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**Standing Committee on Health and Social Development  
First Report of the First Session, Sixty-seventh General Assembly  
Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission**

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

The Standing Committee on Health and Social Development is pleased to present its first report of the First Session of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly.

**Committee Mandate**

The Standing Committee on Health and Social Development is charged with 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.

**Committee Membership**

Permanent members of your committee are:

Susie Dillon, Chair (District 11, Charlottetown-Belvedere)  
Karla Bernard (Leader of the Third Party; District 12, Charlottetown-Victoria Park)  
Peter Bevan-Baker (District 17, New Haven-Rocky Point)  
Robin Croucher (District 1, Souris-Elmira)  
Matthew MacKay, observing member (District 20, Kensington-Malpeque) (*as of October 6, 2023*)  
Hilton MacLennan, observing member (District 23, Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke)  
Gordon McNeilly (District 14, Charlottetown-West Royalty)  
Hon. Hal Perry (Leader of the Opposition; District 27, Tignish-Palmer Road)

Former members of your committee include:

Tyler DesRoches, observing member (District 21, Summerside-Wilmot) (*until October 6, 2023*)

**Committee Activities**

Your committee met *in camera* on **October 18, 2023** and **November 22, 2023** to discuss appointments to the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission and to consider its report to the Legislative Assembly.

**Background**

The terms of appointment for the following Commissioners on the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission are set to expire on December 2, 2023:

- Ms. Jean McCardle
- Mr. Dante Raymond Bazard Jr.

## **Recommendations**

As a result of its deliberations, your committee is pleased to make the following recommendations to the Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding appointments to the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission:

- 1. That Ms. Jean McCardle be re-appointed to the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, starting December 2, 2023 and to expire on December 2, 2026.**

With the adoption of this report, the composition of the Prince Edward Island Commission will be as follows:

Ms. Joanne Ings, Chairperson (term expiring November 27, 2025)  
Ms. Carolyn Francis, Commissioner (term expiring July 9, 2024)  
Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Commissioner (term expiring November 4, 2024)  
Dr. Paul MacLeod, Commissioner (term expiring November 4, 2024)  
Ms. Jean McCardle, Commissioner (term expiring December 2, 2026)  
Ms. Kathleen Vent, Commissioner (term expiring November 4, 2025)

## **Conclusion**

Your committee would like to thank the members and staff of the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission for their continued role in upholding human rights in the province.

Your committee also thanks outgoing Commissioner Mr. Dante Raymond Bazard Jr. for his dedicated service on the commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Susie Dillon, Chair  
Standing Committee on Health and Social Development