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The committee met at 1435 in room 228.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Clerk Pro Tem (Mr. Trevor Day): Honourable members, it is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations? Ms. Cansfield.

Mrs. Donna H. Cansfield: Thank you, Clerk. I'd like to nominate Bas Balkissoon as Chair.

The Clerk Pro Tem (Mr. Trevor Day): Mr. Balkissoon, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Bas Balkissoon: Yes, I do.

The Clerk Pro Tem (Mr. Trevor Day): Are there any further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare nominations closed and Mr. Balkissoon duly elected as Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Thank you, all. We'll carry on with the business here. It is my duty to entertain a motion for Vice-Chair of the committee. Are there any motions? Mr. Colle?

Mr. Mike Colle: I'd like to nominate the member from Etobicoke Centre for Vice-Chair.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Ms. Cansfield, do you accept?

Mrs. Donna H. Cansfield: I will accept.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): A motion has been moved by Mr. Colle that Ms. Cansfield be appointed Vice-Chair of the committee. Is there any debate? Everybody agrees? Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Mr. Bartolucci, you have a subcommittee motion?

Mr. Rick Bartolucci: Yes, I move 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;

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

That the subcommittee be composed of the following members: the Chair, Mr. Colle, Ms. Scott and Mr. Marchese; and

That substitution be permitted on the subcommittee.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Mr. Bartolucci has moved a subcommittee motion. Any discussion or comments? If none, I will now put the question: Shall the motion carry—

Interjection.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Oh, sorry; Mr. Marchese?

Mr. Rosario Marchese: No, it's fine. That's good. It was arising out of that.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Oh, you're raising—you're quick?

Mr. Rosario Marchese: Maybe there's other business other than that, but hopefully we'll meet soon to discuss follow-up meetings that we might have, Chair, following the work that has been done over a number of issues.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Okay, we'll deal with that. Let's finish with the subcommittee. Shall the motion carry? Carried.

Any other business? Mr. Marchese.

Mr. Rosario Marchese: The very one I just raised. In the last session, we had a number of hearings on various issues: aggregates being a big one; the other on gridlock, as well; and auto insurance, which went to a different committee but arose out of this one. I think we should get together as a committee and discuss what follow-up work we want on those things, and maybe other related things.

The Clerk Pro Tem (Mr. Trevor Day): Just as a note: In the prorogation everything died, so all those items are no longer before the committee. However, the committee does have the power to initiate those again. The one where there's a problem is that aggregate was a referral from the House. I believe that this committee can, through a 111, revive some of that. We'd have to look at it. My suggestion would be that perhaps the subcommittee meet, and we can prepare what can be revived for the committee, in and of it's self-generating, and what needs to come from the House.

Mr. Rosario Marchese: Okay.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): Ms. Scott?

Ms. Laurie Scott: I just want to follow up to say that we'd like to set a meeting date for next week. We may look at entertaining other motions—we're just not quite ready yet—but I just wondered if we could agree maybe next Monday to meet again at the usual time for the committee.

Mr. Rick Bartolucci: The subcommittee or the committee?

Ms. Laurie Scott: The committee.

The Chair (Mr. Bas Balkissoon): I have a request by Ms. Scott that the committee meet at its regularly sched-

uled time next Monday. Any discussion, comments? Agreed that we meet? Carried.

Any other business? I move that the committee be adjourned until next Monday at 2 o'clock.

The committee adjourned at 1439.

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