

# **MINUTES OF MEETING #6/16 BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.**

**Room 8, Legislative Building**

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

Hon. Corey Tochor, Speaker, Chair  
Hon. Dustin Duncan  
Hon. Paul Merriman  
Ms. Laura Ross  
Mr. Warren McCall  
Mr. David Forbes

**Absent:**       Hon. Jeremy Harrison

**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 Electoral 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. Corey O'Soup, 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. Lorraine deMontigny, Director of Visitor Services  
Ms. Joelle Perras, Senior Communications Analyst  
Ms. Cindy Hingley, Senior Financial Analyst  
Ms. Kathy Burianyk, Senior Committee Clerk  
Mr. Terry Quinn, Sergeant At Arms

Meeting called to order at 12:32

**AGENDA** Moved by Ms. Ross, and seconded by Mr. Merriman, that the proposed Agenda 6/16 be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute# 2084

**MINUTES** Moved by Mr. McCall, and seconded by Mr. Duncan, that the minutes of meeting 5/15 be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute# 2085

**ITEM 1** **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Legislative Assembly Service Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Year 2016-2017.

Moved by Ms. Ross, and seconded by Mr. Forbes;

That the Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Legislative Assembly Service the year 2016-2017, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2086

**ITEM 2** **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar Second Quarter Financial forecast for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

That the Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar for the year 2016-2017, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 2087

**ITEM 3**      **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Advocate for Children and Youth Second Quarter Financial forecast for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Moved by Ms. Ross, and seconded by Mr. Merriman;

That the Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth for the year 2016-2017, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed.

Minute # 2088

**ITEM 4**      **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Elections Saskatchewan Second Quarter Financial forecast for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Moved by Mr. Duncan, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

That the Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Elections Saskatchewan for the year 2016-2017, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2089

**ITEM 5**      **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Ombudsman Saskatchewan First and Second Quarter Financial forecast for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Moved by Ms. Ross, seconded by Mr. Merriman;

That the First and Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Office of the Ombudsman for the year 2016-2017 be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2090

**ITEM 6:**      **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Saskatchewan Second Quarter Financial forecast for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

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

That the Second Quarter Financial forecast for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for the year 2016-2017, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2091

**ITEM 7:**     **Table and Decision Item:** Approval of the Legislative Assembly Service Mid-Year Report on Progress for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Moved by Ms. Ross and seconded by Mr. Merriman;

That the Mid- Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, for the Legislative Assembly Service, be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #2092

**ITEM 8:**     **Decision Item:** Review of the 2017-2018 Budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The budget in the amount of \$ 4,242,000 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 put by the BOIE members.

The decision was deferred.

**ITEM 9:**     **Decision Item:** Review of the 2017-18 Budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman.

The budget in the amount of \$3,981,000 was presented by Ms. McFadyen, Ombudsman. 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 2017-18 Budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The budget in the amount of \$1,679,000 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 11:**     **Decision Item:** Review of the 2017-18 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 \$2,684 000 was presented by Mr. Corey O'Soup, 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 put by the BOIE members.

The decision was deferred.

*The board recessed from 14:28 – 15:14*

**ITEM 12:**     **Decision Item:** Review of the 2017-18 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 \$539,000 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 put by the BOIE members.

The decision was deferred.

**ITEM 13:**     **Decision Item:** Review of the 2017-18 Budget for the Legislative Assembly.

- a) Decision to approve Expenditure from the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement fund for projects.
- b) (1) Decision to approve Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimates

The budget in the amount of \$27,934,000 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 13(b) (2) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

That Directive 6- *Constituency Assistant Expenses* be amended by adding new sections (10) and (11) as follows:

“(10) Notwithstanding Section (8), the option to provide a lump sum bonus payment to a constituency assistant is suspended until March 31, 2018.”

“(11) The authority for a Member to approve an increase in the hourly rate of pay for a constituency assistant is suspended until March 31, 2018.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on December 06, 2016.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2093

**ITEM 13 (b) (3) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

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

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for the fiscal year 2017-2018, 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 unchanged.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2017 and shall lapse on March 31, 2018 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2094

**ITEM 13 (b) (4) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

That Directive 10.1 – *Resources for the Office of an Independent Member* be amended by adding a new section (9) as follows:

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for fiscal year 2017-2018, 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 unchanged.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2017 and shall lapse on March 31, 2018 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2095

**ITEM 13 (b) (5) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

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

“(3) Notwithstanding Section (2), for the fiscal year 2017-2018, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for the grant funding as captured within this Directive shall remain unchanged.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2017 and shall lapse on March 31, 2018 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy

The question being put, it was agreed to

Minute # 2096

**ITEM 13 (b) (6) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Mr. Duncan;

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

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for fiscal year 2017-2018, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates per diem indemnity as captured within this Directive shall remain unchanged.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2017, and shall lapse on March 31, 2018 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2097

**ITEM 13 (b) (7) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

That Directive 19 – *Board of Internal Economy Indemnity and Expenses* be amended by adding a new section (8) as follows:

“(8) Notwithstanding Section (7) for the fiscal year 2017-2018, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates per diem indemnity as captured within this Directive shall remain unchanged.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2017 and shall lapse on March 31, 2018 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2098

**ITEM 13 (b) (8) Decision Item:**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

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

“(9) Notwithstanding Section (8), for the fiscal year 2017-2018, 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 unchanged.”

And, that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2017 and shall lapse on March 31, 2018 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2099



**ITEM 14: Discussion and Decision Item: “Special Request – Exception to Members’ Capital Asset and Disposal Policy.”**

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Ross;

That notwithstanding the provision of Directive 2.1 Telecommunications and Related Expenses, and upon request, the Board authorizes the widow of the late Member for Saskatoon Meewasin to purchase her husband’s cell phone in accordance with the requirements of the Members’ Capital Asset and Disposal Policy, and further;

That this order is made in deep sympathy to the unique circumstance of the sudden passing of the Member and the wish of Mrs. Parent to retain the phone, and accordingly, shall not be considered a precedent applicable to any other circumstance.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute 2100

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

The question being out, it was agreed to.

The Board adjourned at 16:33