

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/12 BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 2:57 p.m.

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

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker, Chair

Ms. Doreen Eagles

Mr. Warren McCall

Hon. Don Morgan

Absent: Mr. David Forbes
 Hon. Jeremy Harrison
 Ms. Christine Tell

Staff

Ms. Allison Gartner, Acting Secretary to the Board

Officials in Attendance

Office of the Ombudsman

Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. David Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Ms. Sandra Arberry, Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Brent Nadon, Manager of Election Finances

Mr. Jeff Livingstone, Manager of Information Technology

Mr. Daniel Bogdan, Communications Consultant

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Ms. Pam Scott, Director of Operations

Ms. Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance

Ms. Kara Philips, Office/Database Manager

Office of the Children's Advocate

Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate

Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration

Legislative Assembly Service

Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel

Ms. Iris Lang, Principal Clerk

Ms. Lynn Jacobson, Executive Director, Member & Corporate Services

Ms. Linda Kaminski, Director of Member Services

Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer

Ms. Lenni Frohman, Director, Parliamentary Publications

Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian

Ms. Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian

Mr. Patrick Shaw, Sergeant-at-Arms

Ms. Lorraine deMontigny, Director of Visitor Services

AGENDA Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McCall, that the proposed Agenda #1/12 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1809

MINUTES Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McCall, that the Minutes of Meeting #6/11 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1810

ITEM 1 Table Item: Legislative Assembly 3rd Quarter Expenditure Report

The Chair tabled the report.

The Board met in camera at 8:35 a.m.

The Board resumed public meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Decision Item: Approval of Report

Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McCall:

That the 3rd Quarter Expenditure Report for fiscal year 2011-12 for Vote 021 - Legislative Assembly be approved.

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

Minute #1811

ITEM 2 Table Item: Response to the Audit Letter of September 16, 2011

The Chair tabled the letter dated February 7, 2012.

ITEM 3 Decision Item: Review of the 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

The budget, in the amount of \$145,000, was presented by Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman, and Ms. Lynn Jacobson, Executive Director of LAS Member & Corporate Services, on behalf of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

The Ombudsman and Ms. Jacobson answered questions put by Board members. The decision item was deferred.

ITEM 4 Decision Item: Review of 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman

The budget, in the amount of \$3,048,500 was presented by Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman answered questions put by Board members. The decision item was deferred.

ITEM 5 Decision Item: Review of the 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

The budget, in the amount of \$1,816,000 (version 1); \$1,933,000 (version 2) and \$2,471,000 (version 3) - (Statutory) was presented by Mr. David Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer.

The Acting Chief Electoral Officer and officials answered questions put by Board members. The decision item was deferred.

The Board recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

ITEM 6 Decision Item: Review of 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The budget, in the amount of \$1,298,000 was presented by Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner and officials answered questions put by Board members. The decision item was deferred.

ITEM 7 Decision Item: Review of 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Children's Advocate

The budget, in the amount of \$1,819,100 (version 1); \$2,089,000 (version 2) and \$1,944,000 (version 3) was presented by Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate.

The Children's Advocate answered questions put by Board members.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

A debate arising, Mr. Morgan requested that the Board meet in camera.

The Board met in camera at 12:40 a.m.

The Board resumed public meeting at 12:50 a.m.

The decision item was deferred.

ITEM 8 Decision Item: Review of the 2012-13 Budget for the Legislative Assembly

The budget, in the amount of \$26,173,000 was presented by Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and Ms. Lynn Jacobson, Executive Director of Member and Corporate Services.

The Clerk and officials answered questions put by Board members. The decision item was deferred.

The Board met in camera at 1:21 p.m.

The Board resumed public meeting at 2:35 p.m.

ITEM 3 Approval of the 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner
(cont'd)

Moved by Ms. Eagles seconded by Hon. Mr. Morgan:

That the 2012-13 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 #1812

**ITEM 4
(cont'd)**

Approval of the 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman

Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McCall:

That the 2012-13 Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman, be approved in the amount of \$3,075,000 as follows;

Budgetary to be voted: \$ 2,863,100

Statutory: \$ 211,900;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1813

**ITEM 5
(cont'd)**

Approval of the 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

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

That the 2012-13 Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer, be approved in the amount of \$2,471,000 (Statutory);

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1814

**ITEM 6
(cont'd)**

Approval of 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morgan:

That the 2012-13 Estimates for Vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner, be approved in the amount of \$1,065,000;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1815

ITEM 7 **Approval of 2012-13 Budget for the Office of the Children’s Advocate**
(cont’d)

Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McCall:

That the 2012-13 Estimates for Vote 076 – Office of the Children’s Advocate, be approved in the amount of \$1,944,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 1,738,000
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Statutory:	\$ 206,000;
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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 #1816

ITEM 8 **Approval of the 2012-13 Budget for the Legislative Assembly**
(cont’d)

(a) 1 Approval of the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund Projects

Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McCall:

That, for the 2012–13 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund projects be approved:

Private Members’ Office Furniture	\$ 187,500
Mailroom Security X-ray Scanner	\$ 60,000
Educational Program Development for Young Visitors	\$ 2,500

For a total amount of \$250,000;

And further,

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

Minute #1817

(a) 2 Approval of Additional Program Funding – Committee Facilities

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

That, for the 2012-13 fiscal year, the amount of \$350,000 be approved for the procurement of broadcast equipment and office furnishings for a second committee room and committee support office space on the fourth floor of the Legislative Building.

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1818

(b) Approval for Legislative Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates

Moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morgan:

That, the 2012-13 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$26,173,000, as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 8,948,000
Statutory:	\$17,005,000
Including capital acquisitions of	\$ 220,000;

And further,

That the 2012-13 estimated amortization expense for the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$114,000;

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 #1819

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

Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Eagles:

That the 2012-13 Revenue Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$4,200;

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1820

ITEM 9 Other Business

Discussion: Amendment to Directive #4.1 - *Constituency Service Expenses*

Approval of Amendment to Directive #4.1 – Constituency Service Expenses

Moved by Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McCall:

That Directive # 4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses* be amended by adding the following after clause 10(c):

“(d) Communication material that includes information or graphics related to a commercial or non-commercial organization and the organization’s logo or trademark. This provision applies to householder mailings, handbills, posters and billboards, but does not apply to congratulatory messages where the commercial or non-commercial organization’s logo or trademark is used with the express permission of the commercial or non-commercial organization.”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1821

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

The Honourable Dan D’Autremont
Speaker

Ms. Allison Gartner
Acting-Secretary to the Board