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## Prince Edward Island

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

I am pleased to present the 2024 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, 2024 to December 31, 2024.



The spring 2024 sitting of the First Session of the 67th General Assembly began on February 27, 2024, and concluded on April 23, 2024. The fall sitting began on November 5, 2024 and concluded on November 29, 2024.

This date proved to be the last closing of the House by the Lieutenant Governor, Her Honourable Antoinette Perry, as she retired from the role in October 2024 after seven years serving the province.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for her professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm for her duties at the Legislative Assembly.

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

Respectfully,

Honourable Darlene Compton, MLA  
MLA Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

# Who We Are

The legislative branch of our provincial government has the power and responsibility to debate, amend and make laws. The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, also referred to as "the House", is made up of one elected Member of the Legislative Assembly, (MLA), from each of the 27 electoral districts across the province.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly is to create provincial laws. Proposed laws are put forward by members as bills. Bills that pass all stages and receive Royal Assent from the Lieutenant Governor become laws.

The Legislative Assembly also holds the government accountable for its actions and for departmental expenditures. This is a key function of the Legislative Assembly, ensuring the public - through its elected members - has a say in how public monies are spent.

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## Mandate

The Office of the Legislative Assembly's mandate is to support elected officials in their legislative duties. It is guided by the Legislative Assembly Act L-7.1, which sets out the composition, duration, abilities, responsibilities and rules of the parliament for the Province. This act further specifies roles and administrative processes that facilitate the business and operation of 'the House'.

The Legislative Assembly also administers the Provincial Emblems and Honours Act RSPEI 1987 Cap P-26.1 when facilitating the Order of Prince Edward Island merit award, the highest honour the province can bestow on its citizens.

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## Mission

- To provide professional, non-partisan and efficient services to facilitate and support the operation of the parliament of the province, and;
- to capture, maintain and provide access to the records of parliamentary business to the legislative members and the public in order to uphold our democratic process.
- To make the operation of parliament in our province accessible to all.

# Our Values and Ethics

**Democratic**

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

**Professional**

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

**Ethical**

Acting at all times to uphold the public trust.

**Respectful**

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

# Our Offices

## **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 MLAs. Chaired by the Speaker, an additional 6 MLAs complete its membership.

## **Office of the Speaker**

An MLA is elected by the MLAs through secret ballot to the roll of Speaker, the presiding officer of the Legislative Assembly, who 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**

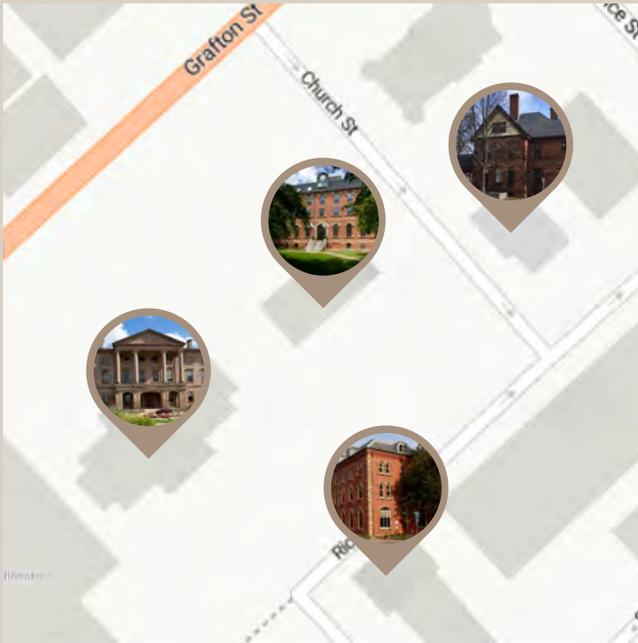
MLAs are supported in their parliamentary functions by services administered by the Clerk, the chief executive officer of the Legislative Assembly. The Clerk has both procedural and managerial responsibilities and oversees the delivery of nonpartisan services to the MLAs of the Legislative Assembly. The Clerk advises the Speaker and MLAs on parliamentary procedure, traditions, and precedents and presides over the election of the Speaker. The Clerk's office also manages enquiries from the independent offices and the public and provides administrative support to the Advisory Council for the Order of Prince Edward Island.

The Office of the Clerk manages the following departments and functions:

- **Committees** provide topical information to the Legislative Assembly on issues of concern and often provoke important public debate. Committee members are groups of MLAs from all parties who carry out detailed investigations which enable the Assembly to make informed decisions. They may consult the public and collect the views of individuals, communities, professionals, businesses, academics and other groups in the course of these investigations.
- **Corporate Services** supports the work of the Speaker, MLAs and independent offices by assisting with financial, administrative and human resource management services.
- **Hansard** transcribe the daily debates of the Legislative Assembly which provide interested parties, and the general public, details of what was said by whom on the issues discussed. Hansard also produce journals for these debates and transcribe committee meetings.

- **Library & Research** This service is a nonpartisan and confidential source of information, news and reference for MLAs, their caucus staff, standing committees, and staff of the Legislature. The librarian maintains the Assembly's website and assists with print publication design. The Director of Parliamentary Research manages research projects on legislation, policy and other current issues for Members.
- **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 MLAs, media and presenters to standing committees.
- **Order of Prince Edward Island** is the highest honour the Province can bestow on its citizens. It gives public recognition to individual Islanders whose efforts and accomplishments have been exemplary and have contributed to the social, economic or cultural life of the Island. The administrative duties of the Order's Advisory Council are provided through the Office of the Clerk.
- **Parliamentary Counsel** serves as the legal advisor and legislative drafter 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 in matters of parliamentary law, procedure and privilege.
- **Security Sergeant-At-Arms** is a position steeped in parliamentary tradition as defined in the Legislative Assembly Act, RSPEI 1988 Cap L-7.1, which, with the Mace, enables the House to exercise its considerable rights and privileges and to carry out various functions assigned to it. The Sergeant-At-Arms is also responsible for the operational security of the Legislative Assembly with the objective of providing 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. Sessional Administration supports the Clerk with the production, dissemination and safekeeping of documents and organization of the Legislative Pages.

## Buildings of the Legislative Assembly



**Province House**  
165 Richmond Street



**Hon. George Cole Building**  
175 Richmond Street

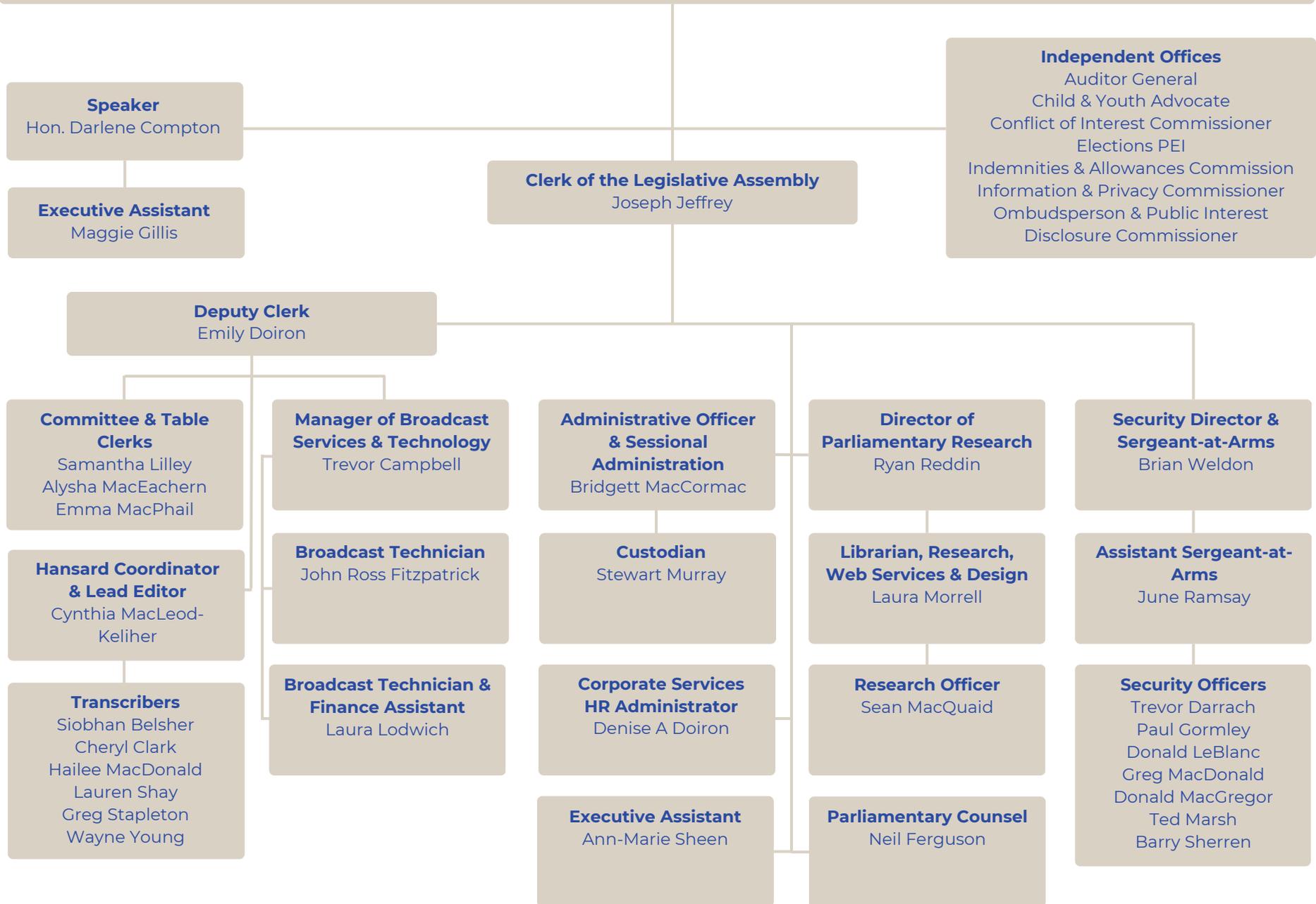


**J Angus McLean Building**  
94 Great George Street



**Office of the Speaker and  
Office of the Clerk**  
197 Richmond Street

# Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly Management



# Independent Offices

Established to inform and implement policy and to provide information to both the Legislative Assembly and the public, the independent offices of the Legislative Assembly are as follows;



**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.



**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.



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



**Elections PEI**'s mandate is to administer provincial general elections, by-elections, referendums and plebiscites along with the Public School Board and the French Language School Board trustee elections. They are also hired by four municipalities to administer their elections and by-elections.



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



**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 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.



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January 17, 2025

The Honourable Darlene Compton  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Speaker

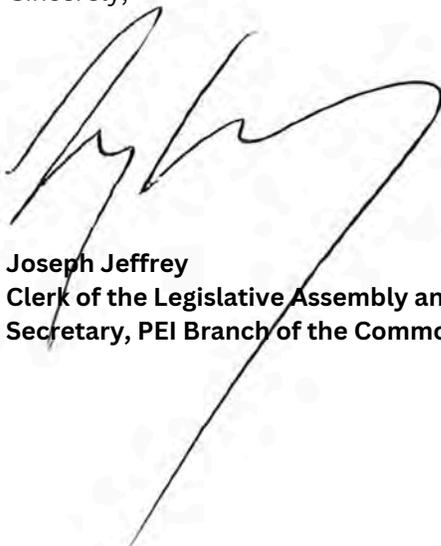
It is my pleasure to present the 2024 Annual Report for the Legislative Assembly. This report highlights organizational accomplishments during the 2nd year of the 67th General Assembly.

The Office of the Legislative Assembly supports the work of MLAs in their legislative duties while also ensuring the efficient operation of the Legislative Assembly itself. 2024 was a busy year as we prepared to move back to Province House. As construction on Province House is nearing a close, we have been working to ensure that the Legislative Assembly will be able to sit there by the fall of 2025.

This year also marked the retirement of our Sergeant-at-Arms, Brian Weldon, on December 27, 2024. We congratulate him and wish him well in this next chapter.

Madam 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.

Sincerely,



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

# History of the Legislative Assembly

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

- 1770** The Mi'kmaq island of Epekwitk was renamed St John's Island by the British in 1758 after gaining control from French settlers who had named it Île St. Jean following their arrival in 1720.  
The island's journey to self-governance began with the arrival of Governor Patterson on the 19th of September.
- 1773** The first House of Assembly is elected. Only Protestant males could vote or hold office at this time and 18 Assemblymen gathered, passing 13 laws in 5 days.
- 1812** John Plaw completes a building in Queen's Square to house the legislature and courthouse. Before this time, the legislature had met in private homes and taverns.
- 1833** The term of members of the legislature is set to four years. Prior to this time, the term was determined solely according to the will of the Governor. Today, the term of an Assembly is a maximum of five years after the return of the writs for a general election. MLAs do not have a maximum term.
- 1839** The Legislative Council is separated into the Legislative Council and the Executive Council, and some members of the House of Assembly also serve on Executive Council.
- 1847** The legislature meets in the newly constructed colonial building for the first time. It later came to be known as Province House and remains the permanent seat of the legislature to this day.
- 1851** Responsible Government, (self-governance), is granted, largely due to the existence of an elected House of Assembly. George Coles, a strong supporter of the system, becomes the first Premier.
- 1862** A new Act requires that the Legislative Council no longer be appointed but elected.
- 1864** In September, Prince Edward Island hosts The Charlottetown Conference, leading to Confederation and the birth of Canada as a nation on July 1, 1867.
- 1873** July 1, Prince Edward Island joins Confederation.
- 1893** The Legislative Council and House of Assembly are merged to form the Legislative Assembly, with 30 members. Each of the 15 electoral districts

elected an Assemblyman and a Councilor, a system that was unique in Canadian politics until its abolition in 1996.

- 1913** An Act is passed to require secret balloting for provincial elections.
- 1923** Under a new Election Act, women vote for the first time in a PEI election.
- 1966** The riding of 6th Queens is created, increasing the Legislative Assembly from 30 to 32 members.
- 1970** Jean Canfield becomes the first women elected to the island legislature.
- 1979** Marion Reid becomes the Legislative Assembly's first female Deputy Speaker.
- 1983** Marion Reid becomes the first female Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- 1990** Pat Mella becomes the first female leader of a provincial political party in PEI. Marion Reid becomes the Legislative Assembly's first Lieutenant Governor.
- 1993** Catherine Callbeck becomes the first female Premier of PEI and in all of Canada. Pat Mella held the Opposition seat in the House, Nancy Guptill was elected Speaker of the House, Libbe Hubley Deputy Speaker and with Marion Reid as Lieutenant Governor, the five most powerful executive and parliamentary roles in government were filled by women simultaneously for the first time in Canada's history, and were subsequently known as PEI's Famous Five.
- 1996** The 1996 general election was the first time an Assembly was elected under the Election Act and Electoral Boundaries Commission of 1994 which established single member representation for each of the 27 districts of the redrawn electoral map, a system still in use today.
- 2015** Province House closes for extensive structural repairs and restoration. The Speech from the Throne for the First Session of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly is delivered on June 3rd in the neighbouring Honourable George Coles Building, marking the first time since 1847 that the full legislature has sat anywhere but Province House.
- 2021** New Virtual Proceedings rule effective January 1, 2021 in response to COVID 19, (first case detected March 14, 2020).
- 2022** 2nd Session of the 66th General Assembly opens with an in-person and virtual hybrid proceeding.
- 2023** The 250th anniversary of democracy on Prince Edward Island was reached in 2023 as the first House of Assembly met on July 7, 1773.

# Events

## Staff Changes

February saw the departure of Bren Walker and the arrival of Lauren Shay, both Transcribers for Hansard.

In May, Emma MacPhail, began work as a Committee Clerk to cover Alysha MacEachern's leave, and Hansard gained Transcribers Greg Stapleton in September and Siobhan Belsher in October.

In November, Samantha Lilley was promoted to Clerk Assistant and Judy Burke was reappointed as the Conflict of Interests Commissioner.

December brought the retirement of Brian Weldon, the Seargent-At-Arms following 14 years with the Legislative Assembly.

## Chamber Audio Upgrade

The J. Angus MacLean Building revived its role in hosting committee meetings for one week in January while the chamber of the Hon. George Coles Building underwent an upgrade of the audio system. The Multimedia & Broadcast Services department continued to televise and live-stream committee meetings during this period, temporarily installing audio visual equipment used for on-the-road events.



The new audio system vastly improved sound quality and background noise reduction for everyone in the Chamber and those watching the live broadcast/stream, in addition to simplifying microphone switching and aiding screen display management.

# Events

## Winter Storm



Roads across the Island left unpassable  
Photo Credit: Tony Davis/CBC

The first major winter storm of the year effecting the Maritimes saw PEI hit on the night of Saturday February 3 with more than 65cm of snowfall and winds up to 80 km/h. Blowing snow and light flurries hindered clear-up attempts, leading to provincial offices and businesses remaining closed the following Monday and Tuesday, schools not reopening until Thursday and Health PEI appointments and surgeries effected throughout.

The Borden-Kinkora by-election was delayed by 2 days, moving from February 5th to 7th, and a number of standing committee meetings were rescheduled.

## On-The-Road Standing Committee Meeting

The Standing Committee on Health & Social Development held a public event in Summerside on February 7 to gather feedback on the Prince County Hospital's closed intensive care unit.



The Committee members were joined by the Legislative Assembly's broadcast engineers who provided the sound and live-streamed the event.

## Province House Update



Province House behind construction barriers. Photo Credit: Jane Robertson /CBC

Work began on Phase 3 of the conservation project, which included making the building fully accessible, ensuring compliance with fire codes, completing electrical, mechanical and HVAC work along with the interior finishes.

The final stage, Phase 4, will focus on visitor experience, and the project's new completion date is expected to be in 2025.

For more information visit <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/pe/provincehouse/conservation>

## By-Election

Triggered by the resignation of PC party's Jamie Fox in November 2023, the Borden-Kinkora by-election was delayed by 2 days due to the first winter storm of the year which brought in excess of 65cm of snow island-wide. Despite difficulties encountered with clearing the snow, the February 7th by-election had a 60% voter turn-out and produced a win for the Green Party candidate, Matthew MacFarlane.

With both the Official Opposition and The Third Party holding the same number of seats for the first time in PEI's history, (three each), questions were raised regarding designations, (and therefore time and resource allocation), of the Liberal and Green parties in the House.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly clarified that resources to all parties were allocated based on the number of MLAs, and whilst time in the House would now be equalized between the Official Opposition and the Third Party, the Liberal Party would retain the title of Official Opposition, in line with a jurisdictional scan of Maritime legislative assemblies.

Matthew MacFarlane - MLA, was sworn-in on February 21, 2024.

## Continuation of the First Session of the 67th General Assembly

Following the swearing in of 1 new MLA, the 4th sitting of the First Session of the 67th General Assembly began on February 21, 2024 and featured 1 midnight sitting on April 19, 2024. This sitting concluded on April 23, 2024, totalling 28 days.

The fall sitting began on November 5, 2024 and ended on November 29, 2024, totalling 16 days.

## Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure

The 2024-2025 Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure was delivered to the House by The Honourable Dennis King, Premier of Prince Edward Island on February 29, 2024.

During the midnight sitting called following a motion, pursuant to Rule 4 (4) of the Legislative Assembly, it was passed on April 19 after 25 days of debate in the House.

## Government and Private Member Bills

During the 2024 legislative year, the House introduced 42 bills, 33 Government, 9 Private Members' and 0 Private bills. 35 Government, (includes 7 carried over from previous sitting), and 3 Private Members' bills passed all stages and received Royal Assent, 38 in total.

# Cabinet Reshuffle

A few hours after the resignation from cabinet of the member for Charlottetown-Hillsborough Park, Natalie Jameson, MLA, a swearing-in ceremony was held for the shuffled cabinet on October 9.



The portfolios shuffled were as follows:

Previous Minister	Portfolio	New Minister
Hon. Gilles Arsenault	Economic Development, Innovation & Trade	Hon. Cory Deagle
Hon. Natalie Jameson	Education & Early Years	Hon. Rob Lantz
Hon. Steven Myers	Environment, Energy & Climate Action	Hon. Gilles Arsenault
Hon. Cory Deagle	Fisheries, Tourism, Sport & Culture	Hon. Zack Bell
Hon. Rob Lantz	Housing, Land & Communities	Hon. Steven Myers
Hon. Natalie Jameson	Status of Women	Hon. Jenn Redmond

- Hon. Jenn Redmond retained Workforce, Advanced Learning & Population
- Hon. Gilles Arsenault retained Acadian & Francophile Affairs
- Government Whip transferred from Hon. Zack Bell to Brad Trivers
- Government House Leader moved from Matthew MacKay to Susie Dillon

The following portfolios remained unchanged:

- Hon. Dennis King - Premier
- Hon. Bloyce Thompson - Deputy Premier, Agriculture, Justice & Public Safety, Attorney General
- Hon. Jill Burridge - Finance
- Hon. Mark MacLane - Health & Wellness
- Hon. Barb Ramsay - Social Development & Seniors
- Hon. Darlene Compton - Speaker of the House
- Hon. Ernie Hudson - Transport & Infrastructure

The remaining House Leaders and Whips were:

- Opposition House Leader: Gordon McNeilly Charlottetown-West Royalty
- Opposition Whip: Robert Henderson, O'Leary-Inverness
- Third Party House Leader: Peter Bevan-Baker - New Haven-Rocky Point
- Third Party Whip: Matthew MacFarlane - Borden-Kinora

# Members of the 1st Session 67th General Assembly 2024



**Morell-Donagh**  
*Deputy Speaker*  
Sidney MacEwen



**Kensington-Malpeque**  
Hon. Matthew MacKay



**Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke**  
Hilton MacLennan



**Summerside-Wilmot**  
Tyler DesRoches



**O'Leary-Inverness**  
*Opposition Whip*  
Robert Henderson



**New Haven-Rocky Point**  
*Third Party House Leader*  
Peter Bevan-Baker



**Souris-Elmira**  
Robin Croucher



**Charlottetown-  
Hillsborough Park**  
Natalie Jameson



**Tignish-Palmer Road**  
*Leader of the Official  
Opposition*  
Hon. Hal Perry



**Charlottetown-West Royalty**  
*Opposition House Leader*  
Gordon McNeilly



**Charlottetown-Victoria Park**  
*Leader of the Third Party*  
Karla Bernard



**Borden-Kinkora**  
Matthew MacFarlane



**Belfast-Murray River**  
*Speaker*  
Hon. Darlene Compton

**Alberton-Bloomfield**  
*Transportation  
& Infrastructure*  
Hon. Ernie Hudson

**Georgetown-Pownal**  
*Housing, Land &  
Communities*  
Hon. Steven Myers

**Charlottetown-Belvedere**  
*Government House Leader*  
Susie Dillon

**Stanhope-Marshfield**  
*Agriculture, Justice &  
Public Safety, Attorney  
General, Deputy Premier*  
Hon. Bloyce Thompson

**Brackley-Hunter River**  
*Premier  
Intergovernmental Affairs  
& Indigenous Relations*  
Hon. Dennis King

**Stratford-Keppoch**  
*Finance*  
Hon. Jill Burridge

**Montague-Kilmuir**  
*Economic Development  
Innovation & Trade*  
Hon. Cory Deagle



**Cornwall-Meadowbank**  
*Health & Wellness*  
Hon. Mark McLane



**Évangéline-Miscouche**  
*Environment, Energy &  
Climate Action, Acadian &  
Francophile Affairs*  
Hon. Gilles Arsenault



**Charlottetown-Brighton**  
*Education & Early Years*  
Hon. Rob Lantz



**Summerside-South Drive**  
*Social Development &  
Seniors*  
Hon. Barb Ramsay



**Mermaid-Stratford**  
*Workforce, Advance  
Learning & Population  
Status of Women*  
Hon. Jenn Redmond



**Charlottetown-Winsloe**  
*Fisheries, Tourism, Sport &  
Culture*  
Hon. Zack Bell



**Rustico-Emerald**  
*Government Whip*  
Brad Trivers

## Girls & Gender Diverse Youth Parliament

International Women's Day on March 8th marked the start of a two-day Girls and Gender Diverse Youth Parliament run by the PEI Coalition for Women in Government.

With the aim of learning the inner workings of our legislative process, participants attended sessions on governance, political language, the creation of bills and resolutions and observed our MLAS in action in the House.



Participants debating in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. George Coles Building. Photo Credit: Evan Ceretti

Both former and current women MLAs participated throughout the event which included a mock sitting in the Chamber that was opened by The Honourable Antonette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

## CWP Canada Twinning Program

The PEI Legislative Assembly hosted its second Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Twinning Program, this time over two days, October 30 and November 20. Eight young women participated.

Designed to generate democratic interest among young women and provide an experience of parliamentary life by accompanying women parliamentarians in their parliamentary activities, the days included talks with and a presentation on women in parliament, a Chamber talk, visits to government administrative buildings, job shadowing with twinned Parliamentarians, observing the Speaker's Procession and watching the House proceedings from the Gallery.



