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[The committee met at 11:01.]

The Chair: — Okay, folks. We'll convene the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. I'd like to welcome committee members that have joined us here this morning: Deputy Chair, Mr. Hargrave; Mr. Dennis is substituting for Mr. Nerlien; Mr. Goudy; Mr. Harrison; Mr. Lemaigre; Ms. Young.

We have the following items to table: PAC 95-29, Ministry of Energy and Resources: Responses to questions raised at the February 6, 2023 meeting; PAC 96-29, Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Fourth quarter financial forecast for the year ending March 31, 2023; PAC 97-29, Ministry of Advanced Education: Report of public losses, January 1, 2023 to March 31st, 2023; PAC 98-29, Ministry of Finance: Report of public losses, January 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2023; PAC 99-29, Ministry of Health: Report of public losses, January 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2023; PAC 100-29, Ministry of Education: Report of public losses, December 1st, 2022 to February 28th, 2023.

Okay, we'll move our attention to the annual CCPAC/CCOLA [Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees/Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors] conference. This year it's being held in Whitehorse, Yukon. It gets held in different provinces and territories each year.

Just a bit of background. Certainly we've participated year after year in this conference. The conference itself is an opportunity for the audit community as well as the public accounts community to come together. So it's the auditors and their lead staff from across Canada. So each of the respective provinces and territories and our federal auditor and audit team as well, certainly our audit team. And then it's the Clerk community as well, the committee Clerks from across the provinces, across the territories. And it's the public accounts members and Chairs from across the country as well, including the federal government, all of the provinces and the territories.

And it creates a really good environment for a practical exchange around the importance of this oversight committee and best practice and some improvements in process that have been brought. And it's a learning experience for, you know, us to be involved, and it's also an opportunity for us to contribute and share some of the best practice and some of the innovations that we've brought here in Saskatchewan.

Now I understand there's a motion a member has ready on this front. I'll recognize Mr. Lemaigre.

Mr. Lemaigre: —

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 and the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors annual conference to be held in Whitehorse, Yukon from September 10th to the 12th, 2023; 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.

I do so move.

The Chair: — Okay, moved by Mr. Lemaigre. All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Okay, we'll now turn our attention to the draft third report that's been shared with members. The report covers the activities of the committee between May 18th, 2022 to May 9th, 2023. Before I move to a member with the motion they have, I'll just see if there's any discussion. All right. Then I would ask a member to move the motion they have prepared.

Mr. D. Harrison: — I so move:

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

The Chair: — Okay. Moved by Mr. Harrison. All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay, that's carried as well. Okay. Thanks, everyone, for your time, your work. And at this time I would welcome a motion of adjournment. Moved by Mr. Goudy. All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. This committee stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 11:07.]