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The committee met at 1002 in committee room 1.

CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE ACT, 2001

Consideration of Bill Pr4, An Act respecting the City of Elliot Lake.

The Chair (Ms Frances Lankin): I'd like to call the meeting to order. The committee is meeting today to resume consideration of Bill Pr4, An Act respecting the City of Elliot Lake. When this matter was before the committee last week, it was the committee's determination that we were not prepared to proceed to a vote at that time. We had a number of outstanding questions and we had asked if the joint ministries involved would be prepared to come before us today to answer committee questions. There were concerns about the nature of the precedent that might be involved in this bill and also a belief that there were extenuating circumstances with regard to the importance of economic diversification in the area of Elliot Lake. But we wanted to hear ministerial response on a number of those matters, as well as whether this was in accord with amendments being contemplated to the Municipal Act.

I understand there have been some discussions between the applicants and the ministry. I'm wondering if Ms MacLean and the applicants could come forward, if you have anything you would like to put before the committee before we ask ministry officials to speak.

Miss Virginia MacLean: Good morning, Madam Chair and members of the committee. We have had a very brief discussion this morning. We had a lot of telephone calls yesterday. As a result of those telephone calls, we would like the opportunity to have a full meeting with all the ministry staff present today. Therefore, we would ask if the committee would consider standing this matter down for a week so we can have those meetings, and if those meetings result in perhaps some changes to the legislation—we don't know—we would be contacting legislative counsel to ensure that those are brought back before the committee. We would like a week's adjournment, if that's agreeable to the committee.

Mr Bill Murdoch (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound): So moved.

The Chair: That's moved. Miss MacLean, just a question on that. Is it the intent of the parties, given that you're all in the room here now, to have that consultation today? Can we be assured that process will commence?

Miss MacLean: Yes, it is our intention. It's my understanding that a room has been set aside; the parliamentary assistant has made a room available to us.

The Chair: Are there any questions and or comments?

Mr Gilles Bisson (Timmins-James Bay): Is there anybody here from Elliot Lake who has come down?

The Chair: I'm glad you reminded me. It's one of the matters I should have asked. You will know that last week the committee did instruct the clerk's office to put an advertisement in the local newspaper to inform people of the continuation. We have received, for the committee's information, further representations from Mr Steve van Duin. We would ask committee members to make note of that and ensure you've had an opportunity to review that before we deal with this matter.

Are there any interested parties who have attended today from Elliot Lake to make representation? Is there anyone outside of ministry officials and the applicants in the room right now who wanted to be heard?

That being the case, is there any further debate or question on the motion? The motion, as I understand it, Mr Murdoch, is to stand down this item and resume consideration of the bill at next week's committee meeting.

Mr Bisson: Just a question on that. If there is going to be the meeting, there will be discussions. If there needs to be a change in the draft legislation, are we going to have enough time to do that in a week?

The Chair: Yes, and if not, there are ways to deal with these things.

Mr Bisson: That's fine. I was just curious. They were saying a week, and I was just wondering if they could do it.

The Chair: No further debate? All those in favour of the motion, please indicate. Those opposed? The motion is carried. We will resume next week for consideration of Bill Pr4. This meeting is adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 1006.

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