Participants, Speaker, MLAs in the Chamber, Hon. George Coles Building. Photo Credit: Evan Ceretti

## Rotary Youth Parliament



Participants debating in the Chamber,  
Hon. George Coles Building

The Rotary Clubs of P.E.I. held their 35th Rotary Youth Parliament in the Hon. George Coles Building on November 14 - 15.

Opened by Dr. Wassim Salamoun in his first visit to the Legislative Assembly in his new role as Lieutenant Governor, students from across the province acted as MLAs and debated topics chosen by the participants in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, under the direction of an acting Speaker throughout the weekend.

The Rotary Clubs of PEI have organized this annual two-day event for Island high school students for over 30 years, providing the opportunity to present and debate acts and resolutions on the floor of the Legislature. Participants meet with fellow students from all over the Island to refine their platform and organize their debate prior to the mock assembly.

## Legislative Assembly Precinct Activities



Provincial flag at half-mast for National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women Day, Hon. George Coles Building December 6

Province House, the Honourable George Coles Building, the J. Angus MacLean Building, 197 Richmond Street, (formally St Paul's Anglican Church Rectory), and Boulder Parkform the Legislative Assembly precinct.

The provincial flag is flown in front of the Hon. George Coles Building daily and is periodically joined by the provincial or national flag of a visiting delegation or dignitary, lowered to commemorate anniversaries of significant loss or replaced by flags of marginalized communities on national dates of awareness.

This area, along with Boulder Park, is also host to community events, island celebrations, local protests and rallies throughout the year.

For more Legislative Assembly's precinct buildings information, visit <https://www.assembly.pe.ca/buildings-of-the-legislative-assembly>.

## 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 MLAs, 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.

This year's Pages were:

- Bluefield High School  
**Emma MacDougall**
- Charlottetown Rural High School  
**Grace VanGurp**
- Colonel Gray High School  
**Sarvessh Dhanasekar**
- École François-Buote  
**Milia Kebbi**
- Grace Christian School  
**Seanna D'Souza**
- Kensington Intermediate High School  
**Liam Walsh**
- Kinkora Regional High School  
**Oliver Murphy**
- Montague Regional High School  
**Cassie Beck**
- Morell Regional High School  
**Chelsey DeCoursey**
- Three Oaks Senior High School  
**Liam Cerisano**



(L-R) Milia Kebbi, Emma MacDougall, Liam Cerisano, Chelsey DeCoursey, Liam Walsh, Hon. Darlene Compton - Speaker, Grace VanGurp, Sarvessh Dhanasekar, Cassie Beck, Oliver Murphy, Seanne D'Souza - Photo Credit: Evan Ceretti

For more information on the Legislative Pages, visit:

[www.assembly.pe.ca/about/student-opportunities/page-program](http://www.assembly.pe.ca/about/student-opportunities/page-program).

## UPEI 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 2024, Mallory Travis joined Legislative Assembly staff from January to April, and Bella Reid participated in the program from September to December.



Panoramic view of the Hon. George Coles Building Legislative Assembly House Chamber

For more information on the UPEI Internship, visit:  
[www.assembly.pe.ca/about/student-opportunities/upei-internship](http://www.assembly.pe.ca/about/student-opportunities/upei-internship).

# The 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 was established as a way of encouraging and acknowledging the outstanding achievements of individual citizens of the province and is awarded annually following a public nomination process with three recipients being selected by an independent advisory council comprising of the Chief Justice, the Clerk of the Executive Council and the President of UPEI as ex-officio members, and two resident from each of the province's three counties.



The Order of PEI Advisory Council considers each nomination and makes final recommendations to the Premier in their role as President of Executive Council. The Premier then forwards those recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor, who is Chancellor of the Order.

The three Islanders selected to receive the honour in 2024 were:

- **Kathryn Dau-Schmidt** for the teaching and preservation of traditional fiddling
- **Dr Ed MacDonald** for researching and teaching of Island history
- **Dutch Thompson** for the gathering and preservation of Island oral history



(L-R): Hon. Dennis King - Premier, Dr Ed MacDonal, Dutch Thompson, Kathryn Dau-Schmidt, Hon. Antoinette Perry - Lieutenant Governor at Government House, October 2024. Photo Credit: Evan Ceretti

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[www.assembly.pe.ca/index.php/opei](http://www.assembly.pe.ca/index.php/opei).

# Reports and Statistics

## 2024 Standing Committees

<b>Legislative Assembly Management</b> Charged with policies and administration; the provision of security, facilities and services; allocation to party caucuses and individual members; review of the estimates of expenditure including the forecasts and analysis of expenditures and financial commitments and other matters necessary for the efficient and effective operation and management. <b>Committee Clerk: Joseph Jeffrey - Number of Meetings: 4 in camera</b>		
<b>Members</b>	Chair: Hon. Darlene Compton Karla Bernard Hon. Zack Bell - until Oct 9 Susie Dillion - as of Oct 9 Sidney MacEwen	Matthew MacKay - until Oct 9 Gordon McNeilly Hon. Hal Perry Brad Trivers - as of Oct 9
<b>Reports</b>	<a href="#"><u>Appointment of Samantha Lilley of Charlottetown as Clerk Assistant - November 20, 2024</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Reappointment of Judy Burke of Souris as Conflict of Interest Commissioner - November 20, 2024</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Appointment of Gordon Campbell as Sergeant-at-Arms - November 20, 2024</u></a>	

<b>Education and Economic Growth</b> Matters concerning education, heritage, culture, tourism, industry, labour, provincial infrastructure, transportation, telecommunications, immigration, rural development, municipal and provincial planning, and other such matters relating to education and economic growth. <b>Committee Clerk: Alysha MacEachern/Samantha Lilley - Number of Meetings: 20 + 2 ic</b>		
<b>Members</b>	Chair: Brad Trivers Karla Bernard - until Feb 22 Peter Bevan-Baker Susie Dillon Robert Henderson	Matthew MacFarlane - as of Feb 22 Gordon McNeilly Observing: Robin Croucher Observing: Tyler DesRoches - as of May 31
<b>Reports</b>	<a href="#"><u>Committee Activities - March 19, 2024</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Committee Activities - November 20, 2024</u></a>	

# 2024 Standing Committees

<b>Health and Social Development</b> Matters concerning health, social programs, sport, seniors, justice and public safety, emergency measures, Indigenous affairs, Francophone and Acadian affairs, Status of Women, persons with disabilities, housing, charities, the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission, and other such matters relating to health and social development. <b>Committee Clerk: Samantha Lilley/Emma MacPhail - Number of Meetings: 24 + 2 in camera</b>		
<b>Members</b>	Chair: Susie Dillion Karla Bernard - until Feb 22 Peter Bevan-Baker Robin Croucher Matthew MacKay - until May 17	Matthew MacFarlane - as of Feb 22 Gordon McNeilly Hon. Hal Perry Observing: Hilton MacLennan Observing: Brad Trivers - as of May 17
<b>Reports</b>	<u>Third Report - Appointments to the PEI Human Rights Commission - March 14, 2024</u> <u>Committee Activities - March 15, 2024</u> <u>Committee Activities - Human Rights Commission Appointments - November 15, 2024</u> <u>Committee Activities - November 20, 2024</u>	

<b>Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability</b> Matters concerning agriculture, fisheries, land, water, forests, wildlife, energy, natural resources, environment, climate change, and other such matters relating to natural resources and environmental sustainability. <b>Committee Clerk: Alysha MacEachern/Samantha Lilley - Number of Meetings: 19 + 2 ic</b>		
<b>Members</b>	Chair: Robert Henderson Karla Bernard - until Feb 22 Peter Bevan-Baker Tyler DesRoches - as of May 31 Matthew MacFarlane - as of Feb 22	Hilton MacLennan Hon. Hal Perry Observing: Susie Dillion Observing: Brad Trivers
<b>Reports</b>	<u>Bill No. 110, An Act to Amend the Farm Machinery Dealers and Vendors Act - April 10, 2024</u> <u>Committee Activities - November 26, 2024</u>	

# 2024 Standing Committees

<b>Public Accounts</b> Matters concerning the Public Accounts of the Province, the annual report of the Auditor General, and fiscal management. <b>Committee Clerk: Ryan Reddin - Number of Meetings: 13 + 4 in camera</b>		
<b>Members</b>	Chair: Gordon McNeilly Sidney MacEwen Karla Bernard - until Feb 22 Peter Bevan-Baker Tyler DesRoches - as of May 31	Matthew MacFarlane - as of Feb 22 Hilton MacLennan - until May 31 Hon. Hal Perry Observing: Hon. Zack Bell - until Oct 9 Observing: Matthew MacKay
<b>Reports</b>	<a href="#"><u>Committee Activities - March 21, 2024</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Committee Activities - November 27, 2024</u></a>	

<b>Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges</b> Matters concerning the rules and standing orders of the Legislative assembly, scrutiny of regulations, private bills, and the privileges of individual members and the Legislative Assembly as a whole. <b>Committee Clerk: Emily Doiron - Number of Meetings: 2 + 1 in camera</b>		
<b>Members</b>	Chair: Karla Bernard Hon. Zack Bell Peter Bevan-Baker - until Feb 22 Matthew MacFarlane - as of Feb 22 Matthew MacKay	Gordon McNeilly Hon. Hal Perry Observing: Hon. Cory Deagle Observing: Sidney MacEwen

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[www.assembly.pe.ca/committees](http://www.assembly.pe.ca/committees).

# 2024 House Statistics

<b>Sitting Days</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Bills</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Government Bills Brought	42	42	33
Government Bills Passed	33	38	35
Private Members' Bills Brought	8	8	9
Private Members' Bills Passed	5	4	3
Private Bills Brought	1	1	0
Private Bills Passed	1	1	0
<b>Questions</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Total Number of Questions	1,178	1,139	1,350
Longest Question Asked	1 min, 21 sec	1 min, 39 sec	1 min, 32 sec
Longest Answer Given	1 min, 51 sec	2 min, 1 sec	1 min 49 sec
Shortest Question Asked	4 seconds	5 seconds	2 seconds
Shortest Answer Given	1 second	4 second	1 second
<b>Member Statements</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Total Number of Member Statements	152	104	124
Longest Statement	4 min, 15 sec	3 min, 55 sec	3 min, 36 sec
Shortest Statement	50 seconds	1 minute	55 seconds
<b>Ministerial Statements</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Total Number of Ministerial Statements	49	45	46
Longest Statement	5 min, 56 sec	6 min, 3 sec	3 min, 37 sec
Shortest Statement	1 min, 13 sec	1 min, 22 sec	1 min, 3 sec
<b>Motions</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Total Number of Motions	54	81	58
Government	19	22	26
Other than Government	34	58	32
Introduced Jointly	1	1	0
Passed	18	23	9
<b>Written Questions</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Number of Written Questions	39	77	53
Number of Written Answers	34	64	27

## 2024 Broadcast Services

Broadcast Services began televising the Question Period of the Daily Debates in 1997 and extended this provision to include the entire daily sitting shortly afterwards.

The recording and live televising of events is conducted from a sound-proofed suite and includes managing multiple cameras and angles, microphone levels, on screen titles and presenter graphics. Live streaming of the proceedings on the Legislative Assembly website, Facebook and YouTube is also handled by the team.

<b>Broadcast/Streamed Event</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Daily Debates</b>	54	37	44
<b>Standing Committee Meetings</b>	63	41	78

Broadcast Services also maintain the archives for these recordings. The video archive of daily debates begins in April 2003, the Standing Committee audio starts in September 2016, with video available in September 2017, and the Legislative Assembly's website and YouTube channel hold both Standing Committee and daily debate videos from January 2020.

Live streaming from outside of Legislative Assembly buildings was established as a new service by the team with four on-the-road Standing Committee meetings in 2023.

## 2024 Hansard

Transcription of the daily debates of the Legislative Assembly began in February 1996 following the establishment of the Hansard service, which provides interested parties and the general public details on what was said by whom on the issues discussed. Hansard also took over producing the daily journals for these debates in 2000 and extended their transcription service to include previously untranscribed committee meetings in 2006.

While the Legislature is in session, Hansard employs six to seven staff members, with tasks ranging from mic operation and annotations within the legislative chamber to transcribing, editing, proofreading and publishing the transcripts of the daily debates. Question period transcripts are published as soon as possible and typically have a turnaround time of 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Daily debates are published within two sitting days

Every hour of daily debate and Committee meeting time requires approximately eight to ten hours to transcribe, edit, proofread and publish.

