last for up to five years from the day of the return of the writs for a general election. Otherwise, it may be dissolved earlier by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice of Executive Council. It is no longer automatically dissolved upon the death of a sovereign.

Responsible Government

The existence of an elected House of Assembly was key to PEI's attainment of responsible government (self government) in 1851. The Members of the House of Assembly were largely in favour of responsible government, while the Members of the Legislative Council largely were not. The Council Members resisted likely because they were appointed, and opposed reform as they enjoyed freedom from responsibility to the House of Assembly. In fact, the Council was often an obstacle to the House in terms of membership and policy. But in 1839, the Legislative Council was separated into a Legislative Council and an Executive Council, and some Members of the House of Assembly were placed on Executive Council; this had the effect of reducing the Legislative Council's

power. In 1840, the House of Assembly requested that the Queen grant responsible government to PEI. It was granted in 1851, and was augmented with an 1862 Act that required the Legislative Council to be elected rather than appointed. From this point onward, the Council's influence gradually diminished compared to that of the House.

Creating the Legislative Assembly

In 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 Councillors. There were five electoral districts in each of the three counties, and each district elected an Assemblyman and a Councillor.

This double-representative system was unique in Canadian politics, as all other provinces had abolished their second chambers. In 1966 the riding of 6th Queens was created, which brought the total membership in the Assembly to 32. In 1994 the Election Act and Electoral Boundaries Commission recommended a shift to single member representation for all 30 districts. MLA Ross Young later introduced a Private Member's Bill which redrew electoral boundaries according to a 27 riding system. The bill received Royal



Assent on May 19, 1994, and survived provincial and federal Supreme Court challenges by the City of Charlottetown and other urban centres. The 1996 election was the first time the Legislative Assembly was elected based on one Member for each of 27 ridings, a system it continues to follow today.

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.

In 2016, a strategic reorganization process for the Office of the Legislative Assembly was completed. This process presented the Assembly with an excellent opportunity to reflect on, and to examine, possible new and innovative ways to deliver programs and services at the House in planning for the future and to ensure that our programs and services are meeting the needs of clients.

Office of the Speaker

The Speaker is the presiding officer of the Legislative Assembly, and is responsible for:

- presiding over the proceedings of the Assembly, maintaining order, and regulating debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House;
- ensuring all viewpoints have the opportunity of a hearing in debate;
- casting the deciding vote in the event of a tie;
- guarding the privileges of the Assembly and protecting the rights of its Members;
- representing the Legislative Assembly outside of the chamber and embodying the authority and prestige of the House; and
- chairing the Standing Committee on Legislative 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's responsibilities include:

- safekeeping of the records and documents of the House;
- maintaining the official record of the House and publishing the Journal of the Legislative Assembly;
- serving as secretary to the Standing Committee on Legislative Management;
- advising the Speaker and Members on parliamentary procedure, traditions and precedents;
- administering the Oath of Allegiance to all duly elected Members at the beginning of a parliament; and
- presiding over the election of a Speaker.

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.

Independent Offices of the Legislative Assembly

- 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 administers all elections in Prince Edward Island.

- 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 reviews and recommends salaries and benefits for the Members 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.

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. Its responsibilities include:

- archiving a copy of everything tabled in the House;
- producing and distributing physical copies of House proceedings and debates to Clerks, Members, and the media, as well as posting to digital copies to the Legislative Assembly website and social media as required;
- undertaking daily mailings to various provincial and federal libraries and government offices; and
- providing training, support and scheduling for Legislative Pages.

Committees

The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island enjoys the flexibility available through its standing committees to carry out detailed consideration of the annual reports of the Auditor General to the Legislative Assembly, an examination of the public accounts of the province, recruiting for positions on the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission, and matters of interest to the people of the province.

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.

In 2017, the standing committees completed a busy and productive schedule of 58 meetings and presented a total of 12 reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Hansard

Hansard first started transcribing the daily debates of the Legislative Assembly in February 1996. On December 5, 2018, the 982 issue of the daily debates was published.

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.

In 2015, Hansard resumed cataloguing various papers connected to the Legislative Assembly, including typescripts of portions of House and committee debates, as well as reports, speeches and other items. The time period covered is from 1961 to 1995. Once the catalogue is developed, the Legislative Assembly, working with other partners, can decide what should be scanned and added to the Legislative Documents Online website.

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 in the George Coles Building, Saint Paul's rectory and the Angus MacLean Building. As of 2010, security services for the Legislative Assembly are supplied by the Legislative Assembly Security Service, which consists of three full time and seven part-time members, under the direction of the Sergeant-At-Arms.

Additional responsibilities include:

- monitoring and maintenance of electronic surveillance equipment;
- issuing and controlling of card access system for the Coles, St. Paul's, and Angus MacLean buildings;
- training of security personnel;
- liaising with the Charlottetown Police (as required);
- creation of contingency plans for bomb threats, fire evacuation plans, etc.; and
- serving as the contact for assistance with public demonstrations; and
- conducting threat and risk assessments.

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.

Responsibilities include:

- administering payroll and benefits for staff and Members;
- advising employees with regard to benefits;
- providing information to both the Government House and Opposition Leaders on staffing budgets;
- budget preparation and quarterly forecasting to ensure operations stay within the approved budget;
- administering the day-to-day finances of Legislative Services, Elections PEI, the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and the Information and Privacy Commissioner;
- responding to information technology, telecommunications, and general maintenance requests;
- participation in the planning and attending of special events;
- conducting the recruitment and orientation process for Legislative Pages; and
- participating in the orientation of Members.

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 Legislative Library and Research Service are

also responsible for:

- completing research briefs;
- responding to information requests from other Canadian jurisdictions;
- obtaining information on legislation, regulations, and policies of other jurisdictions for comparison to Prince Edward Island; and
- developing interpretive and informational content for distribution to visitors to the Legislative Chamber
- providing web services and producing social media content for the Legislative Assembly.

Multimedia Services

Multimedia Services is responsible for producing the television broadcast and webcast of the spring and fall sittings of the legislature. Additional responsibilities of Multimedia Services include:

- archiving all streaming sessions of the Legislature on the Legislative Assembly website;
- providing audio and video support to Information Technology Support Services;
- providing technical support for Members of the Legislative Assembly, the media and presenters to the standing committees;
- producing audio recordings of the standing committee and Legislative Assembly proceedings; and
- repairing and maintaining all audio and visual equipment in the Coles Building.

Communications & External Relations

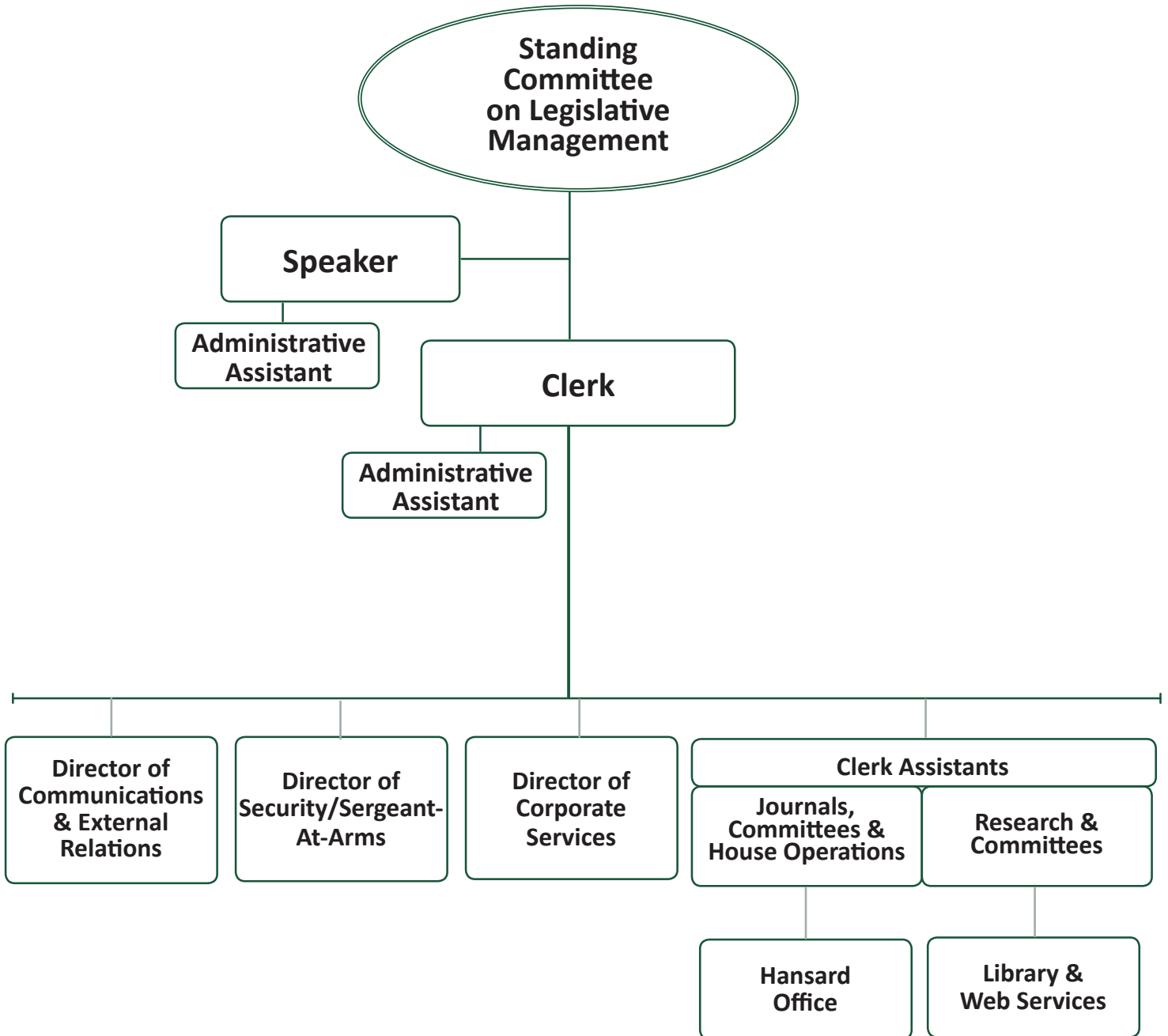
Communications and External Relations provide a proactive strategic corporate (internal and external) communications planning,

implementation and advice for the Assembly. The position is responsible for the development and implementation of communications and marketing strategies, public engagement and special projects, to ensure the consistency of proposed approaches and plans and their compliance with Assembly priorities.

The Communications and External Relations position is also responsible for:

- identifying issues and monitors media relations to maximize media opportunities and negotiates with media when required;
- directs the development and implementation of policies and programs related to interparliamentary relations, protocol, external relations, communications and special project planning on behalf of the Office of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island;
- acts as the Secretary for the Order of Prince Edward Island Advisory Council;
- organizes all conferences being hosted for the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island;
- liaising with the province to coordinate and communicate the Office of the Legislative Assembly interests in the move back to Province House; and
- leads and provides strategic planning for current and long-range goals and objectives of the Assembly for changing situations (Business Continuity Plan/Strategic Plan).

Our Team: The Officers & Staff of the Legislative Assembly



Events

Third Session of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly-updated

The spring sitting of the Third Session of the 65th General Assembly officially opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2018, and adjourned on June 12, 2018, after sitting for 39 days, one of the longest sessions in recent memory. The fall sitting opened on November 13, 2018, and adjourned

on December 5, 2018. Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, the Honourable Antoinette Perry granted Royal Assent to the Bills during both sittings of the Legislative Assembly.

Due to the resignation of Ms. Amy Unwin as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms effective January 25, 2018, Mr. Shane R. Carr of Stanhope was appointed Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, and Mr. Paul Gormley was named Assistant Director of Security.

On November 29, 2018, for the first time in the Legislative Assembly history, a power outage occurred due to a storm. At 4:30 pm the Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker declared a recess until 6:15 p.m., at which point the House resumed the daily sitting.



Book Launch: *Minding the House, Volume 2*

On May 15, 2018, the Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island and Mr. George Webster, Chair of the Association of Former Members of the Legislative Assembly of P.E.I., were pleased to launch *Minding the House, Vol. II: 1993-2017*. Joining in on the launch was Premier H. Wade MacLauchlan, the Honourable James Alyward, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Peter Bevan-Baker, Leader of the Third Party.



Speaker Watts stated, “This publication and biographical guide of Members past (1993-2017) compliments the previous one that was published in 2002, ‘Minding the House, A Biographical Guide to Prince Edward Island Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), 1873-1993. The original publication was a project supported by the Association of Former Members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island and co-published by Acorn Press, a local Island company.”



Front row, left to right: Cassandra Bernard, Marion Murphy, George Webster, Hon. Francis (Buck) Watts, Hon. James Aylward
 Back row, left to right: Sean McQuaid, Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan, Peter Bevan-Baker

The publication serves as a reference guide and a tangible reminder of the service of those elected Island leaders who achieved the right to sit in the Legislative Assembly.

For more information on the publication or to purchase *Minding the House, A Biographical Guide to Prince Edward Island MLAs (Volume II) 1993-2017*, please contact the Office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly at (902) 368-4310. Purchase price is \$20.00 including taxes.

