

**MINUTES OF MEETING #1/18
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

February 08th, 2018 – 8:45 a.m.

Room 8, Legislative Building

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Mr. Glen Hart, Deputy Speaker, Chair
Hon. Dustin Duncan
Hon. Greg Brkich
Hon. Paul Merriman
Mr. Dan D'Autremont
Mr. David Forbes

Absent

Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Mr. Warren McCall

Staff

Ms. Hayley Lucas – Staff Speaker's Office
Ms. Sandra Gardner – Staff Clerk's Office

Officials in Attendance

Legislative Assembly Service

Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Iris Lang, Principal Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Terry Quinn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Ms. Dawn Court, Executive Director of Member & Corporate Services
Mr. Mike Halayka, Director of Financial Services
Ms. Cindy Hingley, Senior Financial Analyst
Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Lennie Frohman, Director of Parliamentary Publications
Ms. Joelle Perras, Senior Communications Analyst
Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian

Officials in Attendance

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists

Ms. Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyists

Office of the Ombudsman

Ms. Mary McFadyen Ombudsman

Ms. Andrea Smandych, Manager of Corporate Services

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer

Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Corporate Services

Mr. Jeff Kress, Deputy CEO, Electoral Operations

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Ms. Pam Scott, Director of Operations

Ms. Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance

Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth

Mr. Corey O'Soup, Children's Advocate

Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration

Meeting called to order at 8:50

AGENDA Moved by Mr. Brkich, that the proposed Agenda 1/18 be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2137

MINUTES Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the minutes from Meeting 3/17 be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2138

ITEM 1: **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Legislative Assembly Service Mid- Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2017.

ITEM 2: **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Information and Privacy Commissioner's 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

ITEM 3: **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Registrar of Lobbyists 3rd Quarter Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

- ITEM 4:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Advocate for Children and Youth 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
- ITEM 5:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan's 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
- ITEM 6:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Ombudsman Saskatchewan and the Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner's 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
- ITEM 7:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2018-2019 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. Ms. Mary McFadyen Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner with the assistance of Ms. Andrea Smandych, Manager of Administration presented her budget to the board
- ITEM 8:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2018-2019 budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditures estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Mr. Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner, with the assistance of Ms. Dianne Aldridge Director of Compliance and Ms. Pam Scott Director of Operations presented his budget to the board.
- ITEM 9:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2018-2019 budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief electoral Officer.

The Chair advised the Board that he was in receipt of a request from the Chief Electoral Officer for supplementary funding required for three by-elections to be held March 1, 2018.

Table Item: The Chair tabled the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan, By-Election Budget for the Constituencies of Kindersley, Swift Current and Melfort.

By agreement, the request was added to the agenda.

Mr. Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer with the assistance of Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Corporate Services and Mr. Jeff Kress, Deputy in charge of Electoral Operations presented his budget to the board. Mr. Boda and officials presented the request for approval of supplementary funding for three by-elections.

ITEM 10: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2018-2019 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Advocate for Children and Youth. Mr. Corey O'Soup, Advocate for Children and Youth with the assistance of Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 11: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2018-2019 budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar. On behalf of and in the absence of Mr Ron Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Ms. Mary McFadyen Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner with the assistance of Ms. Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist presented the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's budget to the board.

The Board recessed from 11:33 to 12:20

The Chair proposed that they move forward with Item 13, leaving Item 12 to come back to later.

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded Mr. Forbes that the Board move in-camera.

The question being put, it was agreed to

The board met in camera from 12:20 to 12:37

ITEM 12: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2018-2019 budget for the Legislative Assembly.

- a) Motion to approve expenditure from the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement fund for projects.
- b) Motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates and revenue estimates.

Mr. Greg Putz, Legislative Clerk with the assistance of his officials presented the Legislative Assembly budget to the board.

ITEM 13: **Decision Item:** Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Brkich and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$3,981,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 3,753,000
Statutory:	\$ 228,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2139

ITEM 14: Decision Item: Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates for vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$ 1,828,500 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$1,600,500
Statutory:	\$ 228,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #2140

ITEM 15 a): Decision Item: Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan.

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$ 4,720,000 as follows:

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2141

ITEM 15b): Decision Item: By-Election Budget for the Constituencies of Kindersley, Swift Current and Melfort

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That additional funding in the amount of \$1,097M be approved for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; and,

That the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a Supplementary Estimate by March 1, 2018.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2142

ITEM 16: Decision Item: Approval of the 2018 -2019 Budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth

Moved by Mr. D’Autremont, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$2,684,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,456,000

Statutory: \$ 228,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2143

ITEM 17: Decision Item: Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar

Moved by Mr. Brkich, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyist be approved as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$544,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2144

ITEM 18a): Decision Item: Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget for the Legislative Assembly

Moved by Mr. Brkich, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund project be approved:

Obsolete and Critical Broadcast and	
Information Technology Infrastructure	\$250,000

For a total amount of \$250,000.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2145

ITEM 18b): Approval of the Legislative Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimates was deferred until the next meeting.

ITEM 19: Decision Item:

Moved by Mr. Forbes, and seconded by Mr. D'Autremont;

That the mandate title in Vote 56 in the Estimates book read as follows:

Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2146

Moved by Mr. Brkich, that the Board adjourn

The question being put, it was agreed to.

The Board adjourned to the call of the Chair at 13:33