

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Monday, September 22, 2025

MINUTE NO. 8

10:01 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Chris Beaudry, Terri Bromm,* Brad Crassweller, Hugh Gordon, Racquel Hilbert,* Joan Pratchler, and Sean Wilson.

Substituting Members

Terri Bromm for Chris Beaudry (1:50 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.)
Racquel Hilbert for David Chan

Provincial Auditor’s Office

Tara Clemett, Provincial Auditor
Victor Schwab, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Jason Shaw, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Trevor St. John, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Jason Wandy, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Carolyn O’Quinn, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Melanie Heebner, Principal
Michelle Lindenbach, Principal
Maro Ojaide, Senior Manager

Provincial Comptroller’s Office

Brent Hebert, Provincial Comptroller
Jane Borland, Assistant Provincial Comptroller

2. It was moved by Hugh Gordon:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, pursuant to subsection 16(1) of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, requests that the Provincial Auditor perform a special assignment investigation to examine the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency’s policies, expenditures, procedures and management of public funds regarding the maintenance and procurement of water bomber aircraft.

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

Yeas — 2

Gordon, Pratchler

Nays — 4

Beaudry, Crassweller, Hilbert, Wilson

3. The following documents were tabled:

Ministry of Education: Report of public losses, March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025

(PAC 42-30)

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: First quarter financial forecast for the three months ending June 30, 2025

(PAC 43-30)

Ministry of Health: Report of public losses, April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

(PAC 44-30)

Ministry of Finance: Report of public losses, April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

(PAC 45-30)

Ministry of Advanced Education: Report of public losses, April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

(PAC 46-30)

Ministry of Finance: Government response to first report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, dated August 8, 2025

(PAC 47-30)

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General: Response to question raised at the January 21, 2025 meeting

(PAC 48-30)

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

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2025 report volume 1

(Sessional paper no. 152)

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Annual report on operations for the year ended March 31, 2025

(Sessional paper no. 172)

Government of Saskatchewan: 2024–25 public accounts volume 1, summary financial statements

(Sessional paper no. 174)

5. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 32, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation — Managing Succession of Human Resources.

The following Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Jeff Morrow, President and Chief Executive Officer

Kirk Zawislak, Executive Director, Human Resources

6. The following document was tabled:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation: Status update, dated September 22, 2025

(PAC 49-30)

7. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 32, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation — Managing Succession of Human Resources.

8. The committee recessed from 10:25 a.m. until 10:27 a.m.
9. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 1, chapter 14, Office of Residential Tenancies — Adjudicating Tenancy Disputes.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Kimberly Kratzig, Deputy Minister

Brad Gurash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Justice Services and Tribunals

Office of Residential Tenancies

Anne-Marie Cotter, Director

10. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General: Status update, dated September 22, 2025

(PAC 50-30)

11. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 1, chapter 14, Office of Residential Tenancies — Adjudicating Tenancy Disputes.
12. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 1, chapter 13, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-term Remand and 2025 report volume 1, chapter 10, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-term Remand.
13. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

Denise Macza, Deputy Minister

Josh Freistadt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services

Scott Harron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody Services

Wanda Lamberti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Kim Audette, Executive Director, Research and Implementation

Dean Carey, Executive Director, Offender Services

Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services

Jill Rowden, Executive Director, Central Services

Rebecca Kayumba, Director, Accounting and Public Reporting

Lindsay Tokarski, Director, Operational Services

Linden Wilkins, Director, Community Safety and Well-Being

Nathanial Day, Executive Advisor

Victoria Zhang, Manager, Internal Audit

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Kimberly Kratzig, Deputy Minister

Elizabeth Hilts, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Public Prosecutions

14. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety:
Status update, dated September 22, 2025

(PAC 51-30)

15. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 1, chapter 13, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-term Remand and 2025 report volume 1, chapter 10, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-term Remand.

16. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 9, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Monitoring the Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Denise Macza, Deputy Minister

Josh Freistadt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services

Scott Harron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody Services

Wanda Lamberti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Kim Audette, Executive Director, Research and Implementation

Dean Carey, Executive Director, Offender Services

Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services

Jill Rowden, Executive Director, Central Services

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Linden Wilkins, Director, Community Safety and Well-Being

Nathanial Day, Executive Advisor

Victoria Zhang, Manager, Internal Audit

17. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: Status update, dated September 22, 2025

(PAC 52-30)

18. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 9, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Monitoring the Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative.

19. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 15, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Inmate Segregation.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Denise Macza, Deputy Minister

Josh Freistadt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services

Scott Harron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody Services

Wanda Lamberti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

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20. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 15, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Inmate Segregation.
21. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 16, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Rehabilitating Adult Inmates.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Denise Macza, Deputy Minister
Josh Freistadt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Scott Harron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody Services
Wanda Lamberti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services
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22. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 16, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Rehabilitating Adult Inmates.
23. The committee considered a nominee to recommend for appointment to the audit committee pursuant to section 20 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.
24. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That the committee do now meet in camera.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee met in camera from 12:11 p.m. until 12:16 p.m.
26. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That the Chair consult with the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies prior to forwarding the audit committee member recommendation to the Speaker.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

27. The committee recessed from 12:17 p.m. until 1:04 p.m.

28. It was moved by Hugh Gordon:

That the committee do now meet in camera and that Tara Clemett, Carolyn O'Quinn, Trevor St. John, Melanie Heebner, Brent Hebert, and Jane Borland be permitted to remain in attendance.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

29. The committee met in camera from 1:05 p.m. until 2:20 p.m.

30. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

31. The committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m. until Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Miranda Gudereit
Committee Clerk

Trent Wotherspoon
Chair