# STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS Wednesday, September 25, 2019

## MINUTE NO. 25 8:30 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present**: Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Muhammad Fiaz,\* Lisa Lambert, Don McMorris, Vicki Mowat, Eric Olauson,\* and Randy Weekes.

### **Substituting Members**

Muhammad Fiaz for Greg Brkich Eric Olauson for David Buckingham

## **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor Kelly Deis, Deputy Provincial Auditor Trevor St. John, Deputy Provincial Auditor Jason Wandy, Principal Nicole Dressler, Senior Manager Michelle Lindenbach, Senior Manager Jennifer Robertson, Senior Manager

#### **Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller Chris Bayda, Assistant Provincial Comptroller

2. The following documents were tabled:

Ministry of Finance: Report of public loses, January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019	
	(PAC 79-28)
Ministry of Health: Report of public loses, January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019	$(\mathbf{D} \wedge \mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{O} \otimes \mathbf{O})$
Ministry of Advanced Education: Report of public loses, January 1, 2019 to March 31,	(PAC 80-28)
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Ministry of Education: Report of public losses, March 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019	× ,
	(PAC 82-28)
Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2019-20 first quarter financial forecast for the three ending June 30, 2019	e months
	(PAC 83-28)
Ministry of Finance: Report of public loses, April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019	
Ministry of Advanced Education, Banart of multiplaces, April 1, 2010 to June 20, 2010	(PAC 84-28)
Ministry of Advanced Education: Report of public loses, April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019	(PAC 85-28)

3. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2017 report volume 2, chapter 38, Justice — Community Rehabilitation of Adult Offenders.

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

<u>Witnesses</u> Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services Caroline Graves, Executive Director, Community Corrections

4. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Corrections and Policing: Status update, dated September 25, 2019

(PAC 86-28)

- 5. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2017 report volume 2, chapter 38, Justice Community Rehabilitation of Adult Offenders.
- 6. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2017 report volume 2, chapter 39, Justice Maintaining the Integrity of Offender Data.

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

#### Witnesses

Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation Rick Davis, Director, Enterprise Business Support

- 7. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2017 report volume 2, chapter 39, Justice Maintaining the Integrity of Offender Data.
- 8. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres.

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

### Witnesses

Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services Doris Schnell, Executive Director, Offender Services

9. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 30 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing deliver orientation training for the nurse manager positions in adult secure-custody correctional centres.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

10. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 31 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing monitor the currency of first-aid certifications of correctional staff from adult secure-custody correctional centres.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing has complied with the recommendation.

11. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 32 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing regularly update medical care policies for adult secure-custody correctional centres.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

12. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 32 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing have adult secure-custody correctional centre staff regularly update medical care directives.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

 The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 34 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing require staff to transfer inmate medical files between adult secure-custody correctional centres when it moves inmates between centres or former inmates re-enter the system.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

14. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 36 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing formally respond to adult inmate complaints about medical care within timeframes required by *The Correctional Services Regulations, 2013.* 

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing has complied with the recommendation.

15. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 37 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing periodically analyze complaints about medical care from adult inmates in its secure-custody correctional centres for trends and take corrective action as needed.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and has complied with the recommendation.

16. The committee concurred with recommendation 8 made at page 38 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing, working with the adult securecustody correctional centres, develop measures for evaluating the provision of medical care to inmates.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

17. The committee concurred with recommendation 9 made at page 38 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 3, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres:

We recommend that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing receive regular reports from adult secure-custody correctional centres on the provision of medical care to inmates.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

18. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 29, Corrections and Policing — Planning for Inmate Capacity in Correctional Facilities.

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

### Witnesses

Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services Jenna Mouck, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Support Services

- 19. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 29, Corrections and Policing Planning for Inmate Capacity in Correctional Facilities.
- 20. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 30, Corrections and Policing Rehabilitating Adult Inmates.

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

### Witnesses

Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services Doris Schnell, Executive Director, Offender Services

- 21. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 30, Corrections and Policing Rehabilitating Adult Inmates.
- 22. The committee recessed from 10:01 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.
- 23. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 2, chapter 22, Water Security Agency; 2017 report volume 2, chapter 18, Water Security Agency; and 2018 report volume 2, chapter 19, Water Security Agency.

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

Witnesses

Susan Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer John Fahlman, Senior Vice-President, Technical Services and Chief Engineer Sam Ferris, Senior Vice-President, Regulatory Marjorie Simington, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services and General Counsel Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services

24. The following document was tabled:

Water Security Agency: Status update, dated September 25, 2019

(PAC 87-28)

- 25. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2016 report volume 2, chapter 22, Water Security Agency; 2017 report volume 2, chapter 18, Water Security Agency; and 2018 report volume 2, chapter 19, Water Security Agency.
- 26. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency Regulating Drainage.

