

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION
OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE
December 14, 2000**

**MINUTE NO. 34
9:00 a.m. – Saskatoon**

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

Staff to the Committee

Randal Pritchard, Technical Advisor

2. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of the Saskatoon Community Resource Development Network, including Ms. Doris Colson and Ms. Norrine Shewchuk. They were joined by Ms. Cyndy Doxtator and Ms. Kris Kell, facilitators at Pleasant Hill Place, Ms. Heather Krieger, mentor at My Home, and Ms. Lynne Braun, SAKS Centre, Nutana Collegiate Institute.

The following document was tabled:

AEC 68/24 – Saskatoon Community Resource Development Network: two articles including

- “Pleasant Hill Place – Affordable Housing for Student Moms” in *Quint Essentials*, dated April 2000;
- “Health Promotion in Action ... Pleasant Hill Place Provides a Stepping Stone to a Fulfilling Future” in *Saskatoon Community Clinic*, Winter 2000 edition.

Ms. Colson, Ms. Shewchuk, Ms. Doxtator, Ms. Kell, Ms. Krieger and Ms. Braun then responded to questions from Committee Members.

3. The Committee recessed from 10:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.
4. The Committee heard a presentation from a representative of Building a Nation Counselling, Mr. Maurice Bear, traditional counsellor and elder.

Mr. Bear then responded to questions from Committee Members.

5. The Committee heard a presentation from four youths, Chasity, Kylie, Maggie and Sarah. They were accompanied by Ms. Sandi LeBeouf, Chair, Working Group to Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children, Saskatoon Communities for Children.

Maggie tabled the following document:

AEC 69/24 – Maggie: Presentation materials for the Committee meeting of December 14, 2000, including:

- Initial Ideas/Concepts for Youth Against Sexual Exploitation (YASE) Home;
- Précis of Margarite’s speech

Chasity, Kylie, Maggie, Sarah and Ms. LeBeouf then responded to questions from Committee Members.

6. The Committee recessed from 12:35 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

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7. The Committee heard a presentation from Ms. Bev Benson.

Ms. Benson then responded to questions from Committee Members.

8. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of the Office of the Children's Advocate, including Dr. Deborah Parker-Loewen, Children's Advocate and Ms. Roxane Schury, Advocate.

The following document was tabled:

AEC 70/24 – Office of the Children's Advocate: Presentation materials for the Committee meeting of December 14, 2000

Dr. Parker-Loewen and Ms. Schury then responded to questions from Committee Members.

9. The Committee recessed from 3:30 p.m. until 3:40 p.m.
10. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of AIDS Saskatoon, including Ms. Melissa Kelsey, Board member, and Ms. Emmanuelle Morin, Executive Coordinator.

The following document was tabled:

AEC 71/24 – AIDS Saskatoon: Figure #3 – Children Not in School: Causes and Effects

Ms. Kelsey and Ms. Morin then responded to questions from Committee Members.

11. The Committee heard a presentation from representatives of Riversdale Community and School Association, including Ms. Sylvia Obrigewitsch, executive member, and Ms. Elvina Coté, volunteer.
12. The Committee heard a presentation from a representative of the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. (EGADZ), Mr. Bill Thibodeau, Executive Director.

Mr. Thibodeau then responded to questions from Committee Members.

13. The Committee adjourned at 5:03 p.m. to the call of the chair.

Arlene Julé
Committee Co-chair

Peter Prebble
Committee Co-chair

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk