

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, May 9, 2017

MINUTE NO. 17
7:00 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Gene Makowsky in the chair and members David Buckingham,* Steven Bonk, Warren McCall,* Hugh Nerlien,* Eric Olauson,* Nicole Sarauer,* and Cathy Sproule.*

Substituting Members

David Buckingham for Lori Carr

Warren McCall for Buckley Belanger (8:13 p.m. – 10:17 p.m.)

Hugh Nerlien for Bill Boyd

Eric Olauson for Laura Ross

Nicole Sarauer for Buckley Belanger (7:00 p.m. – 7:39 p.m.)

Cathy Sproule for Buckley Belanger (7:39 p.m. – 8:13 p.m.)

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

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Economy

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Alastair MacFadden, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Market Development

Kirk Westgard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Corporate Services

Jan Kot, Executive Director, Labour Market Services

Ann McRorie, Executive Director, Immigration Services

Christa Ross, Executive Director, Labour Market Planning

Darcy Smycniuk, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Workforce Skills

Chad Vickers, Executive Director, Employer Services

Executive Council and Office of the Premier

Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Affairs

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Commission

Jeff Ritter, Chief Executive Officer

3. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Economy. On motion of Mr. Bonk:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Economy \$256,563,000

4. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.
5. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Bonk:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Agriculture \$386,933,000

6. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
7. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Nerlien:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Environment..... \$169,516,000

8. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
9. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Buckingham:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure..... \$1,100,256,000

10. The committee considered the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.
11. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Olauson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan \$27,709,000

12. The committee considered the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.
13. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$21,118,000

14. The committee considered the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.
15. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation. On motion of Mr. Bonk:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation \$5,073,000

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

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

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the following sum:

For Water Security Agency \$17,660,000

18. The committee considered the March supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

19. The committee concluded consideration of the March supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. 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 Agriculture \$35,141,000

20. The committee considered the March supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

21. The committee concluded consideration of the March supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Olauson:

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

For Ministry of Highways and Infrastrucure \$70,000,000

22. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. The committee adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Monday, May 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Gene Makowsky
Chair