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BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8 Legislative Building
9:00 a.m., May 22, 2009

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

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

Staff to the Board

Mr. Greg Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Margaret Tulloch, Secretary to the Board

AGENDA Moved by Ms. Tell, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the proposed agenda be adopted. Agreed.

MINUTES Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates, ordered, that the Minutes of Meetings #3/09 be adopted. Agreed.

ITEM 1 Table Item: Legislative Assembly 4th Quarter Expenditure Summary and Fiscal Forecast

The Chair tabled the report.

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 4th quarter expenditure summary and fiscal forecast be accepted.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1725

ITEM 2 Discussion/Decision Item: "Hamilton Report" Recommendations on the Recruitment Process for a new Chief Electoral Officer

On Motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Yates, ordered:

That the Board meet in camera to discuss the recommendations of the "Hamilton Report" and a recruitment process for a new Chief Electoral Officer.

The Board concluded its in camera deliberations on the report by agreeing that the recruitment of a new Chief Electoral Officer shall be conducted by its steering committee, with the assistance of the Legislative Assembly Service, and with the assistance of a member of the public with senior leadership experience who is to be designated by the steering committee.

It was further agreed that further consideration of the "Hamilton Report" recommendations shall be deferred until after the appointment of a new Chief Electoral Officer.

The Board resumed public meeting.

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont that the meeting adjourn.

The Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

[The board met at 09:00.]

The Chair: — If I could call the meeting to order please. Welcome and thank you to each and every one who have joined us. I understand, I think, some may have to leave in case our meeting gets a little longer than we anticipate. We'll see where we're going with the meeting, but we have just a couple of items to address before we go in camera.

First of all, you've seen the proposed agenda. Can I have a motion to move the agenda be accepted as presented? Ms. Tell. And a seconder for that motion please? Mr. Yates. Any discussion? Seeing none, everyone's in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. Carried. Thank you.

You have in front of you as well the minutes of the last meeting, and if I could have a motion to accept the minutes as presented?

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — I'll move.

The Chair: — Mr. D'Autremont. And a seconder for that please? Mr. Yates.

And are there any questions arising from the minutes other than we had an update just to acknowledge Mr. Hamilton's presence at our last meeting? Seeing no questions, everyone's agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you.

And just from the last meeting as well, we did send correspondence to the Provincial Auditor regarding his last report. That's been handled as agreed to.

Is there any other business, before we go in camera, that any members are aware of?

Oh, we have one more item before us as well and that was the tabling of the summary of the budget expenditures. I'm not sure if you've had any opportunity to go through the expenditures, but I think it should be duly noted that the Legislative Assembly and the Speaker's office, we've had a number of areas where there was some savings last year, some in part to committee meetings outside of session where there weren't that many. So there was some significant savings there, and there was some significant savings in MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] travel.

And there was the only one area that cost us a little more, and that was the fact that the chairs arrived when they did. And then they had to be budgeted in a separate year, and we had to request additional money. However overall the budget expenditures, there was significant savings.

It's not to say that we'll be able to do that this year, but I think it should be duly noted. Should any questions arise, we can say that we've over the years have had significant savings. So every

time we get criticized for spending too much, we can point to the fact that what was available and MLAs and the board certainly have been responsible in how they've expended the funds of the public funds. So I thought it would be worth just mentioning that.

Any questions in regards to those budgetary estimates . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . So then we should have a motion, unless you want to review that budgetary expenditure or have a motion of acceptance so that we've got it on the record. That would be appreciated.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — I'll move.

The Chair: — Mr. D'Autremont, and Mr. Yates as seconder. Any questions? Seeing none, we all in agreement?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you.

We will then go in camera and I'll thank the staff for having been with us for the time being, and we'll have to ask you to be on hold in case the committee moves forward with additional information. Thank you very much.

[The board continued in camera.]

[The board adjourned at 10:55.]