

8:35 a.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 1994

[Chairman: Mr. Hierath]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay; I think maybe we'll call the meeting to order. I think that everyone has introduced themselves to each other. I would like to have approval of the agenda.

MR. BRASSARD: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favour? Carried.

The mandate of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee under tab 3 - I think maybe what I'll do is ask *Hansard* to read that into the *Hansard* records at a later date. We have it written down. It just gives the motion for forming a select special committee. That was already done by the Legislature, but we'll give it to *Hansard*. So it's ready for that.

Be it resolved that

- (1) A select special Chief Electoral Officer search committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following members, namely Mr. Hierath, chairman, Mr. Brassard, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Doerksen, Dr. Massey, and Mr. Sohal, for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable for appointment to that position.
- (2) The chairman and members of the committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of category A committees provided in the Members' Services Committee Allowances Order c. M-2 of the revised Members' Services Committee orders.
- (3) Reasonable disbursements by the committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid subject to the approval of the chairman.
- (4) In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee may with the concurrence of the head of the department utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or of the staff employed by the Assembly.
- (5) The committee may without leave of the Assembly sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
- (6) When its work has been completed, the committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each member of the Assembly.

I would also like to appoint Harry Sohal as the deputy chairman of this committee. We don't need a motion on that, or do we, Elizabeth? Pardon me; I guess it's not up to me to appoint the deputy chairman. I would like someone to make a motion that Harry Sohal be . . .

MR. DOERKSEN: I so move.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Now, item 5 is the recruitment procedure, and under item 5(a) is the use of private consulting firms. That is under tab 5A of your binder. If we want to talk about any of the consulting firms that are on these pages, perhaps we should go in camera for that.

So what are the wishes of the committee? Maybe I could just explain. Elizabeth Hurley, executive search manager, is stretched to the maximum as far as the work that she did for us. Maybe I should let you present that. Do you want me to kind of tell the committee what you had told me, Elizabeth, or do you want to just kind of go over that?

MRS. HURLEY: Sure, I can go into detail.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay; sure. Go ahead.

MRS. HURLEY: Essentially because of the heavy workload that's currently in my office, I'm not going to be able to provide support to the committee in the screening and the assessment of candidates for this particular competition. That will mean that the committee will have to take a look at hiring a consultant to handle that aspect. However, I am prepared to assist the committee in some of the up-front work and, if the committee so wishes, the selection of the consultant and the supervision of that consultant throughout the entire process. Some of the up-front work would be the preparation of an advertisement finalizing the profiles, arranging for the advertising, and so on.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Elizabeth.

Diane had prepared a list of some of the consulting firms that the government has used in the past and some that other people have used. So maybe we will now go in camera and have a discussion with regards to how and which consulting firms we may want to engage and so on. I need a motion in order to do that.

MR. BRASSARD: Can I ask a question before we do that? I have a brother who is a full partner in Ernst & Young. If that was to be discussed, I would have to absent myself from the discussion, so I think that should be on the record before we go into camera. I would follow that up by moving that we do go in camera to discuss this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

[The committee met in camera from 8:41 a.m. to 9 a.m.]

MR. DICKSON: I was going to make a specific motion if that's appropriate, Mr. Chairman. My motion would be that one government member and one opposition member work specifically with you, Mr. Chairman, and with Elizabeth Hurley to identify and recommend to this committee a consultant to undertake the work that can't be done by our current resources.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Is there any discussion on that motion? All those in favour? Carried.

Would you perhaps like me to just ask a couple of members to . . .

MR. DICKSON: Do you want to do it?

DR. MASSEY: Go ahead. It was your idea.

MR. DICKSON: Well, I'll volunteer, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How about Roy and . . .

MR. BRASSARD: Could I decline this because of a possible conflict?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Harry, would you like to? Harry and I and Gary will work on that.

