

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS
May 7, 2002

MINUTE NO. 28
9:33 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Atkinson, Brkich, Forbes, Huyghebaert, Jones, Prebble, Trew (until 10:30 a.m.), and Wall.

Mr. Goulet substituting for Mr. Trew (from 10:30 a.m. onward)

Ms. Harpauer substituting for Mr. McMorris

Provincial Auditor's Office

Ed Montgomery, CA

Andrew Martens, Principal

Crown Investments Corporation

Frank Hart, President

Zach Douglas, VP Investments

Sheldon Schwartz, VP Finance and Administration

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCC 148/24 Crown Investments Corporation: Response to questions arising out of the Committee proceedings of June 14, 2001 relating to the acquisition of Centennial Foods.

CCC 149/ 24 Crown Investments Corporation: Response to questions arising out of the Committee proceedings of June 7, 2001 relating to appealing municipal tax assessment and the Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation.

CCC 150/24 Crown Investments Corporation: Document entitled "Talking about Saskatchewan Crowns: A Report on the Public Review of the Future of Crown Corporations in Saskatchewan" dated September 1996.

CCC 151/24 Crown Investments Corporation: Document entitled "Saskatchewan's Crown Corporations: A New Era" dated June 1997.

CCC 152/24 Crown Investments Corporation Correspondence from Maynard Sonntag, Minister of Crown Investments Corporation to Harry Van Mulligen, Chair, Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, dated May 3, 2002, re: Equity Investment and Loan Guarantee by CIC III for Meadow Lake OSB Limited Partnership (significant transaction).

CCC 153/24 Crown Investments Corporation: 2001 Annual Report.

CCC 154/24 Crown Investments Corporation: Standard Compensation information requested for the year under review 2001.

3. The Committee initiated its consideration of the annual reports and financial statements of Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ending December 31, 2001, with opening statements being made by Messrs. Hart and Douglas.

Messrs. Hart, Douglas, and Schwartz responded to questions put by Members.

4. The following document was tabled:

CCC 155/ 24 Crown Investments Corporation: Presentation materials for the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations meeting of May 7, 2002.

5. Mr. Montgomery provided an overview of the Provincial Auditor's review of the annual report and financial statements.
6. At 10:44 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Ms. Atkinson, assumed the chair.
7. At 10:48 a.m., the Chair resumed the chair.
8. It was moved by Ms. Atkinson:

That the Crown Corporations Committee acknowledge the benefits that a publicly owned SaskTel, SaskEnergy, SaskPower, and SGI provide to Saskatchewan's citizens in the way of customer service, jobs, economic activity, and revenue, and that this Crown Corporations Committee goes on record as supporting continued public ownership of these Crowns.

9. Debate on the motion of Ms. Atkinson having ensued, an amendment thereto was moved by Mr. Wall that:

The following words be added after the last word of the motion by Ms. Atkinson "but that in this recommendation, this committee not preclude any change in ownership structure of these Crowns, including joint ventures, if such structures can be proven to provide the best way of ensuring customer service, jobs, economic activity, and revenue to the province."

10. The debate having been interrupted by the clock, at 11:30 a.m. the Committee adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

Viktor Kaczowski
Committee Clerk

Harry Van Mulligen
Committee Chair