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## **Board of Internal Economy Rescinds Retired MLA Health Premium Subsidy**

Government and Opposition Members of the Board of Internal Economy met today to unanimously rescind a motion that provided a health benefits premium subsidy to retired or defeated MLAs. The subsidy in place was based on years of service and was higher than the premium subsidy paid for retired Legislative Assembly Service staff.

Both Premier Brad Wall and Opposition Leader Lorne Calvert promised during the recent election campaign to rescind the benefit and bring it in line with the premium subsidy provided to other government employees. Today's decision fulfils that commitment by allowing retired MLAs to enroll in the same plan as Legislative Assembly employees.

The Members of the Board also directed the Assembly staff to bring a proposal regarding all options that could be reviewed to a future meeting to determine the best available plan that would be fair, equitable, and in line with all government employees for the Legislative staff, Members, and retirees.

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