Okay. Under tab 5B is a tentative search process. It outlines the time restraints that we're under here. If there are any questions on that, any discussion at all . . . You can see that we are attempting to have someone start in the new position by the 1st of August if possible, so that just gives you an idea of where we're at on the time calendar with regards to this search committee.

MRS. HURLEY: Just a comment. This is tentative. This is based on, you know, the consultant interviewing 20 candidates for the initial interviews. It could change if, for example, the committee selects 40 for a preliminary interview, or of course it could be much quicker if there are fewer candidates as well.

MR. BRASSARD: It appears fairly realistic though.

MRS. HURLEY: I think so.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. The next one is tab C, the terms of reference. This is only, you know, kind of information for – one of the things here in terms of position profile or position is that we made a motion at our last officer's committee on downsizing the budget for the Chief Electoral Officer. If you recall, we cut \$4.2 million, I think, out of the Chief Electoral Officer's budget for the remuneration the second year after an election. When we did that, some of the discussion was that this job may turn into a lesser job or maybe a part-time job or something like that in the future. Now, we have a little bit of a problem in that we are advertising for – we're doing a position profile here for a Chief Electoral Officer based on the old budget. We need to change the Act, hopefully in the fall session. In the eyes of the search committee, does this change the profile of the position?

MR. DICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I don't think it changes it at all. All we decided to do was to attempt to reduce the number of enumerations, particularly the enumeration immediately after, in the year immediately following a general election. All of the other responsibilities are still there, and I don't see any reason why we would change the job description on that account. Always, from time to time – the Legislature is sovereign; it may change bits and pieces of the statute. But I think all of the key things when I looked through the document at tab C – I mean, this is true now and I suspect will be as true a year from now as it was when it was first written.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Good. Well, I just wanted to bring that up so that all the search committee members were clear that there may be some ramifications down the road to some of the things that we had done back in February when we were doing our budget cuts and so on.

MR. BRASSARD: I would like to speak further to that issue, perhaps under item 7, if I may.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sure. Okay.

MR. BRASSARD: But I agree with Gary. There's nothing in here that has changed significantly the direction we expect the electoral officer to go.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Is there any other discussion on the position profile?

MR. DICKSON: Just one question. I mean, I'm looking at three different documents. There's the terms of reference, which is pretty straightforward. Then there are two draft documents, and

each one is about six to seven pages long. Now, I haven't gone through it word for word. Are there some major changes? If there are, I wonder if they could be flagged for us to save time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll let Diane start and explain that a little.

MRS. SHUMYLA: Elizabeth and I met with Mr. Ledgerwood last week in order to update the position and person profile for the Chief Electoral Officer. What we've done is we've included a copy of how it was in 1985. The draft on top is with the new changes, and Elizabeth has them highlighted. There are some significant changes that I think the committee should see.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, Elizabeth.

MRS. HURLEY: Okay. Under section 1, purpose, on that first bullet we've added the following: "provincial elections, enumerations and plebiscites." That wasn't part of the previous profile. It makes sense that under the Election Act it should include enumerations and plebiscites.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh bullets are all new, and they're based on the information that Mr. Ledgerwood provided to us.

- Provide training and issue to electoral officers information and guidance necessary to effectively meet their [duties];
- Enforce on all of the electoral officers the need for fairness and impartiality in the conduct of their duties;
- Prepare recommendations for Order-in-Council;

I guess that's specifically in relation to the appointment of returning officers.

- Draft amendments to the Election Act;
- Prepare . . . a report [following] . . . each general election, by-election and plebiscite.

In the second paragraph, the fourth bullet down, "register political parties," previously was eight; it's now 10.

The constituency associations. We've indicated the current number, which is 240. It was previously 300. It will likely grow again to 300, but at present it's 240.

We've added the last two bullets on page one: drafting amendments to that particular Act and again reporting on the activities of the . . .

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MR. CHAIRMAN: If I could interrupt you for a minute, why was "draft amendments to the Election Act" in this profile and not in the previous profile?

MRS. HURLEY: I'm not sure. It was an omission.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: Just an oversight, probably.

MRS. HURLEY: Yeah.

On page 2, what we've added is the Senatorial Selection Act and the Constitutional Referendum Act, which applied to the Chief Electoral Officer and weren't part of the profile last time. So we've added those two paragraphs, just a brief description of what they are. Under Relationship to the Legislative Assembly, what has been added is on the third line, following Election Act:

and through the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in matters related to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

That has been added. That was not part of the previous profile, and Mr. Ledgerwood felt that that was also an oversight in the last competition.

MR. DICKSON: I'd like to say something that would be really helpful, I guess, in future documents. It's easy to do with most

computer programs now: to highlight in the revised version where the changes are. It just makes the thing go a little faster. Can I make that observation?

MRS. HURLEY: Yes, I agree. Had we had more time – we unfortunately met late on Friday. But, yes, certainly we'll try to do that.

MRS. SHUMYLA: We had discussed that.

MRS. HURLEY: Yes.

Where you see "overseeing," that used to be "supervise," so it's "this committee was established . . . and has responsibility for overseeing." We also added the Ethics Commissioner, which wasn't part of the previous profile because it didn't exist at the time.

The last statement on that page, the last sentence, has been added:

The Chief Electoral Officer prepares an annual report on his activities under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The Speaker is responsible for tabling this report with the Legislative Assembly.

On page 3, under A we've just included the Senatorial Selection Act and Constitutional Referendum Act, and under the first point added "enumerations, referendums and plebiscites." The first bullet is new; it's obtaining the actual budget to manage the requirements under the Act. The third bullet is new, and it discusses the training that's required for all of the returning officers. Then at the bottom we've added "enumerations, referendums and plebiscites" as well.

The second point is new; it's preparing the report. This is a draft, so I apologize for the pencilled in "by-election" on the bottom there.

In terms of page 3, actually there should be a deletion, and it's: by initiating the investigation and study of existing practices and procedures.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is page 4, actually; right?

MRS. HURLEY: I'm sorry. Page 4, point 3.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: That one should be eliminated.

MR. DOERKSEN: It's not in ours.

MRS. HURLEY: Oh, okay. It's been whited out on yours. The way we've changed it is by eliminating a statement that really didn't add anything to that, and I can read it. It just followed: by initiating the investigation and study of existing practices and procedures.

Again, under part B, number I, to the first bullet, "developing and obtaining approval for sufficient funds to meet the requirements of this Act," we've just added "maintaining and upgrading the forms, guides, brochures and procedures . . ." That's also been added.

There were no other changes on that page.

Page 5, additional responsibilities. What we've included are, "The Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for," and those first three bullets. They just refer to the general management of the office, developing budgets and maintaining office procedures.

On page 6 we've just updated section 5 to include the current operating budget, and we've added that during elections and enumerations the budget increases to approximately \$9 million.

Page 7. Under section A(2) we've added the last statement, that the Alberta office will be responsible for hosting the 1996 Conference of Canadian Election Officials and Election Finance Officers.

I've just expanded on point 3 that the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws actually is broader than was stated previously. I think it just talked to ethics, but it's more than that. It's governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, and law and regulations. So that's just what I'm saying there.

Page 8. We've just amended the date. "The Chief Electoral Officer will be required to manage a provincial election prior to June 26, 1998."

Under The Person we've added that knowledge of computer systems is also an element for the individual. We've updated the organization chart to reflect the way it currently is.

Those were all of the changes that were made. And yes, I apologize for not having it highlighted for you.

Thanks.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any comments from committee members? This is a general – well, it's not that general – profile that we will make available to applicants or anyone asking for it during this process of hiring a new electoral officer.

MR. BRASSARD: I move that we adopt that draft.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Okay. Now we'll move to tab D, which is the advertising part of this process. We see that the first page is the advertisement that was run in 1985. Something on that in general terms? Any discussion on that? I would imagine that in general terms the salary, dependent on qualifications and experience, would probably be acceptable to this committee. Is that so?

