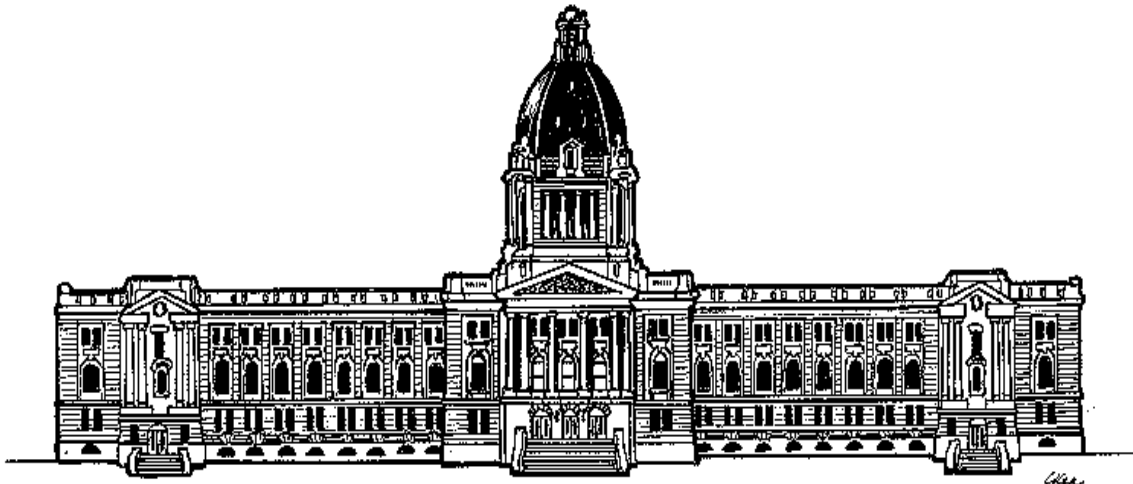




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[The committee met at 11:01.]

Ms. Burianyk: — Good morning, committee members. Since this is the first meeting of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety, the first item of business is the election of the Chair. So it's my duty as Committee Clerk to preside over the election of the Chair. I'd just like to remind the members of the process.

I'll first ask for nominations and if there are no further nominations, I'll then ask a member to move that motion to have a committee member preside as Chair.

So I'll now call for nominations for the position of committee Chair. Mr. Parent.

Mr. Parent: — I'd like to nominate Darryl Hickie.

Ms. Burianyk: — Okay. Any further nominations? Okay, seeing none, would somebody like to move the motion:

That Mr. Hickie be elected to preside as Chair of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.

Mr. Parent.

Mr. Parent: — I'd like to make a motion:

That Darryl Hickie be elected to preside as Chair of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.

Ms. Burianyk: — All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Ms. Burianyk: — Opposed? Okay, that motion is carried. So I'd like to have the Chair take a seat. Thank you.

The Chair: — Welcome everybody to the first official meeting of the all-party Traffic Safety Committee. The first item of business will be to elect a Deputy Chair. I just want to remind members of the process. I will first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as Deputy Chair.

I will now call for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair. Mr. Vermette.

Mr. Vermette: — Danielle Chartier.

The Chair: — Mr. Vermette has nominated Ms. Chartier to the position of Deputy Chair. Are there any other further nominations? Seeing none, I would like to invite one of the members to move that motion.

Mr. Vermette: — I move:

That Danielle Chartier be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.

The Chair: — It has been moved by Mr. Vermette:

That Ms. Chartier be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.

All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — All those opposed? Seeing none, the motion's carried.

Next on our agenda is the establishment of the steering committee. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

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 Deputy Chair. And further, that the steering committee shall meet from 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 Special Committee on Traffic Safety be permitted on the steering committee.

I recognize Mr. Parent.

Mr. Parent: — I'd like to make a motion:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for the 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 the members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety be permitted on the steering committee.

The Chair: — Mr. Parent has moved the motion. Do the members approve of the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Opposed? Seeing none, the motion's carried.

Before we adjourn I want to make a brief statement to the members here. I'm very pleased to be the Chair, but I'm also equally as pleased that the Deputy Chair is who we've appointed, who brings a wealth of knowledge from a background in law enforcement with her father and her brother.

We also have a very good cross-section of members from all parts of the province — urban and rural alike — and that I believe, as an all-party committee should, that we will have opportunities to have very heated discussions at times about issues as we get presented by stakeholders.

We come to this with a set of ideals and maybe some presupposed ideas where we wanted to see the committee go for traffic safety. We are all going to be working together for a very

lengthy time, and I think that it's going to be healthy to have robust discussions. We may not always agree, but at the end of the day we have to take in consideration that as we move recommendations forward to the minister and to cabinet that these will become public knowledge, in the library forever, and that we're going to do what's right. I believe, looking at the membership comprised today, that we will make sure that the recommendations are going to be there as a benchmark for overall traffic safety moving forward.

I want to thank Mr. Cox, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Steinley, Mr. Parent, Mr. Vermette, and Ms. Chartier for taking on this responsibility along with myself, to make a change. And hopefully, at some point in time, see the fatality rate reduced in this province from various factors such as impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, intersection safety issues, and wildlife.

So on that note . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . I'm just going to read the order of reference that was given to the committee to work with here so we know where our marching orders . . .

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That a Special Committee on Traffic Safety be appointed in accordance with Rule 150(1) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan* to conduct an inquiry on matters related to:

Improving traffic safety and reducing fatalities by examining the dominant factors that cause traffic collisions in the province: impaired driving, distracted driving, excessive speed, intersection safety, and wildlife collisions, as well as education and public awareness issues related to traffic safety; and,

That the said committee shall hold public hearings to receive representations from interested individuals and groups and report its recommendations to the Assembly by August 30, 2013; and further,

That Members Hickie, Wilson, Cox, Parent, Steinley, Chartier, and Vermette be appointed to the said committee.

Thank you so much for that.

So since there is no other business, I will ask a member to move a motion for adjournment. Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Wilson: — I so move.

The Chair: — Ms. Wilson so moves. The meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 11:08.]