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Saskatoon Eastview

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Ms. Laura Ross
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Ms. Joceline Schriemer
Saskatoon Sutherland

Ms. Nadine Wilson
Saskatchewan Rivers

Mr. Trent Wotherspoon
Regina Rosemont

[The committee met at 08:30.]

Ms. Woods: — All right, I'll call the meeting to order. First of all welcome everyone to the first meeting of the Private Bills Committee. The first item before us today will be the election of the Chair. You have been provided with a copy of the agenda and once we've elected the Chair I'll turn the meeting over to that individual and then we'll carry on with the agenda.

So without further ado I'll invite individuals to nominate someone for the position of Chair. Yes.

Ms. Wilson: — I'd like to nominate Denis Allchurch as Chair.

Ms. Woods: — Are there any further nominations? All right, well nominations will cease then. And then I will invite Ms. Wilson just to fill out the motion paper and then just pass it back down to me and we'll put the question to the committee as a whole.

All right. The question before the committee then is:

That Denis Allchurch be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Are there any questions or anyone wishing to comment? No. All right, I'll put the question. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried and I'll invite Mr. Allchurch to come up and take the position at the head of the table.

The Chair: — Well thank you for putting your trust in me as your Chair. I will do my best. Okay. The first, I guess, order of business is to elect a Vice-Chair. And I'll open the floor for members to nominate somebody from the . . .

Mr. Wotherspoon: — I would like to nominate Ms. Judy Junor as Vice-Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you. Is there any more nominations? If not, then I will close nominations. Okay, and I will put the question:

That Ms. Judy Junor be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Is that all in favour? Agreed. Congratulations, Judy.

Okay. The next item of business is to establish a steering committee. Is there a member here willing to move the motion?

Ms. Wilson: —

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and the Deputy Chair; 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 steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be permitted on the steering committee.

The Chair: — Moved by Nadine Wilson:

That the steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of the business of subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and Deputy Chair; 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 steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be permitted on a steering committee.

All in favour? Carried.

And the next item of business is authorization of broadcast of committee proceedings. Moved by Judy Junor:

That pursuant to rule 133(2) the committee authorize a broadcast of its public proceedings.

And that's all. Is that all in favour? Agreed.

The next item of business is the consideration of a petition for a private Bill, petition 901. And I will allow Meta to walk us through that.

Ms. Woods: — Earlier this morning we handed out to you a report that looks like this, and that basically is a report on the application that was received from the Caronport schools organization. At this point of the proceedings on the private Bill, what we're looking at then is the application to see that it is complete and that it is conformed with the rules. You're not looking at the terms or the content of the Bill per se. So what this report today simply does is indicate whether they are in compliance. The rules that are applicable are rule 91, which is the filing deadlines, and in this case that rule was fully complied with.

The second requirement is rule 92, which is the payment of the required filing fees, and we did receive that as well.

The final requirement is the publication of the notice of petition. This is the advertising requirement that provides notice to those outside of the private organization that they intend to go forward with this petition for a private Bill. As you'll note, they have complied with the rule. The rule requires that the notice of the petition be advertised in two issues of *The Saskatchewan Gazette*, and those two dates are noted there as June 15 and 22, 2007. They're also required to advertise in a local publication in the vicinity where the private petitioners are located, and in this case the nearest publication would be the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*. And in that case they're required to advertise the notice in four consecutive issues, and they've got those dates listed there as well in June 2007.

So the end result of this report on petition 901 is that they have fully complied with the rules and it's my recommendation that the Bill, or the petition for the private Bill, be allowed to proceed.

The Chair: — Thank you, Meta. I'll invite a member to accept

the Clerk's report as accepted.

Ms. Ross: — I'll make that motion.

The Chair: — I'll put the question. All in favour? Carried.

Ms. Woods: — The next item of business before the committee you'll see on the agenda is the consideration of the committee's first report to the Assembly. That's the mechanism for the committee communicating with the Assembly what it has decided this morning.

Earlier this morning as well you were provided with the draft first report, and basically it just contained what we've decided this morning.

The Chair: — I'll invite a member to accept the motion that the first report on the Standing Committee on Private Bills be adopted and presented to the Assembly. Judy, or Ms. Junor, I should say.

Motion that Judy Junor:

That the first report on the Standing Committee on Private Bills be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

All in favour? Carried.

Okay. I believe that's all the business that we have present today. It's a short meeting, which is good. I'm sure we've got other meetings to go to. So I'll invite the member to adjourn or move motion to adjourn. Trent.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Chair, I move the motion to adjourn.

The Chair: — Thank you. The committee is adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 08:43.]