

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

May 1, 2007

MINUTE NO. 48

7:00 p.m. - Chamber

1. **Present:** Ms. Morin in the Chair and Members Addley, D'Autremont, Duncan, Harpauer, McCall and Wartman.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Mobashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Rod Grabarczyk, Principal

Andrew Martens, Principal

Leslie Wendel, Principal

Appointed Auditors

Jamie Wilson, KPMG

Bob Watt, Deloitte & Touche

2. The committee considered the 2005 Saskatchewan Government Insurance annual reports, financial statements and related documents.
3. The following Saskatchewan Government Insurance Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Glenn Hagel, Minister

Jon Schubert, President and Chief Executive Officer

Earl Cameron, Vice President, Claims and Salvage

Don Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

Sherry Wolf, Vice President, Auto Fund

Betty Weigel, Manager, Business Affairs and Corporate Secretary

4. The committee concluded its consideration of the 2005 Saskatchewan Government Insurance annual reports, financial statements and related documents.
5. The committee recessed from 8:16 p.m. until 8:22 p.m.
6. The committee considered Chapter 12 (Saskatchewan Power Corporation) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Ms. Ferguson provided an opening statement.

The following Saskatchewan Power Corporation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

Pat Youzwa, President and Chief Executive Officer

Bill Jones, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate and Financial Services

Rick Patrick, Executive Advisor Sustainable Development

7. The committee noted progress with recommendation 1 made at page 316 of Chapter 12 (Saskatchewan Power Corporation) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Saskatchewan Power Corporation educate its staff on the following: the importance of the controls necessary to safeguard public resources to increase their understanding of the purpose of these processes; the importance of signing officers' role to verify the receipt of goods and services and invoices (including procurement purchases and employee expense claims) against supporting documents prior to granting their approval and the warning signs that may indicate fraud and error and of the employees' duty to bring that information forward.
8. The committee noted progress with recommendation 2 made at page 318 of Chapter 12 (Saskatchewan Power Corporation) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Saskatchewan Power Corporation require work units, when substantially changing an employee's duties, to assess and document for management's approval changes in assigned duties that increase the risk of fraud and error, and the procedures they will use to compensate.
9. The committee considered the 2005 Saskatchewan Power Corporation annual reports, financial statements and related documents.
10. The following Saskatchewan Power Corporation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

Pat Youzwa, President and Chief Executive Officer

Bill Jones, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate and Financial Services

Rick Patrick, Executive Advisor Sustainable Development

11. It was moved by Ms. Harpauer:

That the committee conclude its review of the 2005 Saskatchewan Power Corporation annual reports, financial statements and related documents.

12. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Addley:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee adjourned at 9:29 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 2, 2007.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Sandra Morin
Committee Chair