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[The committee met at 10:00.]

The Chair: — Being now the hour of 10 o'clock, we'll convene the meeting. Welcome, members. I'm Herb Cox, the Chair of this committee. Cathy Sproule is here; she's our Deputy Chair. MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Steven Bonk, Glen Hart, Nancy Heppner, Everett Hindley, and Lisa Lambert are here as well.

Before we begin our consideration of today's business, I would like to table the following documents: CCA 72-28, Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: Response to a question raised at the April 30th, 2019 meeting; and CCA 73-28, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Responses to questions raised at the April 30th, 2019 meeting.

Committee members, we are here to discuss the steering committee's second report. Committee members, does anyone feel that we need to go in camera to discuss the report? Okay, seeing no, I'll proceed.

So I'll just give you a little bit of an overview of our steering committee's activities, and firstly I'd like to start off thanking Stacey Ursulescu for the great work that she did in contacting various people to make sure that we were going down the right path here.

This all started last fall. In October the Committee Clerk provided some background information to the steering committee, and it's with regards to the status updates being used in the PAC [Public Accounts Committee] committee. It's been used there since 2015, and in 2019 they started tabling the status update reports.

So the steering committee had met with the Provincial Auditor on November the 7th last fall, and then we also met with the Minister Responsible for CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan] and also the president of CIC on December the 4th. President Swystun suggested that CIC consolidate the status reports updates for the committee and then provide them to the Committee Clerk no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. And the Committee Clerk can provide assistance in our workshop to the Crown corporations and subsidiaries on the template if need be, if they're interested in that.

There's now a fair amount of time for the Crown corporations to familiarize themselves with the template, and at this time CCA only has four outstanding chapters and we have no meetings scheduled yet.

So, committee members, do you have any questions about the steering committee's second report or the status templates updates?

Seeing none, your steering committee, consisting of myself and Deputy Chair Cathy Sproule, have presented its second report to the committee. I will now table CCA 74-28, Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies steering committee second report dated May 15th, 2019 and the *Status Update Guide for Officials: Provincial Auditor Report Consideration*.

Since 2015 the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has

required ministries and agencies to submit status updates. Your steering committee sees this as a good practice to be adopted by this committee. Again, I'll just repeat what I said before. We did consult with the Provincial Auditor, Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corp, and the president of the Crowns to discuss implementing status update procedures, and they were very much in favour. In fact the president felt that it was a good idea to streamline. All Crowns and agencies will now send the reports through CIC, and they will be forwarded to the Procedural Clerk at that time.

So the second report recommends that the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies require Crown Investments Corp of Sask, on behalf of Crown corporations and subsidiaries, to submit status updates as directed in the *Status Update Guide for Officials: Provincial Auditor Report Consideration* attached to this report.

Adopting this recommendation will require the Crown corporations and subsidiaries to prepare status updates on their progress towards addressing recommendations of the Provincial Auditor. The status updates will need to be received prior to the Crown corporations' or subsidiaries' scheduled attendance at a Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies meeting to discuss recommendations of the Provincial Auditor. The Crown corporation or subsidiary will send their completed status update to CIC, who will then send them to the Committee Clerk no later than 48 hours prior to the Crown corporations' or subsidiaries' scheduled appearance.

Any questions or comments from the committee members? Cathy.

Ms. Sproule: — I just want to express my thanks to you, Mr. Chair, for the hard work that you've done and the way you've brought this forward, but especially Stacey, our Clerk, for helping us see through this and I think doing really good work.

The Chair: — Thank you for that, and back at you for your work as well.

So seeing no further comments or questions, I will ask a member to move:

That the second report of the steering committee be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hindley. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That concludes our business today, and I will ask a member to move a motion of adjournment. Ms. Lambert has moved a motion to adjourn. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This committee stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 10:05.]