

# **MINUTES OF MEETING #1/11 BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

## **Room 8**

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

Hon. Don Toth, Speaker, Chair

Hon. Don Morgan

Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Mr. Dan D'Autremont

Ms. Doreen Eagles

Mr. Kevin Yates

**Absent:**      Mr. Len Taylor

**Staff**

Ms. Irene Bauer, Secretary to the Board

**Officials in Attendance**

**Office of the Children's Advocate**

Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate

Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration

**Office of the Ombudsman**

Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman

Ms. Lynne Fraser, Manager of Administration

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Ms. Pam Scott, Director, Operations

Ms. Kara Philip, Intake Officer/Database Manager

**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

Mr. Daniel Bogdan, Communications Consultant

Mr. Teale Orban, Operations Consultant

### **Legislative Assembly Service**

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

### **Government Services**

Mr. Paul Nepper, Senior Project Manager

**AGENDA**      The Chair proposed a change in the agenda.

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

**Minute #1767**

**MINUTES**      Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the Minutes of Meeting #5/10 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1768**

**ITEM 1**      (a) **Table Item: Legislative Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Expenditure Reports**

The Chair tabled the reports.

### **Decision Item: Approval of Reports**

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

That the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Expenditure Reports of the Legislative Assembly for fiscal year 2010-2011 be approved.

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

**Minute #1769**

**ITEM 2**      **Decision Item: Review of the 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner**

The budget, in the amount of \$145,000, was presented by Ms. Marilyn Borowski on behalf of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

A debate arising, the item was deferred.

**ITEM 3      Decision Item: Review of the 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

The budget, in the amount of \$15,754,872 including capital acquisitions in the amount of \$25,000 was presented by Mr. David Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer.

A debate arising, the item was deferred.

**ITEM 4      Decision Item: Review of 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman**

The budget, in the amount of \$3,099,000 was presented by Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman.

A debate arising, the item was deferred.

**ITEM 5      Decision Item: Review of 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

The budget, in the amount of \$1,040, 469 (version 1) and \$1,165,591 (version 2) was presented by Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner.

A debate arising, the item was deferred.

**ITEM 6      Decision Item: Review of 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

The budget, in the amount of \$1,773,100 was presented by Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate.

A debate arising, the item was deferred.

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates,  
that the Board meet in camera. Agreed.

The Board met in camera at 4:30 p.m.

The Board resumed public meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**Decision Item: Special Warrant Request for Funding for the Office of the Children's Advocate**

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

That, for the 2010-11 fiscal year, a request for special warrant funding in the amount of \$60,000, be approved for Vote 076- Children's Advocate. The question being put, it was agreed to. **Minute #1770**

The Board recessed until 8:00 a.m. on February 23, 2011.

**February 23, 2011**

The Board reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

**ITEM 7      Decision Item: Review of the 2011-2012 Budget for the Legislative Assembly**

The budget, in the amount of \$26,560,000 was presented by Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Putz also presented the Legislative Assembly Service Action Plan for 2011-2012, and proposed projects for the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund, Election Readiness, and Centennial Plans.

A debate arising, the item was deferred.

Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the Board meet in camera. Agreed.

The Board met in camera at 9:20 a.m.

The Board resumed public meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**ITEM 2      Approval of the 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the  
(cont'd)      Conflict of Interest Commissioner**

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

That the 2011-2012 Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner, be approved in the amount of \$145,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1771**

**ITEM 3  
(cont'd)**

**Approval of the 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the  
Chief Electoral Officer**

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

That the 2011-12 Estimates for Vote 034-Chief Electoral Officer in the amount of \$1,736,000 (statutory), for base year, and further, that the amount of 12,573,000(statutory), be approved for General Election expenses, and that both amounts be transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1772**

**ITEM 4  
(cont'd)**

**Approval of 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the  
Ombudsman**

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

That the 2011-12 Estimates for Vote 056 –Ombudsman, be approved in the amount of \$2,979,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:           \$2,777,000

Statutory:                               \$202,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1773**

**ITEM 5  
(cont'd)**

**Approval of 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the  
Information and Privacy Commissioner**

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

That the 2011-12 Estimates for Vote 055-Information and Privacy Commissioner, be approved in the amount of \$1,041,000;

And further,

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

**Minute #1774**

**ITEM 6**            **Approval of 2011-2012 Budget for the Office of the**  
**(cont'd)**           **Children's Advocate**

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

That the 2011-12 Estimates for Vote 076 – Office of the Children's Advocate, be approved in the amount of \$1,773,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:            \$1,571,000

Statutory:                            \$202,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. **Minute #1775**

**ITEM 7**            **Approval of the 2011-2012 Budget for the Legislative**  
**(cont'd)**           **Assembly**

**(a) Approval of the Continuation of Refurbishment and Asset**  
**Replacement Fund and the Projects for the Refurbishment and Asset**  
**Replacement Fund**

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

That, the Board of Internal Economy approves the continuation of the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement fund, in the amount of \$250,000, to be determined by the Legislative Assembly Service in consultation with the Board of Internal Economy;

And further, that this fund shall remain in existence for each of the next five fiscal years as follows:

2012-13	\$250,000
2013-14	\$250,000
2014-15	\$250,000
2015-16	\$250,000
2016-17	\$250,000

The question being put, it was agreed to. **Minute #1776**

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

That, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund projects be approved:

Library Collection Annex Rehabilitation	\$300,000
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For a total amount of \$300,000.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1777**

**(b) Approval for Election Readiness Funding**

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

That, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, funding in the amount of \$309,000 be approved for Election Readiness for Vote 021- Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1778**

**(c) Decision Item: Amendments to Directive #4.1 (Constituency Services Expenses)**

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

That, effective April 1, 2011, Directive #4.1- *Constituency Services Expenses* be as amended as follows:

In clause (2), delete the amount \$42,366, and replace it with the amount \$47,366; and further,

That the new amount of \$47,366 be adjusted by the annual Consumer Price Index specified in clause (19).

A debate arising, the question being put, it was agreed to. **Minute#1779**

**(d) Approval for Legislative Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates**

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

That, the 2011-12 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021- Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$24,433,000, as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$8,295,000
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Statutory:	\$16,138,000;
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And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1780**

**(e) Approval of the Legislative Assembly Service Action Plan for 2011-12**

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

That, the Legislative Assembly Service action plan for the 2011-12 fiscal year be approved in accordance with the approved 2011-12 budgetary and statutory Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021-Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1781**

**(f) Approval of Revenue Estimates for the Legislative Assembly**

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

That the 2011-12 Revenue Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$4,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

**Minute #1782**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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The Honourable Don Toth  
Speaker

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Ms. Irene Bauer  
Secretary to the Board