MR. DOERKSEN: Well, except if their qualifications and experience dictate that they are eligible for more money. We can't pay them more money than what the range of the position dictates.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I mean, we're leaving the door completely open, Victor, on this ad; right?

MR. DOERKSEN: Sure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So do we need a motion? No, we don't really; do we?

MRS. KAMUCHIK: You'd have to change, I believe, some of the ad to also include the Senatorial Selection Act, which isn't here, changes like that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, okay. The body of the . . .

MR. DICKSON: Mr. Chairman, is this the sort of thing – we're going to hire a consultant to assist us in doing this thing. I mean, there may be some further suggestions in terms of the form of the ad. I don't know whether this is sort of the best group to sort of try and write an advertisement, by committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right. What we did in the past in the other search committee was Elizabeth and I went over it, drafted up a new advertisement, and I approved it. We don't have to spend much time on it.

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MRS. KAMUCHIK: In order to meet those dates as well to get the final ad copy in – I think it needs to be in by April 26 – the time lines are critical here.

MR. BRASSARD: Yeah, we're running pretty tight.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Okay. So if it's the committee's wish, Elizabeth and I will work on . . .

MR. BRASSARD: Update that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: Could I speak?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, Louise, and then Gary.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: I was going to say, do you also want to include the name of the committee members, like they did in the old ad?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. DICKSON: I guess my only thought is this. I mean, the point's been made and I understand about moving on this quickly. I just also think that if we're going to hire a consultant and we want this person to accept some major responsibility for getting the best person possible – I would expect that they may well say, "Well, look, you bonehead, you missed something in the ad that you should have said," or "You're going to get too narrow a response or too broad a response."

MR. CHAIRMAN: So what you're saying, Gary, is that you think the consultant should do the advertising. Is that what you're saying?

MR. DICKSON: At least be involved in the whole thing, and that way you can look to them to take a major portion of the responsibility when we get to the end in terms of choosing the best possible candidate.

MR. BRASSARD: We're already past the middle of this month, and if we're going to get on with this – I think there's an opportunity to fast track this whole system. An ad, I think, should be fairly standard. We know what we want. We've got experience in it, and I would say . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The ad itself is not the big subject here. The big subject is: do we want them to handle the advertising or not?

MR. BRASSARD: I would say no, just for expediency more than anything else. I think we need to get on with it. We know pretty well what we want. We've had ample guidelines in front of us. I'm certain there's enough flexibility built into an ad that we won't constrict a consultant in any way with our ad certainly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. But then still the bigger question: are we, Elizabeth Hurley and this committee, going to pay for and directly advertise, or are the consultants going to be part of the package? That's the question that I'm posing to the committee right now.

MR. DOERKSEN: Okay. Mr. Chairman, for clarification for myself then: if we do the advertising, does that mean all of the applications come to the chairman for referral to the consultant?

MR. CHAIRMAN: To the consultant.

MR. DOERKSEN: So all they are going to do is screen the candidates from the ad and do the interviews.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right. Is that what we want, or do we want . . .

MR. DOERKSEN: Yeah, and no advertising. The other way to do it is for them to do all the advertising first. I just want to make sure I'm clear.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah. That's the debate that I would like to initiate now.

MR. DICKSON: One observation is that my experience has been that sometimes if you fragment a major chore like this, you end up creating more problems down the road, because you've got, you know, confusion, sometimes conflict over who has what responsibility. I guess it just seemed to me that if we can't do it through the office that helped in the Auditor General thing and if we're sort of to some extent on our own anyway, it just makes some sense to integrate it. You go to somebody and say: "Look; we've got a tight time line. We need this ad done. We're going to do this, this, and this." Give that search outfit the responsibility to simply present us with a shortlist of candidates and keep us posted as the process gets to that point. I just see some potential problems if we're running around and doing this and they're doing that. Sometimes it doesn't always integrate real well. Partly I say that because I don't know the consultant. Maybe there are people here who have had experience with consultants who are happy to simply come in and do the screening process and we maintain responsibility for the advertising and some of the other things, but I'm uncomfortable with that process, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, you know we just went through the search for an Auditor General. I have a tendency to agree with you, Gary, if we're going to turn it over to and hire a consulting firm. We know fairly well what kind of responses we got with the advertising that we did across Canada with regards to the Auditor General. I'm sure that the committee members who were on that search committee know about what we should be talking about when we're talking to a consulting firm. So I have a tendency to agree with you, Gary, on that point.

