



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting Held at
1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 23, 2014
Room 254 Legislative Building

The meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m.

DECISIONS

1. The Commission met with the Conflict of Interest Commissioner to review provisions of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Act*. It was agreed that the Act should continue to be reviewed by LAMC, with the possibility of updating provisions of the Act at a later time.

2. **Members' Retirement Benefits Regulations – MLA contribution to Spousal RRSP after the age of 71**

The Commission approved amendments to the Members' Retirement Benefits Regulations to allow a Member reaching the age of 71 to contribute to a spousal RRSP if his/her spouse has not reached the age of 71 as allowed by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

3. **2014/2015 Legislative Assembly Estimates**

The Commission considered and approved the 2014/2015 Legislative Assembly estimates for the Assembly Offices and Offices of the Independent Officers

4. **MLA Franking/Householder Delivery**

The Commission considered recommendations made by MLA Allowances Appeal Commissioner Michael Werier, regarding the delivery of householder mailings as provided by *The Legislative Assembly Act* (MLA frankings) in light of changes made by Canada Post to no longer permit mailings of frankings by constituency boundaries and instead require frankings to be mailed by postal walks, which may cut across constituency boundaries.

The Commission agreed that as of April 1, 2014, unaddressed mail is to be used for frankings where mail walks/routes are wholly contained within a constituency boundary. Where a mail route crosses constituency boundaries, addressed mail is to be used to ensure that an MLA sends mail only to his/her constituents and not to residents in neighbouring constituencies.

The Commission also agreed that Legislative changes should be made to *The Legislative Assembly Act* when the Legislature is in session to provide for:

- Allowing alternative delivery provided the cost of alternative delivery or the combined cost of unaddressed mail and alternative delivery does not exceed the cost of using unaddressed mail for those pieces and that delivery/insertion is entirely within the MLA's constituency. The total number of pieces mailed and/or delivered or inserted should not exceed the householder count for a constituency;

The Commission further agreed that the following rules should apply:

- Where alternate delivery is used, addressed mail to apartment blocks/condos on the mail walks/routes using alternative delivery methods is to be allowed;
- Where alternate delivery is used, franking claim must identify which frank the claim applies to by putting the date of the frank on the claim and related invoices;
- Franking pieces are to conform to a standard mailing size and weight as not to increase the cost of mailing over the standard mailing limit.

These changes are to be made retroactive to April 1, 2014 once the necessary legislative changes are adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.