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Ms. Cathy Sproule
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Mr. Randy Weekes
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[The board met at 08:58.]

The Chair: — Welcome, everyone, to the Board of Internal Economy for February the 4th, 2020. It is 8:58 a.m. and we have a number of agenda items. Oh, sorry. We've got Everett Hindley, Randy Weekes, Jeremy Harrison, Cathy Sproule, and Carla Beck.

All right, so we have a number of agenda items. I need someone to move the motion and second that the proposed agenda for meeting 2 of 2020 be approved as presented. Carla. Seconder? Randy. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. All right, let's go into the minutes. I need a motion and a seconder that the minutes of meeting 1/20 be adopted. Someone to move that? Everett. And Cathy will second it.

Okay. Item no. 1, tabling of the third quarter financial report 2019-2020 for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan. Good.

All right. Item no. 2, discussion and decision item, motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates and revenue estimates for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan. And specifically:

That the 2020-2021 expenditure estimates for vote 21, Legislative Assembly, be approved in the amount of 29,512,000 as follows: budgetary to be voted, 10,182,000; statutory, 19,330,000;

That the 2020-21 revenue estimates for vote 21, Legislative Assembly, be approved in the amount of dollars as follows: revenue to be voted, \$10,000;

And further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

Any discussion?

Ms. Sproule: — I don't have any paper on this so I'm wondering if you could just explain a little bit what you just said.

The Chair: — This is a carry-over from last time without the 2 million on.

Ms. Sproule: — Oh, I see. Okay.

The Chair: — Right. We have no approval, the Legislative Assembly Service, so this is . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Yes, this is the budget for the Assembly, revised, minus the 2 million.

Ms. Sproule: — You've removed the 2 million.

The Chair: — Yes.

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you for translating that.

The Chair: — Okay. That's all, yes. So can I have somebody

move the motion? Jeremy, Mr. Harrison. And someone to second that. Cathy Sproule. Thank you. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Item no. 3, discussion and decision item, amendment to directive 4.1, constituency service expenses, specifically that directive 4.1, clause 25 be repealed and replaced by the following clause:

For the duration of the 28th Legislature, the term amount specified in Clause (4) shall be decreased to \$5,000. This clause shall expire at the dissolution of the 28th Legislature.

This amendment is effective April 1st, 2020. Any discussion?

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — That's the 10,000 that's reduced?

The Chair: — 10,000 to 5, yes.

Can I have someone move that motion? Randy. Seconder? Carla. Did I say "all in favour" already? All in favour? Carried. I guess not, but we caught it just in time. Just in time.

Okay, let's move on to item no. 4, discussion and decision item, repeal directive 20.2, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and directive #30, salary of the lobbyist registrar, and replace with directive #32, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and lobbyist registrar, so that the directive 20.2 . . . Oh, I've already . . . It's exactly the same. So I would hope that the committee would accept this as read.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — As read. Discussed . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Dispense, is that the word? Cathy, are you good with that? Dispense?

Ms. Sproule: — Why wouldn't you just fix 20.2 instead of creating a whole new directive?

The Chair: — We needed to combine.

Ms. Sproule: — Yes. I'm just wondering why you're creating a #32 instead of keeping 20 and just amending it to speak to that.

The Chair: — We'll ask Mr. Putz to clarify for you.

Mr. Putz: — The reason for this is that the board actually has two directives. When the original directive was created, we only had a Conflict of Interest Commissioner. And then the lobbyist registrar was created and it was actually grafted onto the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. So rather than having two disparate directives it was felt that we combine the two since the positions are combined. And that way it'd be easier if the board was ever to adjust the amounts, that you got one-stop shopping in the one directive. So that's the rationale. So what you're doing here is repealing the two previous directives and replacing it with one that talks to the combined position.

Ms. Sproule: — My only question is, why not amalgamate them into 20.2 instead of creating a whole new number?

Mr. Putz: — I suppose we could have done that but we're trying to get rid of the point twos and all of this. Eventually someday we'd like to fix all of our directives to get rid of all these kind of sub-numbers.

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you.

The Chair: — Okay. Any further discussion? All right. Then I need someone to move the motion. Everett. Secunder? Cathy. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. All right, let's go to item no. 5, other business. Is there any other business? Seeing none, I'll ask for someone to move adjournment. Randy. Secunder? Carla. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This Board of Internal Economy stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

[The board adjourned at 09:08.]