



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 20

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Madam Speaker laid upon the Table of the House:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

To the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

I, Cameron FRIESEN, intend to resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division of Morden-Winkler.

Date: February 3, 2023

(Signed) Cameron Friesen

Witness: Shelley Friesen (signed)

Witness: Tara Braun (signed)

To Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

I advise that I have received the written resignation of Mr. Cameron FRIESEN, Member for the Electoral Division of Morden-Winkler in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba dated the 3rd day of February, 2023.

Pursuant to section 24 of The Legislative Assembly Act, I do now request Your Honour-in-Council to pass an Order-in-Council for the filling of the vacancy in the representation of the Electoral Division of Morden-Winkler.

Dated at Winnipeg, this 3rd day of February, 2023.

(Signed) Honourable Myrna Driedger
Speaker
Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Madam Speaker presented:

Certificate of Election respecting Kevin KLEIN, the newly elected Member for Kirkfield Park.
(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Hon. Min. Kevin E. KLEIN, Member for the Electoral Division for Kirkfield Park, was conducted by Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON and Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN to the floor of the House in front of Madam Speaker.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON then said:

Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Hon. Min. Kevin E. KLEIN, Member for the Constituency of Kirkfield Park, who has taken the Oath and signed the Roll, and now claims the right to take their seat.

Madam Speaker thereupon said:

On behalf of all Honourable Members, I wish to welcome you to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and to wish you well in your parliamentary career.

Hon. Min. KLEIN then advanced to the Chair, shook hands with Madam Speaker and took their seat.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Madam Speaker made the following statement:

I would like to take a moment to clarify for all Members some issues relating to the Matter of Privilege ruling delivered by the Deputy Speaker on December 1, 2022.

During the intersessional period I received questions from Members about this ruling and I feel it is important for the House to understand the implications of the information shared with the House on that day.

As a reminder, this ruling dealt with a Matter of Privilege raised by the Honourable Member for Point Douglas in relation to the Honourable Member from Midland striking her chair with the intent of stopping her from speaking in the Chamber on November 22, 2022.

For valid procedural reasons, the Deputy Speaker ruled that a *prima facie* case of Privilege had not been established with this matter. However, he also went on to indicate that the action in question by the Honourable Member for Midland “was received as a violation of personal space, and it was clearly offensive and upsetting for the Honourable Member for Point Douglas.”

The Deputy Speaker also strongly advised all Members “to bear in mind how your actions in this place might be received by others and govern yourselves accordingly.”

I would like to clarify the meaning of this ruling for all Members.

While this ruling did not find a *prima facie* case of Privilege, let me be clear when I say that this ruling does not mean that striking another Member's chair was an appropriate action for a Member in this Chamber. Such an action, or any other form of physical aggression, is unacceptable between Members of this Legislature and has no place in this Chamber, or in our Committee rooms.

I am aware that when Members are moving their chairs around amongst their desks sometimes they might inadvertently bump in to someone else's chair. I trust all Members to be careful and respectful in those moments, but for the record that is not the kind of action I am speaking of here. I am speaking of a deliberate physical action against another Member, which would be unacceptable. I dearly hope this is not a situation we will face again in this place, but let me be clear that any similar occurrence in the future would also be considered unacceptable, and could be ruled as a breach of order.

Further, this statement will be appended to the original ruling in our House records for future reference so that any Member, House Leader, Speaker or Clerk referring back to this matter will see the original ruling together with this statement of clarification. This will ensure that there is no ambiguity on this matter in the future, and the precedent set for this Assembly will be that no form of physical aggression will be acceptable between Members, and any such action would be out of order in our Chamber, or in our Committee rooms.

