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The committee met at 0903 in room 151.

1173931 ONTARIO LIMITED ACT, 2009

Consideration of Bill Pr21, An Act to revive 1173931 Ontario Limited.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): I call the meeting to order.

The first bill before us is Bill Pr21, An Act to revive 1173931 Ontario Limited. The sponsor is Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, would you take the seat and introduce the applicant?

Mr. Rick Johnson: On behalf of MPP Rinaldi, I would like to introduce Peter Robertson, the legal counsel who is going to speak to this bill.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Mr. Robertson, the floor is yours.

Mr. Peter Robertson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This proposed legislation to revive 1173931 Ontario Limited arises, as is set out in the compendium, as a result of the directors of the corporation all having become non-residents of Canada. Essentially, 1173931 Ontario Limited is, or was, a company that owns a number of apartment buildings in the Quinte area. The directors are all family members. They're from Switzerland. The elder generation of that family required care, and they all moved back to Switzerland to look after the father and mother. When they did that, they filed a Form 1, Notice of Change, advising the government of the change of address, and the director cancelled the corporation.

I have agreed to be the resident Canadian director, and I have been so appointed. Until they can come back from Switzerland, I will be the resident Canadian director of this corporation.

We have to get the corporation re-established in order to file the tax returns and resume carrying on business in Canada.

I think that's basically my submission.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Okay. Any comments from the sponsor? None? Any interested parties? Are there any interested parties to this? Seeing none, Parliamentary Assistant, any comments?

Mr. Mario Sergio: Mr. Chairman, the ministry that might have had an interest in this bill has shown no concern whatsoever. I don't have any problem with the bill

itself. I don't have much else to say, other than I'll be supporting the bill.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Any questions from committee members?

Mr. Paul Miller: When they left Canada and went back to Switzerland, were they aware of the rules? Did they just mess up on the rules, on the forms? It seems like this is an afterthought.

Mr. Peter Robertson: They were doing their own legal work at the time. One of the directors took it upon himself to file a Form 1, Notice of Change.

Mr. Paul Miller: Without legal advice?

Mr. Peter Robertson: Without legal advice. My involvement started when I got an urgent e-mail from Switzerland asking me to do something about it immediately.

Mr. Paul Miller: And you're a lawyer?

Mr. Peter Robertson: I'm a lawyer, yes. I've been a lawyer for 31 years.

Mr. Paul Miller: So someone took it upon themselves, felt that they had a legal background and they did it, and it didn't work out, basically.

Mr. Peter Robertson: That's about right, yes.

Mr. Paul Miller: Okay. Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Any other questions? No other questions. Are the members ready to vote? Okay.

Shall section 1 carry? Carried.

Shall section 2 carry? Carried.

Shall section 3, the short title, carry? Carried.

Shall the preamble carry? Carried.

Shall the title carry? Carried.

Shall the bill carry? Carried.

Shall I report the bill to the House? Carried.

Thank you very much. That's democracy, and pretty fast.

Mr. Peter Robertson: It's interesting to see.

Mr. Paul Miller: Was it worth the trip?

Mr. Bill Murdoch: He's a lawyer. He's been doing this—

Mr. Peter Robertson: Actually, I have to say yes, it was.

Mr. Paul Miller: From a financial perspective?

Interjection: We'll stop there.

Interjections.

WELECHENKO TRANSPORT LTD.
ACT, 2009

Consideration of Bill Pr23, An Act to revive Welechenko Transport Ltd.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Order, please. We have a second item on the agenda, which is Bill Pr23, An Act to revive Welechenko Transport Ltd. The sponsor is Mr. Murdoch. So, Mr. Murdoch, if you would change seats there and introduce the applicant.

Mr. Bill Murdoch: This is a good bill. It won't take long. I wouldn't bring a bad bill to this committee, because I know that if we ever got bogged down, we'd be in trouble.

Mr. Danyluk is here to represent the applicant. Do you have a few words you want to tell them? But don't say too much because they can only absorb so much.

Mr. Paul Miller: You can say that because you're a separate party.

Mr. Bill Murdoch: I know.

Mr. William Danyluk: I'm just here to represent him because he's on the road. He can't make it, and he asked me to come and speak. He wants to change the property that he's applying for here to his name from the corporation.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): How are you related to the applicant?

Mr. William Danyluk: He's my nephew.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): All right. Does the sponsor have any comments?

Mr. Bill Murdoch: Just that it's a housecleaning sort of bill and they'd like to get on with it.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): All right. Are there any interested parties to this bill? Any interested parties? Anyone else? Okay. Parliamentary Assistant?

Mr. Mario Sergio: As usual, I'd like to compliment the sponsor of the bill, the member from Owen Sound. He has come a long way to be present this morning in support of his constituents. He does that very well and with good flair. We appreciate that and I'm sure that the applicants appreciate that as well.

No ministry has shown any concern with the bill, Mr. Chairman, so I'm pleased to support the bill and move it on.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Questions from members? Mr. Martiniuk and then Mr. Miller.

Mr. Gerry Martiniuk: To the sponsor, just to correct the record, are you a member of an Ontario political party?

Mr. Bill Murdoch: Yes, I am a member of a party.

Mr. Gerry Martiniuk: Thank you. Which one?

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): If this was serious, then—but all right. Mr. Miller?

Mr. Paul Miller: I would like to thank the sponsor for his wonderful input, and I guess it's just kind of a one-liner; it's just a housecleaning thing: Vote for it. Well, thanks, Bill. That was quite insightful of you, and I appreciate it, but I think it's just basically a no-brainer.

Mr. Mario Sergio: He put a lot of work into it.

Mr. Paul Miller: He put a lot of work into it, yes.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Any other questions from members? Seeing none, are the members ready to vote? Okay.

Shall section 1 carry? Carried.

Shall section 2 carry? Carried.

Shall section 3, the short title, carry? Carried.

Shall the preamble carry? Carried.

Shall the title carry? Carried.

Shall the bill carry? Carried.

Shall I report the bill to the House? Carried.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Bill Murdoch: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Mr. William Danyluk: Thank you very much.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): Before we formally close, just a couple of things. Welcome to the new members. Mr. Naqvi, this is your first meeting—

Mr. Yasir Naqvi: It is.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): It is indeed, and Mr. Johnson, your first meeting. Welcome to the committee. You can see the onerous responsibility we have and the hard work that we do. Usually the committee meetings are very rapid.

Mr. Bas Balkissoon: We're most efficient.

The Chair (Mr. Michael Prue): We are very efficient, and we have wonderful staff.

I've been told there are new fact binders available and you have them to help you understand the role of the committee and what the committee does. So, welcome to you.

I think that's really all we have on the formal part. We do have a subcommittee, if those would just stay for a few minutes. I see Mr. Ramsay is here. The subcommittee is to discuss the possibility of moving his bill forward.

The meeting is adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 0913.

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