<b>Events</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>House Sittings</b>	54	37	44
<b>House Sitting Hours</b>	216	176	184
<b>Committee Meetings</b>	63	41	78
<b>Committee Meeting Hours</b>	105	69	146
<b>Total Events</b>	117	77	122
<b>Total Hours</b>	321	245	330

Outside of legislative sittings, Hansard employs two to three staff throughout the year to operate mics and annotate Committee meetings, produce Committee transcripts and other published materials such as the bound Hansard and Clerk's Journal. These staff members also assist the Parliamentary Research department with research requests.

For more information on Hansard, visit: [www.assembly.pe.ca/offices/assembly-administrative-offices/hansard](http://www.assembly.pe.ca/offices/assembly-administrative-offices/hansard).

## 2024 Parliamentary Research Service

Since 2007, the Parliamentary Research Service has provided MLAs, Standing Committees and staff of the Legislative Assembly with custom, non-partisan research reports and documentation.

Three members of staff, one of which is the Legislative Assembly Librarian, provide research to be used in statements, motions, the drafting of bills as well as information on issues raised by an MLA's constituent.

Research requests can take a few hours to several weeks, depending on the scope and complexity of the request.

Service	2022	2023	2024
<b>Research Reports</b> requested by Members, Committees or staff of the Legislative Assembly	19	28	33
<b>Responses to Jurisdictional Scan questions</b> from other jurisdictions through the Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada	62	111	156
<b>Tours</b> provided to schools, post-secondary institutions, other organisations and individuals	7	16	13

The Parliamentary Research Service also obtains information or statistics from provincial offices and external agencies, provides summarizations on the legislation of other jurisdictions on a given issue and presents to Standing Committees when requested.

Tours of the House Chamber in the Hon. George Coles Building Chamber are currently being conducted by this team and include the history and symbols of the Legislative Assembly, benchmark legislation, rules regarding conduct in the House and may end with participants watching the proceedings of the House from the Gallery if the House is sitting.

For more information on the Parliamentary Research Service, visit:

[www.assembly.pe.ca/offices/assembly-administrative-offices/library-and-research-service](http://www.assembly.pe.ca/offices/assembly-administrative-offices/library-and-research-service).

# 2024 Legislative Assembly Budget & Expenses

The information below is from the Public Accounts of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Volume II, for the year ending March 31, 2024. The Public Accounts provide the most current information comparing budgeted estimates to actual expenditures.

<b>Legislative Assembly</b>		
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Estimates</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Legislative Services</b>		
Administration	132,814	194,500
Debt	295	-
Equipment	63,141	97,500
Materials, Supplies and Services	106,416	278,000
Professional Services	18,064	30,000
Salaries	2,414,907	2,357,500
Travel and Training	64,652	65,000
	<u>2,800,289</u>	<u>3,022,500</u>
<b>Government Members' Office</b>		
Administration	319,165	215,500
Salaries	400,960	528,100
	<u>720,125</u>	<u>743,600</u>
<b>Opposition Members' Office</b>		
Administration	131,255	72,500
Salaries	214,876	177,500
	<u>346,131</u>	<u>250,000</u>
<b>Third Party Office</b>		
Administration	25,000	53,600
Salaries	165,125	131,400
	<u>190,125</u>	<u>185,000</u>
<b>Total Legislative Services</b>	<b><u>4,056,670</u></b>	<b><u>4,201,100</u></b>

<b>Members</b>		
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Estimates</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Members</b>		
Administration	16,859	15,000
Salaries	2,629,795	2,583,400
Travel and Training	112,206	140,000
	<u>2,758,860</u>	<u>2,738,400</u>
<b>Total Members</b>	<b><u>2,758,860</u></b>	<b><u>2,738,400</u></b>

### Office of the Auditor General

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
<b>Office of the Auditor General</b>		
Administration	36,212	39,200
Equipment	13,576	18,000
Materials, Supplies and Services	36,629	46,100
Professional Services	2,000	40,000
Salaries	2,976,774	3,033,000
Travel and Training	34,390	62,000
Grants		
Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation	6,434	6,500
	<u>3,106,015</u>	<u>3,244,800</u>
<b>Total Office of the Auditor General</b>	<b><u>3,106,015</u></b>	<b><u>3,244,800</u></b>

### Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
<b>Office of the Child and Youth Advocate</b>		
Administration	9,906	18,200
Equipment	4,848	10,000
Materials, Supplies and Services	25,223	26,700
Professional Services	48,854	75,000
Salaries	769,730	953,000
Travel and Training	9,995	20,200
	<u>868,556</u>	<u>1,103,100</u>
<b>Total Office of the Child and Youth Advocate</b>	<b><u>868,556</u></b>	<b><u>1,103,100</u></b>

### Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
<b>Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner</b>		
Salaries	61,204	56,000
Travel and Training	-	3,500
	<u>61,204</u>	<u>59,500</u>
<b>Total Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner</b>	<b><u>61,204</u></b>	<b><u>59,500</u></b>

### Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
<b>Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</b>		
Administration	4,378	8,200
Equipment	21,138	14,200
Materials, Supplies and Services	693	2,900
Professional Services	3,535	20,300
Salaries	440,979	532,100
Travel and Training	6,828	5,000
	<u>477,551</u>	<u>586,000</u>
<b>Total Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</b>	<b><u>477,551</u></b>	<b><u>586,000</u></b>

### Office of the Ombudsperson and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
<b>Office of the Ombudsperson and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner</b>		
Administration	10,108	20,000
Equipment	6,927	15,000
Materials, Supplies and Services	8,385	35,000
Professional Services	1,358	50,000
Salaries	619,066	605,500
Travel and Training	13,305	20,000
	<u>659,149</u>	<u>745,500</u>
<b>Total Office of the Ombudsperson and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner</b>	<b><u>659,149</u></b>	<b><u>745,500</u></b>

### Elections PEI

	Expenses \$	Estimates \$
<b>Elections PEI</b>		
Administration	140,940	966,500
Equipment	45	2,800
Materials, Supplies and Services	284,971	12,000
Professional Services	71,032	10,000
Salaries	848,925	449,300
Travel and Training	18,747	11,600
	<u>1,364,660</u>	<u>1,452,200</u>
<b>Total Elections PEI</b>	<b><u>1,364,660</u></b>	<b><u>1,452,200</u></b>
<b>Total Legislative Assembly</b>	<b><u>13,352,665</u></b>	<b><u>14,130,600</u></b>

# PEI Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association



The CPA is an Association of Commonwealth Parliamentarians who, irrespective of gender, race, religion or culture, are united by community of interest, respect for the rule of law and individual rights and freedoms and by pursuit of the positive ideals of parliamentary democracy.