Honours and Heraldry Symposium 2018

As part of the Legislative Assembly’s responsibilities for the Order of Prince Edward Island, the Secretary to the Order, JoAnne Holden attended an Honours and Heraldry Symposium 2018 in Ottawa from May 30 to June 2, 2018. The objectives of the symposium were to bring practitioners of honours recognition together to discuss issues and challenges, explore subjects of common interest and strengthen the bonds that exist between our organizations.

Joint Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors, Charlottetown, September 23-25, 2018

The conference was co-hosted by Brad Trivers, MLA for Rustico–Emerald, and Jane MacAdam, Auditor General. Other participants from Prince Edward Island included MLAs Allen Roach and Hannah Bell, and Clerk Assistant Ryan Reddin.

Topics of business sessions included: Communications/The Modern Druptive Digital Landscape and the Work of Auditors General and Public Accounts Committees; Qualified Audit Opinions; Information

Technology - Audit and Accountability; Overview of Survey of Public Accounts Committees; Reflections on Fourteen Years on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts by Vice Chair David Christopherson, MP; Session for New PAC Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs; Developments in Canadian



Public Accounts Committees; Open Roundtable Discussions for PAC Members and Clerks/Researchers; CCPAC Annual General Meeting.

Partners for the conference traveled to the National Park at Dalvay-by-the-Sea Hotel and then traveled along the Gulf Shore Parkway to the Dunes Studio Gallery in Brackley Beach for lunch and then a visit to the Great Canadian Soap Company.



Province House Conservation Project Update

Province House National Historic Site is currently closed for an extensive conservation project. The building is more than 170 years old and in pressing need of repair. Province House is a historic and complex building and this project presents the unique challenge of rehabilitating the structure, while respecting its heritage character-defining elements.

The Government of Canada is investing in the Province House project to conserve this structure, which is both the historic birthplace of Canada and the seat of Prince Edward Island's Provincial Legislature. This project began in 2015 and is slated to be completed in 2021. Full details of the project can be found on their website: www.parksCanada.gc.ca/provincehouse.



Fast Facts

Province House National Historic Site was built between 1843 and 1847. It is both the historic birthplace of Canada and the seat of Prince Edward Island's Provincial Legislature.

The first session of the Prince Edward Island Legislature was held in the building in January 1847.

Province House is owned by the Province of Prince Edward Island and is operated as a national historic site by Parks Canada, thanks to an agreement signed between Parks Canada and the Province in 1974.

A major restoration project was undertaken by Parks Canada between 1979 and 1983 to restore a portion of the building to the 1864 period.

Between 2011 and 2013, additional renovations were done in advance of the 2014 celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference.



UN Day of the Girl Child and PEI's "Famous Five"

On October 11, 2018, the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, Kathleen Casey, welcomed young Islanders from across the province to take the seats of their members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for a day of learning and sharing.

Nominated by each of their MLAs, the young Islanders learned about the legislature's history and met the remarkable women of PEI's Famous Five to mark the United Nations' International Day of the Girl Child. They also heard from Olympic gold medalist Heather Moyse and discussed the challenges that persist for women and possible ways to overcome them.



"On Prince Edward Island, we have made strides in advancing gender equality but there is still work to be done," said Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Paula Biggar, "Today, I could not be more encouraged and hopeful as I saw young Islanders assume the privilege and responsibility of sitting in the Legislative Assembly. They shared with us the challenges they face and their vision of a bright, inclusive future that affords all Islanders equal opportunities".

"Today has been an immense privilege. I sat in the seats of our representatives," said Rikki Delaney, student at École Évangéline. "I learned a great deal, I was inspired and I will be leaving today with a unique experience that I look to share with my friends, family and community".

The day's events were organized by the Interministerial Women's Secretariat, which works within government and with community organizations on initiatives that help carve pathways to achieve greater gender balance.



Above: Deputy Speaker Kathleen Casey with the Famous Five



At right (seated, l to r): Marian Reid, Catherine Callbeck (standing, l to r): Nancy Guptill, Pat Mella, Libbe Hubley

New Look! Refreshing the Historic Members' Desks

The chairs and desks in the Legislative Chamber have a new look. Approximately 28 chairs and desks were repaired and refinished by the Department of Transportation Infrastructure and Energy. The chair seats and backs were also reupholstered which included replacing the leather, webbing and padding.



Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Charles MacKay Announces Retirement - Assembly Welcomes Joseph Jeffrey as New Clerk

Charles MacKay, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island, announced his retirement effective March 30, 2019. The Legislative Assembly welcomed Mr. Joseph Jeffrey, Director of Corporate Services on being named Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.



In considering Mr. MacKay's retirement, the Standing Committee on Legislative Management Committee conducted a public competition for the position of Clerk. This was the first time in the history of Prince Edward Island that there has been such a competition for this position. Advertisements were placed in local newspapers, posted on job sites and distributed to all Canadian legislatures.

As a result of this application and interview process, Mr. Jeffrey was identified as the top candidate. Mr. Jeffrey has served as Director of Corporate Services for six years and as a Committee Clerk (both in the House and with Standing Committees), and presently serves as Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Parliamentary Administration (CAPA). His appointment was unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

Members of the Legislative Assembly wished Mr. MacKay all the best in his retirement and thanked him for his continued service over his 33 years with a standing ovation in House on the closing day of the session, December 5, 2018.

Kathleen Casey, MLA for Charlottetown-Lewis Point, said Mr. MacKay instilled in her a deep respect and appreciation for the important work of the legislative branch that she will carry with her forever. “Charles MacKay has provided non-partisan advice and guidance on parliamentary procedure to Speakers and all Members of the Legislative Assembly who passed through this House over the past 33 years. I have witnessed his work, both nationally and internationally, as one of the most respected Clerks in the Commonwealth,” she said.



Paul Harris Fellowship Presented to Charles MacKay by President of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown

Joan MacFarlane, President of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough presented Charles MacKay, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award on behalf of the Board of Directors in special appreciation for his work which exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation.



This award was presented to Mr. MacKay on the anniversary of the 31st Rotary Youth Parliament. Through those years Mr. MacKay generously provided his staff and support in making sure this event is a success. As one of the Youth Parliaments in the country that actually uses the Legislative Assembly Chamber – it was an honour indeed and a testimony to his support.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris who founded Rotary International in Chicago in 1905 with three business associates. The Fellowship was established in his honour in 1957 to express appreciation for contributions of \$1000 US to the Humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellowship to recognize a person whose life and work demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of the Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace. How better to build world understanding than by giving young people the opportunity to experience the democratic process we hold so dear?

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 reviews nominations and recommends the names of honour recipients.

This year's medal recipients were Mark Arendz of Hartsville, Heather Cutcliffe of Augustine Cove, and Irene Jewell of York. The Insignia of the Order was presented to each of them at a special investiture ceremony on October 3, 2018 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

Jackie MacKay, Eastern PEI

Brian Annear, Lower Montague

Doug LeBlanc, Victoria West

Dianne Porter, Charlottetown

Debbie Buchanan, Stanhope

JoAnne Holden, Secretary



2018 Recipients of the Order of Prince Edward Island

Mark Arendz

Mark Arendz is a proud Islander and Canadian who takes pride in not allowing his success to define his character. Born in Hartsville, Prince Edward Island, Mark embraces the meaning of community. He may be an eight-time Paralympic medalist, but as a person, he is much more than this.

Mark first developed his sense of community at the age of 7 when he lost his arm in a farming accident. Following amputation and recovery in Halifax, he watched neighbouring farmers, friends, and even strangers come to his family's aid to allow his loved ones to remain close to him. These acts of kindness left a lasting impact on Mark. Only months after his accident, he became a War Amps Ambassador. This led to a PlaySafe video, showing him performing everyday activities and playing sports.

Mark Arendz is an outstanding role model in a variety of ways. He is a KidSport ambassador for PEI, has travelled to Nicaragua where he helped to build a school after a landslide forced people from their homes and he is counselor with the Celebrate Canada Youth Ambassador Program, just to name a few. Mark receives a sense of personal enjoyment in giving back to the community.

The Order of P.E.I. gives public recognition to individual Islanders whose efforts and accomplishments have been exemplary. Mark Arendz is an outstanding athlete and person. During the 2018 Paralympic Games, he achieved a Canadian single Paralympic Games record of 6 medals, 5 individual and 1 team relay medal, including biathlon gold, silver and bronze and his first cross-country medals. Mark was honoured to be named Canada's flag-bearer for the 2018 Paralympic Games closing ceremony. This honour is not given purely on athletic success, but to those who show great leadership and mentorship abilities.



Left to right: Mark Arendz, 2018 OPEI Recipient; Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI

Mark Arendz is truly an example of a young Islander who is an inspiration to all. He takes pride in being able to share his experiences and motivates others to do things they think may seem impossible. Mark Arendz' record of achievements is nothing short of remarkable and he is a deserving recipient for the Order of Prince Edward Island.

Heather Cutcliffe

Heather Cutcliffe is an outstanding contributor for the improvement of the Island community and an exceptional leader and advocate in health care rehabilitation medicine.

Throughout her career as an occupational therapist and her volunteer work relating to health and wellness, Heather has been a driving force in developing and implementing better services for patients and families, whether it be for stroke care or those faced with disabilities. She has removed silos between education and health by having a vision that all children in PEI should have access to occupational therapy services and developed a program in Island schools. Heather also played a key role in the Provincial Seating Program; a clinic that provides specialized seating or mobility aids to Islanders with disabilities in order to support their independence and provide them with a better quality of life.

In her community, Heather played a major role in bringing girls hockey to the community of Crapaud and surrounding areas in the 1990's. She was also a participant in the development of the Actiplex and community wellness centre when the old Crapaud rink collapsed. She has led Sunday school for many years in the Hampton-Victoria United Church and revitalized the Canadian Girls Training program in Tryon. An avid volunteer, she has served for countless years on the board with the Arthritis Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation just to name a few.

Heather is highly regarded as an occupational therapist and has been recognized with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Award for Innovation Practice, the Douglas MacMaster Memorial Occupational Health and Safety Award, and the Prince Edward Island Occupational Therapy Society's Joy Mill Award for providing an outstanding Contribution to Occupational Therapy. She also takes the time to mentor and support upcoming physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, and anyone who is interested or passionate about health care and improving the lives of Islanders.

Heather Cutcliffe brings excellence, innovation and outstanding leadership in all that she does whether it be professionally or through her volunteer work. She has been and continues to be



Left to right: Honourable H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of PEI; Heather Cutcliffe, 2018 OPEI Recipient; Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI

a firm advocate for inclusion and a better quality of life for all. Dedicating herself to the people of PEI with the goal of making it a better place, Heather Cutcliffe is very worthy recipient for the 2018 Order of Prince Edward Island.

Irene Jewell

Irene Jewell is the epitome of the Prince Edward Island farmer, entrepreneur and community citizen. Through passion and personal conviction, Irene's 'up-to-your-elbows' approach as an Island farm woman is exemplary. Farm women have been and continue to be the unsung heroes of the industry. The 2001 publication *Growing from Strong Roots: PEI Farm Women's Conference 2000-2001*, featured Irene (Chappell) Jewell. One of her favorite sayings about life is "the family that farms together, stays together."

Irene's pride was Jewell's Country Gardens. Opening in 1964, it was a must-see for countless tourists. Irene was a master gardener and her private pleasure was cutting flowers and arranging them into bouquets for her table, for other sick and shut-ins in the community and special occasions. In 1976, the Gardens, greenhouses and the Jewell home were sold. Irene and Parker turned their attention to supporting their three boys and their mixed farming operations based in York and Covehead.



Left to right: Honourable H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of PEI; Honourable Irene Jewell, 2018 OPEI recipient; Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI

Through her family, she has received multiple International Grand Champion awards for farm-grown produce since 1980. Whether recognized locally, nationally, or internationally, it was all about the quality of product and presentation from the fruits of the family farm in York. The Jewell family has been celebrated through prize winning produce from Old Home Week to the Royal Agricultural Exhibition

and international level red ribbons. Irene had a special skill for identifying and expertly preparing the very best of their potatoes and rutabagas for show and they always impressed.

Irene has made her mark on Prince Edward Island. She has been an active member and leader in

the Women's Institute and was recognized in 1980, as the PEI Women's Institute Women of the Year and was recognized individually, and in partnership with her husband Parker. She is also an award recipient for the United Church Women Life in 1987, and the Institute of Agrologists Hall of Fame Inductee in 1994.

The world and our Island need farmers, especially family farmers to ensure health and prosperity. Irene Jewell is a family farming inspiration and a pioneer in farm and gardening tourism, always maintaining the highest standards, applying top-notch customer service and a commitment to the highest quality products and community life. Irene Jewell is an Islander who is most worthy of investiture into the 2018 Order of Prince Edward.

Members of the Order of Prince Edward Island-updated

A

Angèle Arsenault, O.C.
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.
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
Honourable Gilbert R. Clements
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
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
Charles Linkletter, C.M.

M

James C. MacAulay
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

P

Honourable Antoinette Perry
Ulric Poirier

R

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

S

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

T

Dr. Charles St. Clair Trainor

W

Kay Wall
Elmer Williams
Noel Wilson
Dr. David Wong

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Frank Zakem



Visit www.assembly.pe.ca/opei for full biographies of all recipients of the Order of Prince Edward Island.

