

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS**  
**December 10, 2001**

**MINUTE NO. 17**  
**10:40 a.m. - Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. McCall in the Chair and Members Brkich, Jones, McMorris, Prebble, Wall and Yates.

Ms. Hamilton substituting for Mr. Addley  
Mr. Hart substituting for Mr. Huyghebaert  
Mr. Van Mulligen substituting for Mr. Thomson

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Fred Wendel, Acting Provincial Auditor  
Ed Montgomery, Executive Director  
Judy Ferguson, Executive Director

2. The following document was tabled:

**CCC 86/24 Standing Committee on Public Accounts:** Correspondence dated December 3, 2001.

3. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the proposed agenda be adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 11 (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) of the *Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor*. Mr. Montgomery of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter and, with Mr. Wendel, answered questions.

The following officials of the Crown Investments Corporation appeared before the Committee and answered questions:

Frank Hart, President  
Sheldon Schwartz, Chief Financial Officer  
Doug Kosloski, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

5. The Committee discussed Recommendation 1, Chapter 11 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Yates moved:

Regarding Recommendation 1, Chapter 11, Spring 2001 of the auditor's report, that the Crown Corporations Committee ask CIC to review its procedures and when it next comes before the Committee, report on the pros and cons of changing the legislation in the context of a commercial environment.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was carried.

Further consideration of the recommendation was thereby deferred.

6. Mr. Wall moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations correspond with the Minister Responsible for CIC endorsing Recommendation 1 in Chapter 11 of the Provincial Auditor's Spring 2001 Report and recommends the government's compliance with the recommendation.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that the motion is in conflict with the motion previously passed.

7. The Committee discussed Recommendation 2, Chapter 11 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Yates moved:

That regarding Recommendation 2, Chapter 11, Spring 2001 Provincial Auditor's Report that CIC continue to provide the information requested by the Crown Corporations Committee when requested.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

The Acting Provincial Auditor undertook to further discuss with CIC the issue of disclosure requirements.

8. The Committee discussed Recommendation 3, Chapter 11 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor. Within this recommendation, the Provincial Auditor recommended a specific process to be followed by MLA's when deciding what information government agencies should disclose and to whom.

Mr. Van Mulligen moved:

That the matters contained in Recommendation 3, Chapter 11 of the Spring 2001 Provincial Auditor's Report be referred to the Crown Investments Corporation and the Office of the Provincial Auditor with a report to be made by June 2002.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

9. Mr. Wall moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations concur with Recommendation 4, Chapter 11 of the Spring 2001 Provincial Auditor's Report.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

10. At 12:20 p.m., the Committee recessed until 1:38 p.m.

11. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 12 (Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation) of the *Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter and answered questions.

The following officials of the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation appeared before the Committee and answered questions:

Don Ching, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Randy Stephanson, Chief Financial Officer

The following document was tabled:

**CCC 87/24 Office of the Provincial Auditor:** Presentation materials regarding Chapter 12 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

12. Mr. Yates moved:

That the committee concur with Recommendation 1, Chapter 12 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

13. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

14. The Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2001.

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Viktor Kaczkowski  
Committee Clerk

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Warren McCall  
Committee Chair