

BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8 Legislative Building
Monday, February 8, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Don Toth, Speaker, Chair
Mr. Dan D'Autremont
Ms. Doreen Eagles
Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Hon. Don Morgan
Mr. Len Taylor
Mr. Kevin Yates

Staff

Ms. Irene Bauer, Acting Secretary to the Board

Officials in Attendance

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Mr. Gerald Gerrand, Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Office of the Children's Advocate

Mr. Marvin Bernstein, Children's Advocate
Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration

Office of the Ombudsman

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

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner
Ms. Diane Aldridge, Compliance Officer
Ms. Pam Scott, Director, Administration

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

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

Legislative Assembly Service

Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian
Ms. Marilyn Borowski, Director, Finance and Member Payments
Ms. Lenni Frohman, Director, Parliamentary Publications
Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Payroll Service
Ms. Iris Lang, Principal Clerk
Ms. Ginette, Michaluk, Assistant Director, Human Resource and Payroll Service
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Mr. Pat Shaw, Sergeant-at-Arms

AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the proposed agenda be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1729

MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the Minutes of the Meeting #05/09 be adopted. The question being put it was agreed to.

Minute #1730

ITEM 1

(a)

Table Item: Legislative Assembly 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter Expenditure Reports
(previously distributed to Board members)

The Chair tabled the report.

Decision Item: Approval of Reports

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

That the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2009-10 for Vote 021 - Legislative Assembly be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1731

(b) **Table Item: MLA Accountability and Disclosure Reports for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

(tabled in the Assembly October 22, 2009 as Sessional Paper 11)

The Chair tabled the reports.

(c) **Table Item: New Democratic Party Caucus Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2009**

(tabled in the Assembly October 22, 2009 as Sessional Paper 10)

The Chair tabled the reports.

(d) **Table Item: Saskatchewan Party Caucus Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2009**

(tabled in the Assembly October 22, 2009 as Sessional Paper 9)

The Chair tabled the reports.

(e) **Table Item: Legislative Assembly Service Reports**

(i) Actions 2008-2009 Year-End Report on Progress for Year Ended March 31, 2009 (previously distributed to Board members)

(ii) Actions 2009-2010 Mid-Year Report on Progress, November 2009 (previously distributed to Board members)

The Chair tabled the reports.

Decision Item: Approval of Reports

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

That the Actions 2008-2009 Year-End Report on Progress for Year Ended March 31, 2009 and the Actions 2009-2010 Mid-Year Report on Progress, November 2009 be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute #1732

(f) **Table Item: Provincial Auditor's Memorandum of Audit Observations for the Year Ended March 31, 2009**

The Chair tabled the report.

ITEM 2**Decision Item: Review of the 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner**

The budget, in the amount of \$156,000 (version 1) and \$258,000 (version 2), was presented by Mr. Gerald Gerrand, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Mr. Gerrand responded to questions. A decision on the item was deferred.

ITEM 3**Decision Item: Review of 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

The budget, in the amount of \$1,707,000 was presented by Mr. Marvin Bernstein, Children's Advocate.

Mr. Bernstein responded to questions. A decision on the item was deferred.

ITEM 4 Decision Item: Review of 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman

The budget, in the amount of \$2,895,000 was presented by Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman.

Mr. Fenwick responded to questions. A decision on the item was deferred.

ITEM 5 Decision Item: Review of 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The budget, in the amount of \$1,056,188 was presented by Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Mr. Dickson responded to questions. A decision on the item was deferred.

ITEM 6 Decision Item: Review of the 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

The budget, in the amount of \$1,694,402 including capital acquisitions in the amount of \$15,000 was presented by Mr. David Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. Wilkie and staff responded to questions. A decision on the item was deferred.

ITEM 7 Decision Item: Review of the 2010-2011 Budget for the Legislative Assembly

The budget, in the amount of \$24,192,000 was presented by Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Putz also presented the Legislative Assembly Service Action Plan for 2010-2011, and proposed projects for the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund.

Mr. Putz and Legislative Assembly Service officials responded to questions. A decision on the item was deferred.

The Board recessed until 8:00 a.m. on February 9, 2010.

February 9, 2010

The Board met at 8:05 a.m.

The Board met in camera.

The Board resumed open session at 10:10 a.m.

ITEM 2 (cont'd) Decision Item: Review of the 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-2011 Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner, be approved in the amount of \$156,000.

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1733

ITEM 3 (cont'd) Decision Item: Review of 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Children's Advocate

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-11 Estimates for Vote 076 – Office of the Children's Advocate, be approved in the amount of \$1,621,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted \$1,420,000

Statutory: \$ 201,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1734

ITEM 4 (cont'd)

Decision Item: Review of 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-11 Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman, be approved in the amount of \$2,221,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted \$2,020,000

Statutory \$ 201,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1735

ITEM 5 (cont'd)

Decision Item: Review of 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-11 Estimates for Vote 055 - 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.

Minute #1736

ITEM 6 (cont'd)

Decision Item: Review of the 2010-2011 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-11 Estimates for Vote 034 - Chief Electoral Officer in the amount of \$1,694,402 (statutory), including capital acquisitions in the amount of \$15,000 be transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1737

ITEM 7 (cont'd)

Decision Item: Review of the 2010-2011 Budget for the Legislative Assembly

(a) Approval of the Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-11 Estimates for Vote 021 - Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$23,905,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 8,281,000
Statutory:	\$15,624,000
Including capital acquisitions of	\$ 198,000

And further,

That 2010-11 estimated amortization expense for the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$92,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1738

(b) Approval of the Projects for the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That, for the 2010-11 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund projects be approved:

Broadcast Services Digital Migration Plan	\$ 65,000
Card Access Lock System	\$167,500
Restoration of the Composite Photograph Collection	\$ 17,500
For a total amount of	\$250,000

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1739

(c) Decision Item: Motion to Approve the Legislative Assembly Service Action Plan for 2010-2011

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the Legislative Assembly Service action plan for the 2010-11 fiscal year be approved in accordance with the approved 2010-11 budgetary and statutory Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 - Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1740

(d) Decision Item: Motion to approve Revenue Estimates for the Legislative Assembly Service

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the 2010-11 Revenue Estimates for Vote 021 - Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$5,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1741

ITEM 8

Other Business**(a) Decision Item: Amendments to Directive #6 Constituency Assistant Expenses**

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

That effective February 1, 2010, Directive #6 - *Constituency Assistant Expenses* be amended as follows:

- 1) In clause (1), in the last sentence insert the word “total” between the words “the” and “annual”
- 2) Insert new clause (3.1) as follows:

“A Member may provide a lump sum bonus payment to a constituency assistant in exceptional circumstances. The maximum amount of the lump sum payment must not exceed \$5,000 per fiscal year. Multiple lump sum bonus payments may be provided to a constituency assistant so long as the aggregate amount does not exceed \$5,000 per fiscal year. Exceptional circumstances are defined as the provision of service above and beyond the normal call of duty.”

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute #1742

(b) Decision Item: Amendment to Directive #6.1-Constituency Assistant Benefits

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

That, effective February 1, 2010, clause (3) of Directive #6.1- *Constituency Assistant Benefits* be amended as follows:

- 1) That the words “and where the constituency assistant chooses” be deleted: and;
- 2) That the words “Public Employees Pension Plan” be moved from the third line to the second line between the words: “Disability Plan” and “Dental Plan”, and
- 3) The word “and” be inserted prior to the word, “Extended Health Care Plan.”

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute #1743

(c) Decision Item: Amendment to Directive #21 Annual Indemnity and Allowances

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

That, effective February 1, 2010, Directive #21 – *Annual Indemnity and Allowances* be amended as follows:

- 1) In subclause 6(a), by adding the following positions and amounts:

Government Caucus Chair	\$12,974
Government Deputy Caucus Chair	\$ 6,487
Opposition Caucus Chair	\$12,974
Opposition Deputy Caucus Chair	\$ 6,487
Third Party Caucus Chair	\$ 6,487

and further,

- 2) In subclause (7)(e), the word “Infrastructure” be deleted and substituted with the word “Justice.”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1744

(d) Decision Item: General Authority to Re-number, Update and Make Administrative Changes to the Board of Internal Economy Directives as Necessary

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

That, effective February 1, 2010, the Chair be authorized to direct any administrative revision to the Board of Internal Economy Directives as in necessary to correct outdated references and titles; as well as the re-numbering of the Directives and associated clauses, and cross-referencing of the Directives, as may be required in consequence to any amendment to the Directives ordered by the Board of Internal Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1745

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Hon. Don Toth
Chair of the Board of Internal Economy

Irene Bauer
Acting Secretary to the Board

