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**SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY**

**COMITÉ SPÉCIAL DE  
LA TRANSPARENCE FINANCIÈRE**

Wednesday 3 October 2018

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*The committee met at 1600 in room 151.*

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Valerie Quioc Lim):** Good afternoon, honourable members. I'm Valerie Quioc Lim, Clerk of the Committee. It is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations? Mr. Romano.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** Thank you. I would like to nominate Mr. Sarkaria.

**The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Valerie Quioc Lim):** Mr. Sarkaria, do you accept the nomination?

**Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria:** Yes, I do.

**The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Valerie Quioc Lim):** Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed and Mr. Sarkaria duly elected as Chair of the committee.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Good afternoon, members. It's my duty to entertain a motion to appoint a Vice-Chair. Are there any motions? Mrs. Martin.

**Mrs. Robin Martin:** Thank you, Mr. Sarkaria. I would like to nominate Mr. Doug Downey as Vice-Chair.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Any discussion? Are members ready to vote? Shall the motion carry?

All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed, please raise your hand. The motion is carried.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** The next item on the agenda is committee business. Members, we can proceed to discuss how we would like to move forward on the select committee's mandate and set the agenda, or we can schedule another meeting to have a discussion. Do members agree to meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.?

*Interjection.*

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Mr. Romano?

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I'd like to move a motion: That a subcommittee on committee business be appointed to meet

from time to time, at the call of the Chair or at the request of any member thereof, to consider and report to the committee on the business of the committee; and

That the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and

That the subcommittee be composed of the following members: the Chair as Chair, Mr. Ross Romano and Ms. Sandy Shaw; and

That substitution be permitted on the subcommittee.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Any discussion? Are members ready to vote? Shall the motion carry?

All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed, please raise your hand. The motion is carried.

I recognize Mr. Romano again.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** Thank you. I would also like to set dates and times.

I move that the Select Committee on Financial Transparency meet on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Any discussion? Do members need to see the motion?

**Ms. Sandy Shaw:** See it, or repeat it, I guess.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** So that's Mondays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** We could recess to get that in writing if required.

**Ms. Sandy Shaw:** No, I just wanted to hear the motion again.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Mr. Romano, could you repeat your motion one more time, please?

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I move that the Select Committee on Financial Transparency meet on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Any discussion? Are members ready to vote? Shall the motion carry? The motion is carried.

Is there any other business? Mr. Romano, I recognize you again.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I would like to move that the Select Committee on Financial Transparency meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Any discussion? Ms. Fife.

**Ms. Catherine Fife:** Thank you, Chair. Just a question to MPP Romano: Are we going to be setting up terms of reference tomorrow—is that the intent of us meeting—or

do we have terms of reference for the committee, just so that we all understand the rules of engagement?

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Mr. Romano.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** Thank you. The intent would be, I believe, some of those—perhaps if I can just have a moment.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** The House did give us a mandate, so we could discuss how to move forward on tomorrow at 9 a.m. as well.

Mr. Romano, I recognize you again.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** The purpose of the meeting would be to essentially set our business schedule, the mandate, and determine how we will be proceeding and the rules that we will be proceeding by.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** I recognize Ms. Fife.

**Ms. Catherine Fife:** Thank you very much. I understand we have a mandate, obviously, from the Legislature, but I was more curious about how we're going to be advertising the work of this committee, how much notice we're going to be giving to witnesses and what the witness selection process might look like. I understand that if that's the goal of tomorrow, I welcome that discussion.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** I recognize Mr. Romano.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I believe that is acceptable.

**Interjection:** I agree that it's acceptable.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Would you like to set an end time as well, Mr. Romano—10:15?

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I would suggest 10:15 a.m. or soon thereafter, as the business of the committee is concluded for the day.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Okay. Mr. Romano, yes?

**Mr. Ross Romano:** Assuming—well, can I proceed with a new motion?

I would like to move that the committee adjourn.

*Interjection.*

**Mr. Ross Romano:** Oh yes, sorry. We'd have to vote on the previous one. I apologize.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Yes.

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I forgot the ayes.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Do you want to withdraw that motion to adjourn?

**Mr. Ross Romano:** I withdraw the motion, yes.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Okay. So on the motion to meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.—just to clarify, is it 9 a.m. to 10:15?

**Mr. Ross Romano:** Yes. I move that we meet tomorrow morning from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**The Chair (Mr. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria):** Perfect. Are members ready to vote? Shall the motion carry? The motion is carried.

If there is no other business, we can adjourn.

*The committee adjourned at 1609.*



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