

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, June 28, 2016

MINUTE NO. 7

3:00 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Gene Makowsky in the chair and members Buckley Belanger, David Buckingham, Larry Doke, Bronwyn Eyre, Warren McCall,* Nicole Rancourt,* Nicole Sarauer,* and Doug Steele.

Substituting Members:

Warren McCall for Buckley Belanger (8:09 p.m. – 10:18 p.m.)

Nicole Rancourt for Buckley Belanger (4:32 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Nicole Sarauer for Buckley Belanger (6:59 p.m. – 8:09 p.m.)

2. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of the Economy.

The Minister of the Economy and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of the Economy

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Doug MacKnight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Hal Sanders, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals, Lands and Resource Policy

Kirk Westgard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Corporate Services

Global Transportation Hub

Bryan Richards, President and Chief Executive Officer

3. The committee recessed from 5:01 p.m. until 6:59 p.m.
4. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of the Economy.

The following minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister Responsible for Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training

Ministry of the Economy

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Alastair MacFadden, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Market Development

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Corporate Services

Christa Ross, Executive Director, Immigration Services

Darcy Smycniuk, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Workforce Skills

Carol-Ann Decker, Regional Director, Labour Market Services

Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs

Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister

Bob Donald, Executive Director, Trade Policy

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission

Jeff Ritter, Chief Executive Officer

5. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of the Economy: 2015-16 Settlement agencies and agreements

(ECO 5-28)

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of the Economy.
7. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.
8. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Ms. Eyre:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$390,660,000

9. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of the Economy.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of the Economy. On motion of Mr. Steele:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Economy \$259,574,000

11. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
12. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Buckingham:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Environment..... \$175,152,000

13. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
14. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure..... \$1,147,531,000

15. The committee considered the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

16. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan \$29,400,000

17. The committee considered the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Ms. Eyre:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$22,230,000

19. The committee considered the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation. On motion of Mr. Steele:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation \$5,073,000

21. The committee considered the estimates for the Water Security Agency.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Water Security Agency. On motion of Mr. Buckingham:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2017, the following sum:

For Water Security Agency \$20,255,000

23. The committee considered the March supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

24. The committee concluded consideration of the March supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016, the following sum:

For Environment..... \$80,000,000

25. It was moved by Mr. Doke:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

26. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

27. The committee adjourned at 10:18 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Anne Drake
Committee Clerk

Gene Makowsky
Chair