

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/16

BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

January 26, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.

Room 8, Legislative Building

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

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker, Chair
Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff
Ms. Doreen Eagles
Mr. Warren McCall
Mr. David Forbes
Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Absent: Hon. Jim Reiter

Staff

Ms. Sheila Sterling, Secretary to the Board

Officials in Attendance

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists

Mr. Ron Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner- Registrar of Lobbyists
Ms. Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyists

Office of the Ombudsman

Ms. Mary McFadyen Ombudsman
Ms. Andrea Smandych, Manager of Corporate Services

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer
Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer
Mr. Jeff Kress, Deputy CEO for Operations

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner
Ms. Pam Scott, Director of Operations
Ms. Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance

Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth

Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate
Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration

Mr. Dan Harder, Human Resource and Admin. Consultant

Legislative Assembly Service

Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian
Ms. Lynn Jacobson, Executive Director of Member & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Gurash, Director of Member Services
Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Mike Halayka, Director of Financial Services
Mr. Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Lenni Frohman, Director of Parliamentary Publications
Ms. Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian
Ms. Lorraine deMontigny, Director of Visitor Services
Ms. Joelle Perras, Senior Communications Analyst
Ms. Cindy Hingley, Senior Financial Analyst
Mr. Maurice Riou, Acting Sergeant At Arms

Meeting called to order at 12:30

AGENDA Moved by Mr. McCall, and seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the proposed Agenda 1/16 be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute#2033

MINUTES Moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff, and seconded by Mr. McCall, that the minutes of meeting 6/15 be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute#2034

ITEM 1 **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Legislative Assembly Service third quarter financial forecast for the Year 2015-2016.

Moved by Ms. Eagles, and seconded by Mr. McCall;
That the third quarter report on progress for the fiscal year 2015-2016 for the Legislative Assembly Service be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2035

ITEM 2 **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar first, second and third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as of December 31, 2015.

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

That the first second and third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016 up to December 31st, 2015 – for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 2036

ITEM 3 **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Advocate for Children and Youth third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Moved by Mr. McCall, and seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff;

That the third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year – 2015-2016 for the Advocate for Children and Youth, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 2037

ITEM 4 **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Elections Saskatchewan third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Moved by Ms. Eagles, and seconded by Mr. McCall;

That the third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year – 2015-2016 for the Elections Saskatchewan, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2038

ITEM 5 **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Ombudsman Saskatchewan third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

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

That the third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year – 2015-2016 for the Ombudsman Saskatchewan, be approved.

The question being put it was agreed.

Minute # 2039

ITEM 6: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2016-2017 Budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

The budget in the amount of \$15,068,000 was presented to the Board of Internal Economy by Mr. Boda Chief Electoral Officer. The Chief Electoral Officer and staff members, Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Mr. Jeff Kress, Deputy CEO for Operations assisted in answering questions being put by the Board.

The decision was deferred.

ITEM 7: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2016-17 Budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

The budget in the amount of \$2,378, 000 Budgetary and \$230,000 in statutory funding was presented by Mr. Bob Pringle, Advocate for Children and Youth. The Advocate for Children and Youth and staff members Ms. Bernie Rodier, Director of Administration, and Mr. Dan Harder, Human Resource and Admin. Consultant, answered questions being put by the BOIE members.

The decision was deferred.

ITEM 8: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2016-17 Budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The budget in the amount of \$1,636,000 was presented by Mr. Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner and staff members Ms. Pam Scott, Director of Operations and Ms. Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance, answered questions put by the BOIE members.

The decision was deferred.

ITEM 9(a) **Decision Item:** Office of the Ombudsman, amendment to Estimates Display Mandate Statement.

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

That the mandate statement for the Ombudsman (Vote 56) that is displayed in the Main Estimates document be amended to read as follows:

Ombudsman – Vote 56

The Ombudsman, an Independent Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, helps to ensure that provincial and municipal governments are accountable and fair when they provide services to the public. As Public Interest

Disclosure Commissioner, the Ombudsman also helps to ensure the provincial government provides a workplace where wrongdoings can be safely raised and appropriately addressed.

Ombudsman (OM 01)

The Ombudsman Act, 2012, gives the Ombudsman the authority to investigate or informally address complaints of unfairness in provincial and municipal government actions. *The Public Interest Disclosure Act* appoints the Ombudsman as the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, with the authority to provide advice to and investigate disclosures from public servants with allegations of wrongdoings or reprisal within their provincial government institutions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2040

ITEM 9(b) **Decision Item:** Review of the 2016-17 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman.

The budget in the amount of \$3,912, 000 was presented by Ms. McFadyen. The Ombudsman and staff member Ms. Andrea Smandych, Manager of Corporate Services answered questions put by the BOIE.

The decision was deferred.

ITEM 10: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2016-17 budget and motion to approve statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Office of the Lobbyist Registrar.

The budget in the amount of \$708,176 was presented by Mr. Ron Barclay Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner and staff member Ms. Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyists answered questions being put by the BOIE.

The decision was deferred.

ITEM 11: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2016-17 budget for the Legislative Assembly.

The budget in the amount of \$29,261,000 was presented by Mr. Greg Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. The Clerk and various officials answered questions put by the BOIE.

The decision was deferred.

ITEM 12: Discussion Item: Security Update

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

That the board meet in camera with the LAS Security Officials in attendance.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

The Board met in camera from 16:00 until 19:00.

Item 6:cont: Approval of 2016-17 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

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

That the 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$15,068,000 as follows:

Statutory \$15,068,000 and further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2041

Item 7: cont. Approval of the 2016-17 Budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

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

That the 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for vote 076, - Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$2,606,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted 2,378,000,

Statutory \$228,000 and further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute #2042

Item 8: cont. Approval of the 2016-17 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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

That the 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 055, Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$1,561,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be \$1,333,000

Statutory \$228,000 and further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2043

Item 9(b): cont. Approval of the 2016-17 Budget for the Ombudsman

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

That the 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056, Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$3,914,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted, \$3,686, 000

Statutory \$228,000 and further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2044

Item 10: cont. Approval of the 2016-17 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar

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

That the 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists be approved in the amount of \$702,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted, \$702,000 and further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2045

Item 11:cont. Approval of the 2016-17 Budget for the Legislative Assembly

- a) In consideration of the Refurbishment and Asset fund estimates it was moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McCall;

That, for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund project be approved:

Legislative Assembly Security Renewal, \$250,000

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2046

- b) In consideration of the Assembly Budgetary and Revenue Estimates for the Legislative Assembly, it was moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff, seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021, Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$9,755,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$9,755,000; and,

That the 2016-2017 Revenue Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$4,200 as follows:

Revenue to be voted: \$4,200 and further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2047

A decision on the Assembly Statutory Expenditure estimates was deferred.

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

The Board adjourned at 19:10