



No. 46

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 11, 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, Forbes, Broten, 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 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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 125)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1010 to 1029, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 169 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2011

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 169 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 167 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 167 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Harper, adjourned.

Bill No. 168 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 168 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Trew, adjourned.

Bill No. 153 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 153 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 153 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 165 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 165 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 165 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2011 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 161 – The Election Amendment Act, 2010

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 161 – The Election Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Tuesday 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. Norris:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 138)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 139)

Financial Statements for NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

Financial Statements for Power Greenhouses Inc. (SaskPower Shand Greenhouse) for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 142)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1010, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

We are reviewing the consultant's report and recommendations will become public when the review is complete.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1011, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

A series of five concepts for Blackstrap were created ranging from a low key, day use oriented redevelopment to the establishment of high end destination resort focused facilities. These were presented to stakeholder groups in March 2010.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1012, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Review of the Blackstrap Provincial Park report will continue through 2011.
- (2) Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport is undertaking a review of the consultant's report and recommendations will become public when the review is complete.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1013, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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

Answer:

Some projects are planned for this year as part of our overall parks capital plan. Any additional changes will be considered as part of the analysis of the consultant's report.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1014, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

There are 130 private business leases in the Saskatchewan provincial parks system. With few exceptions, commercial lease agreements have non-competition clauses.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1015, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The non-competition clause has been included in most lease agreements since the early 1980s. The clause was created to help new businesses grow and become economically viable over time.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1016, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The non-competition clause would be in place for the term of the commercial lease agreement.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1017, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The non-competition clause has been standard in all lease agreements since the early 1980s.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1018, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

Non-competition clauses have been included in lease agreements since the early 1980s.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1019, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

Ministry capital projects in Pike Lake Provincial Park include:

- (1) 2010
 - a) copper wire burn remediation
 - b) facilities upgrade of tables, gravel and satellite toilets
 - c) add and maintain picnic tables and barbecues
- (2) 2009
 - a) water system optimization
 - b) campsite electrical expansion
 - c) facilities upgrade of gravel internal roads, new satellite toilet building, replace fence at pool, lift paving stones
- (3) 2008
 - a) electrification expansion of the southeast and west campgrounds
 - b) facilities upgrade of hot water heater, electric eye shower units, two sewer pumps
 - c) purchase of IHC 5 ton truck

- (4) 2007
 - a) education/interpretive display redevelopment
 - b) upgrade satellite toilets
 - c) satellite toilet building conversion to low flush
- (5) 2006
 - a) facilities upgrade of 65 picnic tables
 - b) satellite toilet building conversion to low flush
 - c) trailer sewage dump station
 - d) sewage lagoon effluent irrigation
 - e) education/interpretive display redevelopment
- (6) 2005
 - a) facilities upgrade of replacement of tables and barbecues
 - b) trailer sewage dump station upgrade
 - c) swimming pool mechanical system upgrade
 - d) sewage lagoon effluent irrigation
- (7) 2004
 - a) facilities upgrade of carpet, pool furniture, street signs
 - b) pool upgrade of the mechanical system
 - c) sewage lagoon completion (carryover from 2003/04)
 - d) interpretive strategy plan development
 - e) purchased and developed education kits
 - f) purchase of a Case 570 MTX tractor
- (8) 2003
 - a) facilities upgrade of picnic tables and barbecues
 - b) water slide repairs – tower slide pool painting
 - c) sewage lagoon – construction of new two cell lagoon
 - d) Native Prairie Reclamation and Vegetation Management Plan development
 - e) developed play structures
 - f) campground electrification design
 - g) Pike Lake Fisheries Habitat Assessment Study
- (9) 2002
 - a) facilities upgrade – recreation hall roof, interpretive display roof, pool cover
 - b) pool/slide repair
 - c) fish habitat evaluation study
 - d) sewage lagoon upgrading
 - e) risk tree removal
 - f) Pike Lake Fisheries Habitat Assessment Study

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1020, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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*?

Answer:

The total cost of the report was \$20,961.76.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1021, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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*?

Answer:

Mr. Makowsky's consultant fee for the project was \$20,000.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1022, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

Actions have been taken on all the recommendations presented within *Growing Minor Football in Saskatchewan: A Report by Gene Makowsky*. The recommendations are available online.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1023, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The report has been completed.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1024, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The report has been completed.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1025, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

At this time, the report is under consideration in the ministry.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1026, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The report is being studied at this time and recommendations have not been released.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1027, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The report is being studied at this time and recommendations have not been released.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1028, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

The report is being studied at this time and recommendations have not been released.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1029, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

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?

Answer:

\$175,000.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 624 – The Contracts, Lease Agreements and Tenders Accountability and Transparency Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?