

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

MINUTE NO. 26

3:30 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Colleen Young in the chair and members David Buckingham,* Ken Cheveldayoff,* Ryan Domotor, Ken Francis, Todd Goudy,* Delbert Kirsch, Alana Ross, Nathaniel Teed,* and Aleana Young.*

Substituting Members

David Buckingham for Ken Francis (3:30 p.m. – 4:52 p.m.)

Ken Cheveldayoff for Doug Steele

Todd Goudy for Ken Francis (4:52 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Nathaniel Teed for Jennifer Bowes (8:27 p.m. – 10:16 p.m.)

Aleana Young for Jennifer Bowes (3:30 p.m. – 8:27 p.m.)

2. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Deputy Minister

Sharla Hordenchuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Regulation

Cory Hughes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Development

Scott Kistner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Corporate Services

Natosha Lipinski, Executive Director, Communications

Kim Olyowsky, Executive Director, Revenue and Financial Services

Bruce Wilhelm, Acting Executive Director, Energy Policy

Brad Wagner, Director, Liability Management

Scott Weaver, Director, Regulatory Affairs

3. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.
On motion of Mr. Domotor:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Energy and Resources..... \$54,879,000

4. The committee considered Bill No. 128, *The Mineral Resources Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Deputy Minister

Sharla Hordenchuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Regulation

Cory Hughes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Development
Scott Kistner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Corporate Services
Natosha Lipinski, Executive Director, Communications
Kim Olyowsky, Executive Director, Revenue and Financial Services
Bruce Wilhelm, Acting Executive Director, Energy Policy
Brad Wagner, Director, Liability Management
Scott Weaver, Director, Regulatory Affairs

5. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.
6. It was moved by Mr. Domotor:

That the committee report Bill No. 128, *The Mineral Resources Amendment Act, 2023* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee recessed from 6:44 p.m. until 7:01 p.m.
8. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dana Skoropad, Minister
Veronica Gelowitz, Deputy Minister
Rebecca Gibbons, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Policy
Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection
Kevin Murphy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management
Aaron Wirth, Executive Director, Climate Resilience
Nick Gan, Director, Budget and Reporting
Rene Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

9. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Environment..... \$97,398,000

10. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.
11. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Ms. Ross:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$546,197,000

12. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Highways.

13. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Highways. On motion of Mr. Domotor:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Highways \$775,998,000

14. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.

15. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Immigration and Career Training \$164,063,000

16. The committee considered the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

17. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan \$28,727,000

18. The committee considered the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.

19. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Domotor:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$40,408,000

20. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

21. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development. On motion of Ms. Ross:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Trade and Export Development..... \$40,437,000

22. The committee considered the estimates for Water Security Agency.

23. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Water Security Agency. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Water Security Agency..... \$103,030,000

24. It was moved by Mr. Francis:

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.

25. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

26. The committee adjourned at 10:16 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Humble-Selinger
Committee Clerk

Colleen Young
Chair