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

### Witnesses

Susan Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer John Fahlman, Senior Vice-President, Technical Services and Chief Engineer Sam Ferris, Senior Vice-President, Regulatory Marjorie Simington, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services and General Counsel Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services

27. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 186 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency approve finalized policies related to its regulation of drainage of water on agricultural lands.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

28. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 189 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency require documentation of all aspects of watershed risk before approving applications for drainage works.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency has complied with the recommendation.

29. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 189 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency formalize a process to periodically reassess watersheds in the province for risk of flooding.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

30. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 190 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency develop policies on water quality and wetland requirements to use when assessing risks of drainage works.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

31. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 191 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency publish expected timeframes to resolve requests for assistance on unapproved drainage works.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

32. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 192 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that Water Security Agency staff consistently follow established processes to document risk assessments when reviewing applications for drainage works.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency has complied with the recommendation.

33. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 193 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency consistently follow established processes when assessing requests for assistance on unapproved drainage works.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

34. The committee concurred with recommendation 8 made at page 194 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that Water Security Agency staff follow established processes to escalate identified actions on unapproved drainage works within a reasonable timeframe.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

35. The committee concurred with recommendation 9 made at page 195 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency develop a prioritization plan to identify and bring unapproved high-risk drainage works into compliance.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

36. The committee concurred with recommendation 10 made at page 195 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency periodically report to senior management on actions taken to address non-compliance of unapproved drainage works.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency has complied with the recommendation.

37. The committee concurred with recommendation 11 made at page 196 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 12, Water Security Agency — Regulating Drainage:

We recommend that the Water Security Agency report to the public on its regulation of the drainage of water on agricultural lands.

The committee noted that the Water Security Agency has complied with the recommendation.

38. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 43, Water Security Agency — Co-ordinating Flood Mitigation.

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

#### Witnesses

Susan Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer John Fahlman, Senior Vice-President, Technical Services and Chief Engineer Sam Ferris, Senior Vice-President, Regulatory Marjorie Simington, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services and General Counsel Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services

39. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 43, Water Security Agency — Co-ordinating Flood Mitigation.

40. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 44, Water Security Agency — Ensuring Dam Safety.

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

### Witnesses

Susan Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer John Fahlman, Senior Vice-President, Technical Services and Chief Engineer Sam Ferris, Senior Vice-President, Regulatory Marjorie Simington, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services and General Counsel Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services

- 41. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 44, Water Security Agency Ensuring Dam Safety.
- 42. The committee recessed from 11:37 a.m. until 1:01 p.m.
- 43. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions; and 2019 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions.

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

<u>Witnesses</u> Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

44. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Education: Status update, dated September 25, 2019

(PAC 88-28)

45. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 21 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend that Ile a la Crosse School Division No. 12 independently review and approve monthly bank reconciliations.

The committee noted that Ile a la Crosse School Division No. 12 has complied with the recommendation.

46. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 21 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend that Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 independently review and approve all purchase card transactions.

The committee noted that the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 has complied with the recommendation.

47. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 21 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend that Prince Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 6 follow its purchasing policy.

The committee noted that the Prince Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 6 has complied with the recommendation.

48. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 24 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 follow its purchasing policy.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 has complied with the recommendation.

49. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 17 of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend that Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99 independently review and approve monthly bank reconciliations.

The committee noted that the Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99 has complied with the recommendation.

50. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 17 of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend that Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99 independently review and approve journal entries.

The committee noted that the Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99 has complied with the recommendation.

51. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Prairie Valley School Division Luc Lerminiaux, Director Mike Embury, Superintendent Naomi Mellor, Chief Financial Officer 52. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 94 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 revise its home-based education templates, forms, and checklists to better align with the Ministry of Education's policy requirements.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

53. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 96 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 only renew the registration of a home-based education program after it receives all required documentation from the home-based educator and confirms that the program complies with the law and related policies.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

54. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 97 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 give home-based educators written confirmation of program registration within the required time.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

55. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 97 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 maintain correspondence with homebased educators about the registration, monitoring, and renewal of home-based education programs.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

56. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 98 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 obtain a better understanding of the extent of school division authority to monitor home-based education.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

57. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 99 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 actively assess whether home-based education plans and annual student progress reports meet the requirements established by legislation and the Ministry of Education when registering programs and monitoring learner educational progress.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

58. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 99 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 promptly give educators feedback for all home-based learners following review of learners' annual progress reports.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 has complied with the recommendation.

