

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES



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I. Introduction

Mr. Graham Addley, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presents the Committee's Fourth Report of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

The Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies is empowered by this Assembly to review the annual reports and financial statements of the various crown corporations and to review those chapters contained in the reports of the Provincial Auditor dealing with matters relating to CIC Crown Corporations. This report reflects the work undertaken by your new committee, the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

II. Membership

The work of your committee would not have been possible without the service of its members. The committee has undergone several changes. On November 30, 2004, Hon. Maynard Sonntag was replaced by Hon. Mark Wartman. On March 14, 2005, your committee saw members Wayne Elhard and Randy Weekes being replaced by Allan Kerpan and Doreen Eagles. Your committee also saw changes to the Deputy Chair. As a result of Mr. Elhard's resignation, Mr. Dan D'Autremont was elected on April 7, 2005 to preside as Deputy Chair. Your committee wishes to thank all members who participated in your committee's proceedings for their contributions. Your committee currently consists of the following members:

Graham Addley (Chair)	NDP	Saskatoon Sutherland
Dan D'Autremont (Deputy Chair)	SP	Cannington
Doreen Eagles	SP	Estevan
Andy Iwanchuk	NDP	Saskatoon Fairview
Allan Kerpan	SP	Carrot River Valley
Warren McCall	NDP	Regina Elphinstone-Centre
Hon. Mark Wartman	NDP	Regina Qu'Appelle Valley

III. Crown Corporations Reviewed by the Committee

This is the first substantive report submitted by your committee. The new rules and procedures authorize your committee to have a dual role of scrutinizing crown corporations and the additional duties found in other policy field committees. This report deals with the scrutiny role of your committee.

Your committee has duly examined the annual reports and financial statements of various crown corporations and related entities, as referred to it from time to time by the

Assembly. Your committee has completed consideration of annual reports for the following crown corporations:

- A. Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan and related entities, 2003**
- B. Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan (ISC), 2003**
- C. SaskEnergy Incorporated and related entities, 2003**
- D. Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and related entities, 2003**
- E. Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower) and related entities, 2003**
- F. Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (SaskTel) and related entities, 2003**
- G. Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation (STC), 2003**
- H. Saskatchewan Water Corporation (SaskWater), 2003**

IV. Review of Provincial Auditor's Reports:

Your committee has considered and reviewed Chapter 7 of the *2004 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.

a. Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (Chapter 7, 2004 Report Volume 1, two recommendations).

Your committee considered recommendation one, which read “*CIC should review the limits over which CIC and its subsidiaries must get Order in Council approval to buy and sell property, either directly or through a subsidiary. CIC should seek changes where appropriate*”. Your committee concurred with the recommendation and reported there was progress towards complying with the recommendation.

Recommendation two which read “*CIC should ensure its stated mission and its legislation are consistent*”. Your committee concurred with the recommendation and indicated that there was compliance with the recommendation.

V. Other Committee Business:

Your committee considered a number of other issues that arose during its deliberations.

Selection of Audit Committee:

Pursuant to Section 20(4) of *The Provincial Auditor Act* which states that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts must consult with Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies with regard to the selection of candidates to serve on the Audit Committee.

Accordingly, on May 12, 2004, your Committee reviewed the list of candidates recommended by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and, by motion, concurred with the selection. The Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts was advised in writing of the Committee's decision.

VI. Remaining Business:

Your committee is pleased to report that it has completed all the reviews that it wishes to undertake up to the year 2003 and that a specific review of the reports of any other crown corporations and related agencies is not required.

Your committee also wishes to report that its review of the applicable chapters of the tabled Provincial Auditor's Reports are not complete. In the coming weeks it is anticipated that Provincial Auditor will be tabling his 2005 Report Volume 1. Your committee will review this new report in conjunction with the other tabled Provincial Auditor's reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Addley, Chair,
Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies