

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

December 11, 2001

MINUTE NO. 18

9:36 a.m. - Room 10

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

Ms. Atkinson substituting for Mr. Addley
Mr. Hart substituting for Mr. Huyghebaert
Ms. Julé substituting for Mr. Brkich

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Acting Provincial Auditor
Rodd Jersak, Principal
Phil Creaser, Principal

2. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 13 (Saskatchewan Water Corporation) of the *Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor*. Mr. Jersak of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

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

Clare Kirkland, President
Micheal McDougall, General Counsel

The following document was tabled:

CCC 88/24 Saskatchewan Water Corporation: Document entitled "Sask Water Investment Policy" dated June 2001.

3. Mr. Wall moved:

That the committee concur with Recommendation 1, Chapter 13 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

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

4. Mr. Yates moved:

That the committee concur with Recommendation 2, Chapter 13 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

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

5. Mr. Wall moved:

That the committee concur with Recommendation 3, Chapter 13 of the Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor.

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

6. At 9:58 a.m., the Committee recessed until 10:03 a.m.
7. Pursuant to the Section 20(4) of the Provincial Auditor's Act, which states that "a recommendation of the public accounts committee pursuant to subsection (3) is to be made only after the public accounts committee has consulted with the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Crown Corporations", the committee reviewed the list of five candidates to be nominated to serve on the Audit Committee as provided by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in a letter dated December 3, 2001.
8. Mr. Thomson moved that the Committee meet in camera. The question being put on the motion, it was carried.
9. The committee met in camera from 10:05 a.m. until 10:09 a.m., after which time

Mr. Yates moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations concur with the list of candidates to serve on the Audit Committee selected by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and that a letter signed by the Chair be sent to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to that effect.

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

10. The Committee then considered its schedule of meetings during the month of January.

Mr. Wall moved:

That the Committee resume its consideration of the outstanding 1998, 1999 & 2000 Annual Reports of certain Crown Corporations as follows:

Tuesday, January 8, 2002 - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. &
Wednesday, January 9, 2002 - 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
Information Services Corporation - ISC

Tuesday, January 15, 2002 - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. &
Wednesday, January 16, 2002 - 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
Saskatchewan Government Insurance - SGI

Tuesday, January 22, 2002 - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. &
Wednesday, January 23, 2002 - 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saskatchewan Power Corporation - SaskPower

Tuesday, January 29, 2002 - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation - SOCO

Wednesday, January 30, 2002 - 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saskatchewan Transportation Company -STC

And that the Clerk has the authority to make the necessary arrangements to allow the implementation of the schedule of business recommended by the Steering Committee.

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

11. At 10:17 a.m., the Committee recessed until 1:38 p.m.

12. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 14 (Information Services Corporation) of the *Spring 2001 Report of the Provincial Auditor*. Mr. Creaser of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following officials of the Information Services Corporation appeared before the Committee and answered questions:

Fraser Nicholson, President and Chief Executive Officer
Laurie Powers, Chief Financial Officer

13. Mr. Yates moved:

That the Crown Corporations Committee request the year end audit of the Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan be amended to provide, in addition to the normal audit, audit assurance related to the following matters:

- 1) On the matter of the \$55 million debt, to identify the key expenditure segments for ISC and the corresponding revenue and budgets at 2001 year end;
- 2) On the matter of the projects costs in relation to the original approved budget, to identify the projected costs to complete the LAND project against the assumptions of actual cost of work completed and the assumptions used by ISC to make the projections; and
- 3) On the matter of ISC meeting its stated objectives, to review progress of the Corporation with regard to its stated objectives including the stated benefits of the LAND project.

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

14. At 2:10 p.m., the Committee recessed until 2:12 p.m.

15. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

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

16. The Committee adjourned at 2:42 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

Viktor Kaczkowski
Committee Clerk

Warren McCall
Committee Chair