



No. 77

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 21, 2005

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: Toth, Elhard, D'Autremont, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Stewart, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefoer, Harpauer, Bakken, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Kerpan, Morgan, Dearborn, Hart and Kirsch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(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 fulfill their commitment to the people of Humboldt and area and provide the funding necessary for a new hospital in Humboldt.

(Sessional Paper No. 718)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reconsider the decision to reduce funding to the Claybank Brick Plant.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 180)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue re-organization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 637)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately address the concerns of all individuals affected by the TransGas Asquith Natural Gas Storage Project, pay 100% of the costs involved to rectify disruptions to water supplies, produce an environment assessment study encompassing a larger area outside the scope of the project, disclose the project's long term effects on these areas and consider alternative sources of water for the project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 640)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide the funding required for additional residential spaces for Swift Current residents with lifelong disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 715)

WITHDRAWAL OF BILLS

By leave of the Assembly, the Order for Second Reading of Bill No. 81 - The Municipalities Act - was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

By leave of the Assembly, the Order for Second Reading of Bill No. 82 - The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 - was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 897, pursuant to Rule 46(1), the answer was Tabled and, by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 337.

(Sessional Paper No. 719)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 898 to 905, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:41 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 898, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Environment: What cities, towns and/or villages have been charged under subsection 33(3) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, subsection 33(2) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, subsection 30(5) of *The Water Regulations, 2002*, section 74(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, and/or any other legislation or regulations pertaining to the operation of water works for the purpose of supplying water for human consumption?

Answer:

- (1) The Villages of Keeler and Wood Mountain are the only cities, towns and/or villages to have been charged under subsection 33(3) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*.
- (2) The Village of Wood Mountain is the only city, town and/or village to have been charged under subsection 33(2) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*.
- (3) The Villages of Keeler and Wood Mountain are the only cities, towns and/or villages to have been charged under subsection 30(5) of *The Water Regulations, 2002*.
- (4) The Village of Wood Mountain is the only city, town and/or village to have been charged under subsection 74(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*.
- (5) One other charge under clause 28(d) of *The Water Regulations, 2002* for failing to have a water meter that records the volume of water passing through the water treatment facility or pumphouse, has been laid against the Village of Keeler pertaining to the operation of waterworks for the purposes of supplying water for human consumption.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 899, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:

To the Provincial Secretary: (1) Can the Provincial Secretary identify the amount the provincial government has spent to date on television commercials promoting the province's centennial? (2) Please also identify the names of the actors that appear in the commercials, where they live and whether they are members of ACTRA.

Answer:

- (1) \$434,954.48 (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CTV and Global) SCN is running them free of charge. The advertisements have been provided to Access Cable and Shaw Cable who expressed an interest to run them free of charge.
- (2) As the centennial office does not have an agreement with the performers, the office would not want to breach the performers' privacy by publicly releasing their names. All of the performers who appeared in the television advertisements live in Saskatchewan and are under contract to the producers of the television advertisements. All of the performers are members of ACTRA.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 900, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How many tickets has SGI purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Answer:

SGI has not and will not be purchasing any tickets for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala. However, SGI received 32 tickets as part of their sponsorship.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 901, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: How many tickets has SaskEnergy purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Answer:

SaskEnergy has not purchased and does not intend to purchase any tickets for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala. We expect to receive 32 complementary event tickets which would be included in the sponsorship.

Mr. Kerpan asked the Government Question No. 902, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many tickets has SaskTel purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Answer:

SaskTel has not and will not be purchasing any tickets for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala. However, SaskTel received 62 tickets as part of their sponsorship.

Mr. Kerpan asked the Government Question No. 903, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: How many tickets has Crown Management Board purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Answer:

CIC has not purchased any tickets, and does not intend to purchase any tickets, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon.

Mr. Kerpan asked the Government Question No. 904, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many tickets has SaskPower purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Answer:

To date, SaskPower has not purchased any tickets. SaskPower did not receive any complimentary tickets as part of their sponsorship. SaskPower is considering purchasing 8 tickets.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 905, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How many tickets has Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority has not and will not be purchasing tickets to the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at the Credit Union Place in Saskatoon.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Question was asked on day no. 74 and is to be answered by day no. 79:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 908:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What was the cost of the TransGas cavern projects located at Landis and near Melville, which were sold in 1997 to Canadian Crude Separators and Plains Environmental, respectively? (2) Why were these caverns developed by TransGas prior to their sale? (3) Why were these caverns sold by TransGas?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 75 and are to be answered by day no. 80:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 909:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Will the section of Highway 15 between the junction with Highway 20 and the village of Semans be resurfaced during the course of 2005? (2) If so, will this section of Highway 15 be resurfaced to the same standard as the section of Highway 15 east of Semans up to the junction with Highway 6?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 910:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) For entry level marketing positions, why are driving licenses a requirement? (2) Does this requirement discriminate against applicants with visual impairments? (3) How many applicants for these positions in the past have been visually impaired, and how many of these applicants have been hired?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 911:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) For entry level marketing positions, why are driving licenses a requirement? (2) Does this requirement discriminate against applicants with visual impairments? (3) How many applicants for these positions in the past have been visually impaired, and how many of these applicants have been hired?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 912:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For entry level marketing positions, why are driving licenses a requirement? (2) Does this requirement discriminate against applicants with visual impairments? (3) How many applicants for these positions in the past have been visually impaired, and how many of these applicants have been hired?

The following Question was asked on day no. 76 and is to be answered by day no. 81:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 913:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What amount of revenue was raised in 2004 through the scrap tire fee? (2) For what purpose is this revenue being used?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 77 and are to be answered by day no. 82:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 914:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: When a child is placed in foster care and the Department then learns that the child has become suicidal, what steps does the Department take to ensure the child's safety?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 915:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: What are the Department of Community Resources and Employment's policies and procedures for following up on a complaint made by a child against a parent whom the child is living with?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 916:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) Is it common practice for the Department to place a child with a person who was involved in filing a complaint against the child's parent? (2) If not, what is the common practice for placing a child in foster care?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with an Order of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dated March 16, 2005, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on Monday, April 4, 2005, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
