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Bob Bjornerud, Deputy Chair
Melville-Saltcoats

Denis Allchurch
Rosthern-Shellbrook

Sandra Morin
Regina Walsh Acres

Kim Trew
Regina Coronation Park

Hon. Mark Wartman
Regina Qu'Appelle Valley

Randy Weekes
Biggar

The committee met at 09:00.

Ms. Woods: — All right we'll call the meeting to order. As you know the two items on the agenda today will be the election of the Chair and the Deputy Chair, and we'll just proceed right to that.

The first item then is are there any nominations for the position of Chair?

Mr. Bjornerud: — I nominate Ron Harper.

Ms. Woods: — All right. Any further nominations? And I have a motion here then from Mr. Bjornerud nominating Ron Harper to be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Ms. Woods: — That's agreed. I'll invite Mr. Harper to come and take the Chair.

The Chair: — Well thank you, colleagues. The next order of business is the nomination or the election of the Deputy Chair, so the floor is now open for nominations for a Deputy Chair. Mr. Trew.

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It gives me pleasure to nominate Bob Bjornerud, the MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) for Melville-Saltcoats, to be elected as the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Trew. Any further nominations? Not seeing any, we'll move the nominations closed. Mr. Bjornerud, you are the Deputy Chair of the committee. Congratulations.

The next order of business would be the adoption of a third motion for the purpose of appointing a steering committee of our standing committee here. So could we have somebody move that motion?

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Chairman, a point of information. We need a steering committee of how many?

The Chair: — The steering committee will consist of two people.

Mr. Trew: — Two? Then, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Chair and the Vice-Chair . . . or Deputy Chair, be the steering committee.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Trew. We have an official motion that we believe should be read into the record for posterity.

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Chair, I move:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and a priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of Ron Harper and

Bob Bjornerud;

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

I so move.

The Chair: — The committee has heard the motion. All in agreement? Carried.

Ms. Woods: — I'll just say a few final remarks. There will be an orientation for all the policy field committees next week. That will take place either Wednesday or Thursday; we're still finalizing the date. But at that time they will go through some of the standard procedures and practices that will take place in the policy field committees with regards to reviewing the estimates of various departments and the consideration of Bills.

At that time we'll also be distributing binders for each of the committees and that will contain some reference material for you in terms of overall committee practices, as well as give you a place to store the minutes, the *Hansard*, and so on, for each of the respective committees. But, as I said, that'll take place next week and there'll be a notice going out for that.

I guess the only other thing is that, with regard to future meetings, that will be at the discretion of the Chair and the Deputy Chair and, in terms of the agenda, we'll leave it to those two to finalize that and advise you accordingly.

The Chair: — I guess that wraps up the business for the meeting at this point in time, so I'll entertain a motion of adjournment — Mark Wartman.

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — I move that we adjourn.

The Chair: — The committee now stands adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 09:09.

