

MINUTES

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cedar Room, Room 241

Parliament Buildings Victoria



Members Present: Hon. Linda Reid, Speaker and Chair; Michelle Stilwell, MLA Government Caucus Chair; Shane Simpson, MLA and Official Opposition Caucus Chair; Craig James, Clerk of the House

Others in attendance: Douglas Horne, MLA and Deputy Speaker; Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees; Gary Lenz, Sergeant-at-Arms; Hilary Woodward, Executive Financial Officer; Jon Harding, Director, Financial Services

1. The Chair called the Committee to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The Committee reviewed its agenda and agreed to add the following under “Any other business”:
 - Need for additional office space for the Opposition caucus staff
 - Letter of September 25, 2014 to Speaker from Shane Simpson, MLA regarding a Legislative Assembly Management Committee meeting
 - Accessible washrooms for public use
3. **Resolved**, that the Committee adopt the agenda, as amended. (Michelle Stilwell, MLA)
4. The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of July 10, 2014 and noted the receipt of additional information regarding the proposed Paramedics Memorial project, specifically a project cost estimate of \$22,000 as provided by Legislative Facility Services. It was confirmed that estimated costs will be classified as operating expenses, and as such will be brought to LAMC for information.
5. **Resolved**, that the Committee adopt the minutes of July 10, 2014 as circulated. (Shane Simpson, MLA)
6. The Director, Financial Services and Executive Financial Officer provided the Committee with an overview of the draft *Legislative Assembly Financial Statements, 2013-14*, and answered questions.
7. The Deputy Clerk provided the Committee with an overview of the draft *Legislative Assembly Accountability Report, 2013-14* and answered questions. A final version of the report, including the audited Financial Statements, will be returned to the Committee for approval on October 21. Members are encouraged to provide their input and suggestions regarding the draft text.

8. The Committee considered the need for additional office space for Opposition Caucus staff.
9. The Committee discussed the need for accessible washrooms for the public. Michelle Stilwell, MLA confirmed support to re-designate an accessible washroom on the 2nd floor for public use. It was agreed that the Space Planning Committee would include the discussion of accessible washrooms in its October 21 report to the Finance and Audit Committee.
11. The Committee discussed recent correspondence from Shane Simpson, MLA regarding the need for the Legislative Assembly Management Committee to receive further information relating to matters regarding the Richmond East constituency office.
12. The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair at 4:50 pm.

Hon. Linda Reid, MLA
Speaker and Chair

Kate Ryan-Lloyd
Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees