



No. 43

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

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: Higgins, Junor, Broten, Furber, Morin, Quennell and Wotherspoon.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the following Petitions were favourably examined and pursuant to Rule 16(7) read and received:

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to begin a comprehensive, transparent and public review of Saskatchewan's potash royalty system.

(Sessional Paper No. 125)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary action to place a six-year moratorium on the school review process.

(Sessional Paper No. 126)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop a poverty elimination strategy.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to manage the provincial finances more responsibly.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact some form of rent control to protect Saskatchewan renters from unreasonable increases in rent.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 29)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to devote the necessary resources for the construction of an elementary school in Hampton Village.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 77)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill No. 160 and hold public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 78)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to address the funding inequity between Regina Catholic Schools and Regina Public Schools.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 85)

Of the 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 through retention and recruitment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:22 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Water Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2010, including the *2010 Water Quality Report*.

(Sessional Paper No. 127)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Mr. Belanger to move First Reading of Bill No. 623 – The School Bus Drivers (Saskatchewan) Appreciation Day Act

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Higgins to move the following motion:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan urges the Saskatchewan government to immediately implement rent controls to protect people from uncontrolled rent increases that have in some cases been up to 100 per cent.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Mr. Ottenbreit to move the following motion:

That this Assembly acknowledge the proactive efforts of the Public Safety employees who, through their efforts, are ensuring our government will be better prepared to handle flooding issues in the province this spring.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Government)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Mr. Ottenbreit to move the following motion:

That this Assembly acknowledge the proactive efforts of the Public Safety employees who, through their efforts, are ensuring our government will be better prepared to handle flooding issues in the province this spring.

No. 2 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 2** of Mr. Forbes:

That this Assembly calls on the government to recognize the urgent nature of the housing and affordability crisis across the province, as evidenced by the fact that the Salvation Army is having to turn people away from its emergency shelters in Saskatoon due to over capacity for the first time;

And further, That in making this call, the Assembly urges the government to do the following:

- (1) To immediately assist emergency shelters to increase their capacity to provide desperately needed services during cold winter months;
- (2) To immediately begin the process of developing a comprehensive affordable housing strategy and a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy to address the underlying causes of this crisis.

(Mr. Yates)

Adjourned Twice

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 40 and are to be answered by day no. 45:

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 972:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many brand new positions were created for registered nurses in each health region in the last year? (2) What was the classification for each new position? (3) What was the job description for each new position?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 973:

To the Minister of Health: How many special care aide vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 974:

To the Minister of Health: How many licensed practical nurse vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 975:

To the Minister of Health: How many medical laboratory technician vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 976:

To the Minister of Health: How many doctor vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 977:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many spirometries were done by each health region in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006? (7) 2005?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 978:

To the Minister of Health: What are the operating hours of CT scanners in each facility in the province?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 979:

To the Minister of Health: What are the operating hours of MRI scanners in each facility in the province?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 980:

To the Minister of Health: What are the vacancies for all technicians in each health region in the province?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 981:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many pediatric admissions were there in each health district for 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 982:

To the Minister of Health: How long is the waiting list for children to see a respirologist?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 983:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many children with respiratory issues were referred out of province in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 984:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Is there a smoke-free policy for the Saskatoon Housing Authority? (2) If so, what is it?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 985:

To the Minister of Health: Does the Saskatchewan formulary include nicotine replacement therapy?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 986:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the wait list for spirometries in Regina? (2) Saskatoon?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 987:

To the Minister of Health: How many general pediatricians are there in Saskatoon?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 988:

To the Minister of Health: How many specialized pediatricians are there in Saskatoon?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 989:

To the Government: (1) Does the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Environment do tier 1 soil testing for radon gas? (2) If so, how does it do the testing?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 990:

To the Government: (1) How many social assistance recipients have used up their 12 chiropractic visits in 2011? (2) 2010?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 991:

To the Government: How many social services recipients receive paid-for chiropractic care?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 992:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much money has the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations spent on leaflets, posters, letters, flyers and other workplace advertising about contract negotiations with the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan in 2009/10? (2) 2010/11?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 993:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Where is the Status of Women office now found in the budget?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 994:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Why is the Status of Women office no longer appearing as a line item?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 995:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: What is the total budget estimate for the Status of Women office for 2011/12?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 996:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: What was the total budget estimate for the Status of Women office for 2010/11?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 997:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: What is the forecast for the Status of Women office for the 2010/11 year?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 998:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Has the mandate of the Status of Women office changed?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 999:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: How many staff people are employed with the Status of Women office?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1000:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Prior to the heritage property de-designation in April 2010, was the renovation work with the KIP funding at St. Peter's College in Muenster approved by the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1001:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) From whom did the request for the heritage de-designation of St. Peter's College come? (2) What was the rationale?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1002:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: When the request for the de-designation came in from St. Peter's College, what were the recommendations from the ministry regarding the de-designation of St. Peter's as a provincial heritage property?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1003:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) Did the minister do any public consultation before choosing to de-designate St. Peter's College? (2) If not, why not?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1004:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Did any other ministry have any contact with Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport concerning the de-designation?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1005:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Did the minister follow the recommendations of his officials with respect to the de-designation of St. Peters' College as a heritage property?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1006:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Although there appears to be no requirement under *The Heritage Property Act* to consult when a request to de-designate comes from the property owner, could the minister have chosen to publicly consult anyway?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1007:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: In the past 10 years, how many requests for heritage property de-designation has the ministry received?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1008:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: On how many of the requests for heritage property de-designation over the past 10 years did the ministry consult?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1009:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many of the heritage property de-designations were signed off on by the minister of the day over the past 10 years?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 41 and are to be answered by day no. 46:

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1010:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: With respect to the Blackstrap Provincial Park report, what recreation opportunities consistent with Blackstrap's natural setting did the report recommend?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1011:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What were the preliminary development options for Blackstrap Provincial Park presented to the participants in preparation for the park consultations?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1012:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) When is the ministry expected to finish reviewing the Blackstrap Provincial Park report? (2) What is the timeline for the release of the report on Blackstrap Provincial Park?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1013:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: When is the phased re-development of Blackstrap Provincial Park expected to begin?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1014:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many businesses within the Saskatchewan provincial parks system have no-competition clauses for the provision of services and goods?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1015:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What is the rationale for the no-competition clauses for businesses within the provincial parks system?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1016:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What is the length of these no-competition clauses for business within the provincial parks system?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1017:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What are the criteria necessary to provide a no-competition clause to a business within the provincial parks system?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1018:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: In what year did the province begin to offer no-competition clauses to businesses within the provincial parks system?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1019:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) What were the capital projects in Pike Lake Provincial Park in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005? (7) 2004? (8) 2003? (9) 2002?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1020:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What was the total cost of *Growing Minor Football in Saskatchewan: A Report by Gene Makowsky*?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1021:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What was Mr. Makowsky's total salary, expenses and benefits for putting together *Growing Minor Football in Saskatchewan: A Report by Gene Makowsky*?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1022:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Which of the recommendations from *Growing Minor Football in Saskatchewan: A Report by Gene Makowsky* have been implemented?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1023:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: When is the final report of the review of the tourism system in Saskatchewan expected to be complete?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1024:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: If the final report of the review of the tourism system in Saskatchewan is not complete, what are the delays, as it was expected to be complete last year?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1025:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: If the final report of the review of the tourism system in Saskatchewan is complete, when will it be released publicly?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1026:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: If the final report of the review of the tourism system in Saskatchewan is complete, what were the recommendations?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1027:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: If the final report of the review of the tourism system in Saskatchewan is complete, which recommendations has the ministry acted on?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1028:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: If the final report of the review of the tourism system in Saskatchewan is complete, which recommendations does the ministry anticipate acting on?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1029:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What was the total cost of the review and the report on the tourism system in Saskatchewan?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 43 and are to be answered by day no. 48:

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1030:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Have any underground line services including, but not limited to, locating, trenching, installing, or removing been contracted to a private company? (2) If yes, what is the name of the company/individual that has been awarded the contract for line servicing? (3) Was this contract awarded through an open tendering process?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1031:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Have any underground line services including, but not limited to, locating, trenching, installing, or removing been contracted to a private company? (2) If yes, what is the name of the company/individual that has been awarded the contract for line servicing? (3) Was this contract awarded through an open tendering process?