

MINUTES OF MEETING #2/15

BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

February 9th, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

Room 8, Legislative Building

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

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker, Chair

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff

Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Mr. Warren McCall

Hon. Nancy Heppner

Absent: Mr. David Forbes
 Ms. Doreen Eagles

Staff

Ms. Connie Magnusson, Acting Secretary to the Board

Officials in Attendance

Legislative Assembly Service

Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel

Mr. Brad Gurash, Director of Member Services

Ms. Iris Lang, Principle Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Director of Human Resources

Ms. Dawn Court, Director of Financial Services

Ms. Cindy Hingley, Senior Financial Analyst

Meeting called to order at 13:00

AGENDA Moved by Mr. Harrison, and seconded by Mr. McCall, that the proposed Agenda 2/15 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute#1984

MINUTES Moved by Mr. McCall, and seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff, that the minutes of meeting 1/15 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute#1985

ITEM 1 Decision Item: Revision of remuneration for Members of Legislative Assembly: (Directives 21, 17.2 and 19)

Moved by Mr. Harrison, and seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Directive #21 – *Annual Indemnity and Allowances* is amended by adding a new section (9) as follows:

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for fiscal year 2015-2016, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for annual indemnity and allowances as captured within this Directive shall remain consistent with 2014-2015 rates.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed. Minute #1986

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Directive 17.2 – *Committee Indemnity and Expenses* is amended by adding a new section (9) as follows:

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for fiscal year 2015-2016, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for per diem indemnity as captured within this Directive shall remain consistent with 2014-2015 rates.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed. Minute # 1987

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Directive # 19 – *Board of Internal Economy Indemnity and Expenses* is amended by renumbering section (6) as section (7); and by renumbering section (5.1) as section (6); and by adding a new section (8) as follows:

“(8) Notwithstanding Section (7) for fiscal year 2015-2016, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for per diem indemnity as captured within this Directive shall remain consistent with 2014-2015 rates.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute#1988

ITEM 2 Discussion Item: Constituency Assistants Salary: (Directive 6 (2))

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McCall;

That Directive 6 – *Constituency Assistant Expenses* is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of Section (2):

“On average in any fiscal year, Constituency Assistants remuneration shall not exceed \$2,884.62 bi-weekly (\$75,000 per annum) inclusive of bonus payments over the course of the fiscal year.”

And, that the amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1989

ITEM 3 Decision Item: Revision of remuneration for Constituency Assistants (Directive (6))

Moved by Mr. Harrison, Seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Directive (6) – *Constituency Assistant Expenses* is amended by adding a new section (10) as follows:

“(10) Notwithstanding Section (8), for fiscal year 2015-2016, the option to provide a lump sum bonus payment to a constituency assistant is suspended.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute #1990

ITEM 4 Decision Item: MLA Travel outside of Canada and Continental US. (Directive 3.1)

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff;

That Directive 3.1 – *MLA Travel and Living Expenses*, is amended by adding a new clause (g) to section (4) as follows:

“(g) Obtain pre-approval, in writing, from the Speaker for travel outside of Canada and the Continental United States. A Member must submit a written request to the Speaker’s office that includes all relevant details of the travel request (e.g. purpose of travel, dates, related documentation and estimated costs.)”

And, that this amendment shall take effect immediately.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute #1991

ITEM 5 **Decision Item:** Revision of Caucus resource grants
(Directive 7.2 and Directive 11)

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Directive 7.2 – *Caucus Resources* is amended by adding a new section (9) as follows:

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for fiscal year 2015-2016, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for Caucus funding as captured within this Directive shall remain consistent with the 2014-2015 rates.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1992

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff;

That Directive 11 – *Grant to the Office of the Leader of the Opposition* is amended by adding a new section (3) as follows;

“(3) Notwithstanding Section (2), for fiscal year 2015-2016, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for grant funding as captured within this Directive shall remain consistent with 2014-2015 rates.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute #1993

ITEM 6 **Decision Items:** Reconsideration of budgets of the Legislative Assembly and the Officers of the Legislative Assembly

1) Advocate for Children and Youth: Minute # 1973

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Minute # 1973, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 - Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth - be approved in the amount of \$2,554,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$2,328,000
Statutory:	\$226,000

And further,

That such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair

The question being put, it was agreed. Minute #1994

2) Office of the Ombudsman: Minute # 1974

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff;

That Minute # 1974, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman- be approved in the amount of \$3,429,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$3,203,000
Statutory:	\$226,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed. Minute # 1995

3) Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner: Minute # 1976

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff;

That Minute # 1976, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner - be approved in the amount of \$1,469,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$1,469,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed. Minute # 1996

4) Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner: Minute # 1977

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Minute # 1977, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner - be approved in the amount of \$171,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$171,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 1997

5) Office of the Lobbyist Registrar: Minute # 1978

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Minute # 1978, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 - Office of the Lobbyist Registrar and Establishment of the Lobbyist Registrar - be approved in the amount of \$418,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$418,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1998

6) Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Minute # 1980

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Minute # 1980, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer - be approved in the amount of \$16,509,000 as follows:

Statutory: \$16,509,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 1999

7) Legislative Assembly: Minute # 1982

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Heppner;

That Minute # 1982, adopted on January 22, 2015, is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

That the 2015-2016 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021- Legislative Assembly - be approved in the amount of \$26,637,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$9,639,000

Statutory: \$16,998,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 2000

Moved by Ms. Heppner that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 13:32

