

**MINUTES OF MEETING #1/19
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

January 14th, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

Room 8, Legislative Building

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Mark Docherty Speaker, Chair
Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Hon. Greg Brkich
Hon. Paul Merriman
Mr. Dan D'Autremont
Mr. David Forbes
Ms. Nicole Sarauer

Staff

Ms. Sheila Sterling – Secretary to the Board
Ms. Hayley Lucas – Staff Speaker'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. Sarah Woods, Director of Visitor Services
Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian

Officials in Attendance

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists

Mr. Ron Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar
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
Ms. Leann Palmer, Associate Advocate

Meeting called to order at 8:32am.

AGENDA Moved by Ms. Sarauer and seconded by Mr. Merriman, that the proposed Agenda 1/19 be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2162

MINUTES Moved by Mr. Brkich, and seconded by Ms. Sarauer, that the minutes from Meeting 4/18 be adopted.

The question being, put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2163

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, 2018.

ITEM 2: **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Information and Privacy Commissioner's 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

- ITEM 3:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Registrar of Lobbyists 3rd Quarter Report for the fiscal year 2018-2019.
- ITEM 4:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Ombudsman and the Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner's 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2018-2019.
- ITEM 5:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Audit letter for the Board of Internal Economy from the Provincial Auditor.
- ITEM 6:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the letter of response to the Provincial Auditor from the Board of Internal Economy.
- ITEM 7:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2019-2020 budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer with the assistance of Mr. Jeff Kress, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer in charge of Electoral Operations and Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer in charge of Corporate Services and Electoral Finance presented his budget to the board.

- ITEM 8:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2019-2020 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 9:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2019 -2020 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 and Ms. Leeann Palmer, Associate Deputy Advocate presented his budget to the board.

The Board recessed, reconvening at 10:30 am.

- ITEM 10:** **Decision Item:** Review of the 2019- 2020 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 11: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2019-2020 budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar. Mr. Ron Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar, with the assistance of Ms. Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 12: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2019-2020 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 Mr. Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Ms. Iris Lang, Principal Clerk, Ms. Dawn Court, Executive Director of Member and Cooperate Services, Ms. Cindy Hingley, Director of Financial Services, Mr. Mike Halayka, Director of Members Services, Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian and Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer presented the Legislative Assembly budget to the board.

The Board recessed for lunch 12:07 – 12:54

The Board moved in camera at 12:55 and out of camera at 14:17.

ITEM 7: **Decision Item:** Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan.

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

That the 2019-2020 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$ 5,354,000 as follows:

Statutory: \$5,354,000

And further,

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

The question being, put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2164

ITEM 8: Decision Item: Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont and seconded by Ms. Sarauer;

That the 2019-2020 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$4,149,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$ 3,921,000

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 # 2165

ITEM 9: Decision Item: Approval of the 2019 -2020 Budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

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

That the 2019-2020 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$2,796,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,568,000

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 # 2166

ITEM 10: Decision Item: Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Sarauer;

That the 2019-2020 Expenditure Estimates for vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$ 1,927,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$1,699,000

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 #2167

ITEM 11: Decision Item: Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar.

Moved by Mr. Harrison, and seconded by Ms. Sarauer;

That the 2019-2020 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyist be approved as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$557,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2168

ITEM 12(a): Decision Item: Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget for the Legislative Assembly.

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

That, the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund effective April 1, 2019 be increased to \$350,000 per fiscal year and;

That, for the 2019 -2020 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund projects be approved:

Obsolete and Critical Broadcast related Infrastructure \$250,000

Additional Projects to be developed and brought back to the Board of Internal Economy for approval \$100,000

For a total amount of \$350,000.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2169

ITEM 12(b): Approval of the Legislative Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimates for Vote 21.

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

That the 2019-2020 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$28,208,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$9,869,000

Statutory: \$18,339,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2170

The Board adjourned to the call of the Chair at 14:26.