

MINUTES OF MEETING #4/11 BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
8:00 a.m.

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 Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. David Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer

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
Ms. Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Payroll Service
Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Iris Lang, Principal Clerk (Committees)

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

Minute #1786

MINUTES Moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Yates, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/11, #2/11 and #3/11 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1787

ITEM 1 Tabling and Decision Item: *Legislative Assembly Service Actions 2010-11 Year-End Report on Progress*

The Chair tabled the report.

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

That the *Legislative Assembly Service Actions 2010-11 Year-End Report on Progress for the Year ended March 31, 2011*, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1788

ITEM 2 Tabling and Decision Item: *Legislative Assembly Fourth Quarter Expenditure Report*

The Chair tabled the report.

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

That the Fourth Quarter Expenditure Report for the Legislative Assembly for fiscal year 2010- 2011 be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1789

ITEM 3 Discussion Item: *Audit Letter Response*

The Chair presented a proposed letter of response to the Provincial Auditor Memorandum of Audit Observation for the year ended March 31, 2010, tabled with the Board of Internal Economy on November 3, 2010. The letter of response was approved unanimously.

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

That the Board meet in camera. Agreed.

The Board met in camera at 8:15 a.m.

The Board resumed meeting in open session at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 4 Decision Item: *The Dissolution Guidelines for MLA Expenses, Benefits and Services, 2011*

The Chair requested that Item 4 be moved to follow Item 9. Agreed.

ITEM 5 Decision Item: Request for Special Warrant Funding for the Legislative Assembly Service Restructure

A decision on this item was deferred to a later date.

ITEM 6 Decision Item: Request for Special Warrant Funding for the Children's Advocate

Mr. Morgan declared a conflict on the issue and asked to be excused from discussions on this item.

A decision on this item was deferred to a later date.

ITEM 7 Decision Item: Request for Special Warrant Funding for the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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

That for the 2011-12 fiscal year, a request for special warrant funding in the amount of \$100,000 be approved for Vote 055 - Information and Privacy Commissioner; and that this request for special warrant funding be transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

Minute #1790

ITEM 8 Decision Item: Supplementary Estimates – Directive #4.1 – Constituency Service Expenses

A decision on this item was deferred to a later date.

ITEM 9 Decision Item: Amendments to Directive #4.1 - Constituency Service Expenses, Directive #7.2 - Caucus Resources, and Directive #10.1 – Resources for the Office of an Independent Member

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

That, effective June 8, 2011,

- (1) Directive 4.1, *Constituency Service Expenses* be amended by adding the following new clause after clause (10):

“(10.1) No member shall claim an expense from this provision for any print or electronic media announcements or advertising in a newspaper; program; circular; magazine; or journal that is produced or published by an individual who or an entity that is controlled by or has a direct affiliation with a registered political party in Saskatchewan.”;

And,

- (2) That Directive #7.2 - *Caucus Resources*, clause (7) be amended by adding the following after (7)(d)(vi):

“(vii) print or electronic media announcements or advertising in a newspaper; program; circular; magazine; or journal that is produced or published by an individual who or an entity that is controlled by or has a direct affiliation with a registered political party in Saskatchewan.”;

And,

- (3) That Directive #10.1 – *Resources for the Office of an Independent Member*, clause (4) be amended by adding the following after (4)(d)(vi):

“(vii) print or electronic media announcements or advertising in a newspaper; program; circular; magazine; or journal that is produced or published by an individual who or an entity that is controlled by or has a direct affiliation with a registered political party in Saskatchewan.”

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

Minute #1791

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Decision Item: The Dissolution Guidelines for MLA Expenses, Benefits and Services, 2011

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

That, *The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan Dissolution Guidelines for MLA Expenses, Benefits, and Services, 2011* be approved with the following amendments:

1) Section 7.35 - Cellular Telephones and Mobile Devices

Members will have three options in regard to cell phones and mobile devices including internet air cards:

1. Members can lock them away and not use them during the dissolution period. Costs will be paid by the Legislative Assembly.
2. Members can use these devices during the dissolution period and pay all costs for the dissolution period.
3. Members may disconnect their mobile devices and transfer the number to a new device.

2) Section 7.42 – Advertising

Members must cancel billboard and park bench advertising for the dissolution period, and shall take reasonable steps to remove the advertising from billboards and park benches.

3) 7.10 MLA Expense Provisions – Level Playing Field

Members are encouraged to remove MLA from their email addresses.

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

Minute #1792

ITEM 10

Decision Item: Funding Request for the Chief Electoral Officer to Conduct Voter Enumeration outside the Election Writ Period

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

That, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, a request for supplementary estimates funding (statutory) in the amount of \$1.5 million be approved for Vote 034 - Chief Electoral Officer, to conduct voter enumeration outside of the election writ period;

And that the request for supplementary estimates funding be transmitted to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

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

Minute #1793

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

That the meeting be adjourned. Agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.