

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

June 10, 1997

MINUTE NO. 20

1:00 p.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Bjornerud, Bradley, Heppner, Hamilton, Johnson, Kasperski, Osika, Renaud and Trew.

Mr. Osika substituting for Mr. McLane

Provincial Auditor's Office

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

Judy Ferguson, Executive Director, Value-for-money

2. The Committee initiated its consideration of the annual report and financial statements of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1996, including supplementary information, with an opening statement from the Minister.

Hon. E. Upshall, Minister Responsible

Murray McLaughlin, Deputy Minister of Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food and
Chair, Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

Doug Matthies, General Manager

Carol Eaton, Executive Manager, Finance and Administration

Cam Swan, Executive Manager, Field Operations

Jamie Wilson, KPMG, Auditor

Tom Robinson, KPMG, Auditor

3. The corporate auditor addressed the Committee with respect to the audit report contained in the annual report. Ms. Ferguson provided an overview of the Provincial Auditor's review of the annual report.
4. The Minister and corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.
5. The following document was tabled:

CCC 41/23 - Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation: Board of Directors and Appeal Panel Membership 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98; Executive Management Salaries

6. It was moved by Mr. Renaud:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations conclude its review of the annual report and financial statements of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1996, including supplementary information.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee considered future meeting dates and agenda. Committee Members are to advise the Chair of their availability for two full day meetings during the period of July 20th to August 20th.
8. The Chair advised the Committee that discussions are ongoing between officials of the Crown Investments Corporation, the Office of the Provincial Auditor and the Chair regarding the definition of the term "significant transactions" as contained in the Committee's terms of reference.
9. The Committee agreed to direct the Crown Investments Corporation to table with the Committee its report on the sale of Wascana Energy. The Corporation is to also provide a report on any significant transactions that have occurred since January 1, 1997, to the present, in compliance with the Committee's terms of reference.
10. Committee Members are to provide the Chair with a list of significant transactions involving Crown Corporations that they wish to be considered by the Committee.

11. It was moved by Mr. Heppner:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. The Committee adjourned at 2:27 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 1997.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Pat Lorje
Committee Chair

