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[The board met at 08:00.]

**The Chair:** — Okay, it being 8 o'clock, I call this meeting to order. Present this morning we have with us the Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, the Hon. Jeremy Harrison, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Doreen Eagles, the Hon. Nancy Heppner, MLA Warren McCall, and MLA David Forbes.

If you will look at your information, you will see the proposed agenda. Would someone move we accept the agenda as presented? Mr. Harrison. Seconder? Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. We only have one item on the agenda today and that is security. After the events of the past week I think it's brought home to all of us the importance of ensuring that our workplaces are safe and that our Legislative Building is safe for the guests that visit here.

I think it's this board's responsibility to do the best they can to ensure that that is the case. So there are a number of issues that we need to take a look at and directions to consider. So this is what this meeting is about and I believe that these security discussions are taking place across the country in the legislatures of Canada.

We have been, until last week barring two other incidents, safe in our legislatures, but the world is changing and I think we need to face the new realities. So I would open up the floor to anyone that has something. Mr. Harrison.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — Yes thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree. You know, as we had discussed briefly in our last board meeting that we wanted to, you know, take a serious look at how we do security here in this building. And this report, I just would note for the record, has been under development for a lengthy period of time and is not just a reaction to what happened last week. But I think our decisions can be informed perhaps to some degree by what happened.

So you know we need to do a better job of security in the building and put the appropriate resources in place to make sure we're able to do that job, and I know the Sergeant-at-Arms and his staff do a great job. The government though is prepared to move forward, and frankly anxious to move forward with putting in place additional resources to ensure the security of those that work and visit the legislature.

**The Chair:** — Okay. Thank you, Mr. Harrison. Anyone else have any comments? If not, would someone move that we move in camera and that our staff remain? Mr. Cheveldayoff. Seconder? Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — Carried. This committee now moves in camera.

[The board continued in camera from 08:04 until 09:07.]

**The Chair**: — Okay. This meeting is back in session. I have before me a proposed motion, if someone would move it:

That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to conduct a complete security review of the Legislative Assembly building to be performed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and further, that the recommendations of the security review be presented to the Board of Internal Economy as soon as possible.

Ms. Eagles. Seconder? Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. As there is no further business, would someone move the meeting be adjourned? Mr. Harrison. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — Carried. Thank you very much, everyone.

[The board adjourned at 09:09.]