

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING 599  
September 17, 2003  
via Conference Call**

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KATIVIK SCHOOL BOARD

**MEETING No. 599**

**09/17/03**

**RESOLUTION**

**ITEM**

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2002/04-02

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**MEETING 599**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board, for the School year 2003-04, held on September 17, 2003 via conference call.

**PRESENT:**

Sarah Aloupa	President	Quaqtaq
George Haukai	Vice President	Kangirsuk
Willie Keatainak	Executive Member	Salluit
Larry Watt	Executive Member	Kuujjuaq
Saroillie Weetaluktuk	KRG Representative	Inukjuak
Mary Roussel	Commissioner	Kuujjuaraapik
Adamie Alayco	Commissioner	Akulivik
Peter Angnatuk	Commissioner	Tasiujaq
Adamie Kalingo	Commissioner	Ivujivik
Sophie Keelan	Commissioner	Kangiqsualujjuaq
Robbie Tookalook	Commissioner	Umiujaq

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Annie Grenier	Director General
Mary Aitchison	Assistant Director General
Rita Novalinga	Secretary General
Sore Moller	Director of Teacher Training
Harriet Keleutak	Interpreter

The following persons from time to time, and upon the invitation of the chairperson of the meeting, attended or took part in the deliberations of the meeting:

Patrice Beaumelle	Director of Equipment Services
Chanh Ma Quang	Director of Finance
Alain Gauthier	Associate Secretary General

**ABSENT:**

Thomassie Sivuaaraapik	Commissioner (Hunting)	Puvirnituk
Lydia Akpahatak	Commissioner (Unknown reason)	Aupaluk
Lukasi Pilurttut	Commissioner (Technical problem)	Kangirsujjuaq
Alacie Nalakturuk	Commissioner (Forgot)	Inukjuak

**1 QUORUM AND OPENING OF THE MEETING**

With a quorum of the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board being present at 10:35 a.m. on September 17, 2003. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Robbie Tookalook.

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**2      NOTICE OF MEETING**

The President ascertained that all members of the Council of Commissioners have received notice of this meeting.

**3      CHAIRPERSON**

Sarah Aloupa, the President is appointed to chair this meeting.

**4      ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Sarah Aloupa reads the agenda. The Agenda was modified and adopted as attached to the minutes as **Annex I**.

**5      NEW LEASE FOR KSB'S OFFICES IN MONTREAL**

Patrice says this meeting is to follow up to the Commissioners meeting on June 25th regarding the head office. He informs them of the background of why the build is not suitable as an office space.

The Board was looking for space that would be more cost efficient than to renovate the 2055 Oxford. They looked at many building and found 9800 Cavendish. This building is right in front of the Makivik office.

Patrice met with the MEQ regarding the rent, office equipment and things that would have to be updated if we were to move. They didn't agree to finance the whole cost but they agreed to partially fund it.

Chanh says the cost of the rent is 400,000.00. Last week they agreed to 250,000.00. and now they have added 50,000.00. They are saying we will pay half and they will pay half.

Robbie would like to know after five years, are we still thinking that the staff will relocate up north?

Patrice says after the five years, we have the option to cancel the contract or renew, we don't know the future. Robbie asks what floor would the Board be on? The fourth floor.

Larry Watt would like Sarah Aloupa to inform the population about the move of the head office and why it is moving.

Saroillie mentions that the funding should come out of the Makivik. There is 2.5 million that the Federal Government gave to them to give to us. He says we should be asking for the interest of that funding to be used for the head office.

Annie says that Robbie was going to looking into that at the next Makivik meeting.

Robbie says that after this meeting, Makivik will be meeting in Montreal about the budget and he will have a look at the financial statements and return with the information after.

Annie says that the Management met and discussed the situation. Chanh told us that we will not touch the funding for the communities.

George Kaukai would like to inform the Commissioners that the condition of the office is progressively getting worse. Our staff at the office find it very difficult to work in this environment because of the air quality.

Annie says looking at the budget percentage wise, it would be .75 percent of our over all budget, it is not even one percent. We excluded the teachers salary when we came up with this percentage.

On a motion duly made by Larry Watt, seconded by Adamie Alayco, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the following resolution no. 2003-04-02.

WHEREAS following complaints from its employees on the air quality of the building currently occupied by the Board on Oxford Street in Montréal, the Board mandated in April 2003 two expert firms: L'Institut Armand Frappier and the architects Jodoin Lamarre Pratte to evaluate the air quality and the general condition of the building;

WHEREAS the results of the air quality tests and the architect's report have demonstrated the necessity and urgency to carry out major renovations at an estimated cost of \$3M in order to bring the building up to standards and ensure a proper and safe working environment;

WHEREAS the Board has looked into various options and visited a number of places that would be suitable to accommodate what remains of its office space needs in Montréal pending the last phase of relocation North;

WHEREAS the School Board has met with the Ministry of Education on this matter and both parties have agreed that the relocation of the Oxford offices to another building in Montréal would be cost efficient;

WHEREAS, the cost evaluation to rent office space at 9800 Cavendish, including the different costs associated to the move, have been looked into in the context of the overall financial situation of the Board, the budget rules applicable to the Board and some extra funding to be granted by MEQ for this purpose which however do not cover 100% of the costs;

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WHEREAS it is deemed to be the most appropriate option to move to new offices in Montréal and a decision is required now in order to have these offices ready for occupancy by next January;

RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of Commissioners hereby approves to proceed with the lease of office space at 9800 Cavendish in Montréal in order to accommodate what remains of KSB office space on Oxford Street;

THAT the Director General, or in her absence, the Director of Equipment Services, be and is hereby authorized to finalize and sign the said lease on behalf of the Board and to do all things necessary or useful in order to carry out the foregoing.

**CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 11:09 a.m. since the agenda items are completed

Sarah Aloupa  
President

Annie Grenier  
Director General

Rita Novalinga  
Secretary General