59. The committee concurred with recommendation 8 made at page 99 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 7, Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 — Monitoring Progress of Home-based Learners:

We recommend that Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 consider the use of incentives to encourage educators to comply with all home-based education documentation requirements.

The committee noted that the Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

60. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Saskatoon School Division Donnalee Weinmaster, Superintendent Garry Benning, Chief Financial Officer Gail Neurauter Sajtos, Coordinator, Special Education 61. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 167 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 formally estimate the future enrolment of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

62. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 169 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 analyze trends in the number of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs, and their categories of intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

63. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 169 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 document its determination of staff needed to support Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

64. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 171 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 require schools to consistently document key consultations, decisions, and action items resulting from their meetings for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 has complied with the recommendation.

65. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 171 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 maintain in student cumulative files assessment information related to Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

66. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 172 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend Saskatoon School Division No. 13 provide guidance on expected timelines for completion of assessments of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 has complied with the recommendation.

67. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 173 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 retain evidence of agreement on learning plans for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

68. The committee concurred with recommendation 8 made at page 174 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 require consistent and accessible documentation of key discussions, decisions, and steps taken to implement learning plans for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 has complied with the recommendation.

69. The committee concurred with recommendation 9 made at page 174 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 regularly monitor students' progress in achieving goals set out in learning plans for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

70. The committee concurred with recommendation 10 made at page 175 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 centrally monitor whether schools sufficiently support Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with identified intensive needs to enable students to progress towards their individual learning goals.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

71. The committee concurred with recommendation 11 made at page 177 of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 11, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs:

We recommend that Saskatoon School Division No. 13 provide senior management and its Board of Education with enough information to determine the sufficiency of learning supports for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students with intensive needs.

The committee noted that the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

- 72. The committee recessed from 2:36 p.m. until 2:46 p.m.
- 73. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 44, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 Procuring Goods and Services.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Saskatoon School Division Donnalee Weinmaster, Superintendent Garry Benning, Chief Financial Officer Gail Neurauter Sajtos, Coordinator, Special Education

- 74. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 44, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 Procuring Goods and Services.
- 75. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 14, Education Ministry and School Divisions Transporting Students Safely.

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

# <u>Witnesses</u> Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

- 76. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 14, Education Ministry and School Divisions Transporting Students Safely.
- 77. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 23, North East School Division No. 200 Increasing Grade 3 Students Reading at Grade Level.

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

<u>Witnesses</u> Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

- 78. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 23, North East School Division No. 200 Increasing Grade 3 Students Reading at Grade Level.
- 79. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 24, Prairie South School Division No. 210 Equipping the Board with Knowledge and Competencies to Govern.

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

<u>Witnesses</u> Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

- 80. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 24, Prairie South School Division No. 210 Equipping the Board with Knowledge and Competencies to Govern.
- 81. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 25, Regina School Division No. 4 Promoting Positive Student Behaviour.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Regina School Division Greg Enion, Director Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement

- 82. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 1, chapter 25, Regina School Division No. 4 Promoting Positive Student Behaviour.
- 83. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 37, Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81 English as an Additional Language Programming.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

<u>Witnesses</u> Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division Domenic Scuglia, Director Stacey Gherasim, Superintendent

- The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 37, Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81 — English as an Additional Language Programming.
- 85. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 43, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119 Maintaining Facilities.

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

Witnesses

Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

- 86. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 43, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119 Maintaining Facilities.
- 87. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 32, Living Sky School Division No. 202 Engaging Grades 7 to 12 Students.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

<u>Witnesses</u> Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Living Sky School Division Brenda Vickers, Director Tonya Lehman, Superintendent

- 88. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 32, Living Sky School Division No. 202 Engaging Grades 7 to 12 Students.
- 89. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 33, Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 Maintaining Facilities.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

<u>Witnesses</u> Ministry of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services Prairie Spirit School Division Bob Bayles, Deputy Director, People and Finance, Chief Financial Officer Noel Roche, Deputy Director

- 90. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 33, Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 Maintaining Facilities.
- 91. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 40, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 Promoting Good Student Health and Physical Fitness.

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

<u>Witnesses</u> Rob Currie, Deputy Minister Rory Jensen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Bev Hungle, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

- 92. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 40, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 Promoting Good Student Health and Physical Fitness.
- 93. It was moved by Mr. Fiaz:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

94. The committee adjourned at 4:19 p.m. until Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Trent Wotherspoon Chair