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# Opposition may take legal action over House of Assembly management commission decision **LATEST NEWS**

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The provincial Liberals may take its dismay over the House of Assembly Management Commission's decision to deny the Opposition caucus increased funding, to a higher power.

Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones says they are considering taking legal action.

"Commission members have a duty pursuant to the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act to act honestly and in good faith when deliberating commission business," Jones said.

"They also have a statutory duty to base their decisions on adequate information. We have reason to believe that the government members, as well as the chairperson, breached these statutory duties."

Jones said the government members questioned the logic underlying an independent consulting firm's recommendation that the Opposition receive an additional \$162,000 for research and policy staffing resources. When later offered opportunity to pose their questions directly to the consulting firm, the government members declined and held to their votes against the recommendation.

The chairperson, Tory Roger Fitzgerald, likewise declined the opportunity to pose clarifying questions and voted against the increased funding.

Jones said Opposition members will abstain from attending any future meetings of the commission while the House of Assembly is in session due to legislative responsibilities and workload commitments.