

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

MINUTE NO. 24

9:00 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Todd Goudy, Lisa Lambert, Don McMorris, Warren Michelson, Vicki Mowat, Yens Pederson,* and Randy Weekes.

Substituting Members

Yens Pederson for Vicki Mowat (9:00 a.m. – 9:56 a.m.)

Provincial Auditor's Office

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor
Tara Clemett, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Kelly Deis, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Victor Schwab, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Assistant Provincial Comptroller

2. The following documents were tabled:

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: third quarter financial forecast for the period ending December 31, 2018

(PAC 75-28)

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: fourth quarter financial forecast for the period ending March 31, 2019

(PAC 76-28)

3. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 18, Environment — Regulating Landfills.

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

Witnesses

Lin Gallagher, Deputy Minister
Veronica Gelowitz, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Policy
Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection
Ash Olesen, Executive Director, Environmental Protection

4. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Environment: Status update, dated May 1, 2019

(PAC 77-28)

5. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 18, Environment — Regulating Landfills.

6. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 31, Environment — Preventing the Entry and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in Saskatchewan.

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Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection
Brant Kirychuk, Executive Director, Fish, Wildlife and Lands
Ash Olesen, Executive Director, Environmental Protection
Cheryl Jansen, Director, Budget and Reporting

7. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 31, Environment — Preventing the Entry and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in Saskatchewan.
8. The committee recessed from 9:54 a.m. until 9:56 a.m.
9. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 32, Tourism Saskatchewan — Managing the Use of Social Media.

The following Tourism Saskatchewan officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Mary Taylor-Ash, Chief Executive Officer
Jonathan Potts, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

10. The following document was tabled:

Tourism Saskatchewan: Status update, dated May 1, 2019

(PAC 78-28)

11. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 32, Tourism Saskatchewan — Managing the Use of Social Media.
12. It was moved by Mr. McMorris:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the Chair, the Deputy Chair, one government member of the committee and one opposition member of the committee to attend the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC) and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors (CCOLA) Annual Conference to be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, from August 18th to 20th, 2019; and further,

That if the Chair or Deputy Chair or opposition member cannot attend, they be authorized to designate another committee member to attend in their place.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. It was moved by Ms. Lambert:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee adjourned at 10:16 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Trent Wotherspoon
Chair