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Mr. Dean Allison

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[English]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. André Gagnon): Good afternoon to all. We have quorum.

I apologize for the meeting being a bit late. We had to reorganize the tables because there are a larger number of members on this committee than on the usual committees.

As you've seen on the agenda, the first item today is the election of chairs.

[Translation]

Pursuant to Standing Order 107, we will now proceed with the business of electing a chair.

We are ready to receive motions to that effect.

Mr. Bezan.

[English]

Mr. James Bezan (Selkirk—Interlake, CPC): I nominate Dean Allison to be chair of this committee.

The Clerk: Mr. Bezan proposes that Dean Allison be elected chair of the liaison committee. Are there any other nominations?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Mr. Allison is elected chair of the liaison committee.

Before having Mr. Allison take the chair, if you wish, we will proceed to the election of the vice-chair.

[Translation]

Would someone care to move a motion for the election of the vice-chair?

Mr. Szabo.

[English]

Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, Lib.): I nominate Mr. Shawn Murphy as vice-chair.

The Clerk: Mr. Szabo proposes that Shawn Murphy be elected as vice-chair. Are there any other nominations?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Mr. Shawn Murphy is elected as vice-chair of the liaison committee.

I would now like to invite Mr. Allison to take the chair.

The Chair (Mr. Dean Allison (Niagara West—Glanbrook, CPC)): We need to elect the subcommittee that is going to be looking at approving the requests on a go-forward basis. The subcommittee will be composed of a chair, a vice-chair, and five other members. We'll need the nominations for the five other members before we proceed.

James.

Mr. James Bezan: I nominate Kevin Sorenson.

The Chair: I have Kevin Sorenson.

Gary.

Mr. Gary Schellenberger (Perth—Wellington, CPC): I nominate Joe Preston.

The Chair: Joe Preston.

Kevin.

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Mr. Kevin Sorenson (Crowfoot, CPC): I nominate James Bezan.

The Chair: Okay. James Bezan.

We have three on the list so far.

Ms. Ratansi.

Ms. Yasmin Ratansi (Don Valley East, Lib.): I would like to nominate Hedy Fry.

The Chair: Okay. Hedy Fry.

James.

Mr. James Bezan: I nominate Mervin Tweed, even though he's not here. He's in the House speaking right now.

The Chair: Okay. Mervin Tweed.

I have five now on the list.

James.

Mr. James Rajotte (Edmonton—Leduc, CPC): I'd like to nominate Larry Miller, please.

The Chair: Okay. Larry Miller.

Kevin.

Mr. Kevin Sorenson: I would like to forward the name of Lee Richardson.

The Chair: Is everyone interested in letting their name stand? We have nine right now and there's nothing to say we can't go with seven, or the full nine.

Kevin.

Mr. Kevin Sorenson: Mr. Chair, I'll withdraw my name if you have too many. That's fine.

I wasn't on it last time.

The Chair: No.

All right, so I have on the list now a total of six, so if no one else wants to withdraw their name, we can go with the six.

Go ahead, Paul.

Mr. Paul Szabo: Mr. Chairman, is it my understanding that two Liberals are required on the subcommittee?

The Chair: No, it's just members from government or opposition.

I'm going to propose that we leave the list as it is, as follows: Mr. Preston, Mr. Bezan, Ms. Fry, Mr. Tweed, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Richardson, in addition to Mr. Murphy.

All in favour?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: All right. Thank you very much.

Let's move forward with the committee business.

I know that we have a number of budget requests before us. As is normal custom, I think, let's go through the global envelope of what we have in terms of funds. For that, I'll turn it over to the clerk.

[Proceedings continue in camera]

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