

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Monday, May 5, 2014

MINUTE NO. 25
3:00 p.m. – Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Don Toth in the Chair and Members Buckley Belanger*, Fred Bradshaw, Jennifer Campeau, Larry Doke, Bill Hutchinson, Victoria Jurgens and Cathy Sproule*.

Substituting Members

Buckley Belanger for Trent Wotherspoon (4:03 p.m. – 5:01 p.m. only)

Cathy Sproule for Trent Wotherspoon (3:00 p.m. – 4:01 p.m. only)

2. 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

Laurel Welsh, Executive Director, Finance and Administration Branch

Bob Wynes, Executive Director, Forest Services

Sharla Hordenchuk, Director, Environmental Assessment

Ed Dean, Acting Director, Climate Change

Kevin McCullum, Chief Engineer, Technical Resources Branch

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Environment..... \$161,557,000

4. The committee recessed from 4:01 p.m. until 4:03 p.m.
5. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary 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

Susan Ross, Vice President, Legal, Regulatory and Aboriginal Affairs

Sam Ferris, Executive Director, Environmental and Municipal Management Services

Dale Hjertaas, Executive Director, Policy and Communications

Irene Hrynkiw, Executive Director, Corporate Services

6. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Water Security Agency. On motion of Ms. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Water Security Agency \$17,544,000

7. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Water Security Agency. 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 Water Security Agency..... \$17,000,000

8. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

9. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates 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, 2015 the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$370,707,000

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

11. 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, 2015 the following sum:

For Economy..... \$281,610,000

12. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of the Economy.

13. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of the Economy. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Economy \$4,500,000

14. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
15. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Ms. Campeau:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure.....\$664,415,000

16. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
17. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Hutchinson:

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

For Highways and Infrastructure.....\$12,600,000

18. The committee considered the Estimates (Major Capital Expenditure) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
19. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Major Capital Expenditure) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
20. The committee considered the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.
21. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan..... \$11,590,000

22. The committee considered the Estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.
23. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Ms. Campeau:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council \$20,343,000

24. The committee considered the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

25. 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, 2015 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation \$12,075,000

26. It was moved by Ms. Campeau:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

27. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

27. The committee adjourned at 5:17 p.m. to the call of the chair.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Don Toth
Committee Chair