



No. 24

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Hillson, Stewart, Eagles, Hart and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to make the necessary repairs to Highways 13, 35, 18, 28, 6, 34, 334 and 36 in the Weyburn – Big Muddy constituency in order to prevent injury or loss of life and to prevent the loss of economic opportunity in the area.

(Sessional Paper No. 42)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 47 South in order to avoid serious injury and property damage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary steps to have Sask. Crop Insurance reverse the 2003 premium increases and restore affordable crop insurance premiums to our struggling farmers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 18)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 22 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take necessary action to provide the people of Moose Jaw and district with a hemodialysis unit for their community.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take all possible action to preserve the historic original Twin Bridges between Battleford and North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 40)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to repair Highway 49 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 41)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

The Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the year ended March 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 43)

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the 2002 Financial Statements of CIC Crown Corporations and Related Entities in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act* dated April 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 44)

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for Years Ending in the 2002 Calendar Year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, dated April 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 45)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 140, 141, 142 and 145, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 143, 144 and 146, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 50, 51 and 52.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:47 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the table:

By the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 46)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan For Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan For Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 48)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan For Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Supplementary Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 50)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements of the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements of CIC Industrial Interests Inc. (CIC III), for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Capital Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation and Saskatchewan Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan, for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Financial Statements of Power Greenhouses Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Financial Statements of SaskPower International Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Financial Statements of NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Annual Report of SaskTel and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Consolidated Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications International Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Financial Statements of Navigata Holding Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Financial Statements of Navigata Communications Inc. Pension Plan, for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Consolidated Financial Statements of SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

Financial Statements of the DirectWest Publishing Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated (Consolidated), SaskEnergy Incorporated (Distribution Division), SaskEnergy Incorporated (Holdings Division), TransGas Limited, Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited, Bayhurst Gas Limited, Swan Valley Gas Corporation, Saskatchewan First Call Corporation, SaskEnergy International Incorporated, SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings I Ltd., SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings II Ltd., SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings Limitada, SaskEnergy Mexican Holdings Ltd. and 6019021 Canada Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 70)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SGI CANADA for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 71)

Financial Statements of SGI CANADA Insurance Services Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 72)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Financial Statements of the Coachman Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Financial Statements of the Insurance Company of Prince Edward Island for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 76)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 77)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund V (1997) Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 83)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 85)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Water Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 86)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 87)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Gantefoer asked the Government Question No. 140, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: Please provide a list of current publicly insured medical procedures, how many were done of each during 2001-2002, and the cost per procedure.

Answer:

The current publicly insured medical procedures and the cost per procedure are included in the "Physician's Payment Schedule – April 1, 2003". This document is available on the Saskatchewan Health web site.

A summary of the medical procedures done in 2001-2002 can be found in the "Medical Services Branch Annual Statistical Report 2001-2002" in Tables 7,8, and 9. This document is also available on the Saskatchewan Health web site.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 141, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Of the 10,458 existing Crown Land Leases in Saskatchewan, how many were renewed in the fiscal year 2001-02? (2) Further to that, in the fiscal year 2001-02, how many of these leases were not renewed pending the proposed Crown Land Lease review? (3) Of the leases that were not renewed, how many were subject to a Treaty Land Entitlement Claim in the fiscal year 2001-02? (4) In the cases where Treaty Land Entitlement Claims were denied, how many leases were still not renewed in the fiscal year 2001-02?

Answer:

- (1) 237
- (2) None
- (3) None
- (4) None

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 142, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Of the 10,458 existing Crown Land Leases in Saskatchewan, how many were renewed in the fiscal year 2002-03? (2) Further to that, in the fiscal year 2002-03, how many of these leases were not renewed pending the proposed Crown Land Lease review? (3) Of the leases that were not renewed, how many were subject to a Treaty Land Entitlement Claim in the fiscal year 2002-03? (4) In the cases where Treaty Land Entitlement Claims were denied, how many leases were still not renewed in the fiscal year 2002-03?

Answer:

- (1) 49
- (2) One lease in its entirety and two part leases
- (3) One lease in its entirety and two part leases
- (4) Two partial leases

Mr. Lorenz asked the Government Question No. 145, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What provincial funding is available to municipalities for the control of West Nile virus? (2) When will the criteria for access to this funding be made available to municipalities which are currently preparing their budgets and need this information? (3) Will this funding be targeted to those municipalities with problems with West Nile virus?

Answer:

- (1) \$1.2 million in provincial funding will be made available to municipalities for mosquito control programs in 2003-04.

\$1,000,000 will be allocated for general mosquito control programs including source reduction and larvicide application to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus infection in humans.

\$200,000 will be allocated for more targeted programs where such activity is required based on high risk of West Nile Disease.

- (2) The funding criteria were shared with SUMA, SARM and SANC on April 17th, 2003. These associations are in the process of sharing this information with their members.

- (3) \$1.2 million in provincial funding will be made available to municipalities for mosquito control programs in 2003-04.

\$1,000,000 will be allocated for general mosquito control programs including source reduction and larvicide application to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus infection in humans.

\$200,000 will be allocated for more targeted programs where such activity is required based on high risk of West Nile Disease.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Question was given notice on day no. 21 and is to be answered by day no. 26:

Mr. Wakefield to ask the Government the following Question No. 148:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Will the flood at the MacArthur River uranium mine have a negative impact on the revenues of the provincial government due to lost royalties or other factors this fiscal year? (2) If so, what will be the impact in terms of dollars and in terms of projected provincial economic growth in the current year?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 22 and is to be answered by day no. 27:

Mr. Dearborn to ask the Government the following Question No. 149:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What is the total assessment of the Crown Lease ranch land? (2) What is the average quarter section assessment of this same land?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 23 and is to be answered by day no. 28:

Ms. Julé to ask the Government the following Question No. 150:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: What is the total amount of money the provincial government has spent on the ACRE committee since its inception?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 24 and are to be answered by day no. 29:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 151:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What specific environmental groups does your department get consultation on relating to current environment issues?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 152:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What are the lending guidelines for Crown investments Corporations to Crown Corporations and their subsidiaries for 2002-2003, specifically, the lending ratios relative to corporate equity to loans granted? (2) Further to that, do these guidelines change proportionately with fluctuations in the provincial credit rating?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 64 and 67 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