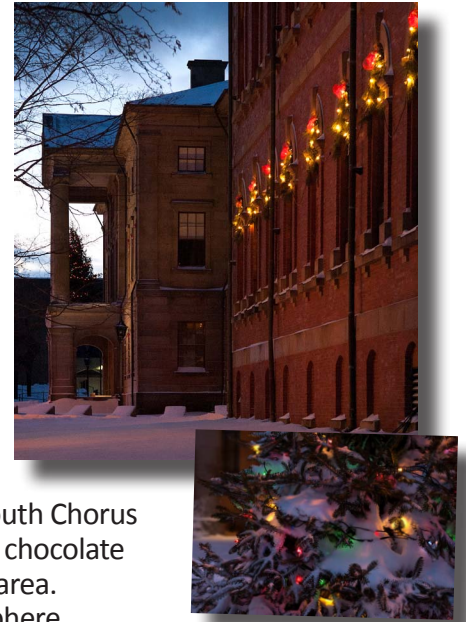
Wintertide

The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island once again partnered with the City of Charlottetown to host the Wintertide Holiday Festival Opening on November 23, 2018.

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.



Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster in Canada

The Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, and Brian Weldon, Sergeant at Arms and Director of Security for the Legislative Assembly, raised the Royal Union flag (known as the Union Jack) in front of the Honourable George Coles Building.

The flag celebrates the anniversary of the Statute of Westminster (1931) which is observed in Canada on December 11 each year to mark the statute's establishment. The Canadian flag and the Royal Union flag are flown together on this day.



Hon. Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker, left, and Brian Weldon, Directory of Security, right, holding the Union Jack.

The anniversary of the adoption of the Statute of Westminster (December 11) is a momentous occasion in Canada's journey to sovereignty. The Statute granted Canada independence from British regulations and the freedom to pass, amend, and repeal laws within an autonomous legal system. Full autonomy gave the government the independence it needed to build a legislative foundation upon which Canada still stands today.

The Union Jack serves two purposes. First, it is the national flag of the United Kingdom, and second, it is flown as a symbol of membership in the Commonwealth and allegiance to the Crown as approved by Parliament on December 18, 1964.

Inaugural Visits Between Parliamentary Partners

The Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker, and Charles MacKay, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, made their inaugural visit in February 2018 to the House of Assembly of the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI). Representatives from TCI, Honourable Speaker Honourable Dwayne S. Taylor, Speaker and Honourable Royal S. Robinson, Opposition Appointed Member, paid a return visit to Prince Edward Island in December of 2018.

In July 2016, a Parliamentary Partnership Agreement was signed between the Parliament of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly. This Agreement aims to promote a sharing of best practices and expertise between the parliaments for their mutual benefit. Some of the areas include: exchanging information; examining training activities that promote professional parliamentary development; pursuing research opportunities; sharing best practices in the area of quality assurance and management services; exchanging of visits as a means of fostering links between parliamentarians and parliamentary staff; and providing meetings between the representatives of the parliaments at conferences or seminars.





As a result of the visit, an initiative is underway for PEI to provide advice and expertise in developing a Legislative Library for the TCI parliament and exchange information on the best practices in the delivery of Hansard services. PEI will also provide information and assist in coordinating a youth parliament for TCI, with anticipated assistance from Rotary Clubs International, similar to that which takes place in Charlottetown every November.

The inaugural visits involved meetings with many parliamentary officials.



This agreement builds on the partnership between the two parliaments and paves the way for future cooperative initiatives. The visits were a first step in realizing the vision laid out in the July 2016 Agreement.

Left to right: Joseph Jeffrey, Director of Corporate Services; Ryan Reddin, Clerk Assistant; Hon. Dwayne S. Taylor, Speaker; Hon. Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker; Hon. Royal S. Robinson; Charles MacKay, Clerk; Emily Doiron, Clerk Assistant



Left to right: Hon. Royal S. Robinson; Hon. Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker; Hon. Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI; Hon. Dwayne S. Taylor, Speaker

Referendum Commissioner Appointed

The P.E.I. legislature unanimously approved Gerard Mitchell as the referendum commissioner on November 28, 2018, following the unanimous approval of his selection by the Legislative Management Committee.

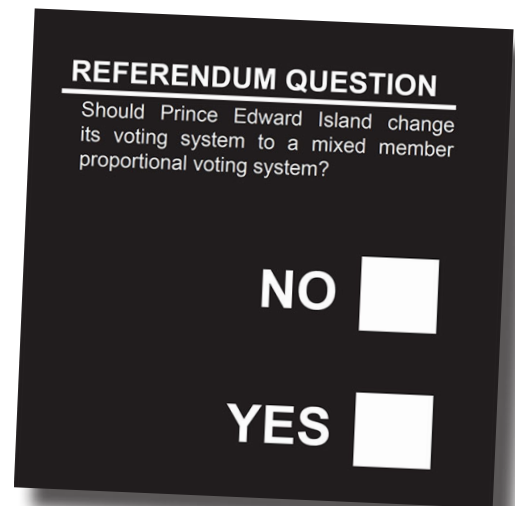
Mitchell, a retired chief justice and former police commissioner, was one of eight applicants for the position.

The appointment was required under the *Electoral Systems Referendum Act*, and will oversee a referendum on electoral reform which is scheduled in conjunction with the next general election on P.E.I. The *Referendum Act* will allow groups to campaign for or against a proportional representation system being established in P.E.I. but sets in place spending limits for such groups.

The Referendum Commissioner is a non-partisan, independent statutory officer of the Legislative Assembly and the position has a range of responsibilities and powers as provided for in the *Electoral System Referendum Act*, including:

- implement public education and information programs relating to the referendum, referendum advertising, and voting systems
- assist groups wishing to become referendum advertisers
- monitor compliance with the *Electoral System Referendum Act*
- announce the final result of the referendum
- provide a report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

The Commissioner must be strictly impartial on the subject of electoral system reform and possess knowledge and experience regarding election advertising and the conduct of referenda and elections in general, along with extensive knowledge of the *Electoral System Referendum Act* in particular. A proven track record inspiring public trust and confidence with all stakeholders is a requirement.



Community Engagement

Visitor Services

The Chamber of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in the Honourable George Coles Building (Coles Building), welcomed 760 visitors between June 13 and August 27, 2018. 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 2018, the guide at the Legislative Assembly was Zachary Rowswell.

The Legislative Assembly Chamber was located on the 2nd floor of Province House until January 2015. The building was closed for major conservation work that year and is slated to reopen in 2021. 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 colourful 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.

