

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

MINUTE NO. 14
4:00 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Daryl Harrison in the chair and members Hugh Gordon,* Racquel Hilbert, Hon. Jamie Martens,* Megan Patterson,* Nathaniel Teed,* Darcy Warrington,* and Kevin Weedmark.

Substituting Members

Hugh Gordon for Sally Houser

Hon. Jamie Martens for Kevin Kasun

Megan Patterson for Kevin Weedmark (4:33 p.m. – 6:31 p.m.)

Nathaniel Teed for Meara Conway

Darcy Warrington for Tajinder Grewal

2. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates and 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Highways.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Kim Gartner, Minister

Kyle Toffan, Deputy Minister

Wayne Gienow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Design and Construction

Tom Lees, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

Bill Pacholka, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operation and Maintenance

Chris Ference, Executive Director, Corporate Services

David Munro, Director, Strategic Planning and Budgeting

3. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Highways. On motion of the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

For Highways \$763,647,000

4. The committee concluded consideration of the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Highways. On motion of Megan Patterson:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2026 the following sum:

For Highways \$26,180,000

5. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

6. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Megan Patterson:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

For Agriculture \$660,784,000

7. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.
8. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources. On motion of the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

For Energy and Resources..... \$52,412,000

9. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

For Environment..... \$97,659,000

11. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.
12. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. On motion of Racquel Hilbert:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

For Immigration and Career Training \$155,965,000

13. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.
14. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Megan Patterson:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan \$32,242,000

15. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.
16. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of the Hon. Jamie Martens:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:

- For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$45,229,000
17. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.
18. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development. On motion of Racquel Hilbert:
- Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:
- For Trade and Export Development..... \$42,562,000
19. The committee considered the 2026–27 estimates for Water Security Agency.
20. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 estimates for Water Security Agency. On motion of Megan Patterson:
- Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2027 the following sum:
- For Water Security Agency..... \$85,778,000
21. The committee considered the 2026–27 lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.
22. The committee concluded consideration of the 2026–27 lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.
23. The committee considered the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Agriculture.
24. The committee concluded consideration of the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of the Hon. Jamie Martens:
- Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2026 the following sum:
- For Agriculture..... \$103,800,000
25. The committee considered the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.
26. The committee concluded consideration of the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Energy and Resources. On motion of Megan Patterson:
- Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2026 the following sum:
- For Energy and Resources..... \$2,000,000
27. The committee considered the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.

28. The committee concluded consideration of the 2025–26 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. On motion of Megan Patterson:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2026 the following sum:

For Immigration and Career Training \$1,864,000

29. It was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on the Economy for the thirtieth legislature be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

30. It was moved by the Hon. Jamie Martens:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

31. The committee adjourned at 6:31 p.m. until Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Nadine Coderre
Committee Clerk

Daryl Harrison
Chair