DR. MASSEY: I'd just ask: the understanding was that Elizabeth would oversee the work of the firm?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No.

MRS. HURLEY: It's up to the committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, this is a committee thing. We will use Elizabeth's expertise in hiring, and that was what the three committee members were going to do. Once we're hiring, Elizabeth is out of the game.

DR. MASSEY: Well, all I was going to ask was: if an ad is written, surely someone from the committee or Elizabeth – someone – is going to have to look at the ad to make sure that it is what we want.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sure.

DR. MASSEY: You will do that, and Elizabeth will do that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: And Diane. I mean, Diane is our staff person.

So I guess maybe at this point if the committee thinks that we should go the same advertising route that we went with the Auditor General, then we will proceed to the next item of business. If we think that the consultant should handle the advertising, then we – the committee of Gary Dickson, Harry, and I – will come back with a package recommendation to this committee, including the advertising. That's up to the committee.

MR. BRASSARD: I guess I would just have to comment that if we are going to stay within your guidelines, then your committee is going to have to act fairly quickly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

I would think that we need a motion to encompass all that. We need a motion that advertising will be included as part of the responsibility of the consulting firm.

MR. BRASSARD: I so move.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any discussion on that motion from Roy? Victor?

MR. DOERKSEN: Should we add to the motion that the chairman of this committee or this other group will oversee the preparation of the ad, the amount of money they are allowed to spend, and which papers the ads go in.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will get that from the consulting firm and bring it back to this table.

MR. DOERKSEN: Okay.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: The committee still should have control over everything that the consultant does, because the committee is ultimately responsible.

MR. DOERKSEN: Okay. Roy, add that into your motion somehow.

MR. BRASSARD: I understood that it would be part of the package that would be brought back for our consideration.

MR. DOERKSEN: Okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion on that motion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Now, we'll move to item 6, which is the budget that Diane and Elizabeth drew up for this committee.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: Could you go back, if you don't mind? On the advertising, do you plan to advertise nationally or just provincially?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The consulting firm that we recommend to this committee is going to be part of that package. Well, maybe Gary and Harry and I should get some direction from the committee in that regard. Is that what you're suggesting, Louise?

MRS. KAMUCHIK: Right. The cost will of course be rather higher.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Under tab E do you want to give some direction to Harry and Gary and I?

DR. MASSEY: I understood that was part of the task. That was the motion that we passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, that's what I thought it was too.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: But actually in the past the committee itself decided whether or not the advertising would be done nationally in all the daily newspapers across Canada. The Auditor General Search Committee, I believe, was in-province only.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It would be a good idea to get some direction from this committee whether we want to focus mainly in Alberta. Gary and then Victor.

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MR. DICKSON: This tends to go around a little bit in a circle, but it seems to me that I'd want somebody who's in the business of doing this all the time to tell me. I doubt that there's a pool of people in Alberta with the kind of expertise and experience to walk in and fill Pat Ledgerwood's shoes. Now, maybe there is, but it seems a bit presumptive for me to be voting in terms of whether we try and find somebody within Alberta or whether we go to B.C. or whatever.

