

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

**MINUTE NO. 29**

**6:31 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Colleen Young in the chair and members Terry Dennis, David Forbes,\* Delbert Kirsch, Warren Michelson, Laura Ross,\* Cathy Sproule,\* and Doug Steele.

**Substituting Members**

David Forbes for Vicki Mowat (7:38 p.m. – 10:35 p.m.)

Laura Ross for David Buckingham

Cathy Sproule for Vicki Mowat (6:31 p.m. – 7:33 p.m.)

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

The Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister

Susan Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer

Lionel Diederichs, Vice-President, Corporate Services

John Fahlman, Vice-President, Technical Services

Sam Ferris, Vice-President, Regulatory

Doug Johnson, Executive Director, Special Projects

Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services

Thon Phommavong, Executive Director, Environmental and Municipal Management Service

Jeff Hovdebo, Director, Water Licensing and Aquatic Habitat Protection

Marjorie Simington, General Counsel, Legal Services, Lands and Aboriginal Affairs

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Water Security Agency.
4. The following document was tabled:

Cathy Sproule: Photos of land with illegal drainage

(ECO 14-28)

5. The committee recessed from 7:33 p.m. until 7:38 p.m.
6. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister

Lin Gallagher, Deputy Minister

David Brock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Change and Adaptation Division

Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division

Kevin Murphy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management and Compliance Division

Veronica Gelowitz, Executive Director, Corporate Services Division;  
Sharla Hordenchuk, Executive Director, Climate Change Branch  
Ash Olesen, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Branch  
Richard Post, Executive Director, Compliance and Field Services Branch  
Steve Roberts, Executive Director, Wildfire Management Branch  
Cheryl Jansen, Director, Corporate Services Branch  
Brady Pollock, Director, Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch  
Stephanie Walton, Executive Assistant

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
8. The committee recessed from 9:59 p.m. to 10:07 p.m.
9. The committee considered Bill No. 124, *The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister  
Lin Gallagher, Deputy Minister  
Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division  
Kevin Murphy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management and Compliance Division  
Veronica Gelowitz, Executive Director, Corporate Services Division  
Cheryl Jansen, Director, Corporate Services Branch  
Brady Pollock, Director, Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch

10. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
11. It was moved by Mr. Dennis:

That the committee report Bill No. 124, *The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
12. The committee adjourned at 10:35 p.m. until Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

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Rob Park  
Committee Clerk

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Colleen Young  
Chair