

September 16, 1968  
(1:15 - 2:15 p.m.)

MINUTES OF 106TH MEETING

Referring to Appendix I, the President advised that Treasury Board officials have indicated that the 1969/70 operating and capital budget targets have been set at \$166,200,000 and \$30,000,000 respectively compared with the requirements in the five-year forecast of \$178,000,000 and \$34,138,000. Because of these reductions it will be necessary to adjust the budgets accordingly.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Lypka,

THAT the minutes of the 106th Finance Committee meeting of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation held in Ottawa on June 17, 1968, be approved.  
CARRIED.

REPORT ON REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

With the Vice-President, Corporate Affairs (Mr. Fraser) and the Director of Planning (Mr. Duffield) in attendance, the Committee reviewed the report on real property transactions covering the period May 29, 1968 to August 31, 1968.

Respecting the acquisition of an 8-acre site at Inuvik, NWT, required for the installation of a frontier coverage package at \$125.00 per acre, the President observed that this amount seemed to be excessive for this location compared with other property acquisitions listed. He asked that this purchase be re-examined.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE LIST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mr. Fraser explained that the agenda report, with one exception, listed equipment replacement projects proposed for activation as surplus capital funds became available due to delays and deferments of projects in the approved capital budget for 1968/69. The \$700,000 purchase of an existing building at Moncton to provide new French-language production facilities at that centre is the only non-equipment item included. Originally this latter project had been included in the 1972/73 budget, but following a study by the Committee on the development of French-language service, it was recommended that some regional French-language production facilities should be provided for the Moncton area. The building in question has been unofficially offered to the Corporation at its original cost. Funds being used to purchase this building were originally earmarked in the 1968/69 budget for the purchase of the private TV station in Regina which has been delayed because of a reluctance on the part of owners to proceed.

The Chairman inquired whether this supplementary list meant a re-arrangement of the projects in the approved capital budget for 1968/69. The President explained it was designed to avoid a lapse of funds already authorized. Items would not be substituted from this supplementary list for those on the approved list until Management is satisfied that the latter projects cannot be proceeded with.

Speaking to the lack of coverage projects in the supplementary list, Mr. Fraser explained that it is practically impossible to activate such projects after September 1st because of the time required to complete field checks and initiate all procedures for making applications to DOT, CRTC and Governor in Council.

Mr. Fraser indicated that no priorities have been attached to the reserve list. The Committee agreed that Management be authorized to establish priorities. The President felt that first attention should be given to the acquisition of the building at Moncton for French-language production facilities and the proposal to make advance payments to the City of Montreal on the balance of the purchase price for the Montreal consolidation site.