

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION  
OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE**

**February 9, 2000**

**MINUTE NO. 3  
9:30 a.m. - Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Prebble and Ms. Julé in the Chair and Members Draude, Harper, Toth and Yates.
2. The Committee received a briefing from officials from the Department of Health on the topic of Saskatchewan Alcohol and Drug Services.

Marlene Smadu, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Jim Simmons, Executive Director, Community Care  
Karen Gibbons, Director, Program Support

3. During the course of the presentation, the following documents were tabled:

**AEC 8/24 – Saskatchewan Health Alcohol and Drug Services:** Presentation materials to the Special Committee to Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation of Children through the Sex Trade.

**AEC 9/24 – Department of Health:** Directory of Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services in Saskatchewan Health Districts

4. The officials responded to questions put by Committee Members.
5. The Co-chair, Ms. Julé, advised that the Legislative Library would be providing material on the Committee's terms of reference to Members.
6. The Committee recessed from 10:50 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.
7. The Co-chairs reported back to the Committee on their discussions with the Deputy Minister of Social Services in regards to seconding an official from that department to serve as the Committee's research officer. Two individuals had been nominated for the Committee's consideration.

It was agreed that the Committee would hold an in-camera meeting on Monday, February 21, 2000 to interview the two candidates nominated.

The Committee subsequently agreed that the interviews would take place later this day.

8. The Co-chair, Mr. Prebble, proposed to the Committee that March 6 – 12, 2000 be declared the "Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week". Committee Members indicated their support for this declaration and agreed that the Committee should work with other stakeholders to recognize and encourage participation in this event.

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9. The Committee discussed the locations and scheduling of its public hearings. It was agreed that public hearings should be held in La Ronge, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon. Other communities may be added later after consultations with mayors and tribal councils. It was further agreed that a private meeting would also be held in each location where a public hearing was scheduled.

The Co-chair, Ms. Julé, suggested that Committee Members might wish to consider visiting outreach and private treatment facilities. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Committee would explore the possibility of holding such visits.

10. Committee Members discussed the work that has been done by other jurisdictions to address the abuse and exploitation of children through the sex trade. The Committee's terms of reference include the direction that it should consider and report on the strategies employed by other jurisdictions and the effectiveness of their approaches. It was agreed that in order to fulfill this mandate, the Committee should hear representations from officials from Alberta and Manitoba.

11. It was moved by Mr. Toth:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. The Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until Monday, February 21, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

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Arlene Julé  
Committee Co-Chair

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Peter Prebble  
Committee Co-Chair

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk