

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, December 5, 2017

MINUTE NO. 33
7:00 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Dan D’Autremont in the chair and members Mark Docherty, Muhammad Fiaz, Vicki Mowat, Hugh Nerlien, and Hon. Nadine Wilson.

Other Members

Danielle Chartier, Nicole Rancourt

2. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Ms. Mowat was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That Ms. Mowat be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The Chair advised that pursuant to rule 148(1), the November supplementary estimates for the following ministries were committed to the committee on November 29, 2017:

Vote 37	Advanced Education
Vote 32	Health
Vote 36	Social Services

4. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Social Services: Responses to questions raised at the April 26, 2017 meeting
(HUS 39-28)

5. The committee considered the November supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Health.

The following Health ministers and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Hon. Greg Ottenbreit, Minister of Rural and Remote Health

Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister

Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister,

Billie-Jo Morrissette, Executive Director, Financial Services

Patrick O’Byrne, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory

Kim Statler, Director, Policy, Research and Negotiations

Anne Viravong, Director, Strategic Financial Planning and Support

6. The committee concluded consideration of the November supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Hon. Ms. Wilson:

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

For Health..... \$36,500,000

7. The committee recessed from 8:00 p.m. until 8:03 p.m.
8. The committee considered the November supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Herb Cox, Minister
Tammy Bloor Cavers, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sector Relations and Student Services
Scott Giroux, Executive Director, Corporate Finance
Ann Lorenzen, Executive Director, Sector Relations and Student Services
Darcy Cherney, Director, Quality Assurances and Private Vocational Schools

9. The committee concluded consideration of the November supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Mr. Docherty:

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

For Advanced Education \$20,000,000

10. The committee recessed from 8:54 p.m. until 8:58 p.m.
11. The committee considered the November supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister
Greg Miller, Deputy Minister
Lynn Allan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Programs and Finance
Constance Hourie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs and Corporate Planning
Natalie Huber, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Bob Wihlidal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs
Raynelle Wilson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing
Elissa Aitken, Executive Director, Income Assistance Program and Service Design
Raymond Arscott, Executive Director, Finance and Program Support
Tobie Eberhardt, Executive Director, Community Services
Tim Gross, Executive Director, Housing Development
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Beverly Smith, Executive Director, Community Services
Brenda Yungwirth, Executive Director, Program Support

12. The committee concluded consideration of the November supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Social Services. On motion of Mr. Fiaz:

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

For Health..... \$29,000,000

13. It was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. It was moved by Hon. Ms. Wilson:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee adjourned at 10:05 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Dan D'Autremont
Chair