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BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8 Legislative Building
3:00 p.m., May 7, 2009

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Don Toth, Speaker, Chair
Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Ms. Doreen Eagles
Mr. Glen Hart
Mr. Kevin Yates

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Mr. Greg Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
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AGENDA Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the proposed agenda be adopted. Agreed.

MINUTES Moved by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Yates, ordered, that the Minutes of Meetings #1/09 and #2/09 be adopted. Agreed.

ITEM 1 Decision Item: Reappointment of the Ombudsman

Moved by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the Board recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Mr. Kevin Fenwick be reappointed to a second five-year term as the Ombudsman in accordance with section 3 of *The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act*.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1724

ITEM 2 Decision Item: Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's Memorandum of Audit Observations for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2008 and Chapter 4, 2008 – Volume 3 of the Provincial Auditor's Report

The Chair committed to respond to the Provincial Auditor.

ITEM 3 Discussion Item: The Recount: Report of the Review of the Operational Environment and Accountabilities of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for Saskatchewan

Mr. David Hamilton was present and responded to questions about his report.

The Board met in camera to discuss the report.

The Board adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

[The board met at 15:00.]

[The board continued in camera.]

The Chair: — I'll call the meeting to order. We have a couple items of board agenda to deal with before we move into a discussion around the report by Mr. Hamilton. And the first two items should actually move along fairly quickly.

[The board adjourned at 16:31.]

First of all you have the agenda in front of you. Could I have a motion to approve the agenda?

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — I'll move.

The Chair: — Minister D'Autremont. Any discussion? Everyone's agreed? Carried.

And the approval of the minutes for — what was it? March 25. Oh, pardon me. Yes, we do need seconders. I'm going by the Legislative Assembly. I do need a seconder for that motion to . . . Mr. Yates.

And approval of the minutes for March 25 and February 12 and 13. That was the main meeting we had. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes as presented? Okay. Mr. Hart and a seconder, Mr. Yates. Any discussion? We all agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you.

Now we've had some discussions with the Minister of Justice and it's been brought to our attention that the Ombudsman's term will be running out before we get into the fall session and there was a, I believe, cabinet decision yesterday, and government has suggested we reappoint Mr. Fenwick as the Ombudsman for another term . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh, okay. So a motion to approve, Mr. Hart. And Mr. Yates has seconded it. Any further discussion? Seeing none, do we have an agreement? That's agreed. Carried.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — And I can move it in the House.

The Chair: — Yes. Yes, and then there's one other item before us regarding the Provincial Auditor's memorandum of audit observations for the year ended March 31, '08 and chapter 4, '08 volume 3 of the Provincial Auditor's report.

Basically it's just the . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . That's what I was going to suggest and ask if there was any objections that the Speaker, when it's given, will respond to the auditor in the similar manner we did last year. Is the committee agreed with that?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — It's agreeable. Thank you very much for being so amicable — agreeable.

I will then ask that we move in camera, and we'll get into a discussion regarding the main part of the agenda.

Thank you very much.