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[The committee met at 09:00.]

The Chair: — Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Public Accounts. Welcome to the members. Today we've got Ms. Sarauer. We've got Mr. Doke, Mr. McMorris, Mr. Bradshaw substituting for Mr. Michelson — welcome to PAC [Public Accounts Committee] today — Mr. Merriman, Mr. Cox, and Ms. Campeau.

We'll just review our agenda here very quickly. We're looking at consideration of sending representatives to the CCPAC/CCOLA conference, that's the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees/Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors annual conference in New Brunswick in September. And we're also going to be looking at the committee report of Public Accounts that needs to be tabled in the legislature.

But prior to doing that, we have a few documents that need to be tabled. So we'll table here today PAC 24-28 which is the Global Transportation Hub: Responses to questions raised at the February 13, 2017 meeting. There's 22 parts.

PAC 25-28, Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure: Responses to questions raised at the February 13, 2017 meeting, and it's in two parts.

PAC 26-28, Ministry of Education: Report of public losses, December 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017.

PAC 27-28, Ministry of Finance: Report of public losses, January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017.

PAC 28-28, Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Fourth quarter financial forecast for the year ending March 31, 2016.

And lastly, PAC 29-28, Ministry of Health: Report on public losses, January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017.

So our first item of business is attendance at the CCPAC/CCOLA conference. Usually the Deputy Chair and Chair attend or, in our absence, a designate. So we need to make a decision if we're going to do that. So could I have a motion to that end?

Mr. Cox: — I'd like to make a motion, Madam Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Cox. Mr. Cox has moved that the standing committee . . . I'm going to make sure you're okay with this motion.

Mr. Cox: — Would you rather I read it?

The Chair: — Do you have it in front of you?

Mr. Cox: — Yes, I have it in front of me, so then I'll read it.

The Chair: — Okay, that would be fabulous.

Mr. Cox: —

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair at

the CCPAC/CCOLA, Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees/Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors, annual conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick on September 10th to 12th, 2017.

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

I so move.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Cox. Is there any discussion on this motion? Seeing none, is that agreed.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you for that. And the next point: you've all had a copy of our first draft report. If there's any discussion, we need to move a motion to move in camera, but it's a pretty straightforward report. It's just the committee's work since the start of this legislative session, the things that we've concurred to, a very basic report.

So do we need to have any discussion and move in camera, or people are quite comfortable with it? Okay. So could I have a motion? Does everybody have the motion in front . . . Okay, yes, could I have a motion to table that report?

Mr. Doke: — So moved, Madam Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you. So, Mr. Cox, would you like to read that motion?

Mr. Doke: — I'm Mr. Doke.

The Chair: — Mr. Doke.

Mr. Cox: — A lot of people get us mixed up.

The Chair: — Oh my goodness.

Mr. Doke: — I'm the one with hair.

The Chair: — What day of the week is it? It's Tuesday; you'd think it was Monday. My apologies, Mr. Doke.

Mr. Doke: — I move:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Doke. Mr. Doke has moved:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you for that. There's no further business. Could I have a motion to adjourn?

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — That's all I do.

The Chair: — Mr. Merriman has moved that this committee now adjourn. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. This committee stands adjourned at the call of the Chair. Thank you, everyone.

[The committee adjourned at 09:05.]