

# **MINUTES OF MEETING #2/16**

## **BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

**April 19, 2016- 12:30 p.m.**

**Room 8, Legislative Building**

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

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker, Chair

Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff

Hon. Jim Reiter

Mr. Warren McCall

Mr. David Forbes

**Absent:**

**Staff**

Ms. Sheila Sterling, Secretary to the Board

**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 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

Ms. Janis Patrick, Manager of Member Payments

Meeting called to order at 13:45

**AGENDA**     Moved by Mr. Reiter, and seconded by Mr. McCall, that the proposed Agenda for Meeting 2/16 be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute#2048

**MINUTES**     Moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff, and seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the minutes of meeting 1/16 be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute#2049

**ITEM 1      Table and Decision Item: Approval of the Information and Privacy Commissioners third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016.**

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

That the third quarter financial forecast for the fiscal year 2015-2016 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2050

**ITEM 2      Table Item: Letter from the Chief Electoral Officer in regards to the Lloydminster by Election.**

The Chair tabled the Letter from the Chief Electoral Officer.

**ITEM 3      Decision Item: Resume consideration of the Statutory Expenditure Estimates for the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.**

**3(a)** Moved by Mr. Harrison, and seconded by Mr. McCall;

That Directive #3.1 – MLA Travel and Living Expenses be amended by adding a new clause 23 as follows:

“(23) The maximum annual accountable expense provision as calculated in sub clause (18) and (19) shall be reduced by \$6,000 per annum for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.”

The question being put, it was agreed. Minute # 2051

**3(b)** Moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That Directive #3.1 – MLA Travel and Living Expenses be amended by deleting Clause 15, 16 and Clause 17 (a) (b) (c) substituting the following:

“(15) If a Member travels between his or her constituency and Regina by means of a commercial scheduled airline, the Member shall be reimbursed or have direct payment made on the Member’s behalf for the actual cost of the air trip; the Member’s travel expense provision shall be reduced by this amount.”

“(16) During periods when the Assembly is sitting any Member living 350 kilometers or more from Regina may travel by executive aircraft between Regina and his or her home in the constituency. The actual cost of the trip shall be

charged to the Member's travel expense provision. A Member's spouse may accompany the Member on any of these air trips in accordance with Executive Air standby policy. In the event there is a charge for travel by the spouse, the cost of the airfare for the spouse will be borne by the member."

"(17) Notwithstanding Clause (16), any Member is entitled to claim the cost charged by Executive Air for each air trip taken on Executive Aircraft at any time during the fiscal year; and that Member's travel expense provision shall be reduced by the actual amount of that air trip.

An air trip:

- (a) must be a flight authorized by a Member of the Executive Council who is travelling on executive government business;
- (b) may only be undertaken by a Member if the air trip was scheduled prior to the Member requesting the trip; and
- (c) may be used by a Member, who is a Member of Executive Council, if that air trip was a previously scheduled air trip, if the Member of Executive Council mentioned in this Clause did not authorize the air trip and is travelling on MLA business and not executive business."

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2052

**3(c)** Moved by Mr. Reiter, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That Directive #4.1 – Constituency Service Expenses be amended by adding new Clauses 25 and 26 as follows;

"(25) Clause (4) shall not be applied in the fiscal year 2016-2017 and the term amount specified shall be decreased to a maximum of \$7,500 for the duration of the 28th Legislature."

"(26) Notwithstanding Clause (24) the amount specified in Clause (2) shall be \$54, 252 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year."

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2053

**3(d)** Moved by Mr. Harrison, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the Statutory 2016-17 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$18,756,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2054

**ITEM 4      Decision Item: Recruitment of Advocate for Children and Youth.**

Moved by Mr. Harrison, that the Board move in camera at 13:59. The Board met in camera from at 13:59 to 14:14.

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

That a national open competition be conducted by the Board of Internal Economy (Board) for the recruitment of an Advocate for Children and Youth as follows:

1. That the Board authorize the budgeted amount of \$30,000 for a national open competition; and,
2. That a subcommittee of the Board to be chaired by the Speaker and consisting of a Government Member of the Board, Mr. Cheveldayoff, and an Opposition Member of the Board, Mr. Forbes, be established as the selection panel for the competition; and,
3. That the Legislative Assembly Service be requested to provide Human Resource assistance to the selection panel for the competition; and,
4. That the subcommittee may identify a member of the public with subject matter expertise to provide assistance to the selection panel for the competition; and,
5. That the recruitment process be concluded by September 30, 2016 so that the Board is able to recommend a candidate for appointment as Advocate for Children and Youth to the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2055

Moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff, that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 14:15