



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 38

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building

- October 6, 2016 (1st Session – 41st Legislature)
- April 3, 2017 (2nd Session – 41st Legislature)

Matters under Consideration

- Recommendation for the appointment of the Children's Advocate

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the October 6, 2016 meeting:

- Mrs. GUILLEMARD
- Ms. FONTAINE
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. REYES
- Mr. SMITH
- Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected Mrs. GUILLEMARD as the Chairperson at the October 6, 2016 meeting.

Committee Membership for the April 3, 2017 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. FIELDING
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. FONTAINE

- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTIN
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. SMITH
- Mr. SWAN
- Mr. WIEBE
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Motions agreed to at the October 6, 2016 Standing Committee meeting:

- *THAT a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs be struck to manage the process of hiring a new Children's Advocate for the Province of Manitoba, under the terms and conditions as follows:*

(a) the subcommittee consist of four Government Members, two Official Opposition Members and one Independent Member;

(b) the subcommittee have the authority to call their own meetings, the ability to meet in camera, and be able to undertake duties it deems necessary in order to fulfil its responsibilities in the hiring process;

(c) the subcommittee may only report back to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs with a recommendation that has been agreed to by all members; and

(d) the Committees Branch staff as well as the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services staff be authorize to attend all meetings of the subcommittee.

Motions agreed to at the April 3, 2017 Standing Committee meeting:

- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs now meet in camera.*
- *THAT the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be received. (in camera)*
- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommends to the President of Executive Council that Daphne Penrose be appointed as the Children's Advocate. (in camera)*

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

At the April 3, 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, the Sub-Committee presented the following report.

Meetings:

Your Sub-Committee met on the following occasions:

- December 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building
- December 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building
- January 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building

- February 2, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building
- February 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 302 – 386 Broadway (Legislative Assembly Human Resources Services Office)
- March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building

Matters under Consideration:

- Recruitment and Selection of the Children’s Advocate

Sub-Committee Membership:

Sub-Committee Membership for the December 14, 2016 meeting:

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. SMITH

Your Sub-Committee elected Mrs. GUILLEMARD as the Chairperson and Mr. MARTIN as the Vice-Chairperson during the meeting on December 14, 2016.

Sub-Committee Membership for the December 21, 2016 meeting:

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. SMITH

Sub-Committee Membership for the January 19, 2017 meeting:

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. SMITH

Sub-Committee Membership for the February 2, 2017 meeting:

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. LATHLIN

- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. SMITH

Sub-Committee Membership for the February 27, 2017 meeting:

- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Sub-Committee Membership for the March 6, 2017 meeting:

- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Staff present for Sub-Committee meetings:

- Deanna Wilson, Director, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services
- Monique Grenier, Clerk Assistant/Committee Clerk
- Andrea Signorelli, Clerk Assistant/Committee Clerk

Sub-Committee Agreements:

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on December 14, 2016:

- The Sub-Committee reviewed and adopted the following documents prepared by Legislative Assembly Human Resources Services:
 - Advertisement plan
 - Advertisement
- The Sub-Committee adopted the following “Terms of Reference”

***Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
Terms of Reference for Hiring of Independent Officers of the Assembly
December 14, 2016***

Purpose:

On October 6, 2016, the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs Committee passed a motion to strike a Sub-Committee to manage the process of hiring a new Children’s Advocate for the Province of Manitoba. The Sub-Committee consisting of four Government Members, two Official Opposition Members and one Independent Member has the authority to call its own meetings, the ability to meet in camera, and be able to undertake duties it deems necessary in order to fulfil its responsibilities in the hiring process. The Sub-Committee will be assisted in their duties by the Committees Branch staff and the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services staff who are authorized to attend all meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. *The Sub-Committee will devise a hiring process which includes an advertising plan, a paper screening process, an interview process and a selection process that incorporates the use of reference checks.*
2. *The hiring process will include these provisions:*
 - a) *All applications will remain with Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services.*
 - b) *The Sub-Committee will conduct all interviews.*
 - c) *Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services will conduct reference checks.*
3. *The Sub-Committee will draft an advertisement, paper screening criteria and selection criteria.*
4. *The Sub-Committee must complete the hiring process within six months of the vacancy or expected vacancy of the position as set out in clause 8.1(2)(b) of **The Child and Family Services Act**.*
5. *The Sub-Committee will provide a Report to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that includes a recommendation for a new Children's Advocate for the Province of Manitoba to the President of the Executive Council.*

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreement during the meeting on December 21, 2016:

- The Sub-Committee reviewed and adopted the following revised documents prepared by Legislative Assembly Human Resources Services:
 - Advertisement plan
 - Advertisement

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreement during the meeting on January 19, 2017:

- The Sub-Committee reviewed and adopted the following documents prepared by Legislative Assembly Human Resources Services:
 - Paper Screening Criteria
 - Selection Criteria
 - Interview questions

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreement during the meeting on February 2, 2017:

- To interview three candidates for the position of Children's Advocate.

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreement during the meeting on March 6, 2017:

- It was agreed to recommend to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that Daphne Penrose be appointed as the Children's Advocate.

Sub-Committee Activities:

Your Sub-Committee considered applications for the position of the Children's Advocate as follows:

- Fifty-three applications were received for the position.
- Three individuals were interviewed for the position on February 27, 2017 and March 6, 2017.

On motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD, the Report of the Committee was received.

Madam Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. LINDSEY, JOHNSTON, LAGASSÉ, MARTIN and WOWCHUK made Members' Statements.

During Oral Questions, Madam Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for Wolseley regarding his heckling and decorum.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. ALTEMEYER apologized for his remarks.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide Kelvin High School with the funding necessary to complete a new gymnasium and wellness centre. (P. Alberto, N. Stewart, A. Toews and others)

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to both recognize the importance of bilingual health care services in Manitoba and reverse their decision to close the St. Boniface Quick Care Clinic.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Madam Speaker advised the House that notice had been received from the Interim Leader of the Official Opposition that she had designated her unlimited speaking time on the Budget debate to the Honourable Member for Fort Garry-Riverview.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) having spoken,

And Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “House” and submitting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans, ignores the needs of families and seniors and fails to present a clear, strategic and inclusive vision for the future of Manitoba by:

- a) going back on the promise to protect front line services and making deep cuts to the services families depend on; and
- b) closing three emergency rooms and an urgent care centre in Winnipeg, leaving families in north and south Winnipeg without timely access to emergency or urgent care; and
- c) cutting the health infrastructure budget by 20 per cent after cancelling \$1 billion in health projects including critical facilities like CancerCare, an ACCESS centre or primary care clinics in the north; and
- d) ignoring the campaign promise to build thousands of personal care home beds after eliminating the Hospital Home Team program and cancelling personal care home projects in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba; and

- e) making no real investment in healthcare prevention and healthy living programs which keep families and seniors out of emergency rooms; and
- f) refusing to raise the minimum wage for a second year, hurting low-income workers, who are predominantly women, while failing to offer any job creation strategy for Manitoba workers; and
- g) cutting millions of dollars from Manitoba's housing budget and failing to match the Federal Government's housing commitment; and
- h) failing to make the communities families and seniors live in safer, without any new commitments to prevent crime and deal with the root causes of crime; and
- i) refusing to reverse their changes to the Provincial Nominee Program, including removing the additional fee and removing any incentives for newcomers to settle down in Manitoba; and
- j) failing to provide any investments in promoting gender equality and closing the pay gap for women in the workplace, while removing capacity within the Status of Women Secretariat; and
- k) investing so little into Manitoba's childcare system that it only addresses three per cent of the childcare waitlist; and
- l) raising post-secondary tuition fees by up to seven per cent and deregulating course fees; and
- m) balancing the budget on the backs of students by raising taxes on recent post-secondary graduates up to \$2,500 a year, while refusing to make investments in universities and colleges; and
- n) failing to present any kind of strategy for training and long term job creation in Manitoba to grow the province's economy and support youth in changing and uncertain economic times; and
- o) making no new commitment to build new K-12 schools, such as Waterford Green or in south Brandon, as well as no new investments in science labs, shops, classrooms or gyms for public schools and cutting the education infrastructure budget by nearly 30 per cent, following the Provincial Government's short-sighted elimination of the small-class size initiative; and
- p) cutting tax credits for post-secondary students but giving political donors a tax break on donations; and
- q) cutting spending on highways by nearly \$30 million, on top of a previous cut of nearly \$50 million in the previous budget, at a time when investment in strategic infrastructure is necessary to grow the economy; and

- r) making almost no investment for northern Manitoba without a long term strategy to grow the north's economy or a plan to revive the economy of Churchill or a plan to work with Indigenous groups to create a sustainable vision for the communities in the north; and
- s) failing to provide any real strategy to combat climate change after the Provincial Government brought in a regressive bill to weaken water protection standards and environmental regulations; and

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Mr. KINEW, Hon. Mrs. COX and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken.

Ms. KLASSEN moved a sub-amendment as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding after clause (s) the following clauses:

- t) failing to address the most vulnerable by not increasing Employment Income Assistance amounts to 75% of the Market Basket Measure; and
- u) failing to support advancements in Mental Health Care by freezing the overall mental health funding; and
- v) failing to support community development and home repairs in Manitoba by freezing funding to Neighbourhoods Alive!; and
- w) failing to support science and innovation by not updating technology systems; and
- x) failing to develop a duty to consult on a framework for Indigenous communities; and
- y) failing to support Justice diversion programs like Drug Courts, Mental health Courts and Youth Justice Committees; and
- z) failing to protect the environment by cutting funding to the Clean Environment Commission, Water Science and Watershed Management; and
- aa) failing to invest in the promotion of practical home ownership opportunities for Indigenous families; and
- bb) failing to support public education by cutting funding to school divisions; and
- cc) failing to provide multi-year agreements to community development organizations; and
- dd) failing to support the vulnerable by cutting the funding for victim services; and
- ee) failing to support community safety by cutting funding for crime prevention; and

- ff) failing to support people with disabilities; and
- gg) failing to support Children in Care by continuing to claw back the children's special allowance while cutting funding to CFS organizations who have demonstrated positive results; and
- hh) failing to provide funding for a suicide prevention plan; and
- ii) failing to provide an economic plan for First Nation communities; and
- jj) failing to invest in northern or rural health care by not increasing budgets to inflation; and
- kk) failing to uphold the Jordan's principal resolution as unanimously voted by this House by cutting the funding to Indigenous health - Intergovernmental Strategic Relations by almost one million dollars or 33% of the total budget; and
- ll) failing to commit funding for the Kelvin High School gym and the Dakota Alumni field.

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the sub-amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Messrs. TEITSMA and MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) having spoken.

And Mr. MICHALESKI speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.