I hope that clarifies this matter for the House, and I implore all Members to adhere to this direction at all times in this place. I can also assure Members that I will remain attentive to decorum in the Chamber, though I trust that we will not see a recurrence of such behaviour.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 12) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2023/Loi corrective de 2023
(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on December 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

Committee Membership

- Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. GUENTER
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. SANDHU
- Mr. SMOOK
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record

- Eric Herbelin, President & Chief Executive Officer, Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. MICKLEFIELD, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on December 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006
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- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- Mr. MICKLEFIELD
- MLA MARCELINO
- Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière)
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Hon. Mr. WHARTON

Your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. MICKLEFIELD as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record

- Robert Olson, Chief Executive Officer, Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation
- Karl Loepp, Chair of the Board, Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004
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- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

On motion of Mr. MICKLEFIELD, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. MICKLEFIELD, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on December 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

Committee Membership

- Mr. BUSHIE
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. MICKLEFIELD
- Hon. Mr. REYES

- Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière)
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Committee elected Mr. MICKLEFIELD as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. MARTIN as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Mr. WOWCHUK for Hon. Mr. REYES

Officials Speaking on Record

- Manny Atwal, President and Chief Executive Officer, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation
- Bonnie Mitchelson, Chair of the Board, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

On motion of Mr. MICKLEFIELD, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. MICKLEFIELD, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on January 12, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

Committee Membership

- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN
- Hon. Mr. HELWER
- Mr. MICKLEFIELD
- Mr. SALA
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. MICKLEFIELD as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Mr. LAMONT

Officials Speaking on Record

- Jay Grewal, President & Chief Executive Officer, Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board
- Edward Kennedy, Chair of the Board, Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

On motion of Mr. MICKLEFIELD, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on January 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019
- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020
- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

Committee Membership

- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. NAYLOR
- Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK
- Mr. SALA
- Mr. SMOOK
- Hon. Mr. WHARTON

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. LAGASSÉ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Mr. LAMONT

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Colleen Kuruluk, Chief Executive Officer, Efficiency Manitoba
- Jeannette Montufar, Chair of the Board, Efficiency Manitoba

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019
- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020
- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on December 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2021

Committee Membership

- Mrs. COX
- Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN
- Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON (Assiniboia)
- MLA MARCELINO
- Mr. MOSES
- Mr. SMOOK

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mrs. COX as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Shipra Verma, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Manitoba

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2021

On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received.

MLA FONTAINE, Member of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs presents the following as its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on January 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

Committee Membership

- MLA FONTAINE
- Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)
- Hon. Ms. SQUIRES
- Mr. TEITSMA

Your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Ms. LATHLIN

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Sherry Gott, Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth
- Karlee Sapoznik Evans, Deputy Advocate for Children and Youth

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

On motion of MLA FONTAINE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, the Minister of Mental Health and Community Wellness, made a statement regarding Self-Injury Awareness Day.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Mr. LAGIMODIERE, MLA FONTAINE and Messrs. MICKLEFIELD, SANDHU and LAGASSÉ made Members' Statements.

The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to consult with noise specialists and other experts to help determine the most effective way to reduce the traffic noise and to commit to meaningful action to address resident concern; and to help address this issue with a noise barrier wall along residential portions of the South Perimeter from St. Anne's Road to St. Mary's Road and for River Park South residents.

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to complete an assessment of PR 224 and implement the appropriate repairs using public funds as quickly as possible.

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Minister of Health and the Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care to immediately increase investment in homecare services so that homecare workers can be paid a fair wage and clients can receive the level of service they require.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to work with municipalities to establish a province wide tax rebate or other incentive program to encourage residents and businesses to purchase approved home and business security protection systems.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to consult with noise specialists and other experts to help determine the most effective way to reduce the traffic noise and to commit to meaningful action to address resident concern; and to help address this issue with a noise barrier wall along residential portions of the South Perimeter from St. Anne's Road to St. Mary's Road and for River Park South residents.

MLA MARCELINO – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Mr. REDHEAD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. SALA – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Mr. SANDHU – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Mses. NAYLOR and LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mses. NAYLOR and LAMOUREUX, Messrs. SALA and BUSHIE, MLA LINDSEY and Messrs. MOSES and REDHEAD having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.