

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Your Standing Committee on LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS presents the following as its Second Report.

Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- July 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building
- April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 (partly *in camera*)

Matters under Consideration

- Recommendation for the appointment of the Ombudsman

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the July 10, 2013 meeting:

- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Hon. Ms. HOWARD
- Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan)
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Ms. WIGHT (*Chairperson*)

Committee Membership for the April 21, 2015 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. HELWER
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mr. STRUTHERS
- Mr. WIEBE
- Hon. Ms. WIGHT
- Mr. WISHART

Your Committee elected Ms. ALLAN as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. MARCELINO as the Vice-Chairperson.

Motions agreed to at the July 10, 2013 Standing Committee meeting:

- *THAT a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs be struck to manage the process of hiring a new Auditor General and a new Ombudsman for the Province of Manitoba, under the terms and conditions as follows:*
 - (a) *the subcommittee may only report back to the committee with a recommendation that has received a general level of acceptance by all members;*
 - (b) *the subcommittee consist of four government members, two official opposition members and one independent member;*
 - (c) *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;*
 - (d) *the subcommittee appoint an expert advisory panel of three members to assist in the hiring process and ultimately provide the subcommittee with a prioritized list of candidates;*

(e) the subcommittee establish the terms of reference for the expert advisory panel, and that Legislative Assembly staff may be authorized by the Chair to attend all meetings of the subcommittee and the expert advisory panel.

Motions agreed to at the April 21, 2015 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 Lieutenant Governor in Council that Ms. Charlene Paquin be appointed as the Ombudsman.(in camera)*

Sub-Committee Report

At the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, the Sub-Committee presented its report.

Meetings:

Your Sub-Committee met on the following occasions:

- January 20, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.
- February 20, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.
- April 28, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.
- May 20, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.
- June 12, 2014 at 5:45 p.m.
- March 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
- April 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

All meetings were held *in camera* in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration:

- Recruitment and Selection of the Ombudsman

Sub-Committee Membership:

Sub-Committee Membership for the January 20, 2014 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Your Sub-Committee elected Ms. ALLAN as the Chairperson and Mr. DEWAR as the Vice-Chairperson during the meeting on January 20, 2014.

Sub-Committee Membership for the February 20, 2014 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN (*Chair*)
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chair*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Sub-Committee Membership for the April 28, 2014 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN (*Chair*)
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chair*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

- Mr. HELWER
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Sub-Committee Membership for the May 20, 2014 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN (*Chair*)
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chair*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Sub-Committee Membership for the June 12, 2014 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN (*Chair*)
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chair*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Sub-Committee Membership for the March 10, 2015 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN (*Chair*)
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER
- Mr. WIEBE

Your Sub-Committee elected Mr. WIEBE as the Vice-Chairperson during the meeting on March 10, 2015.

Sub-Committee Membership for the April 9, 2015 meeting:

- Ms. ALLAN (*Chair*)
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER
- Mr. WIEBE (*Vice-Chair*)

Staff present for all Sub-Committee and Panel meetings:

- Judy Wegner, Executive Director, Legislative Assembly Administration and Finance
- Deanna Wilson, Acting Director, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services
- Andrea Signorelli, Clerk Assistant/Committee Clerk

Sub-Committee Agreements:

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreement during the meeting on April 9, 2015:

- It was agreed to recommend to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that Charlene Paquin be appointed as the Ombudsman.

Expert Advisory Panel Activities:

As agreed to by the Sub-Committee on January 20, 2014, the following individuals served as members of the Expert Advisory Panel:

- Tannis Mindell
- Allan Fineblit
- James Wilson

The Expert Advisory Panel met on the following occasions:

- February 12, 2014
- March 25, 2014
- April 9, 2014
- April 10, 2014
- April 11, 2014

All meetings were held *in camera* on the 10th Floor of the Woodsworth Building (1035 – 405 Broadway).

The Expert Advisory Panel considered applications for the position of the Ombudsman as follows:

- One hundred and eight applications were received for the position.
- Two individuals were interviewed for the position on April 10, 2014.
- Two individual were interviewed for the position on April 11, 2014.

Submitted by,

Nancy ALLAN, Chairperson
April 21, 2015