

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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

1. **Present:** Danielle Chartier in the chair and members Jennifer Campeau, Herb Cox, Larry Doke, Glen Hart, Warren Michelson, Cathy Sproule,* and Randy Weekes.

Substituting Members

Cathy Sproule for Nicole Sarauer

Other Members

Nicole Sarauer

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following documents were tabled:

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Second quarter financial forecast for the six months ending September 30, 2016

(PAC 13-28)

Ministry of Education: Report of public losses for boards of education, June 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016

(PAC 14-28)

Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport: Responses to questions raised at the September 16, 2016 meeting

(PAC 15-28)

Ministry of Finance: Report of public losses, July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016

(PAC 16-28)

3. The Chair advised the committee that pursuant to rule 142(2), the following documents were committed to the committee:

Government of Saskatchewan: 2015-16 public accounts volume 1, summary financial statements
(Sessional Paper No. 117)

Government of Saskatchewan: 2015-16 public accounts volume 2, details of revenue and expense
(Sessional Paper No. 246)

4. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's report, *Special Report: Land Acquisition Processes, The Global Transportation Hub Authority and Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure*.

5. It was moved by Ms. Sproule:

That this committee requests the Deputy Minister of Economy, Mr. Laurie Pushor; the former CEO of the Global Transportation Hub, Mr. John Law; the former interim CEO of the Global Transportation Hub, Mr. Chris Dekker; and the current CEO of the Global Transportation Hub, Mr. Bryan Richards appear before the committee as witnesses at (a) meeting(s) of the Public Accounts Committee held prior to November 30, 2016.

The question being put, the motion was defeated on the following recorded division:

Yeas — 1

Sproule

Nays — 5

Campeau, Cox, Doke, Michelson, Weekes

6. The following Office of the Provincial Auditor officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor
Regan Sommerfeld, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Jason Wandy, Principal
Clinton Griffiths, Senior Manager
Mindy Calder, Communication Specialist

7. It was moved by Mr. Doke:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts request the Deputy Minister of Highways and the CEO of the Global Transportation Hub to present before the committee on the recommendations made in *Special Report: Land Acquisition Processes: The Global Transportation Hub Authority and Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure*.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Sproule in amendment thereto:

That the following words be inserted after the words Global Transportation Hub: “ and all senior officials from Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and the Ministry of the Economy, going back to 2011.”

The debate continuing on the amendment, and the question being put on the amendment, it was defeated on the following recorded division:

Yeas — 1

Sproule

Nays — 6

Campeau, Cox, Doke, Hart, Michelson, Weekes

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

Yeas — 6

Campeau, Cox, Doke, Hart, Michelson, Weekes

Nays — 1

Sproule

8. The committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Danielle Chartier
Chair