Its purpose is to promote knowledge and understanding of the constitutional, legislative, economic, social and cultural systems within a parliamentary democratic framework. It undertakes this mission with particular reference to the countries of the Commonwealth of Nations and to countries having close historical and parliamentary associations with it.

CPA provides the sole means of regular consultation among Members of Commonwealth Parliaments. It fosters cooperation and understanding among them and promotes the study of, and respect for, Parliament.

The CPA pursues these objectives by means of:

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

For more information on the PEI Branch of the CPA visit:

[www.cpahq.org/directory/prince-edward-island](http://www.cpahq.org/directory/prince-edward-island).

# Inter-Parliamentary Organisations Meetings

Conferences provide Members and staff 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:

**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) 40th Canadian Presiding Officers Conference** - January 17-20, 2024 - Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

**Participants:** Speaker Hon. Darlene Compton, MLA; Deputy Speaker Sidney McEwen, MLA; Joseph Jeffrey, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

**Topics:** Jurisdictional scans, training sessions and round table discussions on emerging trends effecting presiding officers.

**2024 Canadian Parliamentary Committee Clerks & Researchers Conference**

- June 24-27, 2024 - Victoria, British Columbia

**Participants:** Emma MacPhail, Committee Clerk

**Topics:** Training sessions, jurisdictional scans and business sessions on committee and research procedures and best practices.

**49e Session de l'Assemblée régionale Amérique de l'Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF)** - July 5-9, 2024 - Montreal, Quebec

**Participant:** Gordon McNeilly, MLA

**Topics:** A focus on artificial intelligence involving the comparison of points of view with the aim of providing a plan of action plan for its improved utilisation in the parliamentary environment.

**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) 60th Canadian Regional Conference** - July 22-27, 2024 - Toronto, Ontario

**Participants:** Speaker Hon Darlene Compton, MLA; Deputy Speaker Sidney MacEwen, MLA; Hon Hal Perry, MLA; Samantha Lilley, Committee Clerk

**Topics:** Delegates from the federal, provincial and territorial CPA branches meeting for annual training and knowledge exchanges related to their work as legislator leaders.

**Council of State Governments (CSG) East Annual Meeting & Regional Policy Forum** - July 28-30, 2024 - Baltimore, Maryland

**Participant:** Zack Bell, MLA; Robert Henderson, MLA

**Topics:** Pathways to a Sustainable Future will examine policy issues in all of CSG East's policy areas, including Canada-US relations, agriculture and rural development, education and workforce development, energy and environment, the Council on Communities of Color, fiscal, health, housing, territorial relations, and transportation.

**Annual General Meeting of the Association of the Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada** - July 29-August 2, 2024 - Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Participants:** Emily Doiron, Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

**Topics:** Annual General Meeting followed by business sessions addressing parliamentary and procedural issues at play in regional jurisdictions.

**Canadian Association of Parliamentary Administrators (CAPA)** - August 19-23, 2024 - Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Participants:** Trevor Campbell, Manager of Broadcast Services & Technology; Denise A Doiron, Human Resources Administrator; John Ross Fitzpatrick, Broadcast Technician; Laura Lodwich, Broadcast Assistant & Financial Assistant

**Topics:** Administration professionals from Canadian jurisdictions meet to discuss jurisdictional updates, election planning, readiness and MLA onboarding, external fraud risks and cyber attacks, telephony modernisation, parliamentary expenses, developing leaders and enhancing the employee experience, generative AI and their applications and impacts, simultaneous interpretation, software uses and capabilities updates, service excellence.

**Hansard Association of Canada 49th Annual Conference** - August 19-23, 2024 - Fredericton, New Brunswick

**Participants:** Cheryl Clerk, Transcriber; Lauren Shay, Transcriber

**Topics:** Federal, provincial and territorial delegates meet annually to network, update and exchange knowledge and participate in working sessions.

**Association of Parliamentary Counsel Canada & Association of Legislative Counsel Canada Annual Joint Conference** - August 21-23, 2024 - Regina, Saskatchewan

**Participants:** Neil Ferguson, Parliamentary Counsel

**Topics:** Case studies, jurisdictional updates, UK parliament update, associations and committee reports, parliamentary case law reviews, collaborative legislative policy development and drafting, change of government, caretaker convention, members' orientation and other elections related issues.

**Canadian Conflict of Interest Network Conference** - September 5-7, 2024 -  
Quebec City, Quebec

**Participants:** Judy Burke, Conflict of Interest Commissioner; Laura Morrell, Librarian, Research, Web Content Services & Print Design

**Topics:** Jurisdictional update on key activities and issues, Manitoba's new Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act, the challenges of media hybridity, Québec's Ad Hoc Ethics Commissioner's report concerning reopening an inquiry, issues relating to the partisan nature of the functions exercised by parliamentarians and to election periods

**Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC) - Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors (CCOLA) Annual Conference** - September 8-10, 2024 - Quebec City, Quebec

**Participants:** Deputy Speaker, Sidney McEwen, MLA; Peter Bevan-Baker, MLA; Gord McNeilly, MLA; Darren Noonan, Auditor General; Ryan Reddin, Director of Parliamentary Research; Jennifer Bowness, Assistant Auditor General

**Topics:** Public accountability and oversight, governance and sustainable development, new technologies, tax insights and human resources panels and working sessions.

**Annual Director's Meeting for the Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada (APLIC)** - September 9-13 - Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

**Participant:** Laura Morrell, Librarian, Research, Web Content Services & Print Design

**Topics:** Improve parliamentary library service in Canada, foster communication among members, discuss matters of mutual interest, identify issues requiring research, facilitate cooperation with related parliamentary officials and organizations.

**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 44th Canadian Regional Parliamentary Seminar** - October 17-20, 2024 - Edmonton, Alberta

**Participants:** Speaker, Darlene Compton, MLA; Hon. Hal Perry, Robin Croucher, MLA; Tyler DesRoches, MLA; Emily Doiron, Deputy Clerk

**Topics:** Member Security, Political Polarization, Parliamentary Outreach, Modernization of Parliament, Artificial Intelligence