

## Public

Meeting: **May 21, 2019**

Agenda Item: **Summary of Finance Committee Meeting – April 16, 2019**



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## Background

### Present:

Ms. Bobbie Drew, Chair  
Mr. Kevin Ashe  
Mr. Garry Cubitt  
Ms. Karen Fisher  
Mr. John Henry  
Ms. Rose Rockbrune  
Chief Martin  
Deputy Chief Bertrim  
Deputy Chief Rollauer  
CAO MacLellan  
Ms. Teresa Hewer, Manager, Financial Services  
Bill Clancy, Executive Director

## Summary of Meeting

### 1. Election of Chair

Ms. Bobbie Drew was elected Chair of the Committee for 2019.

### 2. Budget 2020 – Process

Ms. Teresa Hewer provided an overview of the budget planning process and cycle for the next calendar year, noting the 5-year operational and 10-year capital plans that are part of the process. For 2020, there is risk associated with a potential reduction in Provincial funding, given the expected transformation of the traditional grant program. Ms. Hewer indicated that while court security grant funding is in place until 2019, there is no guarantee that it will continue beyond this year, and the other grants have not yet been secured. Benefits for retirees, including the payout of unused sick time and health and dental benefits, also pose an ongoing challenge. Ms. Hewer noted that the Service has continued discussions with the Region to identify a long-term funding model for these liabilities. A new location for the PEIC was also flagged as a potential capital project that will require funding in 2020.

Ms. Fisher inquired about the rationale for the reduction in LTD costs. Ms. Hewer responded that the benefit rates are established by the Region and are based upon usage. Mr. Cubitt indicated that the anticipated capital costs are extensive and serve as a catalyst for a conservative approach to labour negotiations. He noted that the Province's funding of court security does not cover the full cost of providing the service, and suggested consideration be given to sending the Ministry a letter to identify this shortfall. The escalating costs of WSIB represent a significant challenge.

The Committee moved in camera to discuss ongoing labour negotiations with the DRPA.

The meeting was adjourned following a return to public session.

Approved by:

Bobbie Drew  
Chair  
Finance Committee