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[English]

**The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. James M. Latimer):** Members of the committee,

[Translation]

I see that we have a quorum.

[English]

We can now proceed to the election of the chair pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

[Translation]

I am ready to receive motions for the position of Chair.

[English]

Is there a motion?

Monsieur Guimond.

[Translation]

**Mr. Michel Guimond (Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord, BQ):** I nominate Gary Goodyear.

**The Clerk:** Mr. Guimond moves that Gary Goodyear be elected Chair of the committee.

[English]

Are there any further motions? Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Clerk:** I declare Mr. Gary Goodyear duly elected chair of the committee.

Before I invite Mr. Goodyear to take the chair, if it's the committee's desire we will proceed as well with the election of the vice-chairs. The first vice-chair must be a member of the official opposition.

**Hon. Karen Redman (Kitchener Centre, Lib.):** I would put forth the name of Marcel Proulx.

**The Clerk:** Ms. Redman moves that Mr. Proulx be elected first vice-chair.

Are there other motions? Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Clerk:** I declare Monsieur Proulx duly elected first vice-chair.

We now go to the election of the second vice-chair.

[Translation]

In accordance with the Standing Orders, the second vice-chair must be a member of an opposition party other than the official opposition.

Mr. Proulx.

**Mr. Marcel Proulx (Hull—Aylmer, Lib.):** I nominate Mr. Michel Guimond.

**The Clerk:** Mr. Proulx moves that Mr. Guimond be elected second Vice-Chair.

Are there any other motions?

[English]

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Clerk:** I declare Mr. Guimond duly elected second vice-chair.

I would invite Mr. Goodyear to take the chair.

**The Chair (Mr. Gary Goodyear (Cambridge, CPC)):** I do like these initial meetings. They're always so quick and so sweet.

Thank you very much, colleagues, for your confidence and for your vote for me as chair.

I think the order of business that we have to attend to as a striking committee is to get the membership lists for all the other committees. Are we prepared to hand in that membership list now? I'll just go around the table.

**Hon. Karen Redman:** Ours has already been handed in.

**The Chair:** Monsieur Guimond, do you have your membership lists?

[Translation]

**Mr. Michel Guimond:** We will have it for you on Tuesday.

**The Chair:**

Fine. Thank you.

Mr. Godin.

**Mr. Yvon Godin (Acadie—Bathurst, NDP):** We have already submitted our list.

[English]

**The Chair:** Mr. Lukiwski.

**Mr. Tom Lukiwski (Regina—Lumsden—Lake Centre, CPC):** We should have ours by Monday, Mr. Chair.

**The Chair:** Okay, if we can be assured that the clerk will have all membership lists by Monday, then we'll do that. I would like to simply ask that the committee then delegate the authority to the whips to get those memberships drawn up and to the clerk by Monday. Can I push it for noon? I would like to table them on Monday at 3 o'clock. I guess that's the first opportunity to table them.

Agreed?

[Translation]

**Mr. Michel Guimond:** Mr. Chairman, are you listening to music? I just said that we would have our list ready for you on Tuesday.

[English]

**The Chair:** Can't do it.

[Translation]

**Mr. Michel Guimond:** We won't start arguing with you, since the honeymoon isn't over yet. I will have everything ready for you by 3 p.m. on Monday, even though earlier, I did say Tuesday. We will not call the vote on the motion. I am asking you to cut me some slack, since I am dealing with a few last-minute changes. This matter can likely be resolved before 3 p.m. Monday. I am fully aware of the situation. There is no attempt here to delay the start of committee work. My colleagues are anxious to see the committees get down to business, but...

[English]

**The Chair:** Listen, this is just a striking committee. We don't need to get into a debate. We can certainly show some flexibility as long as the entire committee agrees on it, but let's say Tuesday at the very latest. Is that acceptable? Perfect. That's all we need to do today.

The meeting is adjourned.

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