

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Monday, May 9, 2011**

### **MINUTE NO. 55**

**2:45 p.m. – Room 8**

1. **Present:** Greg Ottenbreit in the Chair and Members Pat Atkinson\*, Greg Brkich\*, Cam Broten, Doreen Eagles, David Forbes\*, Glen Hart, Andy Iwanchuk\*, Judy Junor, Sandra Morin\*, Christine Tell and Gordon Wyant.

#### **Substituting Members**

David Forbes for Judy Junor (for consideration of Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Social Services)

Andy Iwanchuk for Judy Junor (for consideration of Estimates for Labour Relations and Workplace Safety)

Greg Brkich for Glen Hart (for consideration of Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Education)

Pat Atkinson for Judy Junor (9:10 p.m. – 10:17 p.m. only)

Sandra Morin for Judy Junor (10:17 p.m. – 10:39 p.m. only)

#### **Other Members**

Buckley Belanger

2. The following document was tabled:

**HUS 75/26 – Ministry of Education:** Responses to questions raised at the April 18, 2011 meeting of the committee re: Capital Reserves of School Divisions, Capital Projects Expensed and Not Paid Out, School Division Share of Major Capital Projects, Anticipated Borrowing Summary by School Division, as well as documents containing information on Home Based Enrolments – 2010-11 School Year, Financing Sub-Committee and Working Group Meetings and English as an Additional Language (EAL) – 2010-11 FTE Count, dated May 6, 2011.

3. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. June Draude, Minister

Marian Zerr, Deputy Minister

Don Allen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing

Al Syhlonyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Eileen Badiuk, Executive Director, Program and Service Design

Dianne Baird, Executive Director, Housing Network

Tim Gross, Executive Director, Housing Development

Miriam Myers, Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, IADS, Program and Service Design

Doug Scott, Director, Benefits Policy

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.
5. The committee recessed from 3:59 p.m. until 4:04 p.m.
6. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Health.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister  
Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister  
Max Hendricks, Associate Deputy Minister  
Lauren Donnelly, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Brenda Jameson, Acting Chief Executive Officer, eHealth Saskatchewan  
Roger Carriere, Executive Director, Community Care Branch  
Deb Jordan, Executive Director, Acute and Emergency Services Branch  
Ron Knaus, Executive Director, Workforce Planning Branch  
Donna Magnusson, Executive Director, Primary Health Care Branch  
Ted Warawa, Executive Director, Financial Services Branch  
Mark Wyatt, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative  
Shaylene Salazar, Executive Director, Medical Services Branch  
Rick Trimp, Executive Director, Population Health Branch  
Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits  
Richard Moen, Director, Strategy and Innovation Branch  
Michelle Schmalenberg, Assistant to the Deputy Minister  
Lynn Digney Davis, Chief Nursing Officer

7. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Mr. Hart:

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

For Health .....\$4,462,129,000

8. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Mr. Wyant:

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

For Health.....\$162,996,000

9. The committee recessed from 5:11 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
10. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

The following Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister  
Mike Carr, Deputy Minister  
Peter Federko, Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board  
Glennis Bihun, Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety  
Laurier Donais, Executive Director, Central Services Division  
Greg Tuer, Executive Director, Labour Standards  
Denise Klotz, Director, Office of the Workers' Advocate  
Pat Parenteau, Director, Policy and Central Services Division  
Daniel Parrot, Director of Legal Services, Labour Standards Division  
Fred Bayer, the Registrar of the Labour Relations Board

11. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety. On motion of Ms. Eagles:

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

For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ..... \$16,958,000

12. The committee recessed from 9:04 p.m. until 9:10 p.m.
13. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister  
Audrey Roadhouse, Deputy Minister  
Darren McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Cheryl Senecal, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Joylene Campbell, Executive Director, Information Management and Support  
Simone Gareau, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Support  
Rosanne Glass, Executive Director, Strategic Policy  
Doug Volk, Executive Director, Teachers' Superannuation Commission  
Lois Zelmer, Executive Director, Early Years  
Brent Young, Acting Executive Director, HR Services, Public Service Commission  
Elaine Caswell, Associate Executive Director, Student Achievement and Support  
Mike Back, Director, Infrastructure and Education Funding  
Dawn Court, Director of Finance, Corporate Services  
Clint Repski, Director, Infrastructure and Education Funding  
Sonya Leib, Senior Financial Manager, Corporate Services  
Brett Waytuck, Provincial Librarian, Provincial Library and Literacy  
Daryl Richter, Manager, Capital Projects, Infrastructure and Education Funding

14. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

15. The committee adjourned at 10:39 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Nathan Elliott  
Committee Clerk

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Greg Ottenbreit  
Committee Chair