

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

MINUTE NO. 6

3:05 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Mr. Dustin Duncan in the Chair and Members Hon. Nancy Heppner, Tim McMillan, Jim Reiter, Kim Trew, Kevin Yates and Randy Weekes.

Other Members

Deb Higgins, Frank Quennell, Harry Van Mulligen

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCA 34/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 35/26 SaskEnergy Incorporated: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

SaskEnergy Incorporated (Consolidated)
SaskEnergy Incorporated (Distribution Division)
SaskEnergy Incorporated (Holding Division)
TransGas Limited
Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited
Bayhurst Gas Limited
Bayhurst Energy Services Corporation
Swan Valley Gas Corporation
Saskatchewan First Call Corporation
SaskEnergy International Incorporated
SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings I Ltd.
SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings II Ltd.
SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings Limitada
SaskEnergy Mexican Holdings Ltd.
SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.
Heritage Gas Limited

CCA 36/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 37/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Saskatchewan Telecommunications Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 38/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Saskatchewan Telecommunications International Inc. Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 39/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Direct West Corporation Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 40/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Direct West Canada Inc. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 41/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 42/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Hospitality Network Canada Inc. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 43/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Saskatoon 2 Properties Limited Partnership Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 44/26 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation: Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Board Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 45/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 46/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund II Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 47/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund III Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 48/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund IV Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 49/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund V Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 50/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund VI Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 51/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund VII Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 52/26 Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation: Saskatchewan Growth Fund VIII Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 53/26 Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 54/26 Investment Saskatchewan Inc.: Annual Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

CCA 55/26 Ministry of Government Services: Responses to questions raised at the April 10, 2008 meeting of the committee re: the technical specifications used by Government Services when purchasing vehicles, dated April 21, 2008.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister
Kathy Hillman-Weir, General Manager, Corporate Governance & General Counsel
Pam Fiske, Director Business Development
Jacquie Messer-Lepage, Chief Privacy and Access Officer, Ministry of Health
Ronn Wallace, Director, Health Registration and Vital Statistics Branch, Ministry of Health

4. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 18, they were agreed to.
5. It was moved by Mr. Reiter:

That the committee report Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act
– without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to

6. The committee considered Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008 / Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard.

The following Liquor and Gaming Authority Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dan D’Autremont, Minister
Barry Lacey, President and Chief Executive Officer
Fiona Cribb, Acting Vice President, Policy and Planning

7. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 32, they were agreed to.
8. It was moved by Mr. McMillan:

That the committee report Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008 / Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – without amendment.

9. The committee recessed from 3:51 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

10. The committee considered Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Rod Gantfoer, Minister
Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister
Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch

11. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 38, they were agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Reiter:

That the committee report Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to

13. The committee considered Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Rod Gantfoer, Minister
Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister
Brian Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Employees Benefit Agency

14. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. McMillan:

That the committee report Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to

16. The committee considered Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Rod Gantfoer, Minister
Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister
Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch
Arun Srinivas, Senior Tax Policy Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

17. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 11, they were agreed to.

18. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the committee report Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to

19. The committee considered Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Rod Gantefoer, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

Arun Srinivas, Senior Tax Policy Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

20. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

21. It was moved by Mr. Reiter:

That the committee report Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. The following document was tabled:

CCA 56/26 Ministry of Finance: Responses to questions raised at the April 15, 2008 meeting of the committee re: general hiring/firings and other questions, dated April 29, 2008.

23. It was moved by Mr. Weekes::

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. The committee adjourned at 7:04 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Dustin Duncan
Committee Chair