

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS**

**January 30, 2002**

### **MINUTE NO. 25**

**9:34 a.m. - Room 10**

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

Ms. Atkinson substituting for Mr. Thomson

Mr. Forbes substituting for Mr. Addley

Ms. Hamilton substituting for Mr. Prebble

#### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Andrew Martens, Principal

Phil Creaser, Principal

#### **Appointed Auditors**

Brian G. Drayton, Partner, PriceWaterhouse Coopers

2. The Committee initiated its consideration of the annual reports of Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) for the years ending December 31, 1998, December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000 with an opening statement being made by Mr. Hadfield.

The following officials responded to questions posed by members of the Committee:

Jim Hadfield, President and Chief Executive Officer

Shawn Grice, Senior Director, Finance and Administration

John Millar, Director, Communications and Strategic Planning

The following documents were tabled:

**CCC 126/24 Saskatchewan Transportation Company:** Saskatchewan Transportation Company Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1998.

**CCC 127/24 Saskatchewan Transportation Company:** Saskatchewan Transportation Company Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1999.

**CCC 128/24 Saskatchewan Transportation Company:** Saskatchewan Transportation Company Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2000.

**CCC 129/24 Saskatchewan Transportation Company:** Statistical information including Saskatchewan Transportation Company Board Expense Claims 1998.

3. Messrs. Martens and Creaser provided an overview of the Provincial Auditor's review of the annual reports and financial statements.

4. The appointed auditor, Mr. Drayton, addressed the Committee with respect to the audit report contained in the annual report and financial statements.
5. The corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.
6. The following document was tabled:

**CCC 130/24 D. F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, MLA:** Correspondence between Mr. Huyghebaert and the Hon. John T. Nilson, Minister of Crown Investments Corporation dated November 28, 2000 and December 5, 2000.

7. At 10:38 a.m., the Committee recessed until 10:57 a.m.
8. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations recognizes the importance the Saskatchewan Transportation Company plays in the lives of Saskatchewan people, as both a service of public transportation, as well as an efficient and effective parcel delivery service and the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations supports its continued operation.

It was agreed that the Committee would postpone its consideration of the motion of Mr. Yates in order to allow the Committee to vote off the Annual Reports of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company.

9. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations conclude its review of the annual reports and financial statements of Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) for the years ending December 31, 1998, December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000.

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

10. The Committee resumed its consideration of the previous motion of Mr. Yates after debate having ensued,

Mr. Wall moved an amendment to the motion as follows:

That the motion be amended by striking out the words after "Corporations" in the first line and replacing them with the following, "recognizes the importance of the public transportation service and parcel delivery service to the Province of Saskatchewan currently offered by Saskatchewan Transportation Company and various private operators in Saskatchewan".

after further debate having ensued,

Ms. Atkinson moved an amendment to the amendment as follows:

That the following be added after “Saskatchewan” in the last line of the amendment to the motion, “and that the Standing Committee on Crown Corporation supports the continued operation of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company”.

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

The amendment, as amended, carried.

The motion, as amended, carried.

11. The following document was tabled:

**CCC 131/24 Kevin Yates, MLA:** Copy of an article from The Leader-Post of July 24, 1998 entitled “Sask. Party Attacks STC”.

12. It being 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Viktor Kaczowski  
Committee Clerk

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Warren McCall  
Committee Chair