

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2013**

**MINUTE NO. 15**  
**7:00 p.m. – Māṁawapiwin Room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Bill Hutchinson in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Larry Doke, Victoria Jurgens and Cathy Sproule\*.

**Substituting Members**

Cathy Sproule for Danielle Chartier

**Other Members**

Buckley Belanger, Trent Wotherspoon

1. The committee clerk presided over the election of an Acting Chair. Mr. Hutchinson was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Doke:

That Bill Hutchinson be elected to preside as Acting Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy for the meeting of May 7, 2013.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

2. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of the Economy.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of the Economy:

Hon. Tim McMillan, Minister Responsible for Energy and Resources

Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer

Ed Dancsok, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Hal Sanders, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals, Land and Resource Policy

Tourism Saskatchewan:

Pat Fiacco, Chief Executive Officer

Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Industry and Community Development

Veronica Gelowitz, Executive Director, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer

Mary Taylor-Ash, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

Jonathan Potts, Director, Marketing

Mark Rathwell, Manager, Corporate and Community Relations

3. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of the Economy. On motion of Ms. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Economy..... \$280,270,000

4. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of the Economy.
5. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of the Economy. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Economy ..... \$4,825,000

6. The committee recessed from 10:10 p.m. until 10:15 p.m.
7. The committee considered the Estimates for the Water Security Agency.

The following Water Security Agency Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister  
Wayne Dybvig, President  
Bob Carles, Vice President, Corporate Services  
Susan Ross, Vice President, Legal, Regulatory and Aboriginal Affairs  
Dale Hjertaas, Executive Director, Policy and Communications  
Sam Ferris, Executive Director, Drinking Water/Wastewater Management

8. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Water Security Agency. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Water Security Agency ..... \$15,480,000

9. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Environment ..... \$166,866,000

11. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.
12. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Ms. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$406,707,000

13. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

14. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure.....\$295,190,000

15. The committee considered the Estimates (Major Capital Expenditure) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

16. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Major Capital Expenditure) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2015:

For Highways and Infrastructure Capital ..... \$280,810,000

17. The committee considered the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan..... \$28,006,000

19. The committee considered the Estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council ..... \$19,743,000

21. The committee considered the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation ..... \$8,300,000

23. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Agriculture.
24. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$43,154,000

25. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
26. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure.....\$10,000,000

27. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

28. The committee adjourned at 11:27 p.m. to the call of the chair.

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Stacey Ursulescu  
Committee Clerk

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Bill Hutchinson  
Acting Chair