

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE  
Monday, April 27, 2009**

**MINUTE NO. 18  
3:00 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Delbert Kirsch in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Greg Brkich, Deb Higgins, Warren Michelson\*, John Nilson\*, Jocelyn Schriemer and Trent Wotherspoon.

**Substituting Members**

Warren Michelson for Michael Chisholm

John Nilson for Deb Higgins (for consideration of Bill No. 68)

**Other Members**

Buckley Belanger

2. The following document was tabled:

**IAJ 6/26 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs:** Responses to questions raised at the March 9, 2009 meeting re: use of Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP) funding.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 61 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2008.

The following Municipal Affairs Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Hutchinson, Minister

Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development

Sharon Cooper, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst

4. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 34, they were agreed to.
5. During consideration of clause 35, it was moved by Mr. Brkich:

**Clause 35 of the printed Bill**

Strike out subsections 160.04(3) and (4) of *The Local Government Election Act*, as being enacted by Clause 35 of the printed Bill, and substitute the following:

“(3) Except in the case of an annual election held in the last year of a councillor’s term of office, no councillor or person who has been declared elected to a future term of office as councillor pursuant to section 160.16, 160.23 or 160.24 is eligible for nomination or election as reeve unless he or she has, before filing his or her nomination paper, filed his or her resignation as councillor with the administrator.

“(4) A resignation filed pursuant to subsection (3) takes effect:

(a) in the case of an annual election, at the first meeting of the council following the annual election; or

(b) in the case of an election other than an annual election, immediately”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 35 as amended, it was agreed to.

6. The questions being put on clauses 36 to 61, they were agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the committee report Bill No. 61 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2008 – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee recessed from 3:40 p.m. until 3:44 p.m.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act.

The following Municipal Affairs Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Hutchinson, Minister  
Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister  
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development  
Elissa Aitken, Director, Policy and Legislation  
Kyle Toffan, Director, Grants Administration  
Chris Gunningham, Manager, Strategic Initiatives

10. The question being put on clause 1, it was agreed to.

11. During consideration of clause 2, it was moved by Mr. Brkich:

**Clause 2 of the printed Bill**

Amend Clause 2 of the printed Bill by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:

“(d) “**municipality**” means a municipality as defined in *The Municipalities Act*, a city as defined in *The Cities Act* or a northern municipality as defined in *The Northern Municipalities Act* and includes the City of Lloydminster and the City of Flin Flon, Manitoba with respect to the boundary area as defined in *The Flin Flon Extension of Boundaries Act, 1952*.”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2 as amended, it was agreed to.

12. The questions being put on clauses 3 to 12, they were agreed to.

13. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That the committee report Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee recessed from 4:20 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

15. The committee considered Bill No. 68 – The Arts Professions Act / projet de loi n° 68 – Loi sur les professions artistiques.

The following Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister

Van Isman, Deputy Minister

Susan Hetu, Executive Director, Cultural Policy Branch

Justine Gilbert, Creative Industry Analyst

16. The committee recessed from 8:43 p.m. until 8:53 p.m.

17. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 68 – The Arts Professions Act / projet de loi n° 68 – Loi sur les professions artistiques.

18. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 12, they were agreed to.

19. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That the committee report Bill No. 68 – The Arts Professions Act / projet de loi n° 68 – Loi sur les professions artistiques – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

20. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee adjourned at 9:12 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Iris Lang  
Committee Clerk

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Delbert Kirsch  
Committee Chair