

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Friday, April 30, 2010

MINUTE NO. 29

8:00 a.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Darryl Hickie in the Chair and Members Michael Chisholm*, Dan D’Autremont*, Hon. Dustin Duncan, Doreen Eagles*, Ron Harper, Glen Hart*, Warren McCall*, Laura Ross, Lyle Stewart, Nadine Wilson and Kevin Yates*.

Substituting Members

Kevin Yates for Len Taylor (For Innovation Saskatchewan, Highways and Infrastructure and Highways and Infrastructure Capital Estimates)

Warren McCall for Len Taylor (For Environment, Enterprise Saskatchewan and Enterprise and Innovation Programs Estimates)

Doreen Eagles for Dustin Duncan (For Saskatchewan Research Council, Innovation Saskatchewan, Enterprise Saskatchewan, Environment and Enterprise and Innovation Programs Estimates)

Dan D’Autremont for Dustin Duncan (For Highways and Infrastructure and Highways and Infrastructure Capital Estimates)

Glen Hart For Nadine Wilson (For Highways and Infrastructure and Highways and Infrastructure Capital Estimates)

Michael Chisholm for Laura Ross (For Highways and Infrastructure and Highways and Infrastructure Capital Estimates)

Other Members

Sandra Morin

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

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister

Laurier Schramm, President and Chief Executive Officer

Wanda Nyirfa, Vice-President, Business Ventures and Communications

Therese McIlmoyl, Director of Finance

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council.....\$16,633,000

4. The committee recessed from 8:17 a.m. until 8:28 a.m.
5. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister
Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Dekker, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Tony Baumgartner, Vice President, Sector Development
Ernest Heapy, Vice President, Regional Enterprise
Angela Schmidt, Vice President, Competitiveness and Strategy
Kim Lonsdale, Director, Resources
Andrea Terry Munro, Director, Corporate Services
Ron Kehrig, Sector Manager, Bio-Fuels and BioProducts

6. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.
On motion of Ms. Ross:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan..... \$1,318,000

7. During consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan, the amount was defeated.
8. The committee recessed from 8:37 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
9. 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. Nancy Heppner, Minister
Liz Qaurshie, Deputy Minister
Lin Gallagher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resources Management and Compliance Division
Donna Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Support Division
Mark Wittrup, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection and Audit Division
Kevin Callele, Executive Director, Compliance Branch
Sam Ferris, Executive Director, Municipal Branch
Bob Wynes, Executive Director, Forest Service
Kim Graybiel, Director, Climate Change
Jennifer McKillop, Director, Aboriginal Affairs
Todd Olexon, Director, Lands Branch
Laurel Welsh, Acting Director, Finance and Administration Branch
Wayne Dybvig, Acting President, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
Bob Charles, Vice-president, Stewardship, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

10. The committee recessed from 3:02 p.m. until 3:07 p.m.
11. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

12. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
13. The committee recessed from 3:08 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.
14. The committee considered the Estimates for Enterprise Saskatchewan.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister
Chris Dekker, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer
Tony Baumgartner, Vice President, Sector Development
Ernest Heapy, Vice President, Regional Enterprise
Angela Schmidt, Vice President, Competitiveness and Strategy
Kim Lonsdale, Director, Resources
Andrea Terry Munro, Director, Corporate Services
Ron Kehrig, Sector Manager, Bio-Fuels and BioProducts

15. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise Saskatchewan.
16. The committee considered the Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister
Chris Dekker, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer
Tony Baumgartner, Vice President, Sector Development
Ernest Heapy, Vice President, Regional Enterprise
Angela Schmidt, Vice President, Competitiveness and Strategy
Kim Lonsdale, Director, Resources
Andrea Terry Munro, Director, Corporate Services
Ron Kehrig, Sector Manager, Bio-Fuels and BioProducts

17. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs
18. The committee considered the Estimates for Enterprise Saskatchewan.
19. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise Saskatchewan.
On motion of Mr. Stewart:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sum:

For Enterprise Saskatchewan..... \$37,036,000

20. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for Enterprise and Innovation Programs.

21. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for Enterprise and Innovation Programs. On motion of Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sum:

Lending and Investing Activities

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs..... \$4,000,000

22. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs.

23. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs. On motion of Ms. Ross:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010, the following sum:

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs..... \$1,100,000

24. The committee recessed from 4:46 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

25. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs.

26. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs. On motion of Mr. Stewart:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sum:

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs.....\$9,547,000

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

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Rob Penny, Deputy Minister
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister
George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister
Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jennifer Ehrmantraut, Acting Director

28. The committee recessed from 8:33 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

29. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums:

For Highways and Infrastructure \$301,025,000

31. On motion of Mr. Chisholm:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for twelve months ending March 31, 2011, 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, 2012:

For Highways and Infrastructure Capital\$250,300,000

32. It was moved by Mr. Hart:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

33. The committee adjourned at 10:48 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Nathan Elliott
Committee Clerk

Darryl Hickie
Committee Chair