

## BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8 Legislative Building  
9:00 a.m., February 25, 2008

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**Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy**

Hon. Don Toth, Speaker, Chair  
Hon. Dan D'Autremont  
Ms. Doreen Eagles  
Hon. Donna Harpauer  
Mr. Glen Hart  
Mr. Len Taylor  
Mr. Kevin Yates

**Staff to the Board**

Ms. Marilyn Borowski, Director, Finance and Administrative Services  
Ms. Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Payroll Services  
Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Ms. Margaret Tulloch, Secretary to the Board

**Officials in Attendance****Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner**

Mr. Gerald Gerrand, Conflict of Interest Commissioner

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Mr. Jean Ouellet, Chief Electoral Officer  
Mr. David Wilkie, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer  
Mr. Brent Nadon, Manager, Election Finances

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner  
Ms. Diane Aldridge, Portfolio Officer  
Ms. Pamela Scott, Manager, Administration

**Office of the Children's Advocate**

Mr. Marvin Bernstein, Children's Advocate  
Mr. John Brand, Director, Advocacy Services  
Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director, Administration

**Office of the Provincial Ombudsman**

Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Provincial Ombudsman  
Ms. Lynne Fraser, Manager, Administration

**Office of the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan**

Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian  
Ms. Lorraine de Montigny, Director, Visitor Services  
Ms. Lenni Frohman, Director, Parliamentary Publications  
Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer  
Ms. Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian  
Ms. Iris Lang, Clerk Assistant (Committees)  
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel  
Mr. Pat Shaw, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Ms. Margaret Woods, Clerk Assistant

**AGENDA** Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the proposed agenda be adopted. Agreed.

**MINUTES** Moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Ms. Harpauer, ordered, that the Minutes of Meetings #1/07, #2/07, #3/07, and #4/07 be adopted. Agreed.

**ITEM 2 Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$151,000, were presented by Mr. Gerald Gerrand, Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

A debate arising, the item was deferred until later in the day.

**ITEM 1      Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$1,298,825 were presented by Mr. Jean Ouellet, Chief Electoral Officer.

A debate arising, the item was deferred until later in the day.

The Board recessed for a period of time.

**ITEM 3      Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$1,054,356 were presented by Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner.

A debate arising, the item was deferred until later in the day.

**ITEM 4      Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Provincial Ombudsman**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$2,068,000 were presented by Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Provincial Ombudsman.

A debate arising, the item was deferred until later in the day.

The Board recessed for a period of time.

**ITEM 5      Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$1,531,000, were presented by Mr. Marvin Bernstein, Children's Advocate.

A debate arising, the item was deferred until later in the day.

**ITEM 6      Table Item: Legislative Assembly Quarterly Financial Reports and Expenditure Forecasts — 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006-07; and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters 2007-08**

The Chair tabled the reports.

Moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the quarterly financial reports and expenditure forecasts as tabled be received and approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1682**

**ITEM 7      Table Item: Legislative Assembly Service Priorities 2007-2008 Mid-year Report on Progress**

The Chair tabled the report.

Moved by Ms. Harpauer, seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That the report be received and approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1683**

**ITEM 8**                    **Table Item: Provincial Auditor's Memorandum of Audit Observations for the Year Ended March 31, 2007**

The Chair tabled the report.

**ITEM 9**                    **Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Legislative Assembly**

The Board reviewed the Estimates and action plan for the Legislative Assembly submitted as follows:

Budgetary:                    \$ 8,207,000

Statutory:                    \$14,634,000

Total:                        \$22,841,000

The Speaker and Clerk presented the Legislative Assembly Service budgetary priorities for fiscal year 2008-2009.

The Board met in camera for a short time.

The Board resumed public meeting at 3:19 p.m.

**ITEM 9 (cont'd)** A debate arising, the item was deferred until later in the day.

The Board met in camera for a short time.

The Board resumed public meeting at 7:42 p.m.

**ITEM 2**                    **Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner**  
**(cont'd)**

Moved by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That the 2008-2009 Estimates of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$151,000;

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1684**

**ITEM 1**                    **Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**  
**(cont'd)**

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2008-2009 Estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer in the amount of \$1,071,000 (Statutory) be transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1685**

**ITEM 3**                    **Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**  
**(cont'd)**

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2008-2009 Estimates of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$822,000;

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1686**

**ITEM 4**  
**(cont'd)**

**Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Office of the Provincial Ombudsman**

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That the 2008-2009 Estimates of the Provincial Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$2,068,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$1,898,000
Statutory:	\$ 170,000;

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1687**

**ITEM 5**  
**(cont'd)**

**Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Estimates for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

Moved by Ms. Harpauer, seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That the 2008-2009 Estimates of the Children's Advocate be approved in the amount of \$1,531,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$1,361,000
Statutory:	\$ 170,000;

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1688**

**ITEM 10**

**Decision Item: Amendment to Directive #21 – Annual Indemnity and Allowances**

Moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That Directive #21 – *Annual Indemnity and Allowances* as revised be adopted to incorporate changes as affected by Minute #1652, Minute #1659, and that the date for monthly payroll payments be changed from the first working day of the following month to the last working day of the current month.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1689**

**ITEM 8(a)**  
**(cont'd)**

**Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Budget for the Legislative Assembly**

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2008-2009 Estimates and action plan of the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$22,841,000 as follows:

The 2008-2009 Estimates include:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 7,925,000
Statutory:	\$14,916,000

And further,

That the 2008-2009 amortization expense for the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$90,000;

And further,

That such Estimates and amortization expense be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

**Minute # 1690**

**ITEM 9(b)**  
**(cont'd)**

**Decision Item: Review of the 2008-2009 Revenue Estimates for the Legislative Assembly**

Moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the 2008-2009 Revenue Estimates for the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$5,000;

And that such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:07 p.m.