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Mr. Warren McCall  
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[The board met at 12:03.]

**The Chair:** — We're ready to go. I'd like to call this meeting, the Board of Internal Economy, to order. With us today is the Hon. Jeremy Harrison, the Hon. June Draude, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly], Doreen Eagles, the Hon. Nancy Heppner, MLA, Warren McCall, and MLA David Forbes.

First item of business is the approval of the agenda. I believe everybody has it. Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McCall. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. I'd like to table the following documents: a letter from the Board of Internal Economy to CEO [Chief Electoral Officer] Mr. Michael Boda regarding human resources request; table the response letter from the CEO, Mr. Michael Boda, to the Board of Internal Economy, human resources request; as well as tabling the brief, Elections Saskatchewan permanent register of voters for Saskatchewan, presented by the Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Michael Boda. I so table those.

Item no. 4 is a decision item regarding Elections Saskatchewan's head office and warehouse facilities. Any discussion? Mr. Boda.

**Mr. Boda:** — I'd just ask a question about the Chief Electoral Officer's assessment document. We had requested it be tabled in the legislature. However we just simply want it in the public record. What's the most appropriate way to have that publicly . . .

**The Chair:** — That would be through this committee. It's available.

**Mr. Boda:** — Okay. Could we table that as well?

**The Chair:** — Which one?

**Mr. Boda:** — This is the document, the assessment document.

**The Chair:** — Oh. Yes, those do not get tabled in the legislature. You could present it to the committee. Only items that are under statute from the officers are tabled in the legislature.

**Mr. Boda:** — Right. So we would simply . . .

**The Chair:** — But you can table it here.

**Mr. Boda:** — May I table it here then?

**The Chair:** — Yes. Yes.

**Mr. Boda:** — Okay. So I would include that as well.

**The Chair:** — Yes. Okay. Ms. Heppner.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Committee members had asked some questions for Central Services to follow up on the last

committee meeting. I have some information on that. Mr. Forbes had asked about furniture and if there was going to be a chargeback. There is none. The furniture is listed as abandoned. Central Services owns it. Elections Saskatchewan can use it for as long as they need it, and when it is no longer required, we would just simply take it back. So there is no charge.

On the cost for renovations, I understand that the assistant deputy minister in my ministry had gone with a representative from Elections Saskatchewan to review what kind of alterations to the space would be needed. A rough estimate without getting any actual quotes in was on the high end probably about \$100,000 they, the folks from Central Services, have determined.

**The Chair:** — Okay. So the renovations estimated for option 3 were 463,000 and, Ms. Heppner, you say that the estimated cost from your ministry would be 100,000?

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Yes. That might be subject to change obviously, once official plans are drawn up and an estimate would be . . .

**The Chair:** — Okay. What I have here is a proposed motion for the space on 3303 Hillsdale Street and that the budgets for the costs of renovations, furniture, and moving expenses are to be considered at a future date by the board. Would you be able, in conjunction with the CEO's office, to come forward with a more accurate estimate at a future date?

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — I think there's some design work that's going to be done, so it's a little bit more detailed than what we currently have. Yes.

**The Chair:** — Okay.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Do you have a timeline in which you'd like this information back?

**The Chair:** — Well I think we should ask the CEO about the timeline there. So I'm sure you would like to have this done as soon as possible, but what kind of a timeline could your office work out with Central Services to come forward with a budget on this?

**Mr. Boda:** — Well we're moving as quickly as possible. At present we're about six months behind schedule. So we will facilitate as fast as we are able with Central Services. So it really is Central Services fast-tracking this in order to move forward. Jennifer has already met with the assistant deputy, I believe?

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Yes.

**Mr. Boda:** — The assistant deputy over there.

And so the process is beginning and she has, you know, they've been working together on what needs to be done within the space, and a designer has already been assigned. So in terms of how quickly . . .

**Ms. Colin:** — I can't speak for the work that needs to be done

on Central Services side. I don't know how long it takes to convert, you know, our requirements into a design and costing. But certainly as Michael indicated, it is a priority for us, so we will moving as quickly as we can.

**The Chair:** — Why don't we leave it then to be worked out between the CEO's office and Central Services and they can come back with some information, with a timeline when they may be ready, and we can call a meeting based on that to deal with the issue?

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — I'll talk to ministry folks now and ask them to expedite this and get back to you with the proposed time.

**The Chair:** — Okay. Well what we need at this time, if the committee is in agreement, is a motion to provide for the space on 3303 Hillsdale and that the CEO's office and Central Services would come back at a future date with a budget prepared for renovations, furniture, and moving.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — [Inaudible] . . . the other budget items. The other items in the proposed budget, we would . . .

**The Chair:** — Yes, the other items on the . . . So that would be the base lease costs of 924,608, the warehouse lease of 432,000, the parking of 50,400, and the warehouse equipment of 120,000. So that would be excluding the renovation cost estimate in option 3 of 463,000 and the furniture moving expenses of 100,000.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — Okay. I'll move that motion.

**The Chair:** — I recognize Mr. Harrison . . . Any questions?

**Mr. Forbes:** — Well I'd just like this to be clear. Did you say furniture moving expenses?

**The Chair:** — Furniture and moving expenses were 100,000.

**Mr. Forbes:** — So are you including any moving expenses?

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — There would be still be moving expenses to get from their current location. Are you taking out that altogether?

**The Chair:** — Well that's what . . . We'd come back at a future date for those costs.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Okay.

**Mr. Forbes:** — [Inaudible] . . . what the actuals of that . . . Okay.

**The Chair:** — Any other questions? Will you . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Read it. Yes.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — Well then I move:

That the proposal of the Chief Electoral Officer, Michael Boda, to the Board of Internal Economy regarding Elections Saskatchewan head office and warehouse facilities to be located at 3303 Hillsdale Street, Regina,

Saskatchewan, location is approved in principle; and further that the budgets for the costs of renovations, furniture, and moving expenses are to be considered at a future date by the Board of Internal Economy.

I so move.

**The Chair:** — Will the committee take the question as read?

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — You need a seconder.

**The Chair:** — A seconder. Do we have a seconder?

**Mr. McCall:** — I'll second it.

**The Chair:** — Mr. McCall. Will the committee take the question as read?

**An Hon. Member:** — As read.

**The Chair:** — All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. And I believe that's all there is for today. And so the next meeting will again be at the call of the Chair. Someone move that we adjourn? Ms. Eagles. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Thank you.

[The board adjourned at 12:15.]