

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

MINUTE NO. 46

7:01 p.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Fred Bradshaw in the Chair and Members Greg Brkich, June Draude, Rob Norris, Kevin Phillips, Randy Weekes and Trent Wotherspoon*.

Substituting Members

Trent Wotherspoon for Cathy Sproule

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCA 176/27 - Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC): A report of public losses (January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015) for CIC and its subsidiary Crown Corporations, dated May 1, 2015.

CCA 177/27 - Minister Responsible for Public Service Commission: Responses to questions raised at the March 31, 2015 meeting of the committee re: Contractual work with the Ministry and Workforce Adjustments from 2013-2014 budget summary, dated May 4, 2015.

CCA 178/27 - Provincial Auditor: Report on the 2014 Financial Statements of CIC Crown Corporations and Related Entities, dated May 1, 2015.

CCA 179/27 - Minister of Finance: Responses to questions raised at the April 22, 2015 meeting of the committee, re: Federal Budget Tax Measures, dated April 27, 2015.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 158 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2014.

The following Finance Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister

Clare Isman, Deputy Minister

Arun Srinivas, Executive Director, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

Bob McInnes, Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

Katherine Strutt, General Manager, Saskatchewan Pension Plan

4. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 20, they were agreed to.

5. It was moved by Mr. Norris:

That the committee report Bill No. 158 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2014
– without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee considered Bill No. 178 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2015.

The following Finance Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister

Clare Isman, Deputy Minister

Arun Srinivas, Executive Director, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

Bob McInnes, Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

7. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 19, they were agreed to.

8. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That the committee report Bill No. 178 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2015 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee recessed from 8:05 p.m. until 8:07 p.m.

10. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Central Services.

11. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Central Services. On motion of Ms. Draude:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Central Services..... \$178,953,000

12. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Finance.

13. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Finance. On motion of Ms. Draude:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Finance \$212,382,000

14. The committee considered the Estimates for the Public Service Commission.

15. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Public Service Commission. On motion of Mr. Weekes:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Public Service Commission..... \$34,438,000

16. The committee considered the Estimates (Debt Servicing) for the Ministry of Finance.
17. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Debt Servicing) for the Ministry of Finance.
18. The committee considered the Estimates for the Growth and Financial Security Fund.
19. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Growth and Financial Security Fund.
20. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.
21. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.
22. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
23. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
24. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.
25. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.
26. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
27. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
28. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
29. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
30. The committee considered the Estimates for Change in Advances to Revolving Funds.
31. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Change in Advances to Revolving Funds.
32. The committee considered the Estimates for Debt Redemption.
33. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Debt Redemption.
34. The committee considered the Estimates for Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share.

35. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share.
36. The committee considered the Estimates for Interest on Gross Debt – Crown Enterprise Share.
37. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Interest on Gross Debt – Crown Enterprise Share.
38. It was moved by Mr. Norris:

That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
39. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
40. The committee adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Fred Bradshaw
Committee Chair