

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

June 16, 1997

MINUTE NO. 22

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

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

Mr. Osika substituting for Mr. Bjornerud

Provincial Auditor's Office

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

Phil Creaser, Director, Professional Practices

Mobashar (Bashar) Ahmad, General Director, Operations

2. The Committee initiated its consideration of the annual report and financial statements of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 1996 with an opening statement from the Minister.

Hon. C. Serby, Minister Responsible

Gordon Nystuen, President and CEO

Don Ash, A/Vice-President, Sales and Operations

Ernie Temrick, Vice-President, Finance and Strategic Development

Don Forsyth, Comptroller

Brian Drayton, Price Waterhouse, Auditor

3. The corporate auditor addressed the Committee with respect to the audit report contained in the annual report. Mr. Creaser 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. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations conclude its review of the annual report and financial statements of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 1996.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee recessed from 11:25 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

7. The Committee initiated its consideration of the annual report and financial statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority for the year ended March 31, 1996, including supplementary financial information, with an opening statement from the Minister.

Hon. C. Serby, Minister Responsible
David Innes, Acting President/CEO, Vice-President, Licensing
Dick Bailey, Vice-President, Corporate Services
Al Barber, Manager, Retail Services
Wes Mazer, Manager, Financial Services

8. Mr. Ahmad addressed the Committee with respect to the audit report contained in the annual report.
9. The Minister and corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.
10. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. The Committee considered future meeting dates and agenda. It was agreed to scheduled meetings for July 21st and 22nd to conclude all outstanding business.
12. In anticipation of the July 22nd meeting during which the definition of the term “significant transaction” as contained in the Committee’s terms of reference will be discussed, the Chair directed the Clerk to distribute the following document to Committee Members:

CCC 26/23 - Office of the Provincial Auditor: Opinion from the Provincial Auditor addressed to Ms. Pat Lorje, Chair, Crown Corporations Committee, on the definition of the term “significant transactions”, dated January 8, 1997.

13. It was moved by Ms. Bradley:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. The Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 1997.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Pat Lorje
Committee Chair

