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STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ACCOUNTSCOMITÉ PERMANENT DES
COMPTES PUBLICS

Monday 5 May 2025

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The committee met at 1300 in room 151.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): Good afternoon, honourable members. It is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations? Yes, MPP Bell.

Ms. Jessica Bell: I would like to nominate Tom Rakocevic to be the Chair of the committee of public accounts.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): Does the member accept the nomination?

Mr. Tom Rakocevic: I accept.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): Are there any further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed and MPP Rakocevic elected Chair of the committee.

Congratulations.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): Thank you, everyone. Of course, I graciously accept, and I appreciate your vote in this matter. I'm glad to be back as Chair.

I'm looking for any members to suggest the First Vice-Chair for the committee. MPP Cooper.

Mrs. Michelle Cooper: I move that David Smith be appointed as First Vice-Chair of the committee.

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): A motion has been moved by MPP Cooper to have David Smith as the First Vice-Chair of the committee. Any debate? Seeing none, are the members ready to vote? All right. Let's move to a vote. All in favour? Opposed?

MPP Smith, you have been unanimously selected as the First Vice-Chair of public accounts. Congratulations.

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): And now we have the Second Vice-Chair of committee—do we have anyone moving? MPP Cooper.

Mrs. Michelle Cooper: I move that Lee Fairclough be appointed as Second Vice-Chair of the committee.

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): Any debate? Are the members ready to vote? Okay. So, will MPP Fairclough be the Second Vice-Chair of committee? All those for? Opposed?

And unanimously—who says we can't work together?—MPP Fairclough, you are now the Second Vice-Chair of the committee. Congratulations.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): The next agenda item is the subcommittee on committee business—that is the person representing each of the official parties who will be meeting as part of the subcommittee. So it's a motion to nominate. MPP Cooper.

Mrs. Michelle Cooper: I move that the 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;

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, Jess Dixon, Lee Fairclough and Jessica Bell; and

That substitution be permitted on the subcommittee.

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): Any debate on the motion? Are the members ready to vote? All right. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Congratulations, subcommittee members.

The Chair (Mr. Tom Rakocevic): We will now go into closed session to receive a short briefing by the Clerk and research officer. I will recess the committee until we have cleared the room.

The committee recessed at 1306 and later continued in closed session.

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