

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL
December 14th, 1999

MINUTE NO. 1
11:30 a.m. – Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Kowalsky in the Chair and Members Addley, Bakken, Bjornerud, Eagles, Higgins and Wartman
2. The Clerk to the Committee presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Bjornerud nominated Mr. Kowalsky for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Addley:

That nominations for the position of Chair close.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. It was then moved by Mr. Wartman:

That Myron Kowalsky be elected to preside as Chair of the Special Committee on Tobacco Control.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and Mr. Kowalsky took the Chair.

3. The Chair of the Committee presided over the election of a Vice-Chair. Mr. Bjornerud nominated Ms. Eagles for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ms Higgins:

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair close.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. It was then moved by Mr. Bjornerud:

That Doreen Eagles be elected to preside as Vice-Chair of the Special Committee on Tobacco Control

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. The Committee considered its Order of Reference from the Legislative Assembly, dated December 9th, 1999. A discussion ensued on the advisability of appointing a steering committee to make preliminary arrangements in order to expedite plans for a public hearing process. It was moved by Mr. Wartman:

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That a sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure (Steering Committee), comprising the Chair and Vice-Chair, be appointed to make recommendations to the Committee on the following matters:

- a) how the Committee should proceed to study its order of reference;
- b) selection of a committee researcher and any other assistance as might be necessary;
- c) time and locations of hearings;
- d) witnesses;
- e) a committee budget;
- f) quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony;

And further, that the sub-committee shall meet as directed by the Committee or at the call of the Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 5. The Committee agreed that its sub-committee should make its first priority the recruitment of a Committee research officer. The Chair advised the Committee that the process would be initiated the week of December 20th, 1999.
- 6. The Committee took note of a request from the Minister of Health, Government of Canada, to appear at a hearing during the second week of January 2000, to outline federal initiatives on the subject of tobacco control. It was agreed that the Committee would attempt to accommodate the request and requested that its Clerk pursue the matter with the appropriate officials.
- 7. It was moved by Mr. Bjornerud:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 8. The Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

Myron Kowalsky
Committee Chair