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HALIFAX, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

10:00 A.M.

CHAIR

Nolan Young

VICE CHAIR

Larry Harrison

THE CHAIR: Order. I call this meeting to order. This is the Standing Committee on Human Resources and I'm the Chair, Nolan Young, the MLA for Shelburne. Today we'll review appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions, and I ask everyone to put their phones on silent.

I'll ask committee members to introduce themselves for the record, stating their name and constituency, starting with Mr. Harrison.

[The committee members introduced themselves.]

THE CHAIR: For the purposes of Hansard, I recognize the presence of Legislative Counsel Karen Kinley and Legislative Committee Clerk Judy Kavanagh.

On today's agenda, we have appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions. MLA Sheehy-Richard.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: For the Department of Advanced Education, I move that Jim Horwich, Maggie Marwah, David van de Wetering, Sylvia Parris Drummond, Kathryn Toope, and Sarah McInnes be appointed as members to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Board of Governors.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA Sheehy-Richard.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: For the Status of Women, I move the following appointments to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women: Paula Minnikin as President and Member, and Seneca Classen-Pottie and Sarah MacDonald as Members.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion? All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA Sheehy-Richard.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: For the Department of Economic Development, I move that Judy Dauphinee be appointed as a Member to the Peggy's Cove Commission.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Justice, I move the following appointments to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission: Cheryl Knockwood as Chair and Commissioner, and Cynthia Dorrington as Commissioner.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN. A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Justice, I move that Jamie Stevens be appointed as Member, Cumberland County, to the Police (RCMP) Advisory Boards.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, I move that David Giles be appointed as Member (Motive Sector) to the Apprenticeship Board.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, I move the following appointments to the Board of Registration of Embalmers and Funeral Directors: Adam Tipert as Member, Embalmer; Donald MacGillivray as Member, Consumer Advocate; and Louisa Horne as Member, Consumer Advocate.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, I move that Timothy McDermott, Sharon Taylor-Schnare, Sherry Norton-Brunelle, and Randy Hume be appointed as Members to the Film Classification Board.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Last but not least, for the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, I move that David Woo be appointed as Member to the Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission.

THE CHAIR: Is there discussion on the motion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

We have some correspondence that came late in the day yesterday. I don't know if everyone had a chance to review it. If not, my recommendation would be to address it in the next meeting, but how does the committee feel about that? (Interruption)

Sorry - we had correspondence, actually, before the one I was talking about yesterday, on the 18th of July - a letter from the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia. It responds to a request for information made at the June 28th meeting. Was there any discussion on that piece of correspondence? No?

Seeing none, now back to the letter that came yesterday. MLA Hansen.

SUZY HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I'm wondering - is this just housekeeping? Can we all decide today? It isn't really a big thing to shift time, is it, or do we need to look at the scheduling?

THE CHAIR: No, I'm fine with that. It was just, as we didn't have our full membership here, I thought maybe to move to the next one. It's at the discretion of the committee - whatever you wish to choose.

SUZY HANSEN: I'm okay with deciding today if we want to.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

Regarding the June 25th letter from the Educators for Social Justice, it contained a request to move the November 29th meeting on teacher workloads to later in the day, with comments from the office of Cathy Montreuil, Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. It was requested that we hold that meeting later in the day to accommodate teachers' schedules.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

I'll pass it over to the clerk for scheduling.

JUDY KAVANAGH: So, what time - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.?

SUZY HANSEN: Was there a suggested time in the letter?

THE CHAIR: No.

JUDY KAVANAGH: No, I think in the letter before you, they've asked if it could be held over lunchtime or, ideally, later on in the afternoon. They say that school days end at different times at different schools. They didn't say what would be a good start time, but I'm thinking maybe 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.?

THE CHAIR: MLA Ritcey.

DAVE RITCEY: What's the potential of us sitting in the Legislature during that time?

JUDY KAVANAGH: If the House is sitting, we would do what we normally do when the House sits. The witnesses would be put off until later in the year, and we would just meet briefly at the usual time for ABCs only.

THE CHAIR: So, everyone's okay with 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.? We'll get the clerk to double check and see if that works.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to approve appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions.

The meeting has adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 10:08 a.m.]