

Title: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 Legislative Offices Committee

Date: 06/08/30

Time: 5:45 p.m.

[Mrs. Tarchuk in the chair]

The Chair: Good evening, everyone. I would like to call this meeting to order. I wonder, before we get started, if we could go around the table and just introduce ourselves for the record.

[The following members introduced themselves: Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Lougheed, Mr. Magnus, Mr. Marz, Mr. Mitzel, Mr. Strang, and Mrs. Tarchuk]

Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

The Chair: Great. Thank you.

I'll just mention that the meeting packages were delivered to your Leg. offices on Monday, August 28. You have the agenda in front of you. I wonder if someone could move that we adopt the agenda as circulated.

Mr. Strang: I'll so move, Madam Chair.

The Chair: Thank you. Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

In your packages you have two sets of minutes. I wonder if someone could move that the minutes of May 9, 2006, meeting be adopted.

Mr. Mitzel: So move.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

As well, we have the minutes of June 22, 2006. If someone could move that we adopt those minutes.

Mr. Marz: I move.

The Chair: Richard. Any discussion? All those in favour? Okay. That motion is carried.

Okay. As you are aware, after our presentation by the salary review consultant at the June 22 meeting the committee had some questions and were requesting further information, so a letter, which you have in your packages, did go forward to him from me, saying what it is that we would like him to continue some work with. I'd like to remind the members that the information contained in the draft report is confidential and that the comparative information received from other jurisdictions may have been obtained with a qualification that the information be held in confidence. Of course, any decisions that the committee does make following the review of the report will be on record.

I wonder if I could have a motion that we move in camera. Richard. Any discussion? All those in favour? That motion is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 5:47 p.m. to 6:47 p.m.]

The Chair: Ivan, you have a motion.

Mr. Strang: Madam Chairman, I move that the annual salary of the Auditor General be increased by an additional \$27,932 effective April 1, 2006.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

Mr. Lougheed: I'd like to move that the annual salary of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be increased by an annual \$12,929 effective April 1, 2006.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

Mr. Mitzel: I'd like to move that the annual salary of the Ombudsman be increased by an additional \$14,620 effective April 1, 2006.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

Mr. Flaherty: I move that the annual salary of the Ethics Commissioner be increased by an additional \$9,692 effective April 1, '06.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

Mr. Marz: I move that the Chief Electoral Officer's salary stay the same as it is because he was just hired under that salary range earlier this year.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

Under tab 5 we have a letter from the Ethics Commissioner, which is here for information and consideration. I'll be responding to him in writing.

The date of the next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

I wonder if we could have a motion to adjourn. Richard. All those in favour? That motion is carried.

Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.]

