

MINUTES

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 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; Mike Farnworth, MLA, Opposition House Leader; Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees; Gary Lenz, Sergeant-at-Arms; Hilary Woodward, Executive Financial Officer; Jon Harding, Director, Financial Services; Carol Bellringer, Auditor General; Russ Jones, Deputy Auditor General; Paul Nyquist, Director, Office of the Auditor General.

1. The Chair called the Committee to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. The Committee reviewed its agenda and agreed, at the request of Shane Simpson, MLA, to add the following under "Any other business":
 - Funding of constituency offices
 - Information and update regarding renovations to Richmond East constituency office
3. **Resolved**, that the Committee adopt the agenda, as amended. (Shane Simpson, MLA)
4. **Resolved**, that the Committee adopt the minutes of October 7, 2014 as circulated. (Shane Simpson, MLA)
5. The following individuals made a presentation and answered questions on the *Final Report to the Finance and Audit Committee on the Financial Statement Audit for the Year Ended March 31, 2014* (Office of the Auditor General)

Witnesses:

Office of the Auditor General

Russ Jones, Deputy Auditor General

Paul Nyquist, Director

The Speaker requested that Financial Services provide Members with information relating to ongoing constituency office severance liabilities on an annual basis.

6. **Resolved**, that the *Legislative Assembly Accountability Report, 2013-14* and the *Financial Statements of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the Year Ended March 31, 2014* as presented today be recommended to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee for approval. (Michelle Stilwell, MLA)

7. The Committee reviewed and considered the following reports from Financial Services:
 - 2014/15 First Quarter Financial Report
 - Capital Project Status Report – as at June 30, 2014
 - 2014/15 Second Quarter Financial Report
 - Capital Project Status Report – as at September 30, 2014
8. **Resolved**, that the Committee approve the recommendation to replace the point of sale system in the Legislative Dining Room. (Shane Simpson, MLA).
9. **Resolved**, that the metal detectors in the Legislative Galleries be replaced at a preliminary cost estimate of up to \$25,000. Should the final estimated cost be more than \$25,000, an estimate must be recommended to LAMC for approval. (Shane Simpson, MLA),
10. The Deputy Speaker provided an overview of the work and mandate of the Space Planning Committee.

The Committee discussed the responsibilities of the Space Planning Committee to insure its work meets the needs of Members, staff, and the public on a long-term basis.

A report of the Space Planning Committee to the Speaker is expected by November/December 2014. Recommendations may address the following matters: 614 Government Street, “The Bunker”, accessible washrooms, the Legislative Library elevator, and the first aid room.

It was agreed that Michelle Stilwell, MLA, be appointed to the Space Planning Committee.

The Speaker may continue to handle immediate space requests, as required.
11. The Clerk provided an update on the internal audit program, including revisions to the scope of the originally proposed program.
12. The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly Management Committee on November 5, 2014.
13. The Committee reviewed the list of proposed agenda items for its meeting on November 18, 2014.
14. The Committee considered current budgetary provisions for constituency offices and requested that Financial Services review any previous adjustments and the existing funding model with respect to 2015-16 budgetary planning.
15. The Committee noted the need for the Legislative Assembly Management Committee to receive information relating to matters regarding the Richmond East Constituency Office.
16. The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair at 5:25 pm.

Hon. Linda Reid, MLA
Speaker and Chair

Kate Ryan-Lloyd
Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees