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**BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

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## **BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

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Mr. Terry Dennis  
Canora-Pelly

Hon. Jeremy Harrison  
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Mr. Matt Love  
Saskatoon Eastview

Ms. Alana Ross  
Prince Albert Northcote

Ms. Nicole Sarauer  
Regina Douglas Park

[The board met at 09:01.]

**The Chair:** — Good morning, everyone. I would like to call the meeting 4/22 to order. It is now 9:01 and the board members that are in attendance from the government, Hon. Jeremy Harrison, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Alana Ross, MLA Terry Dennis, and from the opposition, MLA Nicole Sarauer.

Need approval of the proposed agenda. A mover? Mr. Harrison. Seconder? Ms. Sarauer.

And also need approval of the minutes from meetings 3/22. Mover? Ms. Ross. Seconder?

**Mr. Dennis:** — Okay, I'll second.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Dennis. Approved . . . All in favour? I should say that once in a while. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Approved. So I'd like to table the following items:

Item no. 1, the fourth quarter financial report 2021-2022 for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan;

Item no. 2, the first and second quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan;

Item no. 3, the Legislative Assembly Service year-end report on progress for April 1st, 2021 and March 30th, 2022;

Item no. 4, the updated human resource and financial management policy for the Legislative Assembly Service;

Item no. 5, the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan fourth quarter financial report 2021-2022;

Item no. 6, the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan first and second quarter financial report 2022-2023;

Item 7, a letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies for Elections Saskatchewan;

Item no. 8, the fourth quarter financial report 2021-2022 for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner;

Item no. 9, the first and second quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner;

Item no. 10, the updated human resource and financial management policy for the Office of the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner;

Item no. 11, the fourth quarter financial report 2021-2022 for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth;

Item no. 12, the first and second quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Advocate for Children and

Youth;

Item 13, a letter advising of no changes to human resources and financial management policies for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth;

Item 14, the fourth quarter financial report 2021-2022 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner;

Item 15, the first and second quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner;

Item 16, a letter advising of no changes to the human resource and financial management policy for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner;

Item 17, the fourth quarter financial report 2021-2022 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the office of the lobbyist registrar;

Item 18, the first and second quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the office of the lobbyist registrar;

Item 19, a letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the office of the lobbyist registrar;

Item 20 (a): MLA accountability and disclosure reports for the year ended March 31, 2022; (b) Saskatchewan Party caucus audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022; and (c), New Democratic Party caucus audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022;

Item 21, the audit letter from the Provincial Auditor to the Board of Internal Economy;

Item 22, the letter of response from the Board of Internal Economy to the Provincial Auditor.

And now on to item 23 for discussion and decision. Chief Electoral Officer funding requests: (a) 2022 Boundaries Commission; (b) Saskatoon Meewasin by-election. This item was deferred from the last meeting. Do I have a mover?

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — This is the boundaries one first?

**The Chair:** — I'll read the motion:

That the additional funding for vote 34, the Chief Electoral Officer, be approved for the 2022-23 fiscal year in the amount of 784,000 as follows:

2022 Boundaries Commission, 301,000;

Saskatoon Meewasin by-election, 483,000;

And further,

That the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a supplementary estimate by November 15th, 2022.

I ask for a mover. Discussion?

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Yeah, I'll be prepared to move that motion but maybe have some comments to it as well, Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate juncture.

**The Chair:** — Minister Harrison moves. Is there a seconder? I recognize Ms. Sarauer. All in favour?

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Just if I could . . .

**The Chair:** — Oh sorry, you want to speak to it. Yes.

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Yeah, thanks, Mr. Speaker. Just with regard to particularly the Boundaries Commission, I think it would appropriate — in that this is not a unexpected process — that in future revision years that we would encourage the Elections Saskatchewan office to include that as a part of their budget submission for the fiscal year in which it's going to happen, it being predictable and there will be no surprise as far as timelines. So I would kind of say that, number one.

And number two, you know, we've obviously had a couple of by-elections, and by-elections cost money. Continuing to encourage the Chief Electoral Officer to find as many efficiencies in the conduct of those. And I know that's a consideration, but obviously there's a bit of a significant cost to some of these. So we'd make that suggestion as well.

**The Chair:** — Any other comments? Seeing none. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

Is there any other business? Seeing none, I would ask for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dennis. This meeting now stands adjourned.

[The board adjourned at 09:10.]