



No. 58

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

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: Junor, Higgins, Iwanchuk, Forbes, Morin, Broten and Vermette.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(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 commit to indexing Saskatchewan minimum wage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to maintaining quality health care services and job security for all public health care providers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 58)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 112)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to financially assist Duck Lake residents with exorbitant water rates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 115)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to invest in the planning and construction of new long-term care beds in La Ronge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 142)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 73 – The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008

#### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 357 and 359, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 358, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 46 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 229)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:29 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. Don Toth***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Saskatchewan Health Vital Statistics: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2008.  
(Sessional Paper No. 225)

Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. and Heritage Gas Limited.  
(Sessional Paper No. 226)

Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.  
(Sessional Paper No. 227)

Subscription Agreement dated February 24, 2009 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.  
Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated February 24, 2009, for \$251,655.  
(Sessional Paper No. 228)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 357, which was answered by the The Premier:**

To the Premier: (1) How many contracts has “Garven and Associates” received since November 7, 2007? (2) For each contract: what was the contract for? (3) Which ministry or ministries were involved? (4) How much was the contract worth?

Answer:

(1) 5

(2) Contract 1: The development and delivery of a two day forum for service providers to support program development and the coordination and mobilization of volunteers.

Contract 2: Research and development of a needs assessment template as well as training officers to utilize the tool.

Contract 3: Identify English language training and employment needs as well as barriers to employment programs and services of recent immigrants to North Battleford.

Contract 4: Comprehensive needs assessment for the delivery of Career and Employment Services through a systematic set of procedures.

Contract 5: Sector meeting facilitation of Enterprise Saskatchewan sector teams.

(3) Contracts 1 to 4: Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Contract 5: Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC).

(4) Contract 1: \$33,850

Contract 2: \$46,500

Contract 3: \$16,000

Contract 4: \$148,500

Contract 5: \$320,800

**Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 359, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:**

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) How many meetings has each Strategic Issues Council of Enterprise Saskatchewan had? (2) For each meeting: was there a facilitator (or any other contractee) involved? (3) If so, who was the facilitator (or contractee) for the meeting? (4) How much was paid to the facilitator (or contractee)? (5) What was the date of the meeting?

Answer:

(1) Regulatory Modernization Council (4): September 17, 2008, October 16, 2008 (Conference Call), November 26, 2008 (Conference Call), January 30, 2009, March 6, 2009 (Conference Call).

Entrepreneurship Council (4): November 26, 2008, January 28, 2009, February 6, 2009, March 20, 2009.

Youth Economic Engagement Council (1): April 27, 2009.

(2) No.

(3) N/A

(4) N/A

(5) See above (1).

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 55 and are to be answered by day no. 60:**

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 371:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: Which of Saskatchewan Crown corporations attended the National Job Fair and Training Expo held on March 31 to April 1, 2009?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 372:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: What did it cost each individual Saskatchewan Crown corporation who attended the National Job Fair and Training Expo held on March 31 to April 1, 2009 to attend?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 58 and are to be answered by day no. 63:**

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 373:

To the Premier: (1) Were any third parties (including, but not limited to, law firms) contracted to negotiate any part of any severance packages for any dismissed individual from the government? (2) If so, which third party was contracted? (3) How much was that third party paid in total? (4) How many severance negotiations was that third party involved with? (5) If the third party was a law firm, which individual lawyers were paid?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 374:

To the Premier: (1) Is the government spending any money on the western branch of the “public policy forum”? (2) If so, how much money is being spent? (3) Which government agencies or Crown corporations are spending money? (4) What is the stated purpose of the spending? Note: For the purpose of this question “spending” includes direct government payments, loans, loan guarantees, grants or any other type of transfer of resources from government to this agency.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 375:

To the Premier: (1) Will Garnet Garvin receive any payout, severance or otherwise, as a result of his leaving the employment of the government of Saskatchewan? (2) What will the amount of these payments be and for what purpose? (3) If there is any kind of severance package, please include all details such as pension and benefit payments.

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 376:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the composition of the Provincial Panel on Student Achievement? (2) Who are the current members?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 377:

To the Minister of Education: (1) Does the 2009/10 budget include any capital investment for infrastructure as advocated by the Saskatchewan Library Association, for specifically, needed headquarter refurbishments/renovations? (2) Is so, what amount?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 378:

To the Minister of Education: (1) Which school divisions will be delivering technology supported learning courses in 2009/10? (2) 2008/09?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 379:

To the Minister of Education: (1) In regard to the new technology supported learning programs, recognizing that not all communities or schools currently have the technological infrastructure to take advantage of these programs, is there a timeline for all schools to be able to access these programs? (2) If so, what is that timeline? (3) How many schools are not currently able to access these programs?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 380:

To the Minister of Education: (1) As it relates to the elimination of the ministry's correspondence and technology supported learning program, has every student in every school had, at minimum, the same access to course offerings as through the previous model of correspondence and distance education?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 381:

To the Minister of Education: (1) As it relates to budget vote ED03, the School Operating K-12 Initiatives which has received an almost 3.3 million increase, which schools are receiving money? (2) How much money is each school receiving? (3) What is the process a school follows to access the funds?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 382:

To the Minister of Education: How many educational assistants were employed by Saskatchewan school divisions in 2008/09?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 383:

To the Minister of Education: The P3 Secretariat is currently working on a mandate for the Secretariat. (1) Will educational facilities, including but not limited to schools, be within the scope of any studies or projects by this body? (2) Has the Ministry of Education arrived at any positions or directions with regard to education Public Private Partnerships? (3) Has the Ministry offered any input to the Secretariat? (4) If so, what is the context of that input?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 384:

To the Minister of Education: (1) Does this 2009/10 budget include any assistance to libraries, that have noted their struggles to provide wage equity with other parts of Canada, to recruit and retain the needed library professionals? (2) If so, what amount?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 385:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How much funding is allocated in the 2009/10 provincial budget for the Northern Enterprise Region in the north western portion of the province?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 386:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How much funding is allocated in the 2009/10 provincial budget for the Northern Enterprise Region in the north eastern portion of the province?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 387:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How much funding is allocated in the 2009/10 provincial budget for Northern Enterprise Regions?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 388:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How much provincial government funding was provided to the Woodlands and Waterways Regional Development Corporation in total in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08? (5) 2008/09?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 389:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How much provincial government funding was provided to the Woodlands and Waterways Regional Development Corporation for projects in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08? (5) 2008/09?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 390:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How much provincial government funding was provided to the Woodlands and Waterways Regional Development Corporation for operations in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08? (5) 2008/09?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 391:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How much funding is allocated in the 2009/10 provincial budget for the Woodlands and Waterways Regional Development Corporation?