More information can be found at the Visitor Information page on the Legislative Assembly's website, (<http://www.assembly.pe.ca/visitorinfo>).

Legislative Pages for 2018

Legislative pages are Grade 11 and 12 honour 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 2018, we had 22 students serving as pages at the Legislative Assembly.



Ryan Reddin, Clerk Assistant, provides tour to newcomers from Study Abroad Canada Language Institute's Economic Integration Program



During the Fall Sitting (L to R): Julia Ezeard, *Grace Christian School*; Esther Puiras, *Bluefield High School*; Logan Rose, *Souris Regional High School*; Matteo LeClair, *École François-Buote*; Naomi Miller, *Charlottetown Rural High School*; Olivia Batten, *Westisle Composite High School*; Robin Dann, *Montague Regional High School*; Bailey Clark, *Kensington Intermediate High School*; Kristi Stewart, *Colonel Grey High School*; Jacob MacDonald, *Morell Regional High School*; Rilind Musliu, *Three Oaks Senior High School*



During the Fall Sitting (L to R): Rebecca Procter, *Three Oaks Senior High School*; Ellen O'Reilly, *Colonel Gray High School*; Emily Ching, *Souris Regional High School*; Alyx Hodson, *Charlottetown Rural High School*; Berry Genge, *Montague Regional High School*; Abby Griffin, *Morell Regional High School*; Zach Wilson, *Bluefield High School*; Shona Arsenault, *École François-Buote*; Emily Maxfield, *Westisle Composite High School*; Dakota MacWilliams, *Kinkora Regional High School*

Rotary Youth Parliament

On November 16, 2018 the Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island hosted students from across the Island at this year's Rotary Youth Parliament.

The Speaker welcomed the students to the 31st Annual Rotary Youth Parliament on Friday, November 16, 2018 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.



Hon. Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI, opens the Rotary Youth Parliament



Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier, addresses the Rotary Youth Parliament

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 this year will take place in the Legislative Chamber (Coles Building) where MLAs debate and pass laws and resolutions. The selection process is determined by participating high schools.

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 Francis (Buck) Watts, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, appointed Barbara Stevenson, Q.C., Chair, Ronald Profit, Q.C., and Sharon O'Halloran, C.P.A, C.G.A., as Indemnities and Allowances Commissioners.

The Commission's 2018 report was tabled by the Honourable Speaker on December 19, 2018.

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.

Since its inception in 2008, the program has been well received by both partner institutions, and provided work placement for 21 students. In 2018, Amy Hickey and Erin Groman 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.

Heritage Fair

The provincial heritage fair was held on May 3rd 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.

Parliamentary Matters

Record number of Private Member Bills introduced and passed in the Legislature

The 3rd Session of the 65th General Assembly saw a record number of Private Members Bills being introduced. During the Session, which began November 2017, and continued through 2018, 29 Private Members Bills were introduced. A Private Members Bill is a bill promoted by a Member who is not part of the executive. Private Members of all political parties, and an Independent Member, have introduced bills related to various topics. In total, eight Private Members Bills have received Royal Assent, meaning the bill has become law in the province.

Unparliamentary Language

The *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island* prohibit disrespectful language in debate (Rule 34(2)). In addition, personal attacks, insults, obscene language, or words that question a member's integrity, honesty or character are not permitted. While it is not possible to produce a definitive list of unparliamentary words and expressions, the following is a list of words and phrases that were either ruled unparliamentary or the Speaker cautioned were close to unparliamentary in 2018:

- for Christ's sake
- broke the law
- illegally
- corruption

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 often provokes important public debate. In addition, because committees interact directly with the public, they provide an immediate channel between elected representatives and Islanders.

Currently, several Standing Committees exist for every General Assembly, along with occasional Special Committees struck for a particular purpose and for a limited period of time. Standing and Special Committees are sub-groups of Members of all parties according to their proportion within the Legislative Assembly. These committees hold hearings and receive written submissions and in-person presentations from the public according to their committee mandates. The current active Standing Committees are organized into the following subject areas:

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment
Standing Committee on Education and Economic Development
Standing Committee on Health and Wellness
Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Energy

Standing Committee on Public Accounts
 Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges
 Special Committee on Democratic Renewal (Committee Page)

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.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Hal Perry, Chair
 Peter Bevan-Baker
 Bush Dumville (*until Jan. 31*)
 Hon. Paula Biggar
 Hon. Sonny Gallant
 Jamie Fox (*as of Mar. 1*)
 Colin LaVie
 Alan Mclsaac (*as of Jan. 16*)
 Hon. Chris Palmer (*as of Feb. 6*)
 Brad Trivers (*until Mar. 1*)

MEETING DATES

Jan. 12
 Feb. 16
 Mar. 2
 Apr. 24
 (in camera)
 Oct. 19
 Nov. 2

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
 (*May 3, 2018*)

COMMUNITIES, LAND AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Kathleen Casey, Chair
 Peter Bevan-Baker
 Hon. Richard Brown (*until Jan. 16*)
 Hon. Heath MacDonald
 (*until Jan. 16*)
 Colin LaVie (*as of Mar. 1*)
 Sidney MacEwen (*until Mar. 1*)
 Alan Mclsaac (*as of Jan. 16*)
 Hon. Pat Murphy
 Hal Perry
 Allen Roach (*as of Jan. 16*)
 Brad Trivers

MEETING DATES

Mar. 15
 May 22
 (in camera)
 Sept. 6
 Nov. 1

REPORTS

Prince
 Edward Island
 Human Rights
 Commission
 (*May 24, 2018*)

 Committee
 Activities (*May 24,*
2018)

DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

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

MEETING DATES

None

REPORTS

None

EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Bush Dumville, Chair (*until Jan. 31*)
Alan McIsaac, Chair (*as of Feb. 26*)
Hannah Bell (*as of Jan. 9*)
Peter Bevan-Baker (*until Jan. 9*)
Hon. Paula Biggar (*as of Jan. 16*)
Kathleen Casey (*until Jan. 16*)
Hon. Robert Henderson
(*as of Jan. 16*)
Sidney MacEwen (*as of Mar. 1*)
Matthew MacKay
Hon. Robert Mitchell (*until Jan. 16*;
then re-appointed Feb. 6)
Hon. Pat Murphy (*as of Jan. 16*)
Steven Myers (*until Mar. 1*)
Hon. Chris Palmer (*until Jan. 16*)
Hal Perry (*until Jan. 16*)
Allen Roach
(*from Jan. 16 to Feb. 26*)

MEETING DATES

Feb. 28
Mar. 13
Oct. 31

REPORTS

None

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Bush Dumville, Chair
(until Jan. 16)
 Allen Roach, Chair *(Chair as of
 Feb. 22, member as of Jan. 16)*
 Hannah Bell *(as of Jan. 9)*
 Peter Bevan-Baker *(until Jan. 9)*
 Hon. Richard Brown *(until Jan. 16)*
 Jamie Fox
 Sidney MacEwen
 Alan Mclsaac
 Hon. Tina Mundy
 Hon. Pat Murphy *(as of Jan. 16)*
 Hal Perry
 Matthew MacKay *(as of Mar. 1)*

MEETING DATES

Feb. 22
 Oct. 4
 Nov. 1
 Nov. 8
 Nov. 15

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
(Nov. 27, 2018)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS STANDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Hal Perry, Chair
 Peter Bevan-Baker
 Hon. Jordan Brown
 Kathleen Casey
 Darlene Compton
 Bush Dumville *(until Jan. 31)*
 Sidney MacEwen
 Hon. Chris Palmer
 Hon. Richard Brown
(as of Feb. 6)

MEETING DATES

Feb. 27
 Mar. 13
 Mar. 27
 May 3
 (in camera)
 Oct. 2
 Oct. 16
 Dec. 11

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
(May 24, 2018)

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
STANDING COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS

Brad Trivers, Chair
 Allen Roach, (*Vice-Chair as of Feb. 7, member as of Jan. 16*)
 Hannah Bell (*as of Jan. 9*)
 Peter Bevan-Baker (*until Jan. 9*)
 Kathleen Casey
 Darlene Compton (*until Mar. 1*)
 Bush Dumville (*until Jan. 31*)
 Jamie Fox (*as of June 26*)
 Alan Mclsaac (*as of Jan. 16*)
 Steven Myers (*Mar. 1 to Jun. 26*)
 Hon. Chris Palmer (*until Jan. 10*)
 Hal Perry

**MEETING
DATES**

Feb. 7
 Mar. 7
 Mar. 21
 Apr. 18
 Apr. 25
 May 31
 (in camera)
 Nov. 14
 Nov. 21

REPORTS

Committee
 Activities
 (*Jun. 7, 2018*)

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

MEMBERS

Kathleen Casey, Chair
 Hon. James Aylward
 Hannah Bell (*as of Jan. 9*)
 Peter Bevan-Baker (*until Jan. 9*)
 Bush Dumville (*until Jan. 31*)
 Jamie Fox (*until Jan. 30*)
 Hon. Sonny Gallant
 Hon. Robert Henderson
 Hon. Tina Mundy
 Steven Myers (*as of Jan. 30*)
 Allen Roach (*as of Feb. 6*)

**MEETING
DATES**

Feb. 9
 Mar. 1
 April 17
 (in camera)

REPORTS

Recommendations
 Regarding Rule
 Changes
 (*Apr. 26, 2018*)

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF MEETINGS**

36

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF REPORTS**

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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:

35th Canadian Presiding Officers' Conference - Quebec City - January 25 - 28, 2018

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

Topics – Protecting elected members; Enhancing Accessibility in Legislative Chambers: A made in Manitoba Approach to Meeting the Challenge; Police intervention with Members of the Assembly: the importance of respecting parliamentary privileges; Decorum in the House; Small Caucus Funding: Trying to Achieve Fairness.

56th CPA Canadian Regional Conference - Ottawa, ON - July 22 - 27, 2018

Delegates: Speaker Francis (Buck) Watts; MLA Hal Perry; MLA Jamie Fox; and Ryan Reddin, Clerk Assistant

Topics – Overview of the Road Ahead for CPA; Parliament and the #MeToo Movement – what it means for legislatures and the measures they could take to protect parliamentary staff and Parliamentarians from all forms of harassment; Foreign Interference in the Democratic Process: participants will explore whether Parliaments and Parliamentarians are ready to respond to campaigns of disinformation and 'fake news' during election periods; Balancing Work and Family Time during the Parliamentary Schedule: participants will discuss the challenges of balancing family time with other priorities and exchange strategies on achieving the right balance; Underrepresentation of Women in Parliament: Parliamentarians will explore strategies for Canada's legislatures to reach gender parity; Inter-Parliamentary Relations (Part 1): participants will discuss strategies and best practices for Parliamentarians to engage with their counterparts in other jurisdictions during international trade negotiations such as NAFTA, to facilitate a positive outcome; Inter-Parliamentary Relations (Part 2): participants will discuss how Parliamentarians can address diplomatic challenges through parliamentary associations; Balancing Public and Private Life in the Age of Social Media: participants will explore strategies for maintaining a proper balance between their professional and personal lives on social media.



58th Annual Meeting & Regional Policy Forum - Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference - Rye Brook, New York - August 5 - 8, 2018, Theme – States of Disruption

Delegates: Speaker Francis (Buck) Watts; MLA Darlene Compton; and MLA Steven Myers

This meeting is the largest assembly of state and provincial officials in eastern Canada and the eastern United States.

Blockchain and Government: Understanding the Potential and Challenges of Blockchain; *Agriculture & Rural Development* – Regional Updates in Agriculture and Rural Affairs; A View from Washington: the 2018 Farm Bill and More; Hemp: Crop of the Past, Now Crop of the Future?; *Canada-U.S. Relations* – Whither NAFTA?; Regional Cooperation in a Post-NAFTA World; *Energy & Environment* – Roundtable: Pathways to Promoting Zero-Emission Energy amid a System in Transition; *Health* – ACA Chaos: What’s Happening with State Insurance Markets; *Military & Veterans Affairs* – Military Service to Civilian Licensure and Credentialing; *Transportation* – Roundtable Discussion on Funding and Financing Transportation Infrastructure; *Council on Communities of Color* – Immigration 101: Exploring the Challenges of Policy and Practice; Exploring Policy Solutions for Racialized Public Spaces; *Education* – Civic Education and Student Involvement; *Health Committee with the Justice Center* – Public Health and Public Safety: Cross-Sector Approaches to Address the Opioid Epidemic; *Fiscal Roundtable/Budget & Tax Chairs Committee* – Legalized Sports Betting: State bet on More Revenue; State Budget Trends; *Professional Development* – Creating Excellence in the Legislative Workforce; Clean Disruption of Energy and Transportation : How Silicon Valley is making oil, nuclear, natural gas, coal, electric utilities and conventional cars obsolete by 2030; LeadHERship: The Status of Women Politics; Autonomous Vehicles Safety; #MeToo and Women in Politics; Cybersecurity Redux: Solutions to Securing State Elections; Puerto Rico & the U.S. Virgin Island: The Long Road to Recovery; Outlook: The 2018 Midterm Elections and Beyond; CTE in Football Players: A Looming Public Health Crisis

The Robert J. Thompson Eastern Leadership Academy - University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - August 26 - 30, 2018

Delegate: MLA Hannah Bell

Skills Sessions - It Was Never About Time Management Anyway; Your Personal Influence on Leadership in State Government; Consensus Building & Dispute Resolutions; Facing the Media; Debunking Political Deception and Viral Deception (Fake News).