I would simply suggest that we make the specific recommendation, after we've done some investigation on this, to the full panel, and say, "This is what's been recommended by the people we've talked to." Maybe it's three provinces, maybe it's 10, and maybe it's one. I just don't know. It seems to me that that's what we're paying big bucks for, to get somebody who's supposed to be in the business of advising us on exactly that kind of thing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But that's the one variable, Gary, that could drive the cost right up through the ceiling awfully quickly. You know, the *Globe and Mail* thing and so on. I agree with you to some extent.

MR. DOERKSEN: Mr. Chairman, I will take issue with one comment that Mr. Dickson raised. I think that in Alberta we have as many talented people as anywhere else in this country, and I don't think we need to look outside the province necessarily.

In that respect the direction that I would give to the smaller committee is that we have to keep our advertising budget to a reasonable amount, and I would not advocate going national in all kinds of papers. If you decide to go with a national advertisement, pick one paper that reaches everybody. I think the focus should be with Alberta people.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Louise.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: I was just going to say that I did a quick calculation yesterday when I saw the prices here. If you leave in the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, where most professionals would probably look if they're planning a career change, and you take out the *Victoria Times*, the *Vancouver Sun*, et cetera, you'd save over \$10,000. I could say that when the budget for the Legislative Assembly was presented, this committee did not exist, and we can't go back and get a special warrant. We have to find the funds to fund the committee to operate out of the existing committee envelope, and it's already pretty tight. So the more money you can save, the better it is for us.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sure. So is it the committee's wish to leave it up to Gary and Harry and I?

HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. DICKSON: Can I just remind everyone, Mr. Chairman, that I think the motion was to come back here. I mean, we're not signing any contracts. If you don't like the recommendation the panel comes up with, I mean, this bigger committee still has the plenary responsibility or opportunity to reject it and do something different.

MR. BRASSARD: May I ask one further question? We advertised for the Auditor General. Did that come out of the current budget or the previous budget?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Last year's budget.

MR. BRASSARD: Last year's; okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll move on to item 6 now, the budget estimates.

Do you want to say something about this, Diane?

MRS. SHUMYLA: I was just going to comment that you may want to approve it, but we would have the budget more accurate when we know how much we'll spend on consulting and advertising.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

DR. MASSEY: That makes sense.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you need a motion of approval of this budget, or is this just reference?

MRS. SHUMYLA: You could either approve it, or as far as I know, we could wait until we have better figures.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: I recommend waiting until you know more exactly. The two biggest costs are the advertising and the professional, and it would be a big influence.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

Okay; the next item is item 7. Did you have something on this item?

MR. BRASSARD: Yes, I do. At the last meeting, Mr. Chairman, we struck a subcommittee to review the enumeration frequency in the province, and I initiated some information gathering and haven't met further on that due to the structure of the committee being called into question. So I would just like to revisit that issue. I have gathered some information and distributed it to the members who were appointed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Roy, that is the Legislative Offices Committee that you would report that to.

MR. BRASSARD: Oh, I'm sorry; right. I'm sorry about that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Hopefully we'll have the meeting with the Legislative Offices as soon as the session is over.

MR. BRASSARD: Okay.

MR. DOERKSEN: That'll be August.

MRS. KAMUCHIK: September, and a new one starts in October.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there any other business? Now we'll have to try to get out our day-timers and see if we can't find another meeting.

MR. DICKSON: My suggestion is that we arrange a meeting next week, perhaps even in a week's time. I think that given advertising constraints – and that sort of holds the feet to the fire of those of us on that little subgroup.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. DICKSON: It seems to me that next week we should be in a position to accept or reject or modify the recommendation and then get going immediately.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Let's see if we can't strike a date for next week.

DR. MASSEY: A week today?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That would be fine with me.

DR. MASSEY: Same time, same place?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Same time, same place. Oh, great. That was way too easy.

MRS. SHUMYLA: I'm not sure about the location.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, well, the location isn't the big problem. We'll meet anyplace if we get everybody here.

So 8:30 on Tuesday, April 26. Good.

Then I will ask for a motion to adjourn. Don?

DR. MASSEY: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favour? Carried.

[The committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m.]