

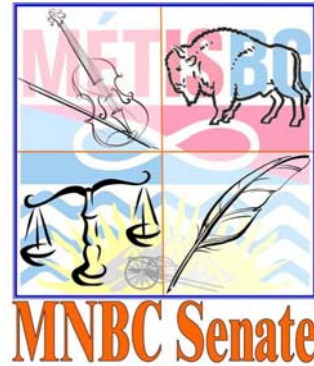
# Senate Meeting Minutes

Kelowna, B.C., January 28, 2008  
Sandman Hotel

**Senators present:** Al Edkins, Ron Snider, Philip Gladue, Gerald Pope, Bob Adams, Bill Thibeault and Margaret Penner

**Administrative Assistance:** Dean Trumbley, Interim Senate Clerk

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1. Call to order at 15:40 hr

2. Funding for Restorative Justice

There is potential of obtaining funding of to a maximum of \$750,000.00 from the Department of Justice (Aboriginal Justice) for the work that will be implemented with the restorative justice system by the Senate and BCMANR. The RCMP is ready to start handing a number of cases in future, which does create some concerns on caseload expectations, particularly for the Senate. The impact is likely to be most felt by Senators who are still part of the workforce. Senator Pope spoke on conversations with MP Jay Hill about potential funding for the Senate also. MP Hill has requested budget data in writing to assist with any decisions. Senate Clerk Trumbley will provide another copy of the Senate budget figures to Senator Pope for use in the discussions with MP Hill.

3. Potential Conflict of Interest

There is a potential for perceived conflict of interest with Senator Edkins on the Dahl file due to past contact. The file cites an incidence of Senator Edkins taking notes at a meeting where Ms Dahl was speaking, and there is expectation that Senator Edkins could be named by Ms Dahl as a witness. Senator Edkins cannot function as both witness and decider on the file. While legal counsel advises that the situation is in reality not a conflict, in perception it is definitely a conflict. Senator Edkins may be allowed to be part of the sitting but cannot function as Chair or as a voting Senator on the case decision.

**ROD 001:** *That the dates of March 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2008 are set aside for a meeting of the Senate for a business and citizenship appeals hearings. The Dahl file will be one of the files to be determined at that sitting.*

Senator Pope advised later that he cannot attend on March 5, but can be present for the other dates. Agenda for business to be developed in light of the situation with his attendance.

4. Invoicing of fees for service and travel for fourth quarter

Reminder: All Senators to submit invoices in time for the processing to be completed at MNBC by the date of March 31, 2008. A mid-month submission would assist in this work.

5. Coat Raffle for Senate Seal

Senator Penner has offered to make an elk hide coat, size 45, to be raffled to assist in the purchase of a seal for the Senate. Senate Clerk Trumbley offered that the MNBC office will assist in running the raffle so that the Senate itself is not holding a raffle

6. Location of Future Meetings – Sandman Hotel Concerns

While it is understood that the Sandman Hotel was the only one with meeting space available for this session, there was concern that future meetings not be at the Sandman due to concerns with the venue. Agreed that future meetings would be at other locations.

7. Meeting adjourned at the hour of 16:30 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Thibeault, *Senate Secretary*