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## **BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

Hon. Mark Docherty, Chair  
Regina Coronation Park

Hon. Greg Brkich  
Arm River

Mr. Dan D'Autremont  
Cannington

Mr. David Forbes  
Saskatoon Centre

Hon. Jeremy Harrison  
Meadow Lake

Hon. Paul Merriman  
Saskatoon Silverspring-Sutherland

Ms. Nicole Sarauer  
Regina Douglas Park

[The board met at 13:33.]

**The Chair:** — All right. Well welcome, everyone, to the Board of Internal Economy. It is September 25th and it is 1:33 p.m. With us today are Minister Harrison, Minister Merriman, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] D'Autremont, MLA Brkich, and MLA Forbes. Absent today is MLA Sarauer.

We've got an agenda so I'm looking for approval of the proposed agenda.

**Mr. Forbes:** — Sure.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Forbes. Thank you. Looking for a seconder. Mr. Merriman. Carried.

Okay now we're going to approve the minutes from the meeting of February of 2018, meeting 2/18, to be adopted. MLA D'Autremont. Looking for a seconder. Mr. Forbes, thank you. Carried.

All right. So we've got 19 items to be tabled today, and they are as follows. Item no. 1, the fourth quarter financial report 2017-2018 for the Legislative Assembly Service. Item no. 2, the first quarter financial report 2018-2019 for the Legislative Assembly Service. Item no. 3, the year-end report of progress 2017-2018 for the Legislative Assembly Service. Item no. 4, human resource policy update for the Legislative Assembly Service.

Item no. 5, the fourth quarter financial report 2017-2018 for the Office of the Ombudsman. Item no. 6, the first quarter financial report for 2018-2019 for the Office of the Ombudsman. Item no. 7, the fourth quarter financial report 2017-2018 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Item no. 8, the first quarter financial report 2018-2019 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Item no. 9, the fourth quarter financial report 2017-2018 for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth. Item no. 10, the first quarter financial report for 2018-2019 for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Item no. 11, the fourth quarter financial report 2017-2018 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Office of the lobbyist registrar. Item no. 12, the first quarter financial report 2018-2019 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and office of the lobbyist registrar. Item no. 13, the revised capital asset management policy for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the office of the lobbyist registrar.

Item no. 14, the fourth quarter financial report 2017-2018 for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan. Item no. 15, the first quarter financial report 2018-2019 for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan. Item no. 16, the human resource and financial management policy for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan.

Item no. 17, the Sask Party and NDP [New Democratic Party] caucus audited financial statements for the year ending March 31st, 2017. Item no. 18, the MLA accountability and disclosure

reports, year ending March 31st, 2017. Item no. 19, tabling the correction to the minutes to reflect misidentification of the Sask Party and NDP caucus audited term financial statements for November 7th, 2011 to April 4th, 2016. They were stapled together with the regular audited statements and not identified.

All right. We're on item no. 20, which is the amendment to directive 3.1, MLA travel and expenses. Okay, so I will read the motion:

That Directive #3.1 be amended by replacing clause 7 with a new clause 7 as follows:

“(7) Subject to clauses (8), (9), and (10), instead of clause (4)(e), with the required documentation, every Member who represents a constituency wholly outside of the city of Regina has the option of claiming reimbursement for accommodation expenses in the city of Regina at the rate schedule as set out by the National Joint Council on January 1, 2017, for each day the private accommodation is available for the Member's occupancy and is not rented to any other person. Members may exceed the daily rate in any month but may only claim up to a maximum of \$18,250 annually for reimbursement of accommodation expenses made in accordance with this directive. In the event a Member resigns, retires or is defeated at the polls, any prepaid expense (i.e., property taxes, insurance, etc.) will be the personal responsibility of the Member to repay.

(a) In the case of rental and leased accommodations, reimbursement must be for actual and reasonable expenses incurred, to be supported by receipts in the following instances:

- (i) Rent;
- (ii) Contents insurance;
- (iii) Utilities;
- (iv) Parking.

(b) A Member may authorize the payment of rent directly to the landlord for rental and leased accommodations. Submission of a copy of the rental/lease agreement in the name of the Member is required.

(c) In the case of owned accommodations, reimbursement must be for actual and reasonable expenses incurred to be supported by receipts and/or proof of payment in the following instances:

- (i) Property taxes;
- (ii) Mortgage interest;
- (iii) Insurance;
- (iv) Common element fees, if any;
- (v) Utilities.

(d) In the case of an owned accommodation, a Member may authorize the payment of expenses directly to a property manager or condo board. All other expenses will be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts and/or proof of payment. Submission of documentation

is required from a financial institution that identifies the mortgage principal and interest payable as well as proof of payment for reimbursement of mortgage interest payable on an accommodation owned by the Member.”

Okay. I'm looking for somebody to move that. Minister Harrison. Seconder? Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

Okay. Item 21, request for supplementary funding, Regina by-election, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan. The motion states:

That additional funding in the amount of \$376,000 be approved for vote 034, Chief Electoral Office, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and,

That the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a supplementary estimate by October 1st, 2018.

Somebody to move that motion? Thank you, Mr. D'Autremont. Do we have a seconder?

**Mr. Forbes:** — I will second it.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Forbes seconds. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Agreed. Carried. Okay, let's go to item no. 22, personnel issue. I suggest we move in camera to discuss items 22 and 23, other business . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Yes, I need a mover.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — I so move.

**The Chair:** — Minister Merriman. Seconder? Mr. Brkich. Okay, so I'll ask the officials to give us some room.

[The board continued in camera from 13:44 until 14:12.]

**The Chair:** — Okay, we've come out of camera at 2:12 p.m. I would ask that a member move to adjourn. Mr. Merriman. Can I have a seconder please? Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Agreed. Carried. The Board of Internal Economy stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. Thank you, everyone.

[The board adjourned at 14:13.]