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[The board met at 08:02.]

The Chair: — It being after the hour of 8 o'clock, we will start this meeting of the Board of Internal Economy for May the 5th, 2015. With us this morning, we have the Hon. Jeremy Harrison . . .

A Member: — It's May the 6th.

The Chair: — May the 6th. Oh, I'm still stuck in the past. Okay, May the 6th. The Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Doreen Eagles, and the Hon. Kevin Doherty, as well as MLA Warren McCall, and MLA David Forbes.

We have one item on the agenda. The first thing we need to do is approve the proposed agenda. I wonder if . . . Mr. Doherty. Second for approval of the agenda? Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay. Item no. 1, discussion and decision item, resume discussion on directive clarification regarding dissolution. Okay. We were into this last time, and we were in camera and came out because we ran out of time. So if I could have a motion to resume in camera, please. Mr. Harrison. Second? 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. We have here directive 6.2, constituency assistant benefits is repealed and replaced with directive 6.4, constituency assistant benefits, as follows. I'm not sure I can read all this. Do you want somebody else to read it or you just . . .

An Hon. Member: — Just take it as tabled.

The Chair: — Take it as tabled?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay. Okay, could we have someone move then:

That directive 6.2, constituency assistant benefits is repealed and replaced by directive 6.4, constituency assistant benefits as tabled.

Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. One of the difficulties of recovering from pneumonia is reading long speeches is not possible.

Item no. 2, I'll be asking someone to move this:

That the following terms and conditions be approved and applied to incumbents and caucuses during the dissolution period and incorporated into the Board of Internal Economy dissolution manual:

Permitting a member to pay a pre-determined flat fee for personal usage of cellular/mobile/smart devices during the dissolution period;

Incorporating the use of mobile internet MiFi cards for cellular/mobile devices within the pre-determined flat fee a member would pay for personal usage;

Aligning the shutdown date for web pages/websites to the day the writ is dropped;

Requiring caucus websites/web pages to be shut down the day the writ is dropped;

Requiring members to discontinue using personal email addresses that use the title of "MLA" during the dissolution period;

Permitting the personal use of wireless mobile devices (tablets) subject to the member paying a pre-determined flat fee for usage during the dissolution period;

Any costs incurred to cover or remove constituency office signage during the dissolution period would be eligible for reimbursement from the member's constituency service expenses provision;

Requiring members to return any refunds received for prepaid office insurance.

Recommend clarification that in no instance shall a CA who is employed by multiple MLAs be provided with pay in lieu of notice of layoff, based on employer member who is standing for election, and transition allowance, based on other employer member not standing for election.

Can we have someone move that, please? Ms. Eagles. Second? Mr. Forbes. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. And that was all we had on the agenda for today. If someone could move that we adjourn. Mr. Doherty. Second? Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This meeting stands adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

[The board adjourned at 09:12.]