SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE March 21, 2000

MINUTE NO. 8 9:00 a.m. – Saskatoon

1. **PRESENT**: Ms. Julé and Mr. Prebble in the Chair and Members Harper and Yates.

Staff to the Committee

Randal Pritchard, Technical Advisor

2. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

That this Committee do now meet in-camera.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and the Committee accordingly met in-camera.

3. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That, pursuant to Rule 98(2), the Special Committee authorizes the Co-chairs to hold regularly scheduled meetings to conduct hearings and to receive evidence when a quorum is not present.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

4. The Committee reviewed a draft budget for Phase I of its proceedings, which was tabled:

AEC 17/24 – Special Committee to Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation of Children through the Sex Trade: Budget Estimate for Phase I

It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the draft budget for Phase I of the Special Committee's public consultation process be approved and adopted.

The question being put and a debate arising, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

5. The Committee considered how elders invited to attend and open proceedings would be paid for their services. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That, pursuant to Rule 99, where the Committee has summoned elders to attend and open the proceedings with a prayer, these elders shall be paid a honorarium and offered the traditional gift of tobacco. The amount of the honorarium shall range between \$50 and \$150 / day under the discretion of the Technical Advisor.

The question being put and a debate arising, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee discussed whether and in what circumstances individuals invited to appear before the Committee should receive an honorarium and whether they should be reimbursed for any expenses incurred. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That, pursuant to Rule 99, individuals appearing on their own behalf who have been summoned to appear before the Special Committee are to be paid:

- a) an honorarium of \$50; and
- b) a reasonable sum for traveling expenses when they appear in a location other than their ordinary place of residence.

The question being put and a debate arising, the motion was agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

That this Committee do now meet in public.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 8. The Committee recessed from 9:40 a.m. until 9:52 a.m.
- 9. The Co-chairs presented an introductory summary of the Committee's terms of reference.
- 10. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of the Saskatoon Police Service, including Superintendent Bill Hargarten, Sergeant Len Watkins and Constable Joceline Schriemer.

During the course of the presentation, the following document was tabled:

AEC 18/24 – Saskatoon Police Service: Presentation materials for the March 21, 2000 meeting, including:

- Article entitled "Research Regarding the Relationship between Education and Prostitution";
- Case summary "Lori";
- Article entitled "Absentee Assessment Team: Demonstration Project Proposal", dated August 17, 1999;
- Article entitled "Absentee Assessment Team Project";
- "Wraparound Process Absentee Assessment Team" pamphlets.

Superintendent Hargarten, Sergeant Watkins and Constable Schriemer then responded to questions put by Committee Members.

- 11. The Committee recessed from 11:30 a.m. until 11:35 a.m.
- 12. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of the Metis Family and Community Justice Services branch of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, including Ms. Ingrid MacColl, Director of Family Services and Mr. Wayne Ross, Director of Justice Services.

Ms. MacColl and Mr. Ross then responded to questions put by Committee Members.

- 13. The Committee recessed from 12:10 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.
- 14. The Co-chairs began the afternoon session by presenting an introductory summary of the Committee's terms of reference.
- 15. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of Egadz Youth Centre, including Mr. Bill Thibodeau, Executive Director and Mr. Don Meikle, Outreach Coordinator.

During the course of the presentation, the following document was tabled:

AEC 19/24 – Egadz Youth Centre: Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. (Egadz) - 1998 Annual Report

Mr. Thibodeau and Mr. Meikle then responded to questions put by Committee Members.

16. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That this Committee do now meet in-camera.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and the Committee accordingly met in-camera.

17. The Committee heard a presentation from a youth, Joy, and her mother, Bev.

Joy and Bev then responded to questions put by Committee Members.

18. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

20. The Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2000.

Arlene Julé	Peter Prebble
Committee Co-chair	Committee Co-chair
Margaret A. Woods	
Committee Clerk	