

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Thursday, January 12, 2017

MINUTE NO. 7

10:06 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Danielle Chartier in the chair and members Jennifer Campeau, Herb Cox, Larry Doke, Hon. Paul Merriman,* Warren Michelson, Nicole Sarauer, Cathy Sproule,* and Randy Weekes.

Substituting Members

Hon. Paul Merriman for Glen Hart

Cathy Sproule for Nicole Sarauer (10:20 a.m. – 3:19 p.m.)

Other Members

Cathy Sproule

Nicole Sarauer

Provincial Auditor's Office

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor

Regan Sommerfeld, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Jason Shaw, Principal

Clinton Griffiths, Senior Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

David Langen, Analyst, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee considered the following adjourned motion moved by Ms. Sproule at the November 28, 2016 meeting:

That the committee rescind the following motion from the November 8th meeting:

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;

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

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

That all the words after “held prior to” in the last line of the motion be omitted and replaced with “February 28, 2017.”

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

Yeas — 1

Sarauer

Nays — 6

Campeau, Cox, Doke, Merriman, Michelson, Weekes

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

Yeas — 1

Sarauer

Nays — 6

Campeau, Cox, Doke, Merriman, Michelson, Weekes

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

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure

Nithi Govindasamy, Deputy Minister

Wayne Gienow, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Rachel Ratch, Director, Corporate Support

Global Transportation Hub

Bryan Richards, Chief Executive Officer

Matthew Schroeder, Vice-President of Finance

Kelly Brossart, Director, Communications and Marketing

4. The committee recessed from 12:02 p.m. until 1:02 p.m.
5. The committee resumed consideration of the Provincial Auditor's report, *Special Report: Land Acquisition Processes, The Global Transportation Hub Authority and Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure*.
6. The committee recessed from 2:30 p.m. until 2:52 p.m.
7. The committee resumed consideration of the Provincial Auditor's report, *Special Report: Land Acquisition Processes, The Global Transportation Hub Authority and Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure*.
8. It was moved by Mr. Doke:

That the committee do now meet in camera.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee met in camera from 2:53 p.m. until 3:19 p.m.

10. It was moved by Mr. Doke:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts meet with officials of the Global Transportation Hub and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure on February 13, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. to conclude consideration of the recommendations in the *Special Report: Land Acquisition Processes*.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

11. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 3:23 p.m. until Monday, February 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Danielle Chartier
Chair