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\* Blair Suffredine (Nelson-Creston L)

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- Jeff Bray (Victoria-Beacon Hill L)
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- \* Val Roddick (Delta South L)
- \* Joy MacPhail (Vancouver-Hastings NDP)

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## MINUTES

# SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH



Wednesday, February 4, 2004  
11 a.m.  
Douglas Fir Committee Room  
Parliament Buildings, Victoria

**Present:** Blair Suffredine, MLA (Deputy Chair); Val Anderson, MLA; Elayne Brenzinger, MLA; Randy Hawes, MLA; Blair Lekstrom, MLA; Harold Long, MLA; Joy MacPhail, MLA; John Nuraney, MLA; Val Roddick, MLA

**Unavoidably Absent:** Hon. Susan Brice, MLA; Jeff Bray, MLA; Walt Cobb, MLA; Hon. Roger Harris, MLA

1. The Deputy Chair called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. and advised the Committee that the Chair had resigned due to her recent appointment to the Executive Council.
2. **Resolved**, that the Committee defer the election of a Chair and defer proceeding with the hiring of a consultant until it can clarify its terms of reference and receive an extension of the mandate in the new session of the Legislature. (Randy Hawes, MLA)
3. **Resolved**, that the Deputy Chair be directed on behalf of the Committee to enquire into the above questions. (Randy Hawes, MLA)
4. The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:11 a.m.

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Blair Suffredine, MLA  
Deputy Chair

Kate Ryan-Lloyd  
Clerk Assistant and  
Committee Clerk





WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2004

[1110]

The committee met at 11:07 a.m.

[B. Suffredine in the chair.]

**B. Suffredine (Deputy Chair):** All right. We'll call the meeting to order. It seems we have everybody who's going to be here.

At the last meeting there was quite a bit of discussion about the terms of reference and whether we were going to travel and other things. In the intervening time since then I've had a chance to speak to the committee Chair, who has in fact now resigned. Her understanding of the terms of reference is that they in fact come from the former recommendations made by the committee in previous reports and that it's not something originally drafted.

Because of the fact that the committee dissolves in any event at the end of this week on the commencement of the new session next week, it probably doesn't serve us very well to proceed with either the signing of a contract or the election of a new Chair. My recommendation to the committee, for consideration, is that we do consider a motion to perhaps clarify what the terms of reference when the committee is recharged will be, to try to make item 2 a little more workable and, perhaps, to consider how much time we need to do an adequate job.

To give you some clarification on that, as well, it was expected that this committee would be charged early in the fall session, but for reasons that are not known to me, no charging was done until the end of the session, which basically meant that the committee didn't meet through Christmastime and is now really left with the pretty difficult task of trying to report out on the terms as given in two months.

With that, is someone on the committee prepared to make any motion?

**R. Hawes:** I would make that motion — that we defer both the election of a Chair and proceeding with the consultant until we can get that clarification and get an extension of the mandate with the new Legislature.

Motion approved.

**B. Suffredine (Deputy Chair):** As to the mechanism of that, is it the committee's wish that I make that inquiry, or do we want to wait until the session starts again and make a report to the Legislature?

**R. Hawes:** You're the acting Chair at the moment, so I would suggest that you make that inquiry. Do you need a motion to that effect?

**B. Suffredine (Deputy Chair):** If you wouldn't mind — just so it's clear that I'm authorized to make that inquiry.

**R. Hawes:** I'll so move that.

Motion approved.

**B. Suffredine (Deputy Chair):** Well, that really leaves us with no other business that we can officially do today. I don't think we need a motion to adjourn. Is there anything else anyone wants to raise?

**J. MacPhail:** Okay. I'm happy with everything that's going, but perhaps prior notice would have helped for this discussion. I flew over just for this meeting. I mean, you guys can work this out amongst yourselves and plan on the direction the committee's taking, but if it's this small amount of business, I'd just appreciate it if prior notice could have occurred for the agenda items. The last I heard — and I checked my e-mail this morning — was that the work agenda was going to proceed as we were notified yesterday.

**B. Suffredine (Deputy Chair):** Yeah, point taken.

**J. MacPhail:** It's a waste of money.

**B. Suffredine (Deputy Chair):** Nothing else? The meeting is adjourned. Thanks very much.

The committee adjourned at 11:11 a.m.