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[Mr. Mitzel in the chair]

The Chair: Good morning, everyone. It's 8:30. I'd like to welcome everyone, and I'd like to call the meeting of the Ombudsman Search Committee to order. I trust that everyone has a copy of the meeting agenda and other meeting materials, which were either posted on the committee website or delivered to your offices last week.

I'd ask that we introduce ourselves for the record before we start with our agenda. I'm Len Mitzel, Cypress-Medicine Hat, and I chair this committee.

Mr. Lund: Ty Lund, Rocky Mountain House.

Mr. Lindsay: Fred Lindsay, Stony Plain.

Mr. Marz: Richard Marz, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

Mr. Hinman: Paul Hinman, Calgary-Glenmore.

Mr. Rogers: George Rogers, Leduc-Beaumont-Devon.

Ms Blakeman: Laurie Blakeman, and I'd like to welcome each and every one of you. Thank you so much for coming this Friday morning, and I want to welcome you to my fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre, from which I know you all want to flee as fast as possible. Welcome anyway.

Ms Easton: Jean Easton, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

The Chair: Thank you.

You have before you the agenda as well. Would someone move adoption of the agenda?

Mr. Lindsay: I'll move, Mr. Chairman.

The Chair: Moved by Mr. Lindsay. All in favour? Opposed? That's carried.

You also have the minutes of our last meeting. Could a member move adoption of these?

Mr. Rogers: I can do that.

The Chair: Mr. Rogers. Any errors, omissions on those minutes? Seeing none, all in favour of adoption? Opposed? That's carried.

We're here to review the applications received and to determine the candidacy for a preliminary interview. Today we will be reviewing the applications received with the view of shortlisting the candidates for a preliminary interview. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, we'll continue our discussions in camera. So if a member could please make a motion to that effect. Mr. Lindsay. All in favour? Opposed? That's carried.

[The committee met in camera from 8:32 a.m. to 10 a.m.]

The Chair: Any other items or business for discussion?

The next item, number 7, is future meeting dates. Friday, April 29, from 8:30 in the morning until 10:30 is already scheduled for the review of the preliminary interview reports. Maybe we could look at some additional dates, as we originally discussed during the review of the timeline document.

Mr. Rogers: Mr. Chairman, for the record I can't be here on the 29th.

The Chair: That date was set.

Mr. Rogers: Yes. I've got a commitment that's a year old, so I can't be here on the 29th. I realize you'll have to carry on without me.

The Chair: For the record Ms Notley is here, has been here for most of the meeting since we went in camera, as has Mr. Quest as well.

These dates: the approved timeline document suggests scheduling interviews for one to two days during the week of May 16 or 23 or 30. Depending, of course, on how many candidates we choose for interviewing, we could look at scheduling interviews for a Thursday evening and a full day for the following Friday.

Ms Notley: Which day are you looking at?

The Chair: Well, that week of May 16 it would be Thursday, May 19, and Friday, May 20. So it would be Thursday evening, May 19, and Friday, May 20; May 26 evening and May 27 all day; or June 2 evening and Friday, June 3, all day.

Mr. Lindsay: So it would be one of the three?

The Chair: One of the three, I would suggest.

Mr. Marz: The May dates would be best for me.

Mr. Hinman: I was going to say that if it's going to be May, I would prefer the 26th, 27th or the 19th, 20th.

The Chair: Comments? George, you had a comment?

Mr. Rogers: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, if it's doable, I would attempt to participate by teleconference on the 29th of April. I will be outside of the country. I don't know how doable that is, but I would certainly be willing to entertain that if it's doable.

Mrs. Sawchuk: It can work. We can do it.

The Chair: Yeah. The clerk says that we could probably make that work.

Mr. Rogers: Okay. We'll talk about the details.

The Chair: So let's get back to the other meetings. A suggestion has been made that May 26, the evening, and May 27 would be appropriate dates. Does that work for everyone?

Mr. Lund: The evening of the 26th?

The Chair: The evening of the 26th and all day the 27th. It's quite important, when we review these, that we certainly try to attend the interviews.

Mr. Marz: It's far enough ahead that if we get something, we can probably reschedule.

The Chair: If something happens, I'll certainly poll the committee to see about a change if we have to, but I think we'd better set something now.

Mr. Hinman: So are we doing it on the 29th also and then this? I'm not sure I'm following.

The Chair: Yes. April 29 we will be going through the preliminaries. That's all set. Now we're looking at May 26 and Friday, May 27, for the interviews themselves.

Mr. Rogers: I have an event on the night of the 26th, but the 27th works. Again, I may have to cancel that. I'm supposed to be a presenter at an awards function.

The Chair: Well, it's your call on this one.

Mr. Rogers: Okay.

The Chair: We know how important this is as well.

Mr. Rogers: Okay, I will make the arrangements.

The Chair: If that's fine, it'll be Thursday, May 26, in the evening, and Friday, May 27, for the interviews. The amount of time required is determined by how many we actually interview in the end. We'll know after the April 29 meeting how many there'll be.

There might be an adjustment with regard to those two dates. Those are the ones we've set.

Mr. Rogers: Mr. Chairman, the evening: what time? I'm sorry.

The Chair: Well, we're in session until 4:30, but I would suggest probably right after dinner. We've got a month and a half to work on this, and it depends on how many people we interview as well.

Mr. Marz: We could have our first one at 5:30 if we had a lunch.

The Chair: We have enough time ahead to work on that. Let's wait until we get through the 29th. Set the dates now, hold them, and let's wait until we get through April 29, and we can set the schedule for the interviews themselves.

Is there anything else? Motion to adjourn? Moved by Mr. Lindsay. All in favour? Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 10:06 a.m.]

