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Hon. Everett Hindley
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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: — I would like to call this meeting to order. It is 9:01 and I would like to introduce the board members in attendance today. From the government, Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Hon. Everett Hindley, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Terry Dennis; and from the NDP [New Democratic Party] opposition, MLA Nicole Sarauer and MLA Matt Love.

Could I have a motion, a mover and a second to approve the proposed agenda? Minister Harrison, mover, and seconder Nicole Sarauer.

And I would ask for a mover and a second to approve the minutes of meeting 3/23.

Mr. Dennis: — I so move.

The Chair: — Terry Dennis, mover. Second Matt Love.

I would like to table documents from item 1 to item 7. Item 1, the fourth quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan.

Item no. 2, the fourth quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists.

Item no. 3, the fourth quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Item no. 4, the fourth quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Item no. 5, the fourth quarter financial report 2022-23 for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan.

Item no. 6, the fourth quarter financial report 2022-2023 for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

And item no. 7, correspondence and directives of the Chief Electoral Officer.

By agreement, we shall jump to item 9, discussion and decision item, proposed changes to directive #4.1 and the members' capital asset and disposal policy.

There are four motions. In the first motion, do we have a mover and seconder? I recognize Minister Harrison.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I would move:

That directive #4.1, constituency service expenses, clause (2) be amended by removing "68,563" and inserting "73,563";

And further that this amendment is effective April 1st, 2023.

I so move.

The Chair: — Seconder, please. Nicole Sarauer seconds. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. 9(b), mover and seconder?

Mr. Dennis: — I move:

That directive #4.1, constituency service expenses, clause (22) be amended by removing "\$250" and inserting "\$350";

And further that this amendment be effective April 1st, 2023.

The Chair: — Moved by member Terry Dennis. Seconder? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — All agreed. Item 9(c), mover and seconder? Minister Hindley.

Hon. Mr. Hindley: —

That directive #4.1, constituency service expenses, clause (23) be amended by removing "\$250" and inserting "\$350";

And further that this amendment is effective April 1st, 2023.

The Chair: — Moved by Hon. Everett Hindley. Seconder, please? MLA Nicole Sarauer. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. 9(d), mover and seconder? Minister Harrison.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That the members' capital asset and disposal policy be amended by removing all instances of "\$250" and inserting "\$350";

And further that this amendment is effective April 1st, 2023.

The Chair: — So moved by Minister Harrison. Seconder? Mr. Love. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Item no. 10, discussion and decision item, proposed changes to directive #6. Mover and seconder, please? Ms. Sarauer.

Ms. Sarauer: — Thank you. I move:

That directive #6, constituency assistant expenses, clause (7) be amended by removing all words after "clause (1)" and inserting the following:

"and (2) shall be increased or decreased by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index of Saskatchewan, and this Directive may there upon be reproduced to include the indexed amount without further amendment."

And further that this amendment is effective April 1st, 2023.

The Chair: — Seconder, please. Mr. Dennis. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. We'll go back to item no 8, discussion and decision item, Advocate for Children and Youth, accommodation. I would ask Ms. Broda to step forward and introduce your officials. And you were going to make a brief comment, and then I'll ask for a motion to go in camera. Ms. Broda.

Ms. Broda: — Thank you very much. I have with me this morning Leeann Palmer, our deputy advocate, and Caroline Sookocheff who's our manager of finance and administration.

Thank you very much to the board for having us and the opportunity today, and, Mr. Chair, hon. members, to be looking at our proposal and decision item. Hopefully you have the proposal in front of you, and I'd be pleased to answer any questions. The proposal is regarding our office accommodation. Pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding its content and our request. We'll do our best to answer those questions as we can.

The Chair: — Is there a motion, comments?

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Sorry. What was the motion that you are . . .

The Chair: — To go in camera.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Oh, yes. I so move.

The Chair: — Moved to go in camera. Mr. Harrison. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay, we're going into camera at 9:08, and I'm going to ask all the staff to remain.

[The board continued in camera from 09:08 until 09:39.]

The Chair: — We are coming out of camera at 9:39. And is there any other business? Seeing none, would someone please to adjourn the meeting? Nicole Sarauer.

And the meeting is adjourned at 9:39.

[The board adjourned at 09:39.]