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Saskatoon Eastview

Hon. Dustin Duncan
Weyburn-Big Muddy

Mr. David Forbes
Saskatoon Centre

Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Meadow Lake

Mr. Warren McCall
Regina Elphinstone-Centre

Hon. Paul Merriman
Saskatoon Silverspring-Sutherland

Ms. Laura Ross
Regina Rochdale

[The board met at 13:01.]

The Chair: — Welcome, everyone, to the January 4th Board of Internal Economy meeting. Today we have Laura Ross on the phone. Laura, are you there?

Ms. Ross: — Yes, I'm here.

The Chair: — And from the opposition, we have David Forbes, Warren McCall. For the government, we have Paul Merriman, Dustin Duncan, and Jeremy Harrison.

First order of business, to update and approve the agenda:

That the proposed revised agenda for meeting 1/17 be approved as presented.

Looking for a mover, Warren McCall. Seconded, Paul Merriman.

The first item of business is the approval of the 2017-18 budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. We will be approving it as requested, and I'm looking for someone to make the motion.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Just how do we want to do it in terms of an in camera component of a discussion?

The Chair: — I was proposing, because I believe everything is being approved as presented for the officers, we'll go through those first. Then we'll go in camera and deal with the last portion, which is the LAS [Legislative Assembly Service].

So the first item is the motion. Who would like to make the motion for the Chief Electoral Officer? Paul, I will let you read that.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move the following motion:

That the 2017-18 expenditure estimates for vote 034, Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$4,242,000 as follows: statutory, \$4,242,000; and further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

I so move.

The Chair: — Seconded by?

Mr. McCall: — Second.

The Chair: — Warren McCall. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Next up, Ombudsman. Who would like to do this motion?

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Chair, I move:

That the 2017-2018 expenditure estimates for vote 056,

Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$3,981,000 as follows: budgetary to be voted, \$3,753,000; statutory, \$228,000; and further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

I so move.

The Chair: — Seconded by? David Forbes. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Item no. 3, Jeremy Harrison.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move:

That the 2017-18 expenditure estimates for vote 055, Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$1,679,000 as follows: budgetary to be voted, \$1,451,000; statutory, \$228,000; and further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

I so move.

The Chair: — Seconded by? Paul Merriman. All those in favour say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Chair: — Carried. Item no. 4, Warren McCall.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I'd move:

That the 2017-18 expenditure estimates for vote 076, Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$2,684,000 as follows: budgetary to be voted, \$2,456,000 and statutory, \$228,000; and further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

I so move.

The Chair: — Seconded by Jeremy Harrison. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Item 5, David Forbes.

Mr. Forbes: — Okay. I move:

That the 2017-18 expenditure estimates for vote 057, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists be approved in the amount of \$539,000 as follows: budgetary to be voted, \$539,000; and further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The Chair: — Seconded by? Paul Merriman. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I'd like a motion to go in camera or ask for a motion, from Paul Merriman.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move a motion we go in camera.

The Chair: — Seconded by Dustin Duncan. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. We will now move in camera.

[The board continued in camera from 13:07 until 13:31.]

The Chair: — So we'll come back out of camera at 1:31 on Wednesday, January 4. We have a couple of motions to put forward. I will be looking for Jeremy Harrison for the first one.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Sure, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That directive #4.1, constituency service expenses be amended by changing clause 25 as follows:

“(25) Clause (4) shall not be applied in the fiscal year 2017-18 and the term amount specified shall be decreased to a maximum of \$5,000 for the duration of the 28th Legislature.”

I so move.

The Chair: — Seconder? David Forbes. All those in favour say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Chair: — Carried. Next motion, looking for someone to bring forward. Paul Merriman.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the following motion:

That the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund be renewed for a five-year term beginning April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022, at a value of \$250,000 per fiscal year; and further, that for the 2017-18 fiscal year the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund project will be approved: Legislative Assembly security renewal, \$197,000, for a total amount of \$197,000.

The Chair: — Seconder? Warren McCall. All those in favour say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Chair: — Carried. The next motion, we'll get David Forbes.

Mr. Forbes: — Okay. I move:

That the 2017-18 expenditure estimates for vote 021, the

Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$27,085,500 as follows: budgetary to be voted, \$9,255,500; statutory, \$17,830,000.

That the 2017-18 revenue estimates for vote 021, Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$4,200 as follows: revenue to be voted, \$4,200; and further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The Chair: — Seconded by? Paul Merriman. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That concludes our meeting today, so I'll look for someone to move adjournment. Jeremy Harrison. We now stand adjourned.

[The board adjourned at 13:34.]