Legislative Leadership Session - Building a Culture of Excellence

Social Media Session - Managing your image

Legacy Session - Pay it Forward



Public Accounts Committee Conference - Charlottetown, PE - September 23 - 25, 2018

Delegates: MLA Brad Trivers; MLA Allan Roach; MLA Hannah Bell; and Ryan Reddin, Clerk Assistant

Topics - Reflections on Fourteen Years on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts; Session for New PAC Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs; Developments in Canadian Public Accounts Committees; Open Roundtable Discussion for PAC Members;



Open Discussion for PAC Clerks and Researchers; CCPAC AGM

40th CPA Canadian Regional Parliamentary Seminar - Iqaluit, Nunavut - October 11 - 13, 2018

Delegates: Speaker Francis (Buck) Watts; MLA Alan McIsaac; MLA Hal Perry; and MLA Jamie Fox

Topics – Reflecting and Respecting the Indigenous Presence in Parliaments; Proportional Representation and the Prince Edward Island Referendum; Life After Office; The Import and Impact of Social Media on the Work of Parliamentarians; Changes to Decorum in the Chamber; Mental Health Matters and their Impact on Members and Staff

Precinct Challenges for the Future Operations of the Legislative Assembly

The Standing Committee on Legislative Management is responsible for the provision of security, facilities and services, and in cooperation with Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy (TIE), they began the development of a Parliamentary Precinct Facility Plan for present and future operations of the Legislative Assembly in Queens Square. While the Assembly and TIE work cooperatively with Parks Canada on the conservation of Province House, the Legislative Assembly needs to ensure a Legislative Assembly Precinct will result in workable facilities for its future operational needs.



The offices of the Legislative Assembly are made up of the independent and impartial offices and officials who support the work of the Members. Each office has duties and responsibilities unique to its role as part of the institution of the Legislative Assembly. During 2018, the Assembly struggled with finding adequate space for all Members of the Legislature, in particular the Office of the Third Party and the newly Independent Member. This facility plan was necessary to ensure equitable space is provided for all Members of the Legislature and will focus on the utilization of existing legislative buildings in Queen's Square.



The Parliamentary Legislative Precinct Plan will include accommodations in Province House, the J. Angus MacLean Building, 197 Richmond Street, and the Hon. George Coles Building. This space for the various offices is required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly and includes: Speaker, Members, Clerk, Caucus Offices, and most Statutory Offices (Elections PEI, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner).



2018 House Statistics

	2016	2017	2018
Number of sitting days	43	44	53
Government bills brought	59	34	43
Government bills passed	55	32	42
Private members' bills brought	0	8	29
Private members' bills passed	0	2	8
Private bills brought	3	0	0
Private bills passed	3	0	0
Oral Question Period			
Total number of questions	1,349	1,406	1,703
Longest question asked	1 min., 47 sec.	1 min. 42 sec.	1 min., 55 sec.
Longest answer given	1 min., 47 sec.	1 min., 37 sec.	1 min., 56 sec.
Shortest question asked	3 seconds	8 seconds	7 seconds
Shortest answer given	1 second	7 seconds	4 seconds
Ministerial Statements			
Total number of statements	132	121	129
Average length of statements	2 min., 30 sec.	2 min., 36 sec.	2 min., 20 sec.
Longest statement	5 min., 45 sec.	18 min., 54 sec.	5 min., 15 sec.
Shortest statement	1 min. 22 sec.	1 min. 19 sec.	1 min., 14 sec.
Motions			
Government	18	7	12
Other than Government	68	42	56
Introduced Jointly	1	1	3
Passed	18	6	8
Number of written questions submitted	1,092	438	223
Number of written answers submitted	1,032	114	150

Legislative Assembly Budget & Expenses

The information below has been taken from the Public Accounts of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Volume II, for the year ended March 31, 2018. The Public Accounts provide the most current information comparing actual expenditures (Expenses column) to the budgeted estimates (Estimates column).

	ESTIMATES \$	EXPENSES \$
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES		
Administration	163,100	132,361
Equipment	78,500	45,479
Materials, Supplies & Services	82,800	34,826
Professional Services	20,000	20,531
Salaries	1,488,000	1,489,946
Travel & Training	55,000	42,143
	<u>1,887,400</u>	<u>1,765,286</u>
Government Members' Office		
Administration	120,400	88,209
Salaries	287,300	237,173
	<u>407,700</u>	<u>325,382</u>
Opposition Members' Office		
Administration	120,400	70,357
Salaries	345,100	393,575
	<u>465,500</u>	<u>463,932</u>
Third Party Office		
Administration	20,000	18,417
Salaries	68,000	64,575
	<u>88,000</u>	<u>82,992</u>
Total Legislative Services	<u>2,848,600</u>	<u>2,637,592</u>
Members		
Administration	--	3,736
Salaries	2,243,900	2,228,893
Travel and training	130,000	86,306
	<u>2,373,900</u>	<u>2,318,935</u>
Total Members	<u>2,373,900</u>	<u>2,318,935</u>

	ESTIMATES \$	EXPENSES \$
OFFICE OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER		
Materials, Supplies & Services	10,000	4,124
Salaries	46,200	49,648
Travel & Training	<u>3,200</u>	<u>352</u>
Total Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner	<u>59,400</u>	<u>54,124</u>
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER		
Administration	4,900	3,373
Materials, Supplies & Services	1,600	178
Professional Services	17,000	31,064
Salaries	187,500	188,104
Travel & Training	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,022</u>
Total Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	<u>216,000</u>	<u>226,741</u>
ELECTIONS P.E.I.		
Administration	8,200	19,079
Equipment	1,300	6,233
Materials, Supplies & Services	2,500	26,766
Professional Services	14,000	5,198
Salaries	279,800	297,908
Travel & Training	<u>4,000</u>	<u>10,311</u>
Total Elections P.E.I.	<u>309,800</u>	<u>365,495</u>
ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION		
Administration	67,000	220
Materials, Supplies & Services	--	8,460
Salaries	--	18,546
Travel and Training	--	1,185
Total Electoral Boundaries Commission	67,000	28,411
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	<u>5,874,700</u>	<u>5,631,298</u>

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- Parliamentary Seminars and Workshops;
- Publications, notably The Parliamentarian, Canadian Parliamentary Review and two newsletters on CPA activities and on parliamentary and political events;
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