

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION

June 14, 2000

MINUTE NO. 1

9:30 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Members D'Autremont, Eagles, Jones, Prebble, Thomson, Trew, and Wall

Officials:

Trevor Powell, Provincial Archivist, Saskatchewan Archives

Don Herperger, Director, Information Management Project, Saskatchewan Archives

Marian Powell, Legislative Librarian

Gary Ward, Director, Broadcast Services

Kerry Bond, Technician

Ihor Sywanyk, Technician

2. The Chair of the Committee presided over the election of a Vice-Chair. Mr. Thomson nominated Mr. Trew for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ms. Jones:

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair close.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That Kim Trew be elected to preside as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Communications.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. The Provincial Archivist provided an overview of Retention and Disposal Schedule No. 341. It was moved by Ms. Jones:

That the Retention and Disposal Schedule No. 341 of Sessional paper No. 219 of the 1st Session of the 24th Legislature, be adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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4. The Provincial Archivist provided an overview of Retention and Disposal Schedule No. 342. It was moved by Mr. Wall:

That the Retention and Disposal Schedule No. 342 of Sessional paper No. 219 of the 1st Session of the 24th Legislature, be adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. The Provincial Archivist provided an overview of Retention and Disposal Schedule No. 343. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That the Retention and Disposal Schedule No. 343 of Sessional paper No. 219 of the 1st Session of the 24th Legislature, be adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. In consideration of the Committee's role and responsibility with respect to the review and approval of Retention and Disposal Schedules, it was moved by Mr. Trew:

That this Committee recommend to the Legislative Assembly in its next report, that *The Archives Act* be amended so that Retention and Disposal Schedules may be approved without reference to the the Standing Committee on Communication.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Wall in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by adding the following words:

and further; that the government take into consideration, when amending *The Archives Act*, that provision be made so that schedules continue to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly and that the Speaker be the final authority on the approval of the said schedules.

The debate continuing on the amendment, it was agreed to. The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

It was then moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the Committee revisit the review of schedules in three (3) years.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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7. The Committee reviewed the Report of the Legislative Library for the period ending March 31, 1998. The Legislative Librarian provided an overview of the report and responded to questions put by Members.
8. The Committee received a status report on the broadcast of legislative proceedings by the Director of Broadcast Services. The Director outlined the list of communities served by Legislative Broadcast Services and advised the Committee on future issues that might be of concern, especially as they relate to direct home broadcast services and a satellite uplink.

The Director of Broadcast Services was directed to investigate and make proposals with respect to increasing accessibility of the broadcast of legislative proceedings through the services of the Saskatchewan Communication Network, or by other means.

9. The Committee considered a draft report to the Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the draft first report of the Standing Committee on Communication be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Wall:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. The Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Gregory Putz
Committee Clerk

Hon. Ron Osika
Committee Chair