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GREGORY A. PUTZ APPOINTED CLERK OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Speaker P. Myron Kowalsky today announced that Gregory A. Putz has been appointed Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, effective January 1, 2007. The appointment was made by the Legislature's Board of Internal Economy on the recommendation of the Speaker. Gregory Putz currently serves as the Deputy Clerk of the Assembly.

Speaker Kowalsky stated, "Mr. Putz has a record of excellent service to the Legislative Assembly since he came here in 1987. His qualifications and experience within our system will be a great asset to his new role as Clerk."

Mr. Putz has been responsible for the administration of both House and Committee Services for the past twelve years. He played a major role in the restructuring of the Assembly proceedings through recent reform initiatives.

The Clerk provides confidential and impartial advice to the Speaker and to Members of the Assembly pertaining to matters of parliamentary procedure and the interpretation of the rules and practices of the Assembly. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has overall responsibility for parliamentary operations and services provided by the Legislative Assembly Service, including financial and administrative services, human resources, information technology, broadcasting, security, visitor services, legislative publications such as Journals and Hansard, and the legislative library. The Clerk plays a leading role in inter-provincial and international parliamentary relations, as well as legislative protocol. The Office prepares, processes, and maintains all legislative records and documents of the Assembly.

The position of Clerk became open with the retirement of Gwenn Ronyk who served the Legislative Assembly for the past 32 years, including 17 years as Clerk of the Assembly.