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Carrot River Valley

Ms. Carla Beck, Deputy Chair
Regina Lakeview

Mr. Greg Brkich
Arm River

Mr. Terry Dennis
Canora-Pelly

Mr. Warren Kaeding
Melville-Saltcoats

Mr. Kevin Phillips
Melfort

Ms. Colleen Young
Lloydminster

[The committee met at 17:17.]

Ms. Ursulescu: — Good evening, committee members. Seeing that this is the first committee meeting of your committee, I'm here as your Committee Clerk to preside over the election of a Chair. I just want to remind you guys how this process works. So we first take a nomination, and then we'll ask for an actual motion for the member to be the Chair. So I will open the floor right now for nominations. Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips: — I would nominate Fred Bradshaw.

Ms. Ursulescu: — Okay. Any further nominations? Seeing none, I'll ask Mr. Phillips to move that motion.

Mr. Phillips: — I would move:

That Fred Bradshaw be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Ms. Ursulescu: — Mr. Phillips has moved that motion. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Ms. Ursulescu: — Carried. I will ask Mr. Bradshaw to come and take his seat. Thank you.

The Chair: — I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies. They are Carla Beck, Greg Brkich, Terry Dennis, Warren Kaeding, Kevin Phillips, and Colleen Young.

The first item of business will be the election of a Deputy Chair. I want to remind members of the process. I will first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as Deputy Chair. I now call for the nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Mr. Brkich: — I nominate Carla Beck.

The Chair: — Mr. Brkich has nominated Carla Beck as position of Deputy Chair. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move that motion.

Mr. Brkich: — I will move that motion that Carla Beck be Deputy Chair.

The Chair: — It has been moved by Mr. Brkich:

That Mrs. Beck be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — I declare the motion carried.

Next on the agenda is the establishment of a steering

committee. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and Deputy Chair; and further,

That the steering committee shall meet from time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and that substitutions for the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be permitted on the steering committee.

I'm looking for a motion on that.

Mr. Dennis: — Mr. Chair, I will so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Dennis has moved the motion. Do members approve of the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — The motion is carried. Members, in accordance with section 5(1) of *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*, Bill No. 1, *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016* has been committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies earlier today in the Assembly.

Members should be aware that the requirement of a referral motion under rule no. 79(1) and 79(3) is superseded by the statutory provisions of *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016*.

In accordance with section 5(2)(a), the committee:

(a) must provide the opportunity for representations by members of the public; and

(b) shall not meet to review the Bill until 14 days after the day on which the public is given notice of the date, time and place of the Policy Field Committee's meeting.

Members, we should consider public meetings for Bill No. 1, *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016*.

Ms. Young: — I would like to make a motion.

The Chair: — Ms. Colleen Young. Ms. Young is about to make a motion.

Ms. Young: — I would like to move:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, in accordance with section 5 of *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*, shall immediately provide notice that it will hold a public hearing on June the 8th, 2016 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in room 8 of the Legislative Building for consideration of *Bill No. 1, The Crown*

Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016; and,

That each representative of an organization or individual member of the public shall be given 10 minutes to present to the committee, followed by 10 minutes of questions by committee members.

The Chair: — Ms. Young has moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, in accordance with section 5 of *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*, shall immediately provide notice that it will hold public meetings on June 8th, 2016 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in room 8 of the Legislative Building for consideration of Bill No. 1, *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016*; and,

That each representative of an organization or an individual member of the public shall be given 10 minutes to present to the committee, followed by 10 minutes of questions by committee members.

That has been moved by Colleen Young. Do we have any debate on the motion? Ms. Beck.

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Some points of discussion around that motion, in the event that there is increased interest that could not be accommodated on that initial date of June 8th between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m., I wonder if we might have provisions for an additional hearing to hear from additional members of the public at another date.

The Chair: — Mr. Brkich.

Mr. Brkich: — If they could do written submissions, would that be all right?

Ms. Beck: — I think that what I'd like to see is if in the event that we do see a great deal of interest in presentations to this committee regarding this bill, that we might set aside another date or another three hours to hear those additional submissions.

The Chair: — Ms. Young.

Ms. Young: — Would there be a possibility of possibly entertaining some time on June the 9th, the next following day?

The Chair: — Okay, Ms. Young, you would suggest a time for the following day for another three hours. Is this what you're suggesting?

Ms. Young: — Would that suffice? Or do we need three?

Ms. Beck: — I think that would be dictated by how many submissions we have. But if my math is correct, the three hours along with the question and answer period would allow for only nine members of the public to present to that committee . . . to this committee, rather. And if we could set a date aside, should we have fewer submissions and require less time, I think that that would be reasonable to shorten that time.

The Chair: — Okay. We could if our . . . Is the committee happy with an amendment such as adding June the 9th and doing it from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock? Would the committee be in favour of that amendment? I could ask for a . . . Could I get a motion on that if the committee is in acceptance with that?

Mr. Phillips: — I would so move, with the addition of, should it be necessary.

The Chair: — Okay, Mr. Phillips is moving, if it is necessary, to be able to move on June the 9th for another three hours if necessary.

Mr. Phillips: — Yes.

The Chair: — Yes. We'll recess for a couple of minutes just till we can get this all written out.

[The committee recessed for a period of time.]

The Chair: — Okay. While we were gone, we have been talking about an amendment. Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips: — Yes, I would like to move an amendment:

The following to be inserted after 10 p.m.:

and June 9th, 1:30 to 4:30 as deemed necessary by the CCA steering committee.

The Chair: — Is the amendment agreed to?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

Okay, the motion as amended reads:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, in accordance with section 5 of *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*, shall immediately provide notice that it will hold public meetings on June 8, 2016 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on June 9th, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. as deemed necessary by the CCA steering committee, in room 8 of the Legislative Building for consideration of Bill No. 1, *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016*; and,

That each representative of an organization or individual member of the public shall be given 10 minutes to present to the committee, followed by 10 minutes of questions by committee members.

Is the motion as amended agreed to?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — The motion is carried. If there is no other business, I will ask a member to move a motion for adjournment.

Ms. Young: — So moved.

The Chair: — Ms. Young so moved. This meeting is now adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 17:40.]