MINUTES OF MEETING 6/13 BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Room 8 Thursday July 04, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker, Chair Hon. June Draude Ms. Doreen Eagles Mr. David Forbes Hon. Nancy Heppner Absent: Hon. Jeremy Harrison Ms. Cathy Sproule Staff Ms. Sheila Sterling, Secretary to the Board **Ombudsman's Office** Ms. Janet Mirwaldt Meeting called to order at 15:05 AGENDA Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the proposed Agenda 6/13 be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to. **Minute # 1870** Minutes Moved by Hon. June Draude, seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the Minutes from meeting #5/13 be adopted. **Minute # 1871** The question being put, it was agreed to.

ITEM 1 Discussion Item: Resignation of Ombudsman Mr. Kevin Fenwick

Moved by Hon. June Draude and seconded by Mr. Forbes,

That the Board of Internal Economy acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Q.C., as the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner of Saskatchewan, and express its gratitude for his service to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 1872

Mr. Chairman introduced Ms. Janet Mirwaldt from the Ombudsman's office.

Moved by Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the board move in camera. The board moved in camera at 15:14. The board came out of camera at 15:28

ITEM 2 Discussion and Decision Item: Appoint Acting Ombudsman

Moved by Ms. Eagles, and seconded by Mr. Forbes,

That Ms. Janet Mirwaldt be appointed the Acting Ombudsman for Saskatchewan pursuant to section 6 of *The Ombudsman Act, 2012*, at a rate of remuneration commensurate with section 7 of the said Act, and that the appointment is made effective July1, 2013.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 1873

ITEM 3 <u>Discussion and Decision Item</u>: Appoint Acting Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

Moved by Hon. Nancy Heppner and seconded by Mr. Forbes,

That the Acting Ombudsman, Ms. Janet Mirwaldt, be appointed the Acting Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner for Saskatchewan pursuant to section 31 of *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*, with no remuneration and the appointment is made effective July1st, 2013; and further,

That in accordance with the appointment of the Acting Ombudsman to serve as the acting public interest discloser, the Office of the Ombudsman shall continue to serve as the office of the commissioner pursuant to an order of the Assembly dated May 3rd, 2013

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 1874

ITEM 4 Decision Item: Appoint subcommittee to conduct national open competition for the recruitment of an Ombudsman

Moved by Hon. June Draude and seconded by Mr. Forbes,

That a national open competition be conducted by the Board of Internal Economy for the recruitment of an ombudsman.

That the Board approve the request for \$25,000.00 for a national open competition; and

That a subcommittee of the board be chaired by the Speaker and consisting of a government member of the board, Mr. Jeremy Harrison, and an opposition member of the board, Mr. David Forbes, be established as the selection panel for the competition; and

That the Legislative Assembly Service provide human resource assistance to the selection panel for the competition; and

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 That the recruitment process for the position be concluded so that the Legislative Assembly is able to consider the appointment of an ombudsman by April the 1st, 2014.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute #1875

Moved by Hon. June Draude and seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the board move in camera. The board moved in camera at 15:38. The board moved out of camera at 16:05.

Moved by Hon. Heppner and seconded by Mr. Forbes, that the meeting be adjourned at 16:06

The Honourable Dan D'Autremont Speaker

Sheila Sterling Secretary to the Board