

## BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8 Legislative Building  
February 12, 2009, 4 p.m.  
and  
February 13, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

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

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

**Staff to the Board**

Ms. Marilyn Borowski, Director, Finance and Member Payments  
Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Ms. Margaret Tulloch, Secretary to the Board

**Officials in Attendance****Legislative Assembly Service**

Ms. Cheryl Behrns, Hansard  
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. Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Payroll Services  
Ms. Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian  
Ms. Iris Lang, Clerk Assistant (Committees)  
Ms. Monique Lovatt, Manager of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol  
Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Assistant Director, Human Resource and Payroll Services  
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel  
Mr. Pat Shaw, Sergeant-at-Arms

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Mr. Dave Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer  
Mr. Brent Nadon, Manager, Election Finances  
Mr. Jeff Livingstone, Manager, Information Technology and Register of Elections

**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. Marcel St. Onge, Director, Investigations  
Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration

**Office of the Provincial Ombudsman**

Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Provincial Ombudsman  
Ms. Lynn Fraser, Manager of Administration

**AGENDA** Moved by Mr. Hart, seconded by Ms. Eagles, that the proposed agenda be adopted. Agreed.

**MINUTES** Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates, ordered, that the Minutes of Meeting #6/08 be adopted. Agreed.

**ITEM 1 (a) Table Item: Legislative Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report and Fiscal Forecast**

The Chair tabled the report.

Moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Ms. Tell:

That the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial and fiscal forecast be accepted.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1706

**(b) Table Item: MLA Accountability and Disclosure Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008**

The Chair tabled the reports.

**(c) (i) Table Item: New Democratic Party Caucus Financial Statements and Auditor's Opinion for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2008**

The Chair tabled the reports.

**(c)(ii) Table Item: Saskatchewan Party Caucus Financial Statements and Auditor's Opinion, for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2008**

The Chair tabled the reports.

**ITEM 2 Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$151,000, were presented by Ms. Marilyn Borowski, Director of Finance and Member Payments.

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

That the 2009-2010 Estimates of the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$151,000;

And further,

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

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1707

**ITEM 3 Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Legislative Assembly**

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

Budgetary:	\$ 8,089,000
Statutory:	\$ 15,594,000
Total:	\$ 23,683,000

The Speaker and Clerk presented the Legislative Assembly Service budgetary priorities for fiscal year 2009-2010.

A discussion arising, the item was deferred.

The Board recessed for a short time.

The Board met in camera for a short time.

The Board resumed public meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**ITEM 8****(a) Decision Item: Amendments to Directive #3.1 – MLA Travel and Living Expenses**

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

That, effective April 1, 2009, Directive #3.1 – *MLA Travel and Living Expenses* be amended as follows:

1) In clause (4), delete the word “clause” from the first line and replace it with “clauses (4.1), (4.2) and”. Delete the last sentence of the clause.

2) Add clause (4.1) as follows:

“No claim for rent by any other Member in respect of the same premises may be reimbursed.”

3) Add clause (4.2) as follows:

“In the event two or more Members share accommodation in Regina, the total expenses claimed by those Members for the shared Regina accommodation may not exceed the amount that would be eligible to be claimed by one Member.”

4) In clause (5), after the words “and only if” add the words “all of the following conditions are met:”.

5) In subclause (5)(b), delete the word “and” at the end of the sentence.

6) In subclause (5)(c), add the word “and” at the end of the sentence.

7) Add subclause (5)(d) as follows:

“in accordance with clause (5.1), the Member has provided the required statutory declaration to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, which shall be available for examination by the public during normal business hours at the Clerk’s Office.”

8) Add clause (5.1) as follows:

“At the beginning of each fiscal year, before a reimbursement may be made to a Member under clause (4), the Member must complete a statutory declaration in the form approved by the Board of Internal Economy that states the location of the Member’s non-Regina residence and the location of the Member’s Regina residence.”

9) Add clause (5.2) as follows:

“A Member who moves his or her non-Regina residence or his or her Regina residence from the location set out in his or her declaration provided under clause (5.1) shall, without delay after the move, provide to the Clerk a new statutory declaration stating the new location.”

