



**5th MEETING OF 2013
42nd MEETING OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
17 SEPTEMBER, 2013
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT: David Ritch	Chairman
Sara Collins	Member
Wil Pineau	Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes of 2 July, 2013.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Correspondence to Ministry of Education

The Commission reviewed the response from the Ministry of Education and considered how to move this agenda item forward. The Commission discussed various ways in which it could meet its constitutional mandate to promote understanding and awareness of the Constitution and its values, specifically aimed at youth. Queries were raised regarding funding, resources and the relationship between this project and the current Social Studies Text produced by the Ministry. Members agreed that it would be beneficial to obtain a copy of the Social Studies Text and to meet with Ministry representatives in an effort to further discuss the matter.

b. *You and Your Constitution* Draft Document

The Human Rights Commission has now indicated its willingness to join the Constitutional Commission in this project and have since supplied the wording for Part One. The Commission agreed that the wording in Part Two needs to be edited before the wording is confirmed. The Secretariat will edit the document as requested and the Commission will then host a working meeting to review the document's wording in its entirety.

c. Meeting with the Honourable Attorney General

The Commission reviewed and discussed the response from the Honourable Attorney General which will assist in their development of the work plan for the Constitutional Review exercise it is planning to undertake.

d. Development of work plan for Constitutional Review exercise

The Commission considered the structure and parameters of the public consultation exercise it intends to undertake regarding potential amendments to the Constitution. The Commission will seek the views of the Honourable Attorney General in order to gain a clear understanding of what process would be required to make any amendments in the event the Review demonstrated a clear need to address actual or potentially significant shortcomings in the provisions of the Constitution as they stand today and who would be responsible for driving that process forward.

4. Any other Business

There was no other business.

5. Action List

The Secretariat was tasked with the following –

- a. Obtain a copy of the Social Studies Text;
- b. Extend an invitation to the representative of the Ministry of Education to meet with the Commission;
- c. Make the identified edits to the *You and Your Constitution* document and forward to all members; and
- d. Seek the views of the Honourable Attorney General as detailed 3(d).

6. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

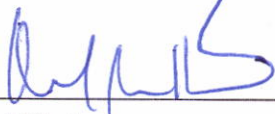
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7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8 October, 2013 at 10:00am.

8. Termination

The meeting was terminated at 12:28pm.



David Ritch
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION