

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/23
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
January 24, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.
Room 8, Legislative Building

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Randy Weekes, Chair

Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Hon. Everett Hindley

Alana Ross

Matt Love

Absent: Terry Dennis

Absent: Nicole Sauer

Staff

Sheila Sterling – Secretary to the Board

Twyla Wilson, Staff Speaker's Office

Officials in Attendance

Legislative Assembly Service

Iris Lang, Clerk Legislative Assembly

Kathy Burianyk, Deputy Clerk, Legislative Assembly

Dawn Court, Chief Executive of Member & Corporate Services

Sonya Leib Acting Principal Director of Financial Services

Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian

Kari Olsen, Acting Director of Parliamentary Publications

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists

Maurice Herauf, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar,

Saundra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist and Executive Operations Officer

Office of the Ombudsman

Sharon Pratchler, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer

Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer

Richard Hall, Executive Director for the Office of the CEO

Aaron Thompson, Director of Finance

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Dianne Aldridge, Deputy Commissioner

Tristan Hungle, Director of Corporate Services

Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth

Caroline Sookocheff, Manager of Finance and Administration

Meeting called to order at 9:01a.m.

AGENDA Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr Love, that the proposed Agenda for meeting 1/23 be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2261

MINUTES Moved by Mr. Hindley and seconded by Mr. Love, that the minutes from Meeting 6/22 be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2262

ITEM 1: **Tabling Item:** The Chair tabled the Mid-Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2022, for the Legislative Assembly Service.

ITEM 2: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2023- 2024 Budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditures estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner, with the assistance of Dianne Aldridge, Deputy commissioner and Tristan Hungle, Director of Corporate Services presented his budget to the board.

ITEM: 3: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2023-2024 Budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer with the assistance of Jennifer Colin, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Richard Hall, Executive Director, and Arron Thompson, Director of Finance presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 4: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2023 -2024 Budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth with the assistance of Caroline Sookocheff, Manager of Finance and Administration presented her budget to the board.

ITEM 5: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2023-2024 Budget and motion to approve Budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar.

Maurice Herauf, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyist, with the assistance of Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist and Executive Operations Officer presented his budget to the board.

The board recessed for a period of time reconvening at 10:45

ITEM 6: Decision Item: Review of the 2023-2024 Budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Sharon Pratchler, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner presented her budget to the board.

ITEM 7: Decision Item: Review of the 2023-2024 Budget for the Legislative Assembly Service.

a) Decision Item: Approval of the Refurbishment Asset Replacement Fund for IT modernization

b) Decision Item: Approval of the Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimate

Iris Lang, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, with the assistance of her officials Dawn Court, Chief Executive, Member and Corporate Services and Sonya Leib, Acting Principal Director of Financial Services, Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian, Kathy Burianyk, Principal Clerk, Kari Olson, Acting Director of Parliamentary Publications and Cindy Hingley, Executive Director, Corporate Projects, and Financial Services, presented the Legislative Assembly Service budget to the Board.

ITEM 8: Discussion and Decision Item: Proposed changes to Directives 3.1 and 4.1 and to the Members Capital Asset and Disposal Policy.

The Board moved forward with motions for Item 8.

Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive #3.1 be amended by adding after Clause 7(a):
“(v) Property checks for insurance purposes:

(vi) Property maintenance services in accordance with the City of Regina, The Community Standards Bylaws, Part IV – Maintenance of Yards and Accessory Buildings, Clause B (1).”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2263

Moved by Mr. Hindley and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 3.1 be amended by adding after Clause 7(c):

“(vii) Property checks for insurance purposes;
(viii) Property maintenance services in accordance with the City of Regina, The Community Standards bylaws, Part IV – Maintenance of Yards and Accessory Buildings, Clause B (1).”

The question being out, it was agreed to. Minute # 2264

Moved by Ms. Ross and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive #4.1 be amended by adding after Clause 4:

“A Member may choose to use this provision to purchase and install or upgrade a security system in their primary residence and secondary accommodation in the amount of \$2,000 per residence totalling \$4,000 per term of a Legislature.”

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2265

Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the Members Capital Asset and Disposal Policy be amended by adding after Clause D 3) (ii):

“Exemptions

Security Systems

- Further to clause 4 of Directive # 4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses*, security systems purchased and installed in a Member’s primary residence and secondary accommodation will not be asset tagged or tracked on the Member’s Capital Asset listing.
- When the member ceases to be a Member, no disposal authorization is required as the Member is deemed to be the owner of the assets.”

The question being out, it was agreed to. Minute # 2266

Moved by Mr. Hindley and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 4.1 be amended by adding after Clause 21:

“The only exemption is the purchase of security system(s) outlined in Clause 4. When the Member ceases to be a Member, the Member is deemed to be the owner of the security system(s). Please refer to the Members Capital Asset and Disposal Policy.”

The question being out, it was agreed to. Minute # 2267

The Board broke for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Ross that the board move in camera at 1:02 p.m.
The board came out of camera at 1:15 p.m.

ITEM 2: Approval of the 2023 – 2024 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2023-2024 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$2,605,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,366,000

Statutory: \$ 239,000

And further,

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

The question being out, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2268

ITEM 3: Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan

Moved by Mr. Hindley and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2023-2024 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$8,858,000 as follows:

Statutory: \$8,858,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2269

ITEM 4: Approval of the 2023-2024 budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth

Moved by Ms. Ross and seconded by Mr. Hindley:

That the 2023-2024 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$3,026,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,787,000

Statutory: \$ 239,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2270

ITEM 5: Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyist

Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2023-2024 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists be approved in the amount of \$628,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$628,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2271

ITEM 6: Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest disclosure Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Love and seconded by Ms. Ross:

That the 2023-2024 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$4,543,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$4,295,000

Statutory: \$ 239,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2272

ITEM 7: Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget for the Legislative Assembly Service

7(a) Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That, for the 2023-fiscal year, the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement fund be approved for:

Information Technology Modernization \$350,000

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #2273

7(b) Moved by Mr. Hindley and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2023-2024 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly Service be approved in the amount of \$30,201,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$10,618,000

Statutory: \$19,583,000

That the 2023-2024 Revenue Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$10,000 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 # 2274

Moved by Ms. Ross that board adjourn to the call of the Chair at 1:22 p.m.

