

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

MINUTE NO. 9

8:00 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Danielle Chartier in the chair and members Fred Bradshaw,* Jennifer Campeau, Herb Cox, Larry Doke, Warren Michelson, Nicole Sarauer, and Randy Weekes.

Substituting Members

Fred Bradshaw for Glen Hart

Provincial Auditor's Office

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor
Carolyn O'Quinn, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Regan Sommerfeld, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Kim Lowe, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. It was moved by Ms. Sarauer:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts requests that officials from both the GTH and the Ministry of Highways present the outstanding information and documentation promised to the committee throughout the questioning of officials on the auditor's *Special Report: Land Acquisition Processes: The Global Transportation Hub Authority and Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure* to the committee on March 21, 2017.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was defeated on the following recorded division:

Yeas — 1

Sarauer

Nays — 6

Bradshaw, Campeau, Cox, Doke, Michelson, Weekes

3. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 1, chapter 29, Public Employees Benefits Agency — Securing Information Systems and Data; and 2016 report volume 2, chapter 26, Finance — Public Employees Benefits Agency — Securing Personal Information.

The following Ministry of Finance officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Clare Isman, Deputy Minister
Dave Wild, Associate Deputy Minister, Public Employees Benefits Agency
Karen Allen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Division

4. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 1, chapter 29, Public Employees Benefits Agency — Securing Information Systems and Data.
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 149 of the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 2, chapter 26, Finance — Public Employees Benefits Agency — Securing Personal Information:

We recommend that the Public Employees Benefits Agency maintain its procedures used to secure personal information in a manner that is readily accessible to its staff.

The committee noted that the Public Employees Benefits Agency has complied with the recommendation.

6. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 153 of the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 2, chapter 26, Finance — Public Employees Benefits Agency — Securing Personal Information:

We recommend that the Public Employees Benefits Agency require periodic review and update of its non-IT security policies to keep personal information secure.

The committee noted that the Public Employees Benefits Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

7. The committee recessed from 8:20 a.m. until 8:22 a.m.
8. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2015 report volume 2, chapter 16, Public Service Commission; and 2016 report volume 2, chapter 14, Public Service Commission.

The following Public Service Commission officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Karen Aulie, Chair, Public Service Commission
Ray Deck, Assistant Chair, Public Service Commission
Giselle Marcotte, Assistant Chair, Public Service Commission
Glenda Francis, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Scott Kistner, Executive Director, Human Resource Service Centre

9. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2015 report volume 2, chapter 16, Public Service Commission.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 2, chapter 14, Public Service Commission.
11. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 8:29 a.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Danielle Chartier
Chair