

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Monday, March 31, 2014

MINUTE NO. 19
7:00 p.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Don Toth in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Larry Doke, Cathy Sproule* and Victoria Jurgens.

Substituting Members

Cathy Sproule for Trent Wotherspoon

Other Members

Buckley Belanger

2. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 148(1), the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on March 27, 2014 and March 19, 2014, respectively:

Vote 1	Agriculture
Vote 23, 174	Economy
Vote 26	Environment
Vote 16	Highways and Infrastructure
Vote 17	Highways and Infrastructure Capital
Vote 84	Innovation Saskatchewan
Vote 35	Saskatchewan Research Council
Vote 86	SaskBuilds Corporation
Vote 87	Water Security Agency

3. The following document was tabled:

ECO 9/27 - Ministry of Environment: Responses to questions raised at the March 11, 2014 meeting of the committee re: Bill No 107 – The Wildfire Act, dated March 31, 2014.

4. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister

Cam Swan, Deputy Minister

Kevin Murphy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management and Compliance

Erika Ritchie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection and Audit Division

Lori Uhersky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Support

Wes Kotyk, Executive Director, Environmental Protection

Jennifer McKillop, Executive Director, Landscape Stewardship

Thon Phommavong, Executive Director, RBR and Code Management

Steve Roberts, Executive Director, Wildfire Management Branch

Lyle Saigeon, Executive Director, Fish and Wildlife

Laurel Welsh, Executive Director, Finance and Administration
Bob Wynes, Executive Director, Forest Services
Sharla Hordenchuk, Director, Environmental Assessment
Ed Dean, Acting Director, Climate Change
Chuck Bosgoed, Manager, Technical Resources

5. The committee recessed from 9:23 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
6. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
8. The committee adjourned at 10:36 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Don Toth
Committee Chair