And, that the form, as attached, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1708**

**Item 8**                      **(b) Decision Item: Amendments to Directive #3.1 – MLA Travel and Living Expenses and Directive #4.1 – Constituency Service Expenses**

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

- 1) That, effective April 1, 2009, clause (1.1) of Directive #3.1 – *MLA Travel and Living Expenses* be amended by deleting the number "\$10,000" and replacing it with the number "\$12,000".
- 2) That, effective April 1, 2009, clause (3) of Directive #4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses* be amended by:
  - i) deleting the words "clause (2) and clause (10)" in line one and replacing them with the words "clauses (1.1), (10) and (11)";
  - ii) deleting the number "\$10,000" in line two and replacing it with the number "\$12,000".

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1709**

**Item 8**                      **(c) Decision Item: Directives of the Board of Internal Economy – Housekeeping Amendments**

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

- 1) That, effective April 1, 2009, subclause (10)(b) of Directive #4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses* be amended by deleting the number "(4)" and replacing it with the number "(6)".
- 2) That, effective April 1, 2009, subclause (10)(c) of Directive #4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses* be amended by deleting the number "(4)" and replacing it with the number "(6)".
- 3) That, effective April 1, 2009, subclause (2)(c) of Directive #2 – *Telephone and Related Expenses* be amended by deleting the number "(7)" in the fourth line and replacing it with the number "(9)".

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1710**

**Item 8**                      **(d) Decision Item: Amendments to Directive #13.1 – Transition Allowance**

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That effective February 13, 2009, clause (1)(c) of Directive #13.1 – *Transition Allowance* be amended by deleting all of the words after "dissolution".

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1711**

**Item 8**                      **(e) Decision Item: Amendment to Dental Plan Wait Period**

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the six month wait period for the commencement of Dental Plan benefits for newly elected Members of the Legislative Assembly be eliminated; and

That any dental costs incurred by newly elected Members during the first six months of their term will be charged to the Legislative Assembly Enhanced Dental Plan fund; and further,

That this decision take effect February 12, 2009, and that this decision be communicated by the Chair to the Public Employees Benefits Agency.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1712**

**Item 8**                      **(f) Decision Item: Amendment to Health Plan Wait Period**

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the six month wait period for the commencement of Health Plan benefits for newly elected Members of the Legislative Assembly be eliminated; and further,

That this decision be communicated by the Legislative Assembly Administration to the Insurance Broker for the Legislative Assembly Health Plan with instruction that the said changes be made effective March 1, 2009.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1713**

**Item 8**                      **(g) Decision Item: Approval of Legislative Assembly Security Policy Manual**

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

That the Legislative Assembly Security Policy Manual be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1714**

The Board recessed until February 13, 2009.

**February 13, 2009**

The Board began meeting at 8:40 a.m.

**ITEM 4**                      **Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$1,627,969 were presented by Mr. Dave Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer.

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

**ITEM 5**                      **Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$1,088,294 were presented by Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner.

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

**ITEM 6**                      **Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Provincial Ombudsman**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$2,265,000 were presented by Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Provincial Ombudsman.

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

**ITEM 7**                      **Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

The Estimates, in the amount of \$1,621,000, were presented by Mr. Marvin Bernstein, Children's Advocate.

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

**ITEM 7 (cont'd)      Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Estimates for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

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

That the 2009-2010 Estimates of the Office of the Children's Advocate be approved in the amount of \$1,621,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$1,441,000
Statutory:	\$ 180,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1715**

**ITEM 6 (cont'd)      Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman**

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

That the 2009-2010 Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$2,195,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$2,015,000
Statutory:	\$ 180,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1716**

**ITEM 5 (cont'd)      Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

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

That the 2009-2010 Estimates of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$927,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1717**

**ITEM 4 (cont'd)      Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

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

That the 2009-2010 Estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer in the amount of \$1,229,000 (Statutory) be transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1718**

**ITEM 3 (cont'd)      Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Revenue Estimates for the Legislative Assembly**

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

That the 2009-2010 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.

**Minute # 1719**

**Decision Item: Approval of the 2009-2010 Projects for the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund**

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

That, for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund projects be approved:

Broadcast Services Digital Migration Plan	\$ 65,000
Digital Audio Transcription System Replacement	\$ 70,000
Library Collection Accommodation	\$115,000

For a total amount of \$250,000.

The question being put, it was agreed.

**Minute # 1720**

**Decision Item: Review of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Legislative Assembly**

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

That the 2009-2010 Estimates and action plan of the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$23,661,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 8,250,000
Statutory:	\$ 15,411,000
Including capital acquisitions of	\$ 70,000;

And further,

That the 2009-2010 estimated amortization expense for the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$71,000;

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.

**Minute # 1721**

The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.