

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Tuesday, May 5, 2026

MINUTE NO. 16
3:56 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Blaine McLeod in the chair and members Brad Crassweller, Hon. Jamie Martens, Don McBean,* Megan Patterson, and Nicole Sarauer.*

Substituting Members

Don McBean for Leroy Laliberte

Nicole Sarauer for Jacqueline Roy

2. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Jacqueline Roy was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Nicole Sarauer:

That Jacqueline Roy be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 56, *The King's Bench Amendment Act, 2026 / Loi modificative de 2026 sur la Cour du Banc du Roi*.

The Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Tim McLeod, Minister

Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Community Justice

Maria Markatos, Director, Legislative Services

Kara Moen, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

4. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 4, they were agreed to.
5. During consideration of clause 5, it was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Amend section 3.1-2, as being enacted by Clause 5 of the printed Bill, by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

“(2) No person is eligible to be appointed as an associate judge unless the person is a member in good standing of the bar of one of the provinces or territories of Canada and has been such a member for at least 10 years immediately preceding the day on which the person is appointed.

Modifier l'article 3.1-2 que vise l'article 5 du projet de loi dans sa version imprimée, par suppression du paragraphe (2) et son remplacement par ce qui suit :

« (2) Ne peuvent être nommés juges adjoints que les personnes qui sont membres en règle d'un des barreaux provinciaux ou territoriaux du Canada depuis au moins les 10 dernières années.

“(3) The chief justice shall:

(a) review applications for the position of associate judge; and

(b) make recommendations to the minister regarding proposed appointments to the position of associate judge”.

« (3) Le juge en chef :

a) étudie les candidatures au poste de juge adjoint;

b) fait des recommandations au ministre en vue de nominations éventuelles au poste de juge adjoint ».

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 5 as amended, it was agreed to.

6. The questions being put on clauses 6 and 7, they were agreed to.

7. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That the committee report Bill No. 56, *The King's Bench Amendment Act, 2026 / Loi modificative de 2026 sur la Cour du Banc du Roi* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 54, *The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 2026*.

The Minister of Community Safety and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Community Safety

Hon. Michael Weger, Minister

Denise Macza, Deputy Minister

Scott Harron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody

Michelle Straub, Director, Strategic Policy and Legislation

Lindsay Tokarski, Director, Operational Services

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Maria Markatos, Director, Legislative Services

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 15, they were agreed to.

10. It was moved by Megan Patterson:

That the committee report Bill No. 54, *The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 2026* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee recessed from 4:43 p.m. until 4:49 p.m.

12. The committee considered Bill No. 52, *The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2026*.

The Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Alana Ross, Minister

Dan French, Assistant Deputy Minister, Stewardship

Tom Richards, Executive Director, Heritage Conservation

13. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.

14. It was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

That the committee report Bill No. 52, *The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2026* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. It was moved by Don McBean:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Nadine Coderre
Committee Clerk

